

was the granddaughter of **Joseph Belt** (ca. 1680–1761). She was the niece of **Thomas Sprigg** (1715–1781); **Edward Sprigg** (ca. 1721–1790); Mary Belt (1722–?), who married second, **Edward Sprigg** (1697–1751); and Rachel Belt (1711–?), who married **Osborn Sprigg** (ca. 1707–1749/50). Her brothers were Thomas; William; Charles; and Joseph. Her sisters were (first name unknown), who married Robert Whitaker; Mary; and possibly Anne. Her first cousins were **Joseph Sprigg** (1736–1800); **Osborn Sprigg** (ca. 1741–1815). **CHILDREN**. **SONS**: probably included William Osborne Sprigg. **PRIVATE CAREER**. **EDUCATION**: literate. **RELIGIOUS AFFILIATION**: Anglican; pewholder in St. John's Parish church, Washington County. **SOCIAL STATUS AND ACTIVITIES**: Esq., by 1780. **OCCUPATIONAL PROFILE**: farmer, by 1775. **PUBLIC CAREER**. **LEGISLATIVE SERVICE**: Lower House, Washington County, 1780–1781 (Public Taxes 2), 1781–1782, 1782–1783, 1788. **OTHER STATE OFFICES**: Constitution Ratification Convention, Washington County, 1788; Maryland Senate elector, Washington County, 1806. **LOCAL OFFICES**: register of wills, Washington County, 1777–1780 (resigned); justice, Washington County, 1784—at least 1788, 1789, 1791–1793; judge, Orphans' Court, Washington County, 1786–1790; judge, Court of Appeals for Tax Assessments, Washington County, appointed 1786; St. John's Parish Vestry, Washington County, elected 1787, 1788, 1790. **MILITARY SERVICE**: county lieutenant, Washington County, appointed December 1779, served until at least 1781; colonel by January 1781; brigadier general, Second Regiment, Maryland Militia, commissioned 1795. **OUT OF STATE SERVICE**: representative, U.S. Congress, 1793–1795, 1795–1797. **WEALTH DURING LIFETIME**. **PERSONAL PROPERTY**: assessed value £497.0.0, including 13 slaves and 12 oz. plate, 1783; 44 slaves, 1790. **LAND AT FIRST ELECTION**: probably 1,782 acres in Washington County (by purchase). **SIGNIFICANT CHANGES IN LAND BETWEEN FIRST ELECTION AND DEATH**: re-surveyed Washington County lands into one tract, 1785 (patented in 1804 for net loss of 24 acres); purchased a 99-year lease on 1 lot in Georgetown, Montgomery County, in 1787, but sold the lease in 1792; purchased 27 acres adjoining his home plantation in Washington County, 1792; sold 30 acres in Washington County, 1793–1794; purchased 890 acres in Washington County, 1797; sold 3 acres in Washington County, 1809. **WEALTH AT DEATH**. **DIED**: on December 13, 1809, in Washington County; size of personal estate unknown. **LAND**: probably 2,638 acres in Washington County.

**IDENTIFICATION PROBLEMS**. After carefully weighing the available information, this Thomas Sprigg has been identified as the son of **Osborn Sprigg** (ca. 1707–1749/50). It should be noted, however, that there was in Frederick County during the same period another Thomas Sprigg (?–1810), whose father has not been identified. There is a possibility that Thomas Sprigg (?–1810) could have been the son of **Osborn Sprigg** (ca. 1707–1749/50) and that this Thomas's parentage is unknown.

**STAGWELL, THOMAS** (?–by 1666). **IMMIGRATED**: by 1659 as a free adult. **RESIDED**: in Kent County. **FAMILY BACKGROUND**. **BROTHER**: Moses Stagwell, clerk and sheriff of Talbot County, 1661/62–1662, sheriff of Kent County, 1664–1665, 1667. **MARRIED** Ruth (?–1666). **CHILDREN**. **SON**: Thomas. **DAUGHTER**: Mary. **PRIVATE CAREER**. **EDUCATION**: literate. **RELIGIOUS AFFILIATION**: probably Protestant. **SOCIAL STATUS AND ACTIVITIES**: no title on arrival. **OCCUPATIONAL PROFILE**: planter. **PUBLIC CAREER**. **LEGISLATIVE SERVICE**: Lower House, Kent County, 1661. **WEALTH DURING LIFETIME**. **LAND AT FIRST ELECTION**: 300 acres in Kent County. **WEALTH AT DEATH**. **DIED**: by July 27, 1666, probably in Kent County. **PERSONAL PROPERTY**: size of estate unknown. **LAND**: 300 acres in Kent County.

**STAINTON (STANTON, STAYTON, STAUNTON), BENSON** (?–ca.1781). **RESIDED**: in part of Dorchester County that became Caroline County in 1773. **FAMILY BACKGROUND**. In 1781, when Stainton's inventory was made, a Francis Stainton signed as nearest of kin. Elizabeth Stainton, Benson's widow, stated that she knew of no other person in Maryland who was related to Stainton except Francis. **MARRIED** by January 1770 Elizabeth (1735–ca. 1786), widow of John Campbell (?–1766), daughter of **John Goldsborough** (1711–1778) and wife Ann Turbutt (1715–1766). Elizabeth was the stepdaughter of Mary Skinner Lookerman. She was the granddaughter of both **Robert Goldsborough** (1660–1746) and **Foster Turbutt** (1679–1720/21). She was the niece of **Charles Goldsborough** (1707–1767); **William Goldsborough** (1709–1760); **William Turbutt** (1683/84–1739); Sarah Turbutt, who married **Nicholas Goldsborough** (ca. 1689–1766); and Elizabeth Turbutt (1708–?), who married **Tench Francis** (1701–1758). Her brothers were William (1759–1794); Greensbury (1742–1829); Charles (1744–1774); John (1740–1803); and Robert (ca. 1736–1770). Her sisters were Henrietta Maria; Mary (1755–1796),