

(quorum). STANDS ON PUBLIC/PRIVATE ISSUES: Governor *Horatio Sharpe* (1718–1790) described Thomas in 1755 as a councillor “not averse to writing to Lower House” in contrast to other councillors who, although holding lucrative public offices, “scarcely . . . have ever taken upon themselves to pen a common message.” WEALTH DURING LIFETIME. LAND AT FIRST ELECTION: probably 1,695 acres in Anne Arundel, Cecil, and Calvert counties (probably 500 acres in Calvert County acquired through marriage to Anne Chew and his 355-acre home plantation in Anne Arundel County acquired as his share of his father’s estate; Thomas was probably living on the land prior to his father’s death). SIGNIFICANT CHANGES IN LAND BETWEEN FIRST ELECTION AND DEATH: purchased 1,707 acres in Baltimore County from his father-in-law’s estate in 1752, but sold it to his sister-in-law Henrietta Maria Chew Dulany in 1758. Acquired 20 acres in Anne Arundel County by the time of his death. WEALTH AT DEATH. DIED: on November 23, 1762, at “Lebanon,” West River, Anne Arundel County, after a long illness that had prevented him from attending meetings in Annapolis since at least 1760. PERSONAL PROPERTY: TEV, £408.14.3 sterling, £4,467.18.9 current money (including 80 slaves, more than 716 oz. plate); FB, £408.14.3 sterling, £4,362.19.8 Maryland currency prior to distribution to heirs. LAND: 1,715 acres in Anne Arundel, Cecil, and Calvert counties.

THOMAS, PHILIP (1747–1815). BORN: on June 11, 1747, near Chestertown, Kent County; only surviving son. NATIVE: at least third generation. RESIDED: moved to Frederick Town, Frederick County, in August 1769 to the lot now known as 110 West Patrick Street; Thomas’s country estate in Frederick County was known as “Mount Philip.” FAMILY BACKGROUND. FATHER: James Thomas (?–1761) of Kent County, son of James Thomas, who married second, (first name unknown) Hackett. MOTHER: Elizabeth Bellicum of Kent County. SISTERS: Sarah; Rebecca. MARRIED on February 18, 1773, Jane Contee (1747–1781), daughter of *John Hanson, Jr.* (1721–1783) and wife Jane Contee (1728–1812). Jane was the granddaughter of both *Samuel Hanson* (ca. 1685–1740) and *Alexander Contee* (ca. 1691–1740). She was the niece of *Walter Hanson* (1711/12–1794); *Samuel Hanson* (1716–1794); *John Contee* (1722–ca. 1796); *Thomas Contee* (ca. 1729–1811); and Charity Hanson (1724–?), who married second, *Arthur Lee* (?–1760). She was the great niece of *Robert Hanson*

(ca. 1680–1748). Her brothers were *Alexander Contee Hanson* (1749–1806); John (1753–1760); Samuel (1756–1781); and Peter Contee (1758–1776). Her sisters were Catherine Contee (1744–?); Elizabeth (1751–1753); and Grace (1762–1763). Her first cousin was *Samuel Hanson, of Samuel* (ca. 1752–1830). OTHER KINSHIP: Jane was the great-granddaughter of both *Walter Storey* (ca. 1666–1726) and *Thomas Brooke* (ca. 1659–1730/31). CHILDREN. SONS: James; John Hanson (1779–1815), who served in the Lower House, 1808–1809, 1809, and who married on October 5, 1809, Mary Isham, daughter of Rawleigh Colston of Berkley County, Virginia, niece of Chief Justice John Marshall. DAUGHTERS: Catherine Hanson (1755–?), who married Dr. Ashton Alexander; Rebecca Bellicum (1777–?), who married Alexander Contee Magruder. PRIVATE CAREER. EDUCATION: studied medicine and attended professional lectures under Dr. Vandyke in Philadelphia; worked in a Philadelphia hospital and a “bettering” house (reformatory); attended a series of lectures on natural and experimental psychology. RELIGIOUS AFFILIATION: Anglican, All Saints’ Parish, Frederick County. SOCIAL STATUS AND ACTIVITIES: Gent., by 1771; Esq., by 1781. OCCUPATIONAL PROFILE: physician. Thomas moved to Frederick Town in August 1769 to begin his practice of medicine. He was the first physician “of record” in Frederick County, and held the title of medical purveyor from 1781 to 1783. He was one of the founders and the first president of the Medical and Chirurgical Faculty of Maryland, holding this office from 1801 to 1815 (longer than any succeeding president is said to have done). PUBLIC CAREER. LEGISLATIVE SERVICE: Conventions, Frederick County, 1st, 1774, 4th, 1775; Lower House, Frederick County, 1777 (Grievances 2), 1777–1778. OTHER STATE OFFICE: presidential elector, 1788. LOCAL OFFICES: Committee of Correspondence, Frederick County, elected 1775; Committee of Observation, Frederick County, elected 1775; justice, Frederick County, 1778—at least 1780; justice, Orphans’ Court, Frederick County, 1778–1781; justice, Court of Oyer, Terminer, and Gaol Delivery, Frederick County, special commission June 21, 1781; county lieutenant, Frederick County, appointed February 20, 1781; Maryland Senate elector, Frederick County, 1796; All Saints’ Parish Vestry, Frederick County, 1804–1807, reelected 1812. MILITARY SERVICE: captain, Third Battalion of Militia, Frederick County, November 28, 1775; recommended for a commission as captain in a