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EDEN, ROBERT (1741-1784)

1 BORN, ⁱⁿ September 14, 1741, ⁱⁿ England; ^{second} ~~2nd~~ son.

IMMIGRATED: ⁱⁿ June 5, 1769 as Governor. RESIDED: ⁱⁿ Annapolis, ^{from} ~~from~~ 1769 to May 28, 1774; England; Annapolis, ^{from} November 8, 1774

to June 24, 1776; England; Annapolis, ^{from the} Summer 1783 to death
2 FATHER: Sir Robert Eden (ca 1712-1755), ^{3rd Baronet of West of Auckland} ~~member of the~~

~~Parliament~~. MOTHER: Mary (? - 1794), daughter of ^{England} ~~and~~ William Dawson, Esq., of Beamish, County Durham ^{County}

BROTHERS: ~~including~~ John (1740-1812), ^{4th} ~~Baronet~~ ^{of West of Auckland}
^{M.P., Durham County, England} ~~Member of Parliament~~, 1774, 1790, ^{who} married first, Catherine

^(?-1766) Thomson, and ^{second} Dorothea Johnson; William (1744-1814),
1st Baron Auckland, 1789, Lord Auckland of West Auckland, 1793,
barrister-at-law, M.P. ^{for} Woodstock 1774, 1784, M.P. for Heytesbury
^{from 1784, 1793, M.P. for Duncannon, Ireland 1781, 1783, peace commissioner to America, 1778,}
who married Eleana Elliot (?-1818); Thomas (?-1805) ship captain in the

tobacco trade between Maryland and England, founder
^{the} of mercantile firm ^{of} T. Eden & Co, who married Mariana Jones;
Morton (1752-1830) ^{of} ^{Richardstock} ^{who}

1st Baron Henley, ^{who} married Elizabeth ^{Henley} ^(?-1821) daughter of the

Earl of Northampton. SISTERS: ^{three} ~~including~~ Catherine,
^{in 1770} ~~who~~ married ⁽¹⁷⁵⁰⁻¹⁸⁰⁵⁾ John Moore, Archbishop of Canterbury.

3rd April 26, 1765, Caroline, daughter of CHARLES CALVERT,
^{5th Lord Baltimore} ^{wife} (1699-1751) and ^{niece of} Mary Janssen; ^{Janssen} ^{who} Aunt's Barbara, married

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THOMAS BLADEN (1698-1780) ^{Her} ^{was} BROTHER, FREDERICK

CALVERT ^{6TH LORD BALTIMORE} ^{Her} ^{was} HALF BROTHER, BENEDICT

CALVERT (ca. 1734-1788) ^{Her} ^{was} ^{the} ^{was} SISTER, Louisa, NEPHEW, HARFORD (ca. 1759-1834), HENRY

4 SONS: Frederick Morton (1766-1808) ^{2nd} ^{Baronet of Maryland,} ^{author,} ^{in 1792}

economist, married Ann, daughter of James Paul Smith, of London; ^{England}

William Thomas (1768-1851), Major General.

DAUGHTER: Catherine (1770-1835).

5 EDUCATION: received a classical education; a contemporary of Eden's said of him "Few equalled him in letter writing." RELIGIOUS AFFILIATION:

Anglican. SOCIAL STATUS AND ACTIVITIES: Esq., 1771;

created 1st Baronet ^(of Maryland) in 1776; ^{in 1776} leader of Annapolis society, distinguished organizer; supported theatre in Annapolis; honorary member of Honorey Club; owned stable of race horses.

ADDITIONAL COMMENTS: Will of FREDERICK CALVERT

(1731/32-1771) named Eden as one of four executors

to administer ^{the} province of Maryland until HENRY

HARFORD, came of age. Although the proprietorship of HENRY ^(ca. 1759-1834) effectively ended by the American victory in the War for Independence,

HARFORD ^(ca. 1759-1834) was a dispute until 1786, Eden returned to

Maryland with Harford in 1783 to help him obtain ^{some} compensation for property that had been confiscated by the state.

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6 OCCUPATIONAL PROFILE office-holder.

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17 PERSONAL PROPERTY: 8 slaves ^{were} confiscated in 1781 as ^{Eden's} property of Eden, but ^{it was} later found ^{that they} to have been conveyed to a creditor for payment of a debt.

Granted £100 per year by ^{his} father-in-law from the time of ^{his} marriage until ^{his} appointment as Governor.

Given £800 current money by ^{the} General Assembly, 1769.

Income estimated at £3,000 - 4,000 per year.

£17,500 ^{was} awarded ^{to} Eden and ^{his} wife in ^a settlement of litigation over ^{the} proprietorship, 1781. After his

return to England in 1776, Eden's personal property in ^{Maryland} ~~the~~ was confiscated, but ^{by 1791} his creditors ^{had} made

claims of £3,132.24 current money against the estate. All except ^{the} £834.82 in debts incurred

after ¹⁷⁷⁶ "Independence" were allowed.

8 OTHER PROVINCIAL OFFICES: governor, 1768-1776 (commissioned 1768, arrived in Maryland in 1769, left province for England in May 1774, resumed government in November 1774, sailed for England in 1776); surveyor general of the Western Shore, 1771-1776; commissioner for the sale of manors and reserved lands, commissioned 1771. MILITARY SERVICE: in Maryland was commander in chief of all provincial forces; in England: lieutenant fireworker in Royal Regiment of Artillery, 1757; ensign, ^ Coldstream Guards, 1758; active duty in Germany with The Coldstream Guards, 1760; lieutenant and captain in Coldstream Guards, 1762; applied for lieutenant colonel's brevet, but was denied, 1770.

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LAND AS FIRST ^{none} Election. Probably ^{none} more in Maryland, except ca. 388 acres in ^{Anne Arundel} County. Given ^{to his} wife by her father before 1771.
SIGNIFICANT CHANGES IN LAND BETWEEN FIRST

Election AND DEATH: Eden purchased the "Capitol Mansion House" and grounds previously tenanted by Gov. Horatio Sharpe in 1769, & however he mortgaged it immediately for the entire £1,000 purchase price. The mortgage was released by 1775. One of

Eden's largest creditors, WILLIAM FITZGERALD (ca. 1722-1798) ^{land in} ^{County} apparently took the ca. 388 acres of Anne Arundel land in in payment for of Eden's debts. Eden also owned one lot in ^{Prince Georges} ^{County,} Carrollsburgh, which was confiscated in 1781.

12 DIED: on September 2, 1784, in Annapolis, of dropsy.

Buried at old St. Margarets Parish, Anne Arundel County; body later removed to St. Anne's Churchyard, Annapolis.

PERSONAL PROPERTY: Estate appraised by the General Assembly at £2,745.15.0 ^{current money;} £356.5.10 remained after payments to ^{his} creditors by 1794, with a claim of an additional £559.13.2 outstanding as of that date.

LAND: NONE. ADDITIONAL COMMENTS: Inherent death was

INCOME AT DEATH at least \$800 ^{from a} pension allowed him by the British Government. STOP

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