

married *William Hemsley* (1736/37–1812). BROTHERS: James (1764–1790); Richard Tilghman (1767–1843); and Thomas Chamberlaine (1771–?). SISTERS: Mary (1760–by 1785); Henrietta Maria (1761–1828); Ann (1762–1782); Margaret (1765–1795); Deborah (1769–1790); and Suzanna (1773–1795). FIRST COUSINS: *Thomas Ringgold* (1744–1776); Henrietta Maria Chamberlaine (?–1804), who married *William Hayward, Jr.* (ca. 1758–1834); and Henrietta Maria Nicols (1761–1818). MARRIED his first cousin Henrietta Maria (1761–1818), daughter of William Nicols (1730–1774), of Kent County, and wife Henrietta Maria Chamberlaine (1739–1777); granddaughter of both Rev. Henry Nicols (1687–ca. 1749) and *Samuel Chamberlaine* (1698–1773); niece of *James Lloyd Chamberlaine* (1732–1783), *Samuel Chamberlaine* (1742–1811), and Ann Chamberlaine (1734–1786), who married first, *Richard Tilghman Earle* (1728/29–1788), and second, Charles Blake (?–1798). Her brothers were Samuel (1770–?), who married first, (first name unknown) Blake, and second, Elizabeth Smyth; Henry (1764–1810), who married in 1786 Elizabeth Robins (1765–1814). Her sister was Ann (1762–?), who married *Edward DeCoursey* (ca. 1759–1827). Her first cousin was Henrietta Maria Chamberlaine (?–1804), who married *William Hayward, Jr.* (ca. 1758–1834). CHILDREN. SON: William Nicols (ca. 1782–1824), who never married. DAUGHTERS: Anne; Henrietta Maria (called Maria), who married in 1807 Turbutt Harris, son of *Edward Harris* (ca. 1757–ca. 1837). PRIVATE CAREER. EDUCATION: literate. SOCIAL STATUS AND ACTIVITIES: Gent., 1779. OCCUPATIONAL PROFILE: lawyer, practiced in Georgetown, Kent County, from the end of the war until his death. PUBLIC CAREER. LEGISLATIVE SERVICE: Lower House, Queen Anne's County, 1780–1781. MILITARY SERVICE: private, in the Minute Company that marched from Queen Anne's County, February 3, 1776; ensign, Queen Anne's County Militia, by June 1776; ensign, Capt. Dean's Company, Fourth Maryland Battalion, Flying Camp, July–December 1776. WEALTH DURING LIFETIME. PERSONAL PROPERTY: assessed value £205.0.0, including 2 slaves and 40 oz. plate, 1783. LAND AT FIRST ELECTION: 298 acres in Queen Anne's County (deed of gift from his father). SIGNIFICANT CHANGES IN LAND BETWEEN FIRST ELECTION AND DEATH: land he had received from his father was returned to his father by a deed of gift, 1785; received 500 acres in Caroline County through his wife, 1786; as heir to his mother Samuel received 800 acres in Caroline County, 1786; purchased a lot in Georgetown, Kent County, 1787; inherited

619 acres in Queen Anne's County from his father in 1788, but his father made the bequest contingent on Samuel's deeding the 800 acres he had inherited from his mother to his brother, Thomas, when he came of age. WEALTH AT DEATH. DIED: in the spring of 1790, at "Needwood," Queen Anne's County. PERSONAL PROPERTY: TEV, £2,590.2.9 current money (including 30 slaves, 6 servants, 128 law and other books, and 208 oz. 5 dwt. plate); FB, £219.19.7. LAND: 500 acres in Caroline County, plus 1 lot in Georgetown, Kent County; also inherited 800 acres in Caroline County from his mother and 619 acres in Queen Anne's County from his father on the condition that he transfer the 800 acres to his brother, Thomas; possessed and occupied both tracts until his death and made no recorded conveyance to his brother.

ECCLESTON, HUGH (?–1710/11). IMMIGRATED: by 1688 as a free adult, perhaps from Virginia. RESIDED: in Dorchester County. MARRIED Elizabeth, probably the sister of Thomas Skinner, of Dorchester County. CHILDREN. SONS: Hugh (?–by 1717), who married Mary, widow of Rev. James Hindeman and daughter of *Jacob Lookerman* (1652–1730); John (?–1758), a justice and colonel of Dorchester County, who married Dorothy (ca. 1714–1759), daughter of Andrew Skinner; and Thomas. DAUGHTERS: Margaret, who married Bazell Nowell; Mary; Rachel; Sarah; and Elizabeth. PRIVATE CAREER. EDUCATION: literate; he had clerical skills. RELIGIOUS AFFILIATION: Anglican. SOCIAL STATUS AND ACTIVITIES: Gent., by 1693. OCCUPATIONAL PROFILE: planter. PUBLIC CAREER. LEGISLATIVE SERVICE: Lower House, Dorchester County, 1701–1704 (Elections and Privileges 1), 1704–1707 (Laws 3, 4), 1708A (Accounts), 1708B–1710 (Elections and Privileges 3; died before the 4th session). LOCAL OFFICE: clerk, Dorchester County, 1691–1710/11 (suspended briefly in 1692). WEALTH DURING LIFETIME. LAND AT FIRST ELECTION: at least 1,440 acres. WEALTH AT DEATH. DIED: in 1710/11. PERSONAL PROPERTY: TEV, £488.15.6 sterling (including 7 slaves and 1 servant). LAND: ca. 1,800 acres.

ECCLESTON, THOMAS FIRMIN (ca. 1738–1785). BORN: ca. 1738, probably in Dorchester County. NATIVE: third generation. RESIDED: in Transquakin Hundred, Dorchester County. FAMILY BACKGROUND. FATHER: Col. John Eccleston (?–1758), of Dorchester County, son of *Hugh Eccleston* (?–1710/11). MOTHER: Dorothy (ca. 1714–1759), daughter of Andrew Skinner. BROTHER: