

DEATH. DIED: will probated on December 29, 1676. **PERSONAL PROPERTY:** TEV, 95,910 pounds of tobacco (including 10 slaves and 10 servants). **LAND:** 7,742 acres.

BROOKE, THOMAS (ca. 1659–1730/31). **BORN:** ca. 1659 in Calvert County; eldest son. **NATIVE:** third generation. **RESIDED:** in Calvert County; Prince George's County after 1695. **FAMILY BACKGROUND.** **FATHER:** *Thomas Brooke* (1632–1676), son of *Robert Brooke* (1602–1655). **STEPFATHER:** *Henry Darnall* (ca. 1645–1711). **MOTHER:** Elinor (1642–1725), daughter of Richard Hatton and wife Margaret. **UNCLES:** *Baker Brooke* (1628–1678/79); *Charles Brooke* (1636–1671); *William Hatton* (?–1712); *Zachary Wade* (ca. 1627–1678); *Luke Gardiner* (1622–1674); *Clement Hill* (?–1708); and *James Johnson* (?–?). **BROTHERS:** Robert (1663–1714); Ignatius (1670–1751); Matthew (1672–1703); and Clement (1676–1737). **STEP-BROTHER:** Philip Darnall (1671–1705). **HALF BROTHER:** Henry Darnall (1682–1759). **SISTERS:** Mary, who married second, *Benjamin Hall* (1667–1721); Elinor. **HALF SISTERS:** Mary Darnall (1678–1742); Ann Darnall (1680–1749); Elizabeth Darnall (?–1704). **FIRST COUSIN:** *Richard Gardiner* (?–1687). **MARRIED** first, Ann. **MARRIED** second, Barbara (1676–1754), daughter of *Thomas Dent* (ca. 1630–1676); stepdaughter of *John Addison* (?–ca. 1705/6). Her brothers were *William Dent* (ca. 1660–1704); Thomas; *Peter Dent* (ca. 1665–1710/11); and George (?–by 1703). Her half brother was *Thomas Addison* (1679–1727). Her sister was Margaret. **CHILDREN.** **SON:** *Thomas Brooke* (1683–1744), who married in 1706 Lucy, daughter of *Walter Smith* (?–1711); Nathaniel; John; Benjamin; Baker; and Thomas (1717–1768), who never married. **DAUGHTERS:** Elinor, who married first, in 1705 John Tasker, son of *Thomas Tasker* (?–1700), and second, Charles Sewall, son of *Nicholas Sewall* (ca. 1655–1737); Sarah (?–1724), who married first, *William Dent* (ca. 1660–1704), and second, *Philip Lee* (ca. 1681–1744); Priscilla, who married *Thomas Gantt* (?–1765); Jane (?–1779), who married *Alexander Contee* (ca. 1691–1740); Rebecca (?–1763), who married John Howard (?–1742); Mary (?–1758), who married Dr. Patrick Sim (?–1740); Elizabeth (1699–1748), who married George Beale (1695–1780), son of *Ninian Beale* (ca. 1625–1717/18); and Lucy, who married Thomas Hodgkin. **PRIVATE CAREER.** **EDUCATION:** literate. **RELIGIOUS AFFILIATION:** probably raised as a Catholic, but an Anglican by 1691. **SOCIAL STATUS AND ACTIVITIES:** first third generation provincial officeholder in colony; Esq., by

1691. **OCCUPATIONAL PROFILE:** planter. **PUBLIC CAREER.** **LEGISLATIVE SERVICE:** Upper House, 1692–1693, 1694–1697, 1697/98–1700, 1701–1704, 1704–1707; Lower House, Prince George's County, 1708A (absent the entire session); Upper House, 1716–1718, 1719–1721/22, 1722 (dismissed by the 2nd session). **OTHER PROVINCIAL OFFICES:** Council, 1691–1708, 1715/16–1722, (president, 1715/16–1722; last attended on October 20, 1722; discharged); justice, Provincial Court, 1693–1694; deputy secretary, 1694–1696; commissary general, 1699–1706, 1722–1727; surveyor general, 1720. **LOCAL OFFICES:** justice, Calvert County, 1685–1689 (quorum, 1686–1689); St. Paul's Parish Vestry, Calvert County, 1693–1697. **STANDS ON PUBLIC/PRIVATE ISSUES:** probably opposed the revolution of Protestant Associators in 1689, when he was removed from his justiceship; nominated by Lord Baltimore to become a member of the first royal Council in 1690, and he was probably appointed in an effort to mollify the proprietor after his loss of the colony; dismissed from all offices by Gov. John Seymour in 1708 as a result of close Catholic ties—his three brothers were Jesuits and *Henry Darnall* (ca. 1645–1711) was his stepfather—and for poor Council attendance, although his attendance had been very regular prior to Seymour's governorship; he was restored to the Council after the colony reverted to proprietary control in 1715; the precise reason for his second dismissal from the Council in 1722 is unclear. **WEALTH DURING LIFETIME.** **LAND AT FIRST ELECTION:** at least 6,011 acres in 1689; 9,517 acres by 1696; 7,393 acres in 1706. **WEALTH AT DEATH. DIED:** on January 7, 1730/31. **PERSONAL PROPERTY:** TEV, £1,374.0.0 (including proceeds of the sale of land; and 36 slaves, 17 of whom were mortgaged); FB, estate overpaid £355.3.0; **LAND:** most of his acreage was heavily mortgaged at the time of his death.

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