

unclear, but definitely allied with the Protestant Associators by the late spring of 1690; closely associated with *Lionel Copley* (1648–1693). **WEALTH DURING LIFETIME.** LAND AT FIRST ELECTION: ca. 1,400 acres in Anne Arundel County (741 acres of which was held for his stepchildren). **WEALTH AT DEATH.** DIED: buried on April 7, 1708, in St. James' Parish, Anne Arundel County. **PERSONAL PROPERTY:** TEV, £567.0.3 and 3,600 pounds of tobacco (including 1 servant, 6 slaves, and 81 oz. plate); FB, £43.5.7. LAND: 1,500 acres in Anne Arundel County.

**THEAKSTON (THACKSTONE, THEAKSTONE, THAXTON), THOMAS (?–1698).** IMMIGRATED: by 1675, probably as a free adult. RESIDED: in Kent County; Cecil County by 1692. **CHILDREN.** SON: Thomas, who married Mary. DAUGHTER: Elizabeth, who married Thomas Rasin. **PRIVATE CAREER.** EDUCATION: literate. RELIGIOUS AFFILIATION: Protestant. SOCIAL STATUS AND ACTIVITIES: son held no known office. OCCUPATIONAL PROFILE: planter. **PUBLIC CAREER.** LEGISLATIVE SERVICE: Lower House, Cecil County, 1692–1693 (elected to the 1st session of the 1692–1693 Assembly to fill vacancy). LOCAL OFFICES: justice, Cecil County, 1694–1697; coroner, Cecil County, 1694. STANDS ON PUBLIC/PRIVATE ISSUES: probably opposed Revolution of Protestant Associators, 1689. **WEALTH DURING LIFETIME.** LAND AT FIRST ELECTION: at least 1,750 acres in 1690; 1,150 acres in 1692. **WEALTH AT DEATH.** DIED: inventory taken August 12, 1698, in Cecil County. **PERSONAL PROPERTY:** TEV, £373.16.0 (including 2 servants, 3 slaves, and 4 books); FB, £239.4.6. LAND: ca. 1,150 acres.

**THOMAS, CHRISTOPHER (?–?).** IMMIGRATED: mid-1630s probably as an indentured servant. RESIDED: Kent Isle. **PRIVATE CAREER.** RELIGIOUS AFFILIATION: probably Protestant. SOCIAL STATUS AND ACTIVITIES: probably arrived as servant to Thomas Butler; free by 1637/38; disappeared from records after 1638/39. OCCUPATIONAL PROFILE: probably indentured servant; planter, 1638/39. **PUBLIC CAREER.** LEGISLATIVE SERVICE: Assembly, present 1637/38, Kent Isle, 1638/39.

**THOMAS, EVAN (1738/39–1826).** BORN: on January 21, 1738/39, probably in Prince George's (later Frederick) County; youngest son. NATIVE: fourth generation. RESIDED: "Mt. Radnor," Montgomery County; moved to Baltimore City

between 1807 and 1811, where all of his children resided. **FAMILY BACKGROUND.** FATHER: Samuel Thomas (ca. 1702–1780), a Quaker elder, son of Samuel Thomas (ca. 1655–by 1743) and wife Mary Frances Hutchins. MOTHER: Mary (1710–1753), daughter of Richard Snowden and wife Elizabeth Coale. HALF AUNT: Margaret Snowden, who married *John Contee* (1722–ca. 1796). BROTHERS: Samuel (1733–by 1780); Philip (1735–1754). SISTERS: Mary (1731–by 1780), who married Samuel Thomas; Elizabeth (1736/37–by 1780). FIRST COUSIN: *Richard Thomas* (ca. 1728–1806). MARRIED on December 26, 1766, at Indian Spring Quaker meeting house, Rachel (?–1825), daughter of Gerard Hopkins and wife Mary Hall. **CHILDREN.** SONS: twins Philip and Samuel (1774–both in 1775); Philip Evan (1776–1861), who resided in Baltimore City and married on April 20, 1801, Elizabeth, daughter of Robert George; and Evan, Jr. (1781–?), who never married. **ADDITIONAL COMMENT:** sons Philip and Evan were instrumental in the creation of the Baltimore & Ohio Railroad, the first commercial railroad in America. Philip was its first president. **DAUGHTERS:** Mary (1768–?), who married in 1786 Elias Ellicott; Ann (1771–?), who married in 1790 Thomas Poultney; Elizabeth (1779–by 1825), who married Isaac Tyson; and Margaret (1783–1783). **ADDITIONAL COMMENT:** The Poultney, Ellicott, George, and Hopkins families, into which Thomas and his sons and daughters married, were prominent in the leading commercial, banking, and manufacturing firms of Baltimore City, 1825–1830. **PRIVATE CAREER.** EDUCATION: literate. RELIGIOUS AFFILIATION: Quaker, an elder; clerk of the Baltimore Yearly Meeting, at least 1795; member of the Indian Committee of Baltimore Yearly Meeting, 1796 until death. SOCIAL STATUS AND ACTIVITIES: Gent., by 1770. OCCUPATIONAL PROFILE: called a farmer and planter interchangeably. **PUBLIC CAREER.** LEGISLATIVE SERVICE: Conventions, Frederick County, 1st, 1774, 2nd, 1774. Thomas believed that the actions of the first Convention were consistent with Quaker principles and he supported them. Eventually, however, he concluded that the actions of the Convention might lead to war, and although he returned as a delegate his length of service is questionable. LOCAL OFFICE: Committee of Correspondence, Lower District of Frederick County, elected 1774. STANDS ON PUBLIC/PRIVATE ISSUES: suffered financial hardship during the Revolution for refusing to take the oath of fidelity and for declining to pay taxes levied for the support of the war. He sup-