

sons; 602 acres patented). **SIGNIFICANT CHANGES IN LAND BETWEEN FIRST ELECTION AND DEATH:** acquired 434 acres in Kent County between 1736 and 1738; divested himself of 1,352 acres in Kent County between 1736 and 1738, of which 50 acres were sold and the remainder possibly given to his children through an inheritance from *Philip Kennard* (?–1732). **WEALTH AT DEATH. DIED:** between December 12, 1739, and January 13, 1739/40; will probated in Kent County. **PERSONAL PROPERTY:** TEV, £1,519.17.1 (including 23 slaves, 3 servants, 2 old millstones, and plate); FB, £929.15.11. **LAND:** ca. 994 acres in Kent County.

**KENT, JAMES** (ca. 1738–1805). **BORN:** ca. 1738, probably in Queen Anne's County. **NATIVE:** at least second generation. **RESIDED:** in Corsica Hundred, Queen Anne's County. **FAMILY BACKGROUND. FATHER:** William Kent (?–ca. 1777) of Queen Anne's County. **MOTHER OR STEPMOTHER:** Frances (?–1785). **BROTHERS:** Nathan; John; Vachel; William; Jacob Lambert; Emanuel (?–ca. 1818), a merchant of Baltimore City; and Elijah (?–by 1779), who married Ann, daughter of John Kent. **SISTERS:** Lovey, who married (first name unknown) Brown; Elizabeth. **MARRIED** first, (name unknown). **MARRIED** second, ca. 1796, Ann Thomas. She subsequently married in 1810 Nicholas Loveday of Talbot County. **CHILDREN. SONS:** James; Thomas; Robert; and Emanuel. **DAUGHTERS:** Sarah; Frances; and Elizabeth, who married in 1810 Stephen Vansant. **PRIVATE CAREER. EDUCATION:** literate. **RELIGIOUS AFFILIATION:** Anglican, St. Luke's Parish, Queen Anne's County. **SOCIAL STATUS AND ACTIVITIES:** Gent., by 1781. Subscriber to Washington College, 1783. Kent manumitted several slaves in his will. **OCCUPATIONAL PROFILE:** merchant in partnership with *William Hopper* (by 1747–1806), 1774; probably planter. **PUBLIC CAREER. LEGISLATIVE SERVICE:** 9th Convention, Queen Anne's County, 1776 (election voided on August 16, 1776, because the freemen of Queen Anne's County appointed the election judges contrary to the resolves of the 8th Convention; reelected and seated); Lower House, Queen Anne's County, 1777 (Loan Office 1), 1777–1778 (Grievances 2; Loan Office 1), 1780–1781 (resigned on January 9, 1781; reelected and qualified on May 23, 1781; Public Taxes 2), 1781–1782 (Public Taxes 1), 1782–1783 (Grievances 1, 2), 1783, 1794, 1795. **LOCAL OFFICES:** churchwarden, St. Luke's Parish, Queen Anne's County, 1771; St. Luke's Parish Vestry, Queen Anne's County, 1772–1775; justice, Queen Anne's

County, in office 1772–1779, commissioned 1780 (did not qualify); Committee of Correspondence, Queen Anne's County, elected 1774; justice, Orphans' Court, Queen Anne's County, 1777–1778; candidate for sheriff, Queen Anne's County, 1785 (defeated); commissioner to open subscriptions at Centreville, Queen Anne's County, for the sale of stock in a bank to be established in Baltimore, appointed 1795; trustee of the poor, Queen Anne's County, appointed March 1802, resigned April 1802. **MILITARY SERVICE:** captain, Queen Anne's County Militia, by January 1776; commander of a company of militia from Queen Anne's County that marched to Northhampton Courthouse in Virginia to put down an insurrection led by Governor Dunmore, February 1776; colonel, Queen Anne's County Militia, by July 1776; rejected appointment as commander of the continental frigate "Defence," July 1776; resigned military commission in August 1776 following his election as delegate to the 9th Convention. **WEALTH DURING LIFETIME. PERSONAL PROPERTY:** assessed value £828.0.0, including 20 slaves and 20 oz. plate, 1783; 9 slaves, 1790; 11 slaves by 1798. **LAND AT FIRST ELECTION:** 199 acres in Queen Anne's County (all acquired by purchase). **SIGNIFICANT CHANGES IN LAND BETWEEN FIRST ELECTION AND DEATH:** By 1788 Kent had declared insolvency. All his property, including 275 acres in Queen Anne's County, was assigned to trustees for the payment of his debts. By 1802 Kent's debts had been paid and he again owned his Queen Anne's County acreage, as well as a lot in Centreville, Queen Anne's County. **WEALTH AT DEATH. DIED:** in 1805 in Queen Anne's County. **PERSONAL PROPERTY:** TEV, \$2,413.37 (including 11 manumitted slaves, 2 other slaves, and books); FB, estate overpaid \$80.02. **LAND:** 287 acres in Queen Anne's County and one lot with a storehouse in Centreville. **ADDITIONAL COMMENT:** Before Kent married Ann Thomas, he entered into a marriage contract that promised her £1,000.00 after his death. Ann and her second husband sued the estate, and all of Kent's property was sold to honor the contract.

**KERR, DAVID** (1749–1814). **BORN:** in 1749, probably on July 3rd, at Monreith, Galloway, Scotland. **IMMIGRATED:** in 1773 from Falmouth, Virginia, as a free adult. **RESIDED:** in Scotland until 1769; Falmouth, Virginia, 1769–1773; Greenbury Point, Broad Neck Hundred, Anne Arundel County, 1773–1783; Talbot County, 1784 to death (living in Easton by 1792 and in a house on Dover Street, Easton, by 1798). **FAMILY BACK-**