

James Weems (ca. 1707–1781). Her uncle was **John Weems** (1737–1813). Her aunts were Sarah Weems (?–1763), who married **Samuel Chew** (1737–1790); Margaret Weems (?–1783), who married second, **Joseph Sprigg** (1732–1800). Her sisters were Mary Heighe (Hughe) (ca. 1750–?), who married John Brooke; Elizabeth (ca. 1752–?), who married Levin Ballard; and Ann Weems (ca. 1761–?), who became the ward of her brother-in-law William Allein in 1771 and who subsequently married Daniel Kent (?–by 1835). Her first cousin was Margaret Weems, who married **Levin Mackall** (1760–?). Her paternal grandmother as well as her maternal step-grandmother was Mary Crompton Wheeler Weems (?–1769). **ADDITIONAL COMMENTS:** Her maternal grandfather **James Weems** (?–1781) also became her paternal stepgrandfather when he married Mary Wheeler. **CHILDREN. SONS:** William, Jr. (ca. 1772–?); George W. (?–by 1835). **DAUGHTERS:** Mary D.; Priscilla H., who resided in the District of Columbia by April 1812. **PRIVATE CAREER. EDUCATION:** literate. **RELIGIOUS AFFILIATION:** Anglican, owned a pew in All Saints' Parish Church, Calvert County, 1794. **SOCIAL STATUS AND ACTIVITIES:** Gent., 1781; Esq., 1781. **OCCUPATIONAL PROFILE:** merchant; planter. It is possible that by the time of William's marriage, ca. 1771, he had been an apprentice in the Wheeler family's mercantile business. **PUBLIC CAREER. LEGISLATIVE SERVICE:** Conventions, Calvert County, 6th–8th, 1775–1776; Lower House, Calvert County, 1777, 1781–1782 (Claims 1). **OTHER STATE OFFICE:** Patuxent Association, in office 1781. **LOCAL OFFICES:** justice, Calvert County, commissioned 1773, 1777, and 1782; sheriff, Calvert County, 1785–1788. **WEALTH DURING LIFETIME. PERSONAL PROPERTY:** in 1777 he offered his plantation for sale, which included a large seven-room dwelling house and an outbuilding, a gristmill, and ca. 9 slaves, all of which he probably acquired through marriage, except perhaps one or two slaves. Assessed value £380.15.0, including 7 slaves and 30 oz. plate, 1782; owned 11 slaves that he mortgaged to Wallace, Johnson & Muir, 1785. At the time of William's petition for insolvency on March 20, 1794, his inventory included household furniture, farm equipment and livestock, a gristmill, a snuff mill, 4 slaves, and books. On May 13, 1801, a schedule of personal property attached to a petition requesting release from insolvency indicated that many items were encompassed in the 1794 inventory, including slaves. **ADDITIONAL COMMENTS:** At a public sale of his personal property in 1794, 11 out of 12 lots were purchased by his son William, Jr.; the last lot was purchased by

Elizabeth Ballard, his sister-in-law, accounting perhaps for the repetition in the 1801 inventory. **LAND AT FIRST ELECTION:** at least 531 acres in Calvert County, formerly owned by his father-in-law, Roger Wheeler, and of which his wife held sole title to 240 acres. **SIGNIFICANT CHANGES IN LAND BETWEEN FIRST ELECTION AND DEATH:** charged with 578 acres in Calvert County in 1783, the additional acreage all being previously shown as belonging to Roger Wheeler's heirs (including a gristmill and a snuff mill); 305 acres (exclusive of the gristmill) were mortgaged in 1785 to Wallace, Johnson & Muir, Annapolis merchants, to whom he was indebted for £2,120.13.9. Following his petition for insolvency in 1794, the 305 mortgaged acres were sold to Wallace, Johnson & Muir at a public sale, but William's wife was able to keep the title to her 240 acres. Her brother-in-law, Daniel Kent, became a trustee under court order for the 240-acre tract in 1799, and was ordered by the General Assembly to hold the land for his sister-in-law's benefit. **WEALTH AT DEATH. DIED:** ca. 1802 in Calvert County, probably insolvent. **LAND:** his wife, Sarah Weems Allein, retained her interest in her 240-acre patrimony until her death in 1804, and in 1813 it was sold by their daughters Mary and Priscilla.

ALLEN, FRANCIS (?–1745). **BORN:** of age by 1715. **RESIDED:** in Somerset County (later became part of Worcester County). **MARRIED** first, (name unknown). **MARRIED** second, probably by 1718 Mary, widow of both Rev. James Hindman (?–1713) and Hugh Eccleston, Jr. (?–by 1717); daughter of **Jacob Lookerman** (1652–1730). Her brothers were Jacob, Jr. (1678–1731); **Govert Lookerman** (ca. 1681–1728); Thomas (?–ca. 1714); John (1686–1760); and Nicholas (1697–1771). **CHILDREN. SONS:** John (?–ca. 1738); Francis (ca. 1715–?), a planter, who married Mary, widow of William Brady; **William Allen** (?–1792); Joseph; and Moses. **STEPSON:** **Jacob Hindman** (by 1713–1766). **DAUGHTERS:** Eleanor; Mary, who married in 1759 Rev. John Rosse, of Snow Hill, Worcester County; and Elizabeth. **PRIVATE CAREER. EDUCATION:** literate. **RELIGIOUS AFFILIATION:** Protestant. **SOCIAL STATUS AND ACTIVITIES:** Gent., 1722. **OCCUPATIONAL PROFILE:** planter; attorney, admitted to the following courts: Somerset County by May 1717; Provincial Court in April 1723; Talbot County in March 1723/24; Dorchester County by August 1728. **PUBLIC CAREER. LEGISLATIVE SERVICE:** Lower House, Somerset County, 1732–1734 (Laws 1–Cv). **OTHER PROVINCIAL OFFICE:** deputy collector of Pocomoke, sworn 1724 and 1729. LO-