

The proprietary lands confiscated by the Maryland government totaled about 245,000 acres. **WEALTH AT DEATH.** DIED: on December 8, 1835, at "Down Place"; buried in St. Michael's Churchyard, Bray, England. **LAND:** probably a house in London and a country estate near Windsor.

HARRIS, BENTON (ca. 1716–1777). BORN: ca. 1716. RESIDED: in Worcester County, 1743 (probably lived in that part of Somerset County that later became part of Worcester County). **FAMILY BACKGROUND.** FATHER: probably John Harris, of Somerset County. SISTERS: Rebecca, who married (first name unknown) Costin (Caster); (first name unknown), who married (first name unknown) Perkins; (first name unknown), who married (first name unknown) Hayman; (first name unknown), who married (first name unknown) Boughton; (first name unknown), who married (first name unknown) Riggin. MARRIED ca. 1753 Betty, widow of both William Whittington, a possible legislator, and Hampton Hopkins (?–1746); daughter of Robert Martin (?–1725), who immigrated from Scotland in the early-eighteenth century, and wife Mary Downes (?–1774); stepdaughter of *James Martin* (?–ca. 1748). Her brother was Capt. John. Her sister was Mary, who married (first name unknown) Schoolfield. **CHILDREN.** STEPSONS: William Whittington (?–1769), who married Mary King; Samuel Hopkins. **PRIVATE CAREER.** EDUCATION: literate. RELIGIOUS AFFILIATION: Protestant. SOCIAL STATUS AND ACTIVITIES: Gent., 1746. OCCUPATIONAL PROFILE: planter; officeholder. **PUBLIC CAREER.** LEGISLATIVE SERVICE: Lower House, Worcester County, 1757–1758 (Accounts 1), 1758–1761 (Public Offices Cv 3), 1762–1763 (Elections 1, 2; Public Offices 1, 2; Accounts 2), 1765–1766 (Public Offices 2; Grievances 3). LOCAL OFFICES: deputy commissary, Worcester County, 1743–1777; sheriff, Worcester County, 1745–1746; justice, Worcester County, 1762–1777 (quorum, 1769–1777); justice, Court of Oyer and Terminer and Gaol Delivery, Worcester County, commissioned 1770 and 1771; chairman, Committee of Observation, Worcester County, in office 1776; register of wills, Worcester County, appointed 1777. **MILITARY SERVICE:** captain, by 1745. **WEALTH DURING LIFETIME.** LAND AT FIRST ELECTION: 706 acres in Somerset and Worcester counties (probably inherited 151 acres from his father), plus control of 396 additional acres in Worcester County, which he was holding for his stepson, 1756. **SIGNIFICANT CHANGES IN LAND BETWEEN FIRST ELECTION AND DEATH:** by 1774 he no longer controlled the 396 acres belong-

ing to his stepson; he was charged with more than 300 additional acres, 1757–1774; he acquired 307 acres through a patent resurvey in 1776. **WEALTH AT DEATH.** DIED: between April and September 1777; will probated in Worcester County. **PERSONAL PROPERTY:** TEV, at least £5,956.12.10 current money (including 17 slaves). **LAND:** more than 1,369 acres in Somerset and Worcester counties.

HARRIS, EDWARD (ca. 1757–ca. 1837). BORN: ca. 1757 in Queen Anne's County; probably youngest son. NATIVE: at least third generation. RESIDED: in Queen Anne's County; Talbot County, 1783; Queen Anne's County, 1790; Baltimore City, 1804; Queen Anne's County, 1822. **FAMILY BACKGROUND.** FATHER: *Thomas Harris* (?–1760). MOTHER: Elizabeth (?–ca. 1760), daughter of *William Turbutt* (1683/84–1739). STEPFATHER: Richard Keene, of Queen Anne's County. GUARDIAN: *Edward Lloyd* (1711–1770), responsible for the care of Edward until he was twenty-one years old. AUNT: Anna Maria Turbutt, who married *Edward Tilghman* (1713–1786). BROTHERS: William (?–by 1795); Thomas. SISTERS: Elizabeth; Sarah; Margaret; and Mary (ca. 1755–?). MARRIED by 1784 Sarah, daughter of *Pollard Edmondson* (ca. 1718–1794); granddaughter of *John Edmondson* (1692–1743). Her mother was either Mary Dickinson or Rachel Birkhead McManus (by 1740–1818). **CHILDREN.** SONS: Turbutt, who married in 1807 Maria, daughter of *Samuel Earle* (1756–1790), and who was declared incompetent by his father in 1822 because of several blows he had received to his head in 1819; Pollard; and Edward. DAUGHTERS: Maria, who married by 1820 James Sterett; Eliza; Mary; and Sarah. **PRIVATE CAREER.** EDUCATION: literate; his father's will specified that Edward and his brothers be kept in school until they were of a suitable age and had attained sufficient education to be apprenticed to a practitioner of some art or science to which their natural genius inclined them. RELIGIOUS AFFILIATION: Anglican, Chester Church, St. Paul's Parish, Queen Anne's County. SOCIAL STATUS AND ACTIVITIES: Gent., 1791. OCCUPATIONAL PROFILE: physician in 1792, but did not practice before 1797; farmer. **PUBLIC CAREER.** LEGISLATIVE SERVICE: Lower House, Talbot County, 1783, 1784, Queen Anne's County, 1790. LOCAL OFFICES: justice of the peace, Queen Anne's County, in office 1791; associate justice, Second District, Queen Anne's County, appointed 1791. **WEALTH DURING LIFETIME.** PERSONAL PROPERTY: £221.18.4 received as part of his share of his father's estate, ca. 1773; assessed value £402.0.0, including 7 slaves, 1783;