

SERVICE: Conventions, Worcester County, 3rd, 1774, 5th, 1775, 6th–8th, 1775–1776, 9th, 1776 (election voided on August 15, 1776, because voter qualifications had not been ascertained as prescribed by the 8th Convention resolves; reelected and seated); Lower House, Worcester County, 1781–1782 (Public Taxes 2). LOCAL OFFICES: All Hallow's Parish Vestry, Worcester County, in office 1773; justice, Worcester County, commissioned 1775, 1777, and 1784 (did not qualify); commissioner of tax, Worcester County, 1777—at least 1798. MILITARY SERVICE: colonel, Synnapuxent Battalion, Worcester County Militia, commissioned 1777. WEALTH DURING LIFETIME. PERSONAL PROPERTY: assessed value £727.0.0, including 24 slaves and 22 oz. plate, 1783; 35 slaves, 1790. LAND AT FIRST ELECTION: 815 acres in Somerset and Worcester counties (all by personal acquisition). SIGNIFICANT CHANGES IN LAND BETWEEN FIRST ELECTION AND DEATH: purchased 3,596 acres and sold 940 acres in Worcester County, 1783–1828. WEALTH AT DEATH. DIED: will probated on June 10, 1828, in Worcester County. PERSONAL PROPERTY: TEV, \$5,819.97 (including 14 slaves and more than 16 books); FB, \$4,811.10. LAND: at least 3,476 acres in Worcester County.

HANSON, ALEXANDER CONTEE (1749–1806). BORN: on October 22, 1749, in Charles County; eldest son. NATIVE: probably fourth generation. RESIDED: in Frederick County; Church Street, Annapolis, Anne Arundel County, ca. 1778 until death. FAMILY BACKGROUND. FATHER: *John Hanson, Jr.* (1721–1783). MOTHER: Jane (1728–1812), daughter of *Alexander Contee* (ca. 1691–1740). BROTHERS: John (1753–1760); Samuel (1756–1781); and Peter Contee (1758–1776). SISTERS: Catherine Contee (1744–?); Jane Contee (1747–1781), who married Dr. *Philip Thomas* (1747–1815); Elizabeth (1751–1753); and Grace (1762–1763). MARRIED on June 4, 1778, Rebecca Howard (1758–1806). CHILDREN. SONS: Charles Wallace, associate judge, Sixth Judicial District; Alexander Contee, Jr. (1786–1819), of Rockville, Montgomery County, a lawyer who established and edited the *Federal Republican*, was an unsuccessful candidate for the Lower House in 1816, elected as a Federalist to the Thirteenth and Fourteenth Congress, 1813–1816, elected to U.S. Senate, 1816–1819, and who married on June 25, 1805, Priscilla Dorsey. DAUGHTER: (first name unknown), who married Thomas Peabody Grosvenor, of New York. PRIVATE CAREER. EDUCATION: educated at the College of Philadelphia; later stud-

ied law. RELIGIOUS AFFILIATION: Protestant. SOCIAL STATUS AND ACTIVITIES: Esq., 1801. OCCUPATIONAL PROFILE: lawyer, admitted to the following courts: Frederick County in March 1773; Provincial Court in April 1773; Charles County by November 1773; Prince George's County in March 1774. Assistant private secretary to Gen. George Washington, 1776; officeholder. He compiled the *Laws of Maryland* (Annapolis, 1787), which included acts passed from November 1763 to 1784; authored numerous political pamphlets, as well as a compilation of the state's testamentary laws, published in Annapolis in 1798. PUBLIC CAREER. LEGISLATIVE SERVICE: Convention, Frederick County, 1st, 1774. OTHER STATE OFFICES: clerk of the Senate, elected 1777, resigned 1778; judge, General Court, 1778–1789; Constitution Ratification Convention, Annapolis, 1788; chancellor and judge, Land Office, 1789–1806; presidential elector, 1789, 1792. LOCAL OFFICES: Committee of Observation, Frederick County, elected 1774 and 1775. STANDS ON PUBLIC/PRIVATE ISSUES: writing under the pseudonym "Aristides," he was an articulate supporter for the ratification of the U.S. Constitution. WEALTH DURING LIFETIME. PERSONAL PROPERTY: assessed value £246.13.4, including 2 slaves and 40 oz. plate, Anne Arundel County, 1783. LAND AT FIRST ELECTION: 364 acres in Frederick County, plus 2 lots in Annapolis. SIGNIFICANT CHANGES IN LAND BETWEEN FIRST ELECTION AND DEATH: patented 64 acres and sold at least 109 acres in Frederick County, and rented 2 lots in Annapolis, 1775–1807. WEALTH AT DEATH. DIED: on January 16, 1806, in Annapolis, of apoplexy. PERSONAL PROPERTY: TEV, at least \$4,838.72 (including 11 slaves, 55 volumes, plus a 97-volume law library); FB, \$3,476.26. LAND: probably 428 acres in Frederick County, plus part of lots 48 and 49 on Church Street, Annapolis, where he lived.

HANSON, HANS (ca. 1647–1704). BORN: ca. 1647 in Delaware Bay, New Sweden. IMMIGRATED: in 1653 as a minor with his parents. RESIDED: in Kent County; Cecil County, by 1697/98. FAMILY BACKGROUND. FATHER: Andrew Hanson (?–1655). MOTHER: Annick. MARRIED in 1679 Martha, widow of John Wells. She subsequently married William Pott. CHILDREN. SONS: George, who married first, (name unknown), second, Sarah, daughter of *Daniel Pearce* (1677–1727), and third, Jane Hynson; Frederick; William; and Hans. DAUGHTERS: Ann; Mary, who married *St. Leger Codd* (?–1730). PRIVATE CAREER. EDUCATION: literate. RELIGIOUS AFFILIATION: Anglican.