

Elizabeth, who married (first name unknown) Nutter; Sarah. NIECE: Martha Purnell, who married *Outten Sturgis* (?-1796). MARRIED first, Elizabeth Hammond. MARRIED second, Katherine (Catherine) (?-1753), daughter of *John Goddin* (?-1712/13). CHILDREN. SONS: Matthew (?-1761), who married Martha; Benjamin (?-by 1768); *John Purnell* (?-1755); Walton, who married Catherine; Elisha (1706-1767), who married Mary Ann, daughter of William Selby (1683-1762); and Thomas (?-1769) of Wallops Neck, Worcester County, who married Mary Outten (1702-1772), widow of Daniel Selby (?-1721). DAUGHTERS: Elizabeth (?-by 1768); Anne, who married John Fullerton. PRIVATE CAREER. EDUCATION: literate. RELIGIOUS AFFILIATION: Anglican, probably Snow Hill Parish, Somerset County. OCCUPATIONAL PROFILE: planter. PUBLIC CAREER. LEGISLATIVE SERVICE: Lower House, Somerset County, 1712-1714, 1722 (died before the 2nd session of the 1722-1724 Assembly). LOCAL OFFICES: constable, Bogerternorton Hundred, Somerset County, 1695-1696; Snow Hill Parish Vestry, Somerset County, 1713. WEALTH DURING LIFETIME. LAND AT FIRST ELECTION: probably 1,300 acres (inherited from father). WEALTH AT DEATH. DIED: will made November 3, 1722, proved April 2, 1723, in Somerset County. PERSONAL PROPERTY: TEV, at least £1,003.3.5 current money (including 12 slaves, one of whom was an Indian, 1 apprentice, books, gold, cash, plate worth £53.2.5, and 4.274 pounds of tobacco). LAND: at least 4,360 acres in Somerset County.

PURNELL (PURNALL), THOMAS, OF JOHN (?-1796). BORN: of age by 1760. NATIVE: fourth generation. RESIDED: in Synepuxon Hundred, Worcester County. FAMILY BACKGROUND. FATHER: *John Purnell* (?-1755), son of *Thomas Purnell* (?-1723). MOTHER: Elizabeth Rackliffe (?-ca. 1754). BROTHERS: *Zadock Purnell* (?-1805); *William Purnell* (?-1777), a possible legislator; and Capt. John (?-ca. 1761). SISTERS: Elizabeth; Levina; Arralantar (?-1782), who married *Thomas Robins* (ca. 1702-1766); and Zipporah (Zeporah). FIRST COUSINS: *Thomas Purnell, of Thomas* (?-1790); *William Purnell* (1739-1796), a possible legislator. NEPHEWS: *John Purnell Robins* (ca. 1742-1780); *William Purnell* (?-1798). NIECES: Ann Purnell, who married first, *Henry Dennis* (?-1785), and second, *William Polk* (1752-1812); Mary Robins (1743-1808), who married *William Purnell* (1739-1796), a possible legislator. MARRIED by 1768 his first cousin Comfort, daughter of Thomas

Purnell (?-1769), of Wallops Neck, Worcester County, and wife Mary Outten Selby (1702-1772). Comfort was the granddaughter of *Thomas Purnell* (?-1723). She was the niece of *John Purnell* (?-1755). Her brothers were *Thomas Purnell, of Thomas* (?-1790); John (?-1758), who married his first cousin Zipporah (Zeporah), daughter of *John Purnell* (?-1755). Her sisters were Mary, who married Charles Rackliffe; Elizabeth, who married first, (first name unknown) Wright, and second, Jabez Fisher. Her first cousins were *Zadock Purnell* (?-1805); Arralantar Purnell, who married *Thomas Robins* (?-1766). CHILDREN. SONS: Thomas (?-1804), who probably never married; Zadock; and John. DAUGHTERS: Elizabeth; Sarah, who married (first name unknown) Marshall; Zipporah; Esther; and Ann. PRIVATE CAREER. EDUCATION: literate. SOCIAL STATUS AND ACTIVITIES: Esq., by 1788. OCCUPATIONAL PROFILE: planter. PUBLIC CAREER. LEGISLATIVE SERVICE: Lower House, Worcester County, 1777-1778 (Manufactories 1), 1778-1779. LOCAL OFFICES: justice, Worcester County, 1777-1790 (refused to qualify); commissioner of the tax, Worcester County, appointed 1777. MILITARY SERVICE: captain, by 1790. WEALTH DURING LIFETIME. PERSONAL PROPERTY: assessed value £1,375.13.4, including at least 27 slaves and 25 oz. plate, 1783; 31 slaves, 1790. LAND AT FIRST ELECTION: at least 2,363 acres in Worcester County (775 acres inherited from his father; 596 acres through his marriage; 839 acres through personal acquisition). SIGNIFICANT CHANGES IN LAND BETWEEN FIRST ELECTION AND DEATH: purchased at least 580 acres in Worcester County and unknown acreage in Sussex County, Delaware, between 1781 and 1795; patented or resurveyed 1,695 acres in Worcester County between 1785 and 1796; sold 348 acres in Worcester County between 1779 and 1792. WEALTH AT DEATH. DIED: will probated on March 21, 1796, in Worcester County. PERSONAL PROPERTY: TEV, £2,937.11.8 (including 37 slaves, 2 oz. old silver, and books); FB, £2,671.0.4. LAND: at least 4,291 acres in Worcester County and land in Sussex County, Delaware.

PURNELL (PURNALL), THOMAS, OF THOMAS (?-1790). BORN: of age by 1770. NATIVE: fourth generation. RESIDED: in Wallops Neck, Worcester County. FAMILY BACKGROUND. FATHER: Thomas Purnell (?-1769), of Wallops Neck, Worcester County, son of *Thomas Purnell* (?-1723). MOTHER: Mary Outten (1702-1772), widow of Daniel Selby (?-1721). UNCLE: *John Purnell*