

in Baltimore County. **PERSONAL PROPERTY:** TEV, \$1,758.71 (including 4 slaves and a few books); FB, \$1.35. **LAND:** ca. 195 acres of leased land on Carroll's Manor, Baltimore County.

STEVENSON, WILLIAM (1739–1785). **BORN:** in 1739; only son of father. **NATIVE:** second generation. **RESIDED:** in Chestertown, Kent County, until 1765; Bristol, England, 1765–1778; Chestertown again by March 1778 until death. **FAMILY BACKGROUND.** **FATHER:** Dr. William Stevenson (?–1739), who immigrated from Lancaster, England, and resided in Annapolis, Anne Arundel County. **STEPFATHER:** Daniel Cheston of Kent County. **MOTHER:** Francina Augustine Frisby (1719–1766), daughter of *James Frisby* (1684–1719) and wife Ariana Vanderheyden (1690–1741); stepdaughter of both *Thomas Bordley* (ca. 1683–1726) and *Edmund Jennings* (?–1756). **HALF UNCLE:** *John Beale Bordley* (1726/27–1804). **AUNT:** Ariana Margaretta Frisby (1717–?), who married *William Harris* (1704–1748). **HALF BROTHERS:** James Cheston; Daniel Cheston. **HALF SISTER:** Fanny Cheston (a minor in 1765). **FIRST COUSINS:** *John Brice* (1738–1820); *James Brice* (1746–1801); and *Benedict Brice* (1749–1786). **OTHER KINSHIP:** great-grandfather, *Matthias Vanderheyden* (?–1729). **MARRIED** on September 1, 1761. **Isabella** (1735–1782), widow and heiress of John Bordley, daughter of James Conner and wife Catherine. **CHILDREN.** **SONS:** William (1762–1766); John (1765–1765); James (1766–1805), who married (first name unknown) Miller; William (1774–?), who married in 1800 Anne Foster; John Conner (1775–?); and Charles William Washington (1778–1779). **DAUGHTERS:** Mary (1763–1765); Francina Augustina; Isabella (1769–?), who married John Constable of Kent County; Ariana (1770–?); and Mary (1772–?), who married Henry Hall of Anne Arundel County. **PRIVATE CAREER.** **EDUCATION:** literate. **RELIGIOUS AFFILIATION:** Anglican. **SOCIAL STATUS AND ACTIVITIES:** Esq., by 1779. **OCCUPATIONAL PROFILE:** merchant in Chestertown until 1765, possibly under the name of “Stevenson and Canfield”; merchant in Bristol, England, in partnership with William Randolph of Bristol and Stevenson's half brother, James, in Maryland, from 1765 until his return to Chestertown in 1778. In 1777 he petitioned Parliament for bankruptcy; the petition was not signed until July 16, 1783. **ADDITIONAL COMMENT:** Stevenson traveled to Bristol on his own ship, the *Isabella*, which also carried 25 tons of pig iron consigned to him by *Charles Carroll, Barrister* (1723–1783). **PUBLIC**

CAREER. **LEGISLATIVE SERVICE:** Lower House, Kent County, 1779–1780 (Grievances 1–3; Claims 1–3; Tax Commissioners 2), 1780–1781 (Claims 1, 2), 1781–1782 (Claims 1), 1783. **LOCAL OFFICES:** Chester Parish Vestry, Kent County, 1780; justice, Kent County, 1782; justice, Orphans' Court, Kent County, 1783; naval officer for the Eighth District, Kent County, appointed October 21, 1784. **STANDS ON PUBLIC/PRIVATE ISSUES:** supported the Revolution when he returned from England. **WEALTH DURING LIFETIME.** **PERSONAL PROPERTY:** assessed value £50.0.0, 1783. **LAND AT FIRST ELECTION:** 345 acres in Kent County (222 acres by purchase; 123 acres through marriage). **WEALTH AT DEATH.** **DIED:** probably on October 23, 1785; buried in Chestertown, Kent County. **PERSONAL PROPERTY:** TEV, £340.2.4 current money (including plate, 90 volumes of old books); FB, estate overpaid £93.12.4. **LAND:** 345 acres in Kent County.

STEWART, JOHN (?–ca. 1794). **BORN:** probably in Stepney Parish, Somerset County. **NATIVE:** at least second generation. **RESIDED:** in Nanticoke Hundred, District 1, Somerset County, by 1774 until death. **FAMILY BACKGROUND.** **FATHER:** Alexander Stewart (?–1744), riding surveyor of Wicomico River and Monie Bay, Somerset County, 1737/38. **STEPFATHER:** George Dashiell (1699–1768), grandson of *James Dashiell* (ca. 1634–1697). **MOTHER:** Rebecca (1714–1769), daughter of Robert Dashiell (1677–1718) and wife Sarah Hast. **BROTHER:** William (1738–1808), who married in 1760 Sarah Dashiell (1740–1809). **SISTERS:** Sarah; Ann, who married William Porter; Elizabeth (Betty) (1734–?), who married Daniel Wailes; and Rebecca, who married James Makmorie. **MARRIED** in 1767 his first cousin Elizabeth (?–1774), daughter of William Dashiell (1712–1752) and wife Sarah Murray (?–1776). Her brothers were Robert (1740–1789), who married Jane Lucas; Hast (1742/43–ca. 1749); and William Francis (1750–1790), who married Priscilla Evans. Her sister was Martha (1748–ca. 1770). **CHILDREN.** **SON:** Capt. Alexander (1773–1810), who married Elizabeth (last name unknown). **DAUGHTER:** Jane (1771–?), who died young. **PRIVATE CAREER.** **EDUCATION:** literate. **RELIGIOUS AFFILIATION:** Anglican, Stepney Parish, Somerset County. **OCCUPATIONAL PROFILE:** merchant, by 1774 to death; in partnership with *Levin Gale* (ca. 1730–1791) and *Henry Jackson* (?–1794) trading under the name of Gale, Jackson & Stewart. **PUBLIC CAREER.** **LEGISLATIVE SERVICE:** 5th Convention,