

affiliated with the Nottingham Monthly Meeting, Rising Sun, Cecil County. **PERSONAL PROPERTY:** TEV, £800.1.2 (including 8 slaves and books); FB, £53.15.9. **LAND:** at least 840 acres in Cecil County.

**ROZER (ROSIER, ROSER, ROZIER), BENJAMIN** (?–1681). **IMMIGRATED:** ca. 1661, as a free adult, possibly from Virginia. **RESIDED:** in Charles County. **FAMILY BACKGROUND.** **FATHER:** possibly John Rosier of Northampton and Northumberland counties, Virginia, who appeared as an attorney in Maryland, 1647; minister; clerk; Gent., by 1649. **STEPFATHER:** Anthony Bridges. **MOTHER:** possibly Elizabeth, daughter of John Hilliard, who was a former servant of Father Andrew White of St. Mary's County. Elizabeth married second, Anthony Bridges, clerk of Westmoreland County, Virginia. **BROTHER:** possibly John Rozier, Jr., of Westmoreland County, Virginia, of age by the late 1650s. **MARRIED** first, by July 1673, Mary. **MARRIED** second, by 1677, Anne (?–1693), daughter of *Henry Sewall* (?–1665), stepdaughter of *Charles Calvert, 3rd Lord Baltimore* (1637–1714/15). Her brother was *Nicholas Sewall* (ca. 1655–1737). Her sisters were Jane, who married *Philip Calvert* (1626–1682); Elizabeth (?–ca. 1710), who married first, *Jesse Whar-ton* (?–1676), and second, *William Digges* (ca. 1650–1697); and Mary (?–1693/94), who married first, William Chandler (1652–1685), son of *Job Chandler* (?–1659). Anne subsequently married *Edward Pye* (?–1696). **CHILDREN.** **SON:** Notley (1673–1727), who married first, Jane, daughter of *William Digges* (ca. 1650–1697), and second, Elizabeth Whetenhall (?–1733). **DAUGHTERS:** Mary (1675–?); Jane. **PRIVATE CAREER.** **EDUCATION:** literate. **RELIGIOUS AFFILIATION:** Protestant; his second wife was Catholic. **SOCIAL STATUS AND ACTIVITIES:** Mr., on first appearance in records; marriage to Anne Sewall brought appointment to Council; close friend of *Thomas Notley* (1634–1679). **ADDITIONAL COMMENTS:** There is no conclusive evidence of Benjamin's relationship to the Rosiers of Virginia, but the date of his first appearance in Maryland corresponds to the period when John Rosier's children would have been coming of age and the Virginia Roziers had proven ties with Maryland and with the Digges, Brent, and Bennett families of Virginia and Maryland. **OCCUPATIONAL PROFILE:** planter; attorney, admitted to Provincial Court, 1666; factor for William Burton and Samuel Tucker, merchants of Rotterdam, by 1665/66; merchant (traded

with Barbadoes). **PUBLIC CAREER.** **LEGISLATIVE SERVICE:** Upper House, 1678 (appointed by the 2nd session, died before the 3rd session of the 1676–1682 Assembly). **OTHER PROVINCIAL OFFICES:** joint receiver general, 1676–1678/79; Council, 1677–1681; justice, Provincial Court, 1677–1681, Court of Chancery, 1678. **LOCAL OFFICE:** sheriff, Charles County, 1667–1672, 1674–1677. **MILITARY SERVICE:** major, 1677–1678; colonel, 1678–1681. **WEALTH DURING LIFETIME.** **LAND AT FIRST ELECTION:** over 4,000 acres in 1677. **WEALTH AT DEATH.** **DIED:** inventory taken by May 25, 1681, in Charles County. **PERSONAL PROPERTY:** TEV, at least £1,983.16.10 (including 28 servants, 41 slaves, a "parcel of books," and 52 Bibles). **LAND:** ca. 7,950 acres.

**RUMSEY, BENJAMIN** (1734–1808). **BORN:** on October 6, 1734, probably at his father's plantation at the head of the Bohemia River, Cecil County; third of five sons. **NATIVE:** third generation. **RESIDED:** in Cecil County, 1734–ca. 1774; in Harford County, ca. 1774–1808. **FAMILY BACKGROUND.** **FATHER:** *William Rumsey* (1698–1742/43). **STEPFATHER:** Nathaniel Rigbie (1695–?). **MOTHER:** Sabina (Sabrinah) (?–1779), daughter of Benjamin Blaidenburgh and wife Margaret. **BROTHERS:** Charles (1729–1729); *William Rumsey* (1729/30–ca. 1777); *Charles Rumsey* (1736–1780); and *John Rumsey* (ca. 1742–1828). **SISTERS:** Margaret (1732–?); Henrietta. **MARRIED** on March 24, 1768, Mary (1740–?), daughter of *John Hall* (1701–1774) and wife Hannah Matthews Maxwell Johns (1711–1782). Mary was the granddaughter of both *John Hall* (ca. 1658–1737) and *Roger Matthews* (ca. 1685–1740). She was the niece of *John Matthews* (1714–1783). Her brothers were *John Hall, Jr.* (1737–1770); Josiah (1739–1739); Aquila (1742–1743); *Benedict Edward Hall* (ca. 1744–1822); and *Josias Carvil Hall* (1746–1814). Her sister was Martha (1735–?), who married second, *John Rumsey* (ca. 1742–1828). Her first cousins were *Aquila Hall* (1727–1779); Martha Hall, who married *Walter Tolley* (?–1783); Blanche Hall (ca. 1742–1800), who married *John Beale Howard* (by 1739–1799); and Sophia White (?–1780), who married *Aquila Hall* (1727–1779). **CHILDREN.** **SONS:** Benjamin, Jr. (1775–1799); John (1780–1799). **DAUGHTER:** Hannah (1770–?), who married Henry Canor, son of *Charles Rumsey* (1736–1780) and wife Jane Abigail Canor (1746–1827). **PRIVATE CAREER.** **EDUCATION:** literate. **RELIGIOUS AFFILIATION:** Anglican, St. Stephen's Parish, Cecil County, 1734–1761; North Elk Parish, Cecil