

1749), who married Elizabeth (1682–1740), daughter of *John Rousby* (?–1685/86). DAUGHTER: Susanna (1666–1714), who married first, *John Darnall* (?–1684), and second, ca. 1686 *Henry Lowe* (?–1717). PRIVATE CAREER. EDUCATION: literate; attended Harvard College, 1655. RELIGIOUS AFFILIATION: Protestant, but married a Catholic. OCCUPATIONAL PROFILE: planter. PUBLIC CAREER. LEGISLATIVE SERVICE: Lower House, Baltimore County, 1663–1664. LOCAL OFFICE: justice, Baltimore County, 1665–1667 (Quorum). WEALTH DURING LIFETIME. LAND AT FIRST ELECTION: patented 1,650 acres in 1664; patented an additional 600 acres in 1665. WEALTH AT DEATH. DIED: will probated on May 6, 1667. LAND: over 2,000 acres.

BENSON, EDMOND (1687–1734). BORN: on June 4, 1687, in Talbot County; second son. NATIVE: second generation. RESIDED: in Anne Arundel County, by 1716. FAMILY BACKGROUND. FATHER: Capt. James Benson (?–1709), of St. Michael's River, Talbot County, a physician. MOTHER: Margaret, immigrated as a servant, free by 1679. BROTHERS: James (1684/85–?); *Perry Benson* (1694–1751); and Nicholas (1699–1775), who married Rachel. SISTERS: Margaret (1682/83–?); Ann (1689–?), who married James Spencer, Jr.; Elizabeth (1691–?); and Mary (1702–?), who married James Parrott. NEPHEW: *James Benson* (?–1792). MARRIED on August 15, 1714, Hannah (1678–1752), widow of *Charles Hammond* (ca. 1670–1713); daughter of Philip Howard; granddaughter of Matthew Howard, of Anne Arundel County, who immigrated in 1649, and wife Ruth Baldwin; niece of *Cornelius Howard* (?–1680), Elizabeth Howard, who married *Henry Ridgeley* (?–1710), and Mary Howard, who married *John Hammond* (1643–1707). Her first cousins were *Matthew Howard* (ca. 1675–1750); Sarah Howard, who married first, *John Worthington* (1650–1701), and second, *John Brice* (?–1713); *Charles Hammond* (ca. 1670–1713); *Thomas Hammond* (?–ca. 1724/25); and *John Hammond* (ca. 1665–1742/43). CHILDREN. STEPSONS: *Charles Hammond* (1692/93–1772); John Hammond (?–1755), who married Ann, daughter of *Edward Dorsey* (?–1705); Rezin Hammond (ca. 1713–1739); Nathaniel Hammond (1708–1762), who married Anne Welsh; and *Philip Hammond* (1697–1760). STEP-DAUGHTERS: Hamutel Hammond, who married Charles Worthington; Ruth Hammond, who married first, Peaslee Ingram, and second, *Thomas Franklin* (ca. 1706–1787). PRIVATE CAREER. EDUCATION: literate. RELIGIOUS AFFILIATION: Angli-

can. SOCIAL STATUS AND ACTIVITIES: Gent., 1716. OCCUPATIONAL PROFILE: planter. PUBLIC CAREER. LEGISLATIVE SERVICE: Lower House, Anne Arundel County, 1719–1721/22 (Laws 1, 3, 4). LOCAL OFFICES: justice, Anne Arundel County, 1716—at least 1723; justice, Court of Oyer and Terminer and Gaol Delivery, Anne Arundel County, commissioned 1716, 1717, 1718, and 1720; St. Anne's Parish Vestry, Anne Arundel County, in office 1722–1725. WEALTH DURING LIFETIME. PERSONAL PROPERTY: mortgaged 12 slaves, livestock, silver, and household goods to a London merchant to cover debt of £600 sterling in 1724. LAND AT FIRST ELECTION: 200 acres in Anne Arundel and Talbot counties (50 acres in Talbot County inherited from his father) and a certificate of survey on 667 acres in Baltimore County. SIGNIFICANT CHANGES IN LAND BETWEEN FIRST ELECTION AND DEATH: bought 150 acres in Anne Arundel County from the estate of *Charles Hammond* (ca. 1670–1713) and patented it into a 197-acre tract in 1722. Gave his brother Nicholas all of his Talbot County land in 1724. Three years later he placed all of his land, 1,035 acres, in Anne Arundel and Baltimore counties into a trust for the support of his wife. Benson purchased 447 acres in Anne Arundel County in 1727. WEALTH AT DEATH. DIED: in 1734 in Anne Arundel County. LAND: 447 acres in Anne Arundel County.

BENSON, JAMES (?–1792). BORN: on the north side of the St. Michael's River, Talbot County, of age by 1750; only son. NATIVE: third generation. RESIDED: on the north side of the St. Michael's River, Talbot County. FAMILY BACKGROUND. FATHER: *Perry Benson* (1694–1751). MOTHER: Rebecca, widow of Michael Russell. UNCLE: *Edmond Benson* (1687–1734). HALF BROTHERS: William Russell; Thomas Russell. SISTERS: Rebecca; Margaret; and Ann. HALF SISTERS: Sarah Russell; Elizabeth Russell; and Mary Russell. MARRIED in August 1748 Hannah, daughter of William Ratcliffe (?–1741), of Queen Anne's County, and wife Hannah. Her sisters were Mary, who married by 1740 Thomas Hackett; Jane; Frances; and Elizabeth. CHILDREN. SONS: Perry; James; William; and Robert. DAUGHTERS: Margaret, who married Dr. Edward White; Rebecca; Elizabeth; Charlotte; and Anne. PRIVATE CAREER. EDUCATION: literate. RELIGIOUS AFFILIATION: Anglican, St. Michael's Parish, Talbot County; Methodist, 1781. SOCIAL STATUS AND ACTIVITIES: Mr., 1750; Gent., 1772. OCCUPATIONAL PROFILE: planter; agreed to build an addition to St. Michael's Parish Church and to