

as collateral for payment of debts. By 1792 he had declared bankruptcy under the Act of Assembly for Insolvent Debtors, his total landholdings at that time being 500 acres. By 1808 he had recovered the 500 acres, plus his personal property. **WEALTH AT DEATH.** **DIED:** on April 29, 1819, at his seat in Kent County after a short illness. **PERSONAL PROPERTY:** TEV, \$10,040.16 (including 20 slaves, books); FB, estate overpaid \$35.69. **LAND:** ca. 511 acres in Kent County.

**SMYTH, THOMAS, JR. (1757–1807).** **BORN:** on April 30, 1757, in Kent County. **NATIVE:** fourth generation. **RESIDED:** in Chestertown, Kent County. **FAMILY BACKGROUND.** **FATHER:** *Thomas Smyth* (1730–1819), son of *Thomas Smith* (ca. 1710–ca. 1741/42). **MOTHER:** Sarah (1730–1761), daughter of *Richard Gresham* (?–ca. 1773). **STEP-MOTHER:** Margaret (1745–1794), daughter of Thomas Bedingfield Hands (?–ca. 1768), Esq., and wife Sarah. **STEPUNCLE:** *Thomas Bedingfield Hands* (?–1811). **HALF AUNT:** Martha Smith (?–1799), who married by May 11, 1770, *Emory Sudler* (1725–ca. 1797). **BROTHERS OR HALF BROTHERS:** James, a physician; Henry (?–by 1818); and Richard Gresham (?–by 1795). **HALF BROTHER:** William (ca. 1777–1819). **SISTERS OR HALF SISTERS:** Elizabeth (?–by 1818); Sarah, who married *Matthew Tilghman* (1760–1801). **HALF SISTER:** Maria (1784–1823). **MARRIED** first, by 1782, Mary (?–by 1795), daughter of *Emory Sudler* (1725–ca. 1797). **MARRIED** second, ca. 1795, Anna Maria Garnett, who was still living in 1836. **CHILDREN.** **DAUGHTER:** Juliana (1781–1807), who married in 1800 Richard Wayne, Jr. (1771–1822). **PRIVATE CAREER.** **EDUCATION:** literate. **RELIGIOUS AFFILIATION:** probably Anglican. **SOCIAL STATUS AND ACTIVITIES:** Gent., by 1795; fourth generation legislator. **OCCUPATIONAL PROFILE:** merchant; may have been in business with his father and brother Richard. **PUBLIC CAREER.** **LEGISLATIVE SERVICE:** Lower House, Kent County, 1782–1783. **LOCAL OFFICES:** justice, Kent County, appointed on November 17, 1779, but did not qualify; justice, Orphans' Court, Kent County, appointed on November 17, 1779, but did not qualify; collector of the tax, Kent County, at least 1781. **MILITARY SERVICE:** captain, Flying Camp, August 17, 1776; major. **ADDITIONAL COMMENT:** On March 25, 1836, the treasurer of the Western Shore agreed to pay Anna Maria Smyth one-half the pay of a major during her widowhood provided she file a relinquishment of claim for any arrears due her late husband. **STANDS ON PUBLIC/PRIVATE ISSUES:** sub-

scriber to Washington College, Chestertown, 1783. **WEALTH DURING LIFETIME.** **PERSONAL PROPERTY:** assessed value £745.10.0, including 16 slaves and 40 oz. plate, 1783. **LAND AT FIRST ELECTION:** 1,110 acres in Kent County and probably 1 lot in Chestertown (505 acres from his grandfather; 285 acres of his brother William's land, which he owned jointly with his father; 320 acres through marriage). **SIGNIFICANT CHANGES IN LAND BETWEEN FIRST ELECTION AND DEATH:** owned 260 acres of his brother Richard's land by 1794, which he sold that same year; purchased his insolvent father's house and lot in Chestertown in 1795, but resold it in 1796. He sold one other lot in Chestertown in 1792. In 1785 and 1795 he sold the 285 acres that he owned with his father and the 250 acres of land acquired through his marriage. **WEALTH AT DEATH.** **DIED:** on January 3, 1807. **LAND:** probably ca. 575 acres in Kent County.

**SOMERVELL (SOMERVILLE), ALEXANDER** (1734–1783). **BORN:** on August 9, 1734, in Christ Church Parish, Calvert County; youngest son. **NATIVE:** second generation. **RESIDED:** in Calvert County. **FAMILY BACKGROUND.** **FATHER:** Dr. James Somervell (ca. 1692–1751), a physician who studied at the University of Edinburgh. He was captured by the English at the Battle of Sheriff Muir in 1715 and transported to America ca. 1716 in the ship *Good Speed*. **MOTHER:** Sarah (?–1755), daughter of Thomas Howe and wife Rebecca Mauldin. James and Sarah were married on January 1, ca. 1722. She was his second wife. **BROTHERS:** John (1726–1763), a merchant of Calvert County; James (1731–1773), a merchant, of Calvert County, who married Susannah, daughter of Gideon Dare and wife Susanna Parrott Parker. **SISTER:** Rebecca (1724–?), who married Jesse Bourne of Calvert County. **NEPHEW:** *John Somervell* (1756–by 1830). **MARRIED** on December 2, 1759, Rebecca (1741–1812), daughter of William Dawkins (?–1746/47) and wife Dorcas Mackall. Her sisters were Elizabeth; Ann; Dorcas; and Barbara, who married Brian Taylor. **CHILDREN.** **SONS:** Thomas (1760–?); William (1763–?), who married in 1795 Elizabeth W. Ireland. **DAUGHTER:** Rebecca (1765–1837), who married in 1786 James Duke (1765–1825). **PRIVATE CAREER.** **EDUCATION:** literate. **RELIGIOUS AFFILIATION:** Anglican, Christ Church Parish, Calvert County. **SOCIAL STATUS AND ACTIVITIES:** Esq., by 1778. **OCCUPATIONAL PROFILE:** planter; possibly merchant. Somervell inherited a warehouse from his brothers. **PUBLIC CAREER.** **LEGISLATIVE SERV-**