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1746—at least 1766 (quorum, 1752—at least 1766); churchwarden, *Queen Anne Parish*, *Prince George's County*, elected 1747; *Queen Anne Parish Vestry*, *Prince George's County*, in office 1748-1750, 1754-1760; justice, *Court of Oyer and Terminer and Gaol Delivery*, *Prince George's County*, commissioned 1759 and 1766; *Committee of Correspondence*, *Prince George's County*, elected 1774 and 1775; *Committee of Observation*, *Prince George's County*, elected 1775; commissioner of tax, *Prince George's County*, appointed 1779, 1782, 1783, 1785, 1786, and 1790 (declined). WEALTH DURING LIFETIME. PERSONAL PROPERTY: 17 slaves, 1790; assessed value £756.13.11, including 18 slaves and 219 oz. plate, 1793; assessed value £584.13.11, including 14 slaves and 219 oz. plate, 1794. LAND AT FIRST ELECTION: 2,955 acres in *Charles*, *Prince George's*, and *Frederick* counties (inherited 1,164 acres from his father, but sold it before his first election; obtained another 1,757 acres from his father's estate, but disposed of 584 acres of it before his first election; 500 acres through his marriage; at least 1,262 acres by purchase). SIGNIFICANT CHANGES IN LAND BETWEEN FIRST ELECTION AND DEATH: transferred by deeds of gift to his children land totaling 2,185 acres in *Prince George's*, *Charles*, and *Montgomery* (originally *Frederick*) counties, 1783-1794. WEALTH AT DEATH. DIED: will probated on January 12, 1796, in *Prince George's County*. PERSONAL PROPERTY: size of estate unknown. LAND: 769 acres in *Prince George's County*.

CONTEE, THOMAS (ca. 1729-1811). BORN: ca. 1729 at "Brookefield," *Prince George's County*; fourth son. NATIVE: second generation. RESIDED: at "Brookefield," *Prince George's County*; *Charles County*, by 1761; *Prince George's County*, by 1763; *Charles County*, by 1764; *Prince George's County*, by 1771; *Baltimore County*, by 1785; *Prince George's County*, by 1790 until death. FAMILY BACKGROUND. FATHER: *Alexander Contee* (ca. 1691-1740). MOTHER: *Jane* (?-1779), daughter of *Thomas Brooke* (ca. 1659-1730/31). HALF UNCLE: *Thomas Brooke* (1683-1744). HALF AUNTS: *Priscilla Brooke*, who married *Thomas Gantt* (?-1765); *Sarah Brooke* (?-1724), who married first, *William Dent* (ca. 1660-1704), and second, *Philip Lee* (ca. 1681-1744). BROTHERS: *John Contee* (1722-ca. 1796); *Alexander* (1724-1732); *Peter* (1726-ca. 1779); *Alexander* (1734-1744); and *Theodore* (1736-1764). SISTERS: *Jane* (1728-1812), who married *John Hanson, Jr.* (1721-1783); *Catherine* (1732-1831); *Grace*; and *Barbara* (1741-1796).