

James (?-1779); Zebulon; Moses; and Daniel. SISTERS: Priscilla, who married (first name unknown) White; Ruth, who married (first name unknown) Dysart (Dizard); and Mary (?-1790), who married James Cox (?-1777), a tailor, of Baltimore Town. MARRIED never. CHILDREN. Died without progeny. PRIVATE CAREER. EDUCATION: literate. RELIGIOUS AFFILIATION: Presbyterian. SOCIAL STATUS AND ACTIVITIES: Mr., 1765; Esq., 1779; Gent., 1785. OCCUPATIONAL PROFILE: merchant, of Baltimore Town, owned a warehouse and later a store near the public wharf; also owned a schooner and was involved in the wheat trade in the 1770s. PUBLIC CAREER. LEGISLATIVE SERVICE: Lower House, Baltimore Town, 1779-1780 (Manufactories 1, 2), 1780-1781 (Manufactories 1, 2). LOCAL OFFICE: Committee of Correspondence, Baltimore Town, in office 1774. MILITARY SERVICE: Baltimore Town Militia, 1778. WEALTH DURING LIFETIME. PERSONAL PROPERTY: £300 in Continental certificates, ca. 1783. ADDITIONAL COMMENTS: He was heavily in debt by 1783 when he filed a petition as an insolvent debtor. Alexander owed £3,000 to *Daniel Dulany, Jr.* (1722-1797) and *Charles Carroll of Carrollton* (1737-1832) as executors of Robert Montgomery, of Philadelphia, Pennsylvania, and Rev. William Thompson, of Cecil County. Alexander was jailed for at least two months in 1787 as an insolvent debtor. In 1790 his sister Mary Cox made provision in her will granting Alexander an annual income of £35. LAND AT FIRST ELECTION: at least 450 acres in Baltimore and Cecil counties, 90 acres in Chester County, Pennsylvania, plus 1 lot and parts of 2 other lots in Baltimore Town. SIGNIFICANT CHANGES IN LAND BETWEEN FIRST ELECTION AND DEATH: sold 1 lot in Baltimore Town to his sister Mary Cox in return for money to pay his major creditors, 1784; the remainder of his land was turned over to the sheriff to pay his other debts. Although Alexander held two mortgages and several unpatented certificates for land after that, they and all of his other real property were in the control of his trustee by 1787 under the terms of his insolvency petition. WEALTH AT DEATH. DIED: prior to April 1797; size of estate unknown.

ALEXANDER, ROBERT (1740-1805). BORN: in 1740 in Cecil County; only child. NATIVE: second generation. RESIDED: in Baltimore Town, 1762 until the fall of 1776; on his plantation near the Village of Elk in Cecil County from late 1776 until September 1777 when he followed the British forces to Philadelphia, Pennsylvania; moved to New York City, 1778; in London, England, 1784-

1805. FAMILY BACKGROUND. FATHER: William Alexander (?-1745), a merchant, who immigrated from Scotland to Antigua, West Indies, before 1732; in Cecil County, Maryland by 1735. STEPFATHERS: John Mackey, Esq. (?-ca. 1749); George Catto, Gent. (?-1780), of Cecil County. MOTHER: Araminta (?-1765), widow of both Col. *Ephraim Augustus Herman* (1683-1734/35) and Col. Joseph Young (?-1737), of Cecil County. HALF BROTHER: Ephraim Augustine Herman (1734-1751). HALF SISTER: Elizabeth Young. STEPSISTERS: Catherine Herman; Mary Herman; Mary Young; and Milcah Young. MARRIED Isabella (?-1822), daughter of Alexander Lawson (?-1761), a merchant of Baltimore County, and wife Dorothy Smith (1719-?). Her brother was Alexander Lawson (?-1798), who married Elizabeth Brown. Her sisters were Susanna (1743-1798), who married *Andrew Buchanan* (ca. 1733-1786); Rebecca (?-1759), who married *Lloyd Buchanan* (1729-ca. 1762); Mary (Polly), who married Robert Christie, Jr.; Dorothy (?-1752); Elizabeth (?-1752); and Margaret (?-1752); the last three drowned while ice-skating on a pond at their father's ironworks. CHILDREN. SONS: William, a lawyer, who married in 1795 Margaret Partridge, of Cecil County; Lawson (ca. 1768-1828), a lawyer; Robert (?-by 1798); Henry, who married Esther Johnson; and Andrew (?-1797). DAUGHTER: Araminta (1773-1854), who married in 1796 Solomon Betts. PRIVATE CAREER. EDUCATION: studied law in Annapolis, probably with *Stephen Bordley* (ca. 1710-1764). RELIGIOUS AFFILIATION: Anglican, St. Paul's Parish, Baltimore County. SOCIAL STATUS AND ACTIVITIES: Gent., 1761. OCCUPATIONAL PROFILE: lawyer, admitted to the following courts: Annapolis Mayor's Court in January 1761; Cecil County in March 1761; Baltimore County in June 1761; Provincial Court in April 1762; Frederick County in March 1763; Anne Arundel County in August 1765; Court of Chancery by February 1768; Harford County in March 1774. Farmer, 1765-1777. PUBLIC CAREER. LEGISLATIVE SERVICE: Conventions, Baltimore County, 1st, 1774, 4th, 1775, 5th, 1775, 6th-8th, 1775-1776 (did not attend the 7th and 8th conventions). OTHER STATE OFFICE: 1st Council of Safety, Western Shore, 1775. LOCAL OFFICES: St. Paul's Parish Vestry, Baltimore County, in office 1768-1771; commissioner, Baltimore Town, in office 1768; Committee of Observation, Baltimore Town, elected 1774. OUT OF STATE SERVICE: delegate, Continental Congress, 1775-1776 (elected on December 9, 1775, to fill vacancy, but did not attend until January 1776; reelected in May 1776 and July 1776; no record of