

SOCIAL STATUS AND ACTIVITIES: Esq., 1744. **OCCUPATIONAL PROFILE:** probably a planter. **PUBLIC CAREER. LEGISLATIVE SERVICE:** Lower House, Kent County, 1739–1741. **LOCAL OFFICES:** sheriff, Kent County, 1735–1737, 1741–1743; justice, Kent County, 1738–1748 (quorum, 1740–1748). **WEALTH DURING LIFETIME. LAND AT FIRST ELECTION:** 145 acres in Kent County (a gift from his father), plus 1.5 lots in Chestertown, Kent County. **SIGNIFICANT CHANGES IN LAND BETWEEN FIRST ELECTION AND DEATH:** patented 483 acres in Cecil County in partnership with Daniel Cheston and John Brice. Harris received 890 acres in Cecil County as the eldest son and heir-in-law of his mother, only daughter of *Edward Jones* (?–1697), to whom the land had been entailed. Certificates for this land had been issued to Jones, but no patents were recorded until Harris demanded his rights in 1744. Harris sold at least 765 acres of this land shortly after recovering it, 1744. He inherited 300 acres in Cecil County from his father's estate, which he also sold in 1744. Harris received at least additional 991 acres in Kent County from his father's estate, by 1747. He resurveyed the 145-acre tract he owned at first election into a 554-acre tract in Kent County, 1746. Harris, Brice, and Cheston sold 350 acres of the land they held in partnership in Cecil County, 1747. Harris purchased 474 acres in Kent County, 1747. **WEALTH AT DEATH. DIED:** on June 22, 1748, at his plantation on Fairly Creek, Kent County. **PERSONAL PROPERTY:** TEV, £113.2.11 sterling, £1,537.15.4 current money, plus 52,344 pounds of tobacco (including books and plate); FB, £1,944.14.11 current money. **LAND:** at least 1,844 acres in Cecil and Kent counties; plus 133 acres in Cecil County in partnership with John Brice and Daniel Cheston.

HARRISON, BENJAMIN (ca. 1754–1825). **BORN:** ca. 1754, mentioned as unborn in father's will written in August 1754; second son, youngest child. **NATIVE:** fourth generation. **RESIDED:** in Herring Creek Hundred, West River, Anne Arundel County. **FAMILY BACKGROUND. FATHER:** Richard Harrison (?–1761), of Anne Arundel County, son of Samuel Harrison (1679–1733) and wife Sarah Hall (?–ca. 1741/42). **MOTHER:** Rachel. **BROTHER:** Samuel. **SISTERS:** Sarah; Susannah; Araminta; Rachel; and Margaret. **MARRIED** on February 23, 1775, Sarah (?–by 1803), daughter of Stephen Steward (?–ca. 1790), of Anne Arundel County, a shipbuilder and merchant. Her brother was Stephen, Jr. Her sister was Elizabeth, who married Frederick Skinner, of Calvert County. **CHILDREN:**

John, who married Holland and moved to Washington County by 1805. **DAUGHTERS:** Eleanor, who married in 1803 John Stevenson; Anne, who married in 1809 Thomas Tongue, Jr. **PRIVATE CAREER. EDUCATION:** literate. **RELIGIOUS AFFILIATION:** his father, of Quaker background, specified in his will that his sons should not be educated in the Roman Catholic faith of his wife. **SOCIAL STATUS AND ACTIVITIES:** Esq., 1787. **OCCUPATIONAL PROFILE:** mariner, 1774, possibly master of the ship *Gedder* that imported goods for an Annapolis merchant. Known as “captain” from at least 1776 until at least 1808, although he called himself a planter in 1803. **PUBLIC CAREER. STATE OFFICES:** Executive Council, 1787–1788; Constitution Ratification Convention, Anne Arundel County, 1788. **WEALTH DURING LIFETIME. PERSONAL PROPERTY:** assessed value £1,169.0.0, including 16 slaves and 90 oz. plate, 1783; 31 slaves, 1790; 34 slaves, 1798. In 1792 Harrison was appointed administrator of the estate of his father-in-law to replace his brother-in-law, Stephen Steward, Jr., who had petitioned for relief as an insolvent debtor. The estate of Stephen Steward, Sr., was responsible for the debts of Col. John Steward, as well as his own, and his personal property was insufficient to satisfy all their creditors. Harrison applied for relief as an insolvent debtor in April 1795, appointing a trustee for his real and personal estate. He eventually sold the real property of Stephen Steward, Sr., but he was forced to pay many of the debts himself until the transactions were confirmed. **LAND AT FIRST ELECTION:** probably 501 acres in Anne Arundel County (400 acres were a gift from his uncle, Benjamin Harrison, 1774). **SIGNIFICANT CHANGES IN LAND BETWEEN FIRST ELECTION AND DEATH:** obtained warrants and surveyed ca. 150 acres in Anne Arundel County in 1796, but sold the land before patenting it. Assessed for 538 acres in Anne Arundel County, 1798. Probably purchased 100 acres in Anne Arundel County during the 1790s, but sold 50 acres of that tract in addition to 15 acres of his uncle's gift in the early 1800s. Purchased 124 acres in Anne Arundel County, 1806. Sold the remainder of his uncle's gift in 1812 and 1815. **WEALTH AT DEATH. DIED:** between September 1 and November 10, 1825, in Anne Arundel County. **LAND:** probably 271 acres in Anne Arundel County.

HARRISON, JOSEPH (ca. 1623–1673). **BORN:** ca. 1623, probably in England. **IMMIGRATED:** in 1653 as a free adult. **RESIDED:** in Charles County. **MARRIED** Elizabeth. **CHILDREN. SONS:** Joseph (1659–1710), who married Jane; Francis; Richard