

County. NATIVE: at least third generation. RESIDED: in Chestertown, Kent County. FAMILY BACKGROUND. FATHER: *Christopher Hall* (?-1746). MOTHER: *Mary*. SISTERS: *Elizabeth*; *Sarah*; *Mary*; *Rachel*; and *Margaret*. PRIVATE CAREER. EDUCATION: probably literate. RELIGIOUS AFFILIATION: Anglican, Shrewsbury Parish, Kent County. PUBLIC CAREER. LEGISLATIVE SERVICE: Convention, Kent County, 1st, 1774 (appointed, but did not attend). LOCAL OFFICE: sheriff, Kent County, elected 1779. WEALTH DURING LIFETIME. SIGNIFICANT CHANGES IN LAND BETWEEN FIRST ELECTION AND DEATH: purchased 1 lot in Chestertown, Kent County, 1779. WEALTH AT DEATH. DIED: ca. April 1780 in Kent County. PERSONAL PROPERTY: TEV, £3,358.5.0 current money (including 1 slave); FB, £174.11.1. LAND: 1 lot in Chestertown, Kent County.

**HAMBLETON (HAMILTON), WILLIAM** (ca. 1636-1677). BORN: ca. 1636. IMMIGRATED: in 1657 as a free adult. RESIDED: in Kent County; St. Michael's River, Talbot County, by 1663. MARRIED *Sarah*, who subsequently married *Richard Collins*. CHILDREN. SONS: *John*; *Edward*; *Samuel*; *Philemon*; and *William*. DAUGHTERS: *Mary*; *Frances*. PRIVATE CAREER. EDUCATION: literate. SOCIAL STATUS AND ACTIVITIES: no title on arrival in the colony. OCCUPATIONAL PROFILE: planter. PUBLIC CAREER. LEGISLATIVE SERVICE: Lower House, Talbot County, 1666, 1669, 1671-1674/75 (Accounts 3). LOCAL OFFICES: sheriff, Talbot County, 1663; justice, Talbot County, 1663/64, first evidence of service 1668/69-1675/76. WEALTH DURING LIFETIME. LAND AT FIRST ELECTION: ca. 1,000 acres. WEALTH AT DEATH. DIED: will probated on October 10, 1677. PERSONAL PROPERTY: TEV, 64,271 pounds of tobacco (including 6 servants and 6 books); FB, 57,719 pounds of tobacco. LAND: 1,724 acres.

**HAMILTON, ALEXANDER** (1712-1756). BORN: on September 26, 1712, in Edinburgh, Scotland; sixth son. IMMIGRATED: to Annapolis, Anne Arundel County, in 1739. RESIDED: in Annapolis. FAMILY BACKGROUND. FATHER: Rev. *William Hamilton*, professor of divinity and principal of the University of Edinburgh. BROTHERS: included *John*, a physician, who married in 1722 *Mary Scott*, of Calvert County; *Gavin*. MARRIED on May 29, 1747, *Margaret*, daughter of *Daniel Dulany* (1685-1753); stepdaughter of *Henrietta Maria Lloyd Chew Dulany* (?-1766); granddaughter of *Walter Smith* (?-1711); niece of *Lucy Smith* (1688-1770), who married *Thomas Brooke* (1683-

1744), *Eleanor Smith* (1690-1761), who married *Thomas Addison* (1679-1727), and *Ann Smith* (1694-1759), who married second, *Thomas Truman Greenfield* (1682-1733). *Margaret Dulany Hamilton* subsequently married in 1757 *William Murdock* (?-1769). Her brothers were *Daniel Dulany, Jr.* (1722-1797); *Walter Dulany* (?-1773); and *Dennis* (1730-1779). Her stepbrother was *Samuel Chew* (by 1734-1786). Her sisters were *Rachel*; *Rebecca*; and *Mary*. Her stepsisters were *Henrietta Maria Chew* (1731-1762), who married *Edward Dorsey* (1718-1760); *Margaret Chew* (?-1773), who married *John Beale Bordley* (1726/27-1804); and *Ann Mary Chew* (1736-1774), who married *William Paca* (1740-1799). Her first cousins were *Richard Brooke* (1716-1783); *Eleanor Brooke*, who married *Samuel Beall* (ca. 1713-ca. 1778); *John Addison* (1713-1764); *Ann Addison* (1711/12-1753), who married *William Murdock* (?-1769); and *Marianne Greenfield*, who married *John Stoddert* (?-1767). Her nephews were *Benjamin Tasker Dulany* (1752-1816); *James Heath* (?-1766). CHILDREN. Probably none who survived infancy, although *Hamilton* mentioned in his will written in October 1747 that his wife was pregnant. PRIVATE CAREER. EDUCATION: received a medical degree from the University of Edinburgh, 1737. RELIGIOUS AFFILIATION: Anglican, St. Anne's Parish, Anne Arundel County; converted from Presbyterianism. SOCIAL STATUS AND ACTIVITIES: known by his contemporaries as a man of "wit, humor and drollery in which acquirement he had no equal," and as a person with a "friendly benevolent disposition" and "strict honor and integrity." He wrote the *Itinerarium*, a journal describing his travels through the northern colonies during the summer of 1744, in which he commented on the opportunities for genteel conversation and "public gay diversions." In 1745 *Hamilton* founded the Tuesday Club, which was devoted to literary farce, satire, and elegant humor. A colleague noted that *Hamilton* was so much the "life and soul of the Tuesday Club as it expired with him." *Hamilton* also frequently contributed amusing anecdotes to the *Maryland Gazette*. OCCUPATIONAL PROFILE: physician, with "a respectable practice among the wealthier colonials"; also trained young men for medical careers. Wrote *A Defence of Dr. Thomson's Discourse* (1752) supporting the practice of inoculation. PUBLIC CAREER. LEGISLATIVE SERVICE: Lower House, Annapolis, 1753-1754 (elected to the 3rd session to fill vacancy). LOCAL OFFICES: common councilman, Annapolis, 1743-1756; St. Anne's Parish Vestry, Anne Arundel County, in office 1749-