

1780, Dr. Charles Steuart, of Annapolis, son of *George Steuart* (1700–ca. 1784); and Ariana (1763–1784). **PRIVATE CAREER.** EDUCATION: literate. RELIGIOUS AFFILIATION: Anglican. SOCIAL STATUS AND ACTIVITIES: Esq.; Hon., 1748. OCCUPATIONAL PROFILE: planter, who managed over 20,000 acres of land; probably a merchant in the firm of Benedict Calvert & Company; officeholder. **PUBLIC CAREER.** LEGISLATIVE SERVICE: Upper House, 1748 (appointed before the 4th session), 1749–1751, 1751–1754, 1754–1757 (Bills of Credit–Paper Currency 6), 1757–1758, 1758–1761 (Bills of Credit–Paper Currency 1, Cv 3), 1762–1763 (Bills of Credit–Paper Currency 2), 1765–1766 (Bills of Credit–Paper Currency 2, 4), 1768–1770 (Claims–Bills of Credit 1–4), 1771 (Claims–Bills of Credit), 1773–1774 (Claims–Bills of Credit 1, Cv, 2, 3). OTHER PROVINCIAL OFFICES: collector, Patuxent, 1745–1775; Council, 1747/48–1776 (appointed and qualified on March 8, 1747/48); judge, Land Office, 1775–1777 (commissioned jointly with George Steuart, who returned to Scotland in 1775). LOCAL OFFICE: common councilman, Annapolis, 1755–1765 (resigned). STANDS ON PUBLIC/PRIVATE ISSUES: A letter dated May 13, 1777, from Thomas Johnson to Calvert regarding turning over the Land Office to a new judge stated “you declined giving up office.” Calvert apparently thought that he could keep his job as register, but the Assembly ousted him and chose Samuel George Peale in his place. Calvert did not sign the Oath of Fidelity of 1778, but remained in Maryland, probably at “Mt. Airy,” during the Revolution. His property was not confiscated. **WEALTH DURING LIFETIME.** PERSONAL PROPERTY: his wife Elizabeth was the sole survivor and heir of Gov. *Charles Calvert* (?–1733/34), and as such her husband was given charge of Calvert’s estate on September 10, 1748. **LAND AT FIRST ELECTION:** unspecified acreage on the Patuxent River in Prince George’s County given to him by his father. **SIGNIFICANT CHANGES IN LAND BETWEEN FIRST ELECTION AND DEATH:** He acquired through marriage 1,962 acres in Anne Arundel and Prince George’s counties, plus 2 lots in Annapolis, 1748. He patented 260 additional acres in Anne Arundel County in 1750, and acquired an 874-acre tract in Frederick County by 1753. He patented 606 acres in Prince George’s County, plus 4,095 acres in Frederick County with 4 others, 1761–1768. By 1770 he had acquired an additional 1,991 acres in Frederick County jointly with *Thomas Johnson* (1732–1819), which was resurveyed in 1772 for 7,715 acres. He acquired 12,201 acres in Prince George’s and Frederick

counties, plus 1 lot in Upper Marlboro, by 1772. He sold 470 acres in Anne Arundel County, 1762–1769, and 1,172 acres in Prince George’s County by 1772. **WEALTH AT DEATH.** DIED: on January 9, 1788; buried under the chancel of St. Thomas Church, Croom, Prince George’s County. **LAND:** at least 18,026 acres in Prince George’s, Frederick, Montgomery, and Anne Arundel counties, plus 2 lots in Annapolis, 1 lot in Upper Marlboro, and 2 lots in Bladensburg. Not included in this amount is Anne Arundel Manor, which he stated in his will was devised to him by *Charles Calvert, 5th Lord Baltimore* (1699–1751). The acreage of Anne Arundel Manor was unspecified because of court litigation to clear the title.

CALVERT, BENEDICT LEONARD (1700–1732). BORN: on September 20, 1700, in England; second son. IMMIGRATED: in July 1727. RESIDED: in Surrey, England; in Annapolis, Anne Arundel County, 1727 until death. **FAMILY BACKGROUND.** FATHER: *Benedict Leonard Calvert, 4th Lord Baltimore* (1679–1715). STEPFATHER: Christopher Crewe. GUARDIAN: Francis North, 2nd baron of Guilford. MOTHER: Lady Charlotte Lee (?–1721). BROTHERS: *Charles Calvert, 5th Lord Baltimore* (1699–1751); *Edward Henry Calvert* (1701–1730); and Cecilius (1702–1765). SISTERS: Charlotte (1702–1744); Jane (1703–?); Barbara (1704–died young); and Anne. **ADDITIONAL COMMENTS:** His parents were divorced in 1705. **PRIVATE CAREER.** EDUCATION: studied under Thomas Hearne at Christ Church College, Oxford University; trained in historical writing and intended to write a history of Maryland. RELIGIOUS AFFILIATION: Anglican. SOCIAL STATUS AND ACTIVITIES: Esq.; Hon.; tour of the European continent as a young man included stays in France and Italy. **ADDITIONAL COMMENTS:** Calvert apparently had great difficulty adjusting to Maryland’s climate and suffered ill health during most of his residence in the province. While in Maryland, Calvert carefully researched the history of the province and in 1729 wrote a long letter to his brother *Charles Calvert, 5th Lord Baltimore* (1699–1751) setting forth his conclusions and recommendations for improving relations between the proprietor and the citizens of the colony. **OCCUPATIONAL PROFILE:** placeman. **PUBLIC CAREER.** PROVINCIAL OFFICES: governor, 1726/27–1731 (commissioned March 1726/27; sworn in July 1727); chancellor, 1726/27–1731. LOCAL OFFICES: St. Anne’s Parish Vestry, Anne Arundel County, 1730–1732. **OUT OF COLONY SERVICE:** M.P., Harwich, England, 1726. **STANDS ON PUBLIC/PRIVATE ISSUES:** supported his family’s