

NAME: 1528 HANSON, ALEXANDER CONTEE

FR

1749-1806

Data Sheet: 4-77

Element 7: 7-4-77

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For Use When Correction To Data Sheet Is Required

LEGISLATOR (B-D) Hanson, Alexander Contee COUNTY FR ID# 1528

ADDITION / CORRECTION (Circle one)

Element # 8 (Specify change; underline additional information or corrected material.)

Change member other State Offices Constitution Ratification Convention, 1788

to

Constitution Ratification Convention, Annapolis, 1788.

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FILES AFFECTED: (Xerox one copy of this form for each file and circle name.)

Legislator (B-D)	County	ID#	Element # Affected	Relationship

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01528: HANSON, ALEXANDER CONTEE (1749-1806).

ON \_\_\_\_\_ IN \_\_\_\_\_ COUNTY

1 BORN: <sup>1</sup> October 24, 1749, <sup>1</sup> Frederick; eldest of four sons.

NATIVE: probably fourth generation.

IN \_\_\_\_\_ COUNTY

RESIDED: <sup>1</sup> Frederick; Church Street, Annapolis, Ca. 1778...  
until death.

2 FATHER: JOHN HANSON, JR. (1721-1783).

MOTHER: Jane Contee (1728-1812), daughter of ALEXANDER  
CONTEE (ca. <sup>1</sup>1691-1740).

BROTHERS: John (1753-1760); Samuel (1756-  
1781); ~~Surgeon General Westinghouse's Staff~~

and Peter Contee (1758-1776), ~~lost at Fort Mifflin~~  
~~during Revolution, original member of Society~~  
~~of Americanis~~

SISTERS: Catherine Contee (1744-?), ~~Francis Philip~~  
~~departs~~ <sup>who</sup> Jane Contee (1747-1781) <sup>married</sup>  
DR. PHILIP THOMAS (1747-1815);

Elizabeth (1751-1753); <sup>and</sup> Grace (1762-1763) <sup>o</sup>

<sup>6W</sup>  
3 <sup>1</sup> June 4, 1778, Rebecca Howard (1758-1806).

4 SONS: Charles Wallace, associate judge, Sixth Judicial

District; Alexander Luster, Jr. (1786-1819), <sup>of</sup> ~~Montgomery~~

<sup>county</sup> Rockville, Montgomery; lawyer, established and  
elected to lower  
edited the Federal Republican, ~~Montgomery~~

unsuccessful candidate for House/Dane, 1816, elected as Federalist to 13th

and 14th Congress, 1813-1816, elected <sup>to</sup> U.S. Senate, 1816-

1819, married <sup>on</sup> June 25, 1805, Priscilla Dancy.

DAUGHTERS: <sup>(first name unknown)</sup> <sup>who</sup> married James Peabody Brownson,  
of New York.

5 EDUCATION: ~~Intestate~~, educated at College of Philadelphia;  
later studied LAW.

RELIGIOUS AFFILIATION: Protestant, SOCIAL STATUS AND

ACTIVITIES: Esq., 1801.

6. OCCUPATIONAL PROFILE: lawyer, admitted to the following courts; Provincial Court, April 1773; Charles County by November 1773; Frederick County, March 1773; Prince George's County, March 1774; assistant private secretary to Gen. George Washington, 1776; chancellor, 1789-1806. He compiled the \*Laws of Maryland\* (Annapolis, 1787), which included acts passed from November 1763 to 1784; authored numerous political pamphlets, as well as a compilation of the <sup>state's</sup> testamentary laws, <sup>published</sup> in 1798; officeholder.

7. LEGISLATIVE SERVICE: Conventions, Frederick County, 1st, 1774.

8. OTHER STATE OFFICES: clerk, Senate, elected 1777, resigned 1778; judge, General Court, 1778-1789; Constitution Ratification Convention, Annapolis, 1788; Chancellor and judge, Land Office, 1789-1806; presidential elector, 1789, 1792. LOCAL OFFICES: Committee of Observation, Frederick County, elected 1774 and 1775.

~~9. OUT OF STATE SERVICE: delegate, Continental Congress, 1774-1777; associate justice, U.S. Supreme Court, 1791-1793.~~

10. STANDS ON PUBLIC/PRIVATE ISSUES: Writing under the pseudonym "Aristides," he was an articulate supporter for ratification of the U.S. Constitution.

11. PERSONAL PROPERTY:

Assessed value \$246.13.4

including 2 slaves, <sup>and</sup> 40 oz. plate, 1783.

LAND AT FIRST ELECTION: 364 acres <sup>in Frederick County</sup>, plus 2 lots in Annapolis.

SIGNIFICANT CHANGES BETWEEN FIRST ELECTION AND DEATH:

patented 64 acres, sold at least 109 acres, and

rented two lots in Annapolis; 1775-1807.

<sup>on</sup> 18 DIED: January 16, 1806, in Annapolis, of apoplexy.

PERSONAL PROPERTY: TEV, at least \$4,838.72

> (including 11 slaves,

55 volumes of <sup>plus a 97-volume law library, FB,</sup> and  
\$3,476.26.

LAND: probably 488 acres, plus lots 48, 49

<sup>Annapolis,</sup>  
on Church Street ~~that he occupied~~ where he lived.

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4. What about including county Alex Jr represented or are we anticipating Vol III too much. <sup>summary sheet enclosed - he was unsuccessful candidate</sup>

3. ALEXANDER CONTEE - you had his dates as 1691-1722 - better check your summary sheets. <sub>insert</sub>

Sarah Jane - ~~has~~ still delete, it was error.

9. could you verify if this is the way card is expressing congressional service, she did not submit a green sheet.

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4. on Alex Contee Jr's marriage - I did not precede it by who - just too awkward you may want to do a rewrite here

1528

Hanson, Alexander Contee

7 Legislative Service

Conventions, Frederick, 1st, 1774.

8 Other State Offices: judge, General Court, 1778-1787;  
member, Constitution Ratification Convention, 1788, for  
Annapolis; Chancellor, 1789-1806, presidential  
elector, 1789, 1792. Local Office: president,  
St John's College, 1795.

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1528 Hanson, Alexander Contee

8 Other State Offices:

✓  
clerk, ~~Maryland~~ Senate, elected 1777, resigned, 1778;  
judge, ~~of the~~ General Court, 1778 - 1789;

member, Constitution Ratification

Convention, 1788; for Annapolis,

cap  
chancellor and judge <sup>of the</sup> ~~of the~~ land office,

1789 - 1806;

and  
presidential elector, served 1789, 1792.

Local Offices:

president, St John's College, in office

1795.

member - member, Committee of Observation,

Frederick, elected 1774 and 1775.

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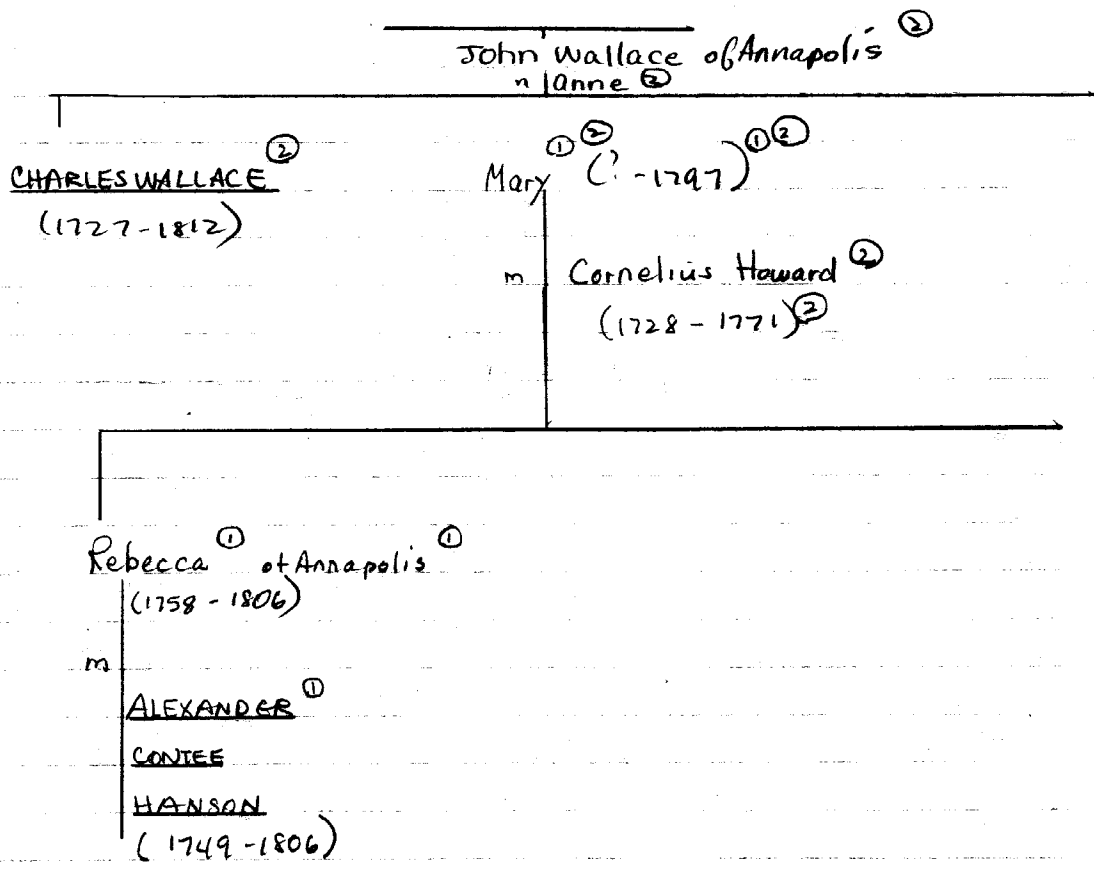
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- ① LHP ALEX CONTEE HANSON (1749-1806)
- ② LHP CHARLES WALLACE (1727-1812)

Stage I

Alexander C. Hanson

Probate this file  
Inv. AA Box 74:18 (1806)  
Act. AA Box 96:58 (1810)

Probate Index

Scharf, History of Western Md.

Barnes, Marriages & Deaths

Burnhaugh, Maryland Records I & II

Patent Index

Stage II

Alex. C. Hanson  
(1749-1806)

1774-1776 (1)

<sup>no</sup> Ann. A. General Index to Wills

✓ CR. Wills <sup>A.A.</sup> FR. X no

✓ deels FR, AA

✓ prev. et. deels

X deels book nothing

✓ Chancery papers

✓ Chancery records

nothing. Census 1776, 1790 X nothing

~~1798 FR. Assessments nothing listed~~

✓ 1783 A.A. Assessment for A.A.

✓ 1798 tax list contd

X private deels nothing

✓ father's will CH.

CR. NEH for Rebecca Hanson

✓ CR. of info. re wife's family - ANN. -

✓ CR. Scharf, William, Origins

<sup>no book</sup>

✓ AA Index Administration Deets WIC 198-199

✓ CR. AA. Meeting<sup>to</sup> Charles County Meeting

✓ CR. Et's book

✓ CR. Census

NEED TO DO -

Land Records

Chancery

Alexander C. Hanson  
FR. V 1774-1776

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census 1776

NOTHING LISTED

Oaths of Fidelity

NOTHING LISTED

Why?

census 1790 NOTHING LISTED

TEV Worksheet

- in dollars and cents -

Feb. 1806

Inventory total value \$3,477.37 1/2

Additional - 1808 + 1,991.34 1/2

4,838.72

Final Account 1810

total = \$ 4,838.72

debit = - 1,361.46 1/4

bal. = \$ 3,476.85 3/4



Alex. Contee Hanson

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Inventory - 1806 - A.A. Testamentary Papers  
Box 74 folder 18

Alexander Contee Hanson, late of Anne Arundell Co.

appraisers - John Shaw  
Nicholas Brewer

Feb. 5, 1806

taken in dollars & cents

	Slaves -	11	Total value	\$ 1341.00
97 Vol.	Law Library -	many volumes, stored -		120.00
55 Vol	Books -	" "	" "	45.00

Total value of Inventory \$ 3047.37 1/2

Administrator - Charles W. Hanson

Final Account - 1870 - A. A. Testamentary Papers  
Box 96 Folder 58

Account of Cha. W. Hanson, administrator of the estate  
of A. C. Hanson

June 1808

Sales of part of the property contained in inventory -  
\$ 1806.00

Items of cash (itemized)	not included in inv.	<u>1791.34 1/2</u>
Total cash & sales		3597.34 1/2

(note about administrator's brother - A.C. Hanson)

Debits & charges -	\$ 1344.53 1/4
	+ 17.93
	<u>1362.46 1/4</u>

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re: folder of legislator  
050

~~John Hanson~~  
Alex. C. Hanson  
FR

Wills, Frederick Co., 1784, Box 10, folder 15

"John Hanson of Frederick Town"

Written - Sept. 20, 1781  
Proven - April 13, 1784

to son Alexander Cortee Hanson - slaves:  
women + 4 children  
2 men  
personalty

(4)

lots remaining unsold of ones purchased of  
Benjamin Oulany Esq. adjoining Frederick  
Town to be sold -  $\frac{1}{3}$  of proceeds to  
Richard Potts -  $\frac{1}{3}$  to Dr. Philip Thomas  
 $\frac{1}{3}$  to wife + son Alexander.

to grand daughter Catherine Thomas - negro boy  
" " " Rebecca Thomas - " girl  
" " son John Hanson Thomas - 2 negro boys  
+ 20 current

to wife - Jane Hanson - lots + houses in  
Frederick purchased of Capt. Adam  
Keen during life, then to  
son Alexander.

to "much esteemed son-in-law - Dr. Philip Thomas  
mourning ring

wife - executrix

→ Estate may not be appraised

→ signed - John Hanson Jr.

Witness - John Nelson  
Jeffrey Mazynder  
Richard Battler

re: Prob. Mchugyufe 050

A.C. Hanson

Probate 1797 →

A.A. Administration Bonds Oct. 1797  
Box 37:15

Wm. Carter Hanson Administrator of estate Mrs. Mary Howard.

## Parbate Index -

1819 A.A. Jest. Papers Box 145, Folder 46 (Investment)

1810 AA Accounts J. G. No. 6 : 172

✓ 1810 AA Jest Papers Box 96 Folder 58 (Final Account)

1819 AA Jest Papers Box 149, Folder 58 (Petition)

✓ 1806 Feb<sup>5</sup> AA Jest Papers Box 73 Folder 11 (Admin. Bond)  
 Admin - Charles Wallace Hanson  
 Sureties - Burton Whetcroft, Alexander Cortez Magunder  
 ± 3000 current

+ 1806 AA Jest Papers Box 74 Folder 18 (Investment)

\$30.47 inv.

1791.34 Assets in list not included in inv.

total rev =

\$4838.34 1/2

Inventory Records

B 128:319	1784	Judge General Court
29:1	1794	Chrymster
14:129,64	1784/86	Associate Judge of General Court
15:87	1787	
105:174		Esquire Judge
59:275		Judge Alexander
106:1	1813	Adm. Court

Ca. said done & do

Manuscript Papers

Ms. 90:254

estate of Alexander C - 7929 not rec.

Ms. 100:464

" 75:402

" 77:510

2382 not rec.

Ms. 91:301

" 91:411

" 85:180

" 77:510

" 76:14

" 100:464

*At risk de xdo*

7929 - date 1823. Must be seen -



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Hanson, Alexander Contee  
Fr.

Chancery Y. 63 F. 466

Oct. 17, 1797

Honorable Alexander Contee Hanson, Chancellor

f. 474

Esquire - Oct. 3, 1801

SOURCE: P. 2 Quincy's Market

1983 Exp List

080

NAME: Quincy's Market

	REFERENCE
	NO. ACRES
	VALUE
	MALES + FEMALES UNDER AGE 8
	VALUE
	MALES + FEMALES 8-14
	VALUE
1	MALES 14-45
76	VALUE
	FEMALES 14-36
	VALUE
1	MALES ABOVE 45 FEMALES ABOVE 36
410	VALUE
40	OUNCES
16. 134	VALUE
2	HORSES
	CATTLE
40	VALUE
80	VALUE OF OTHER PROPERTY
246.13.9	TOTAL AMOUNT
3.19	ASSESSMENT
	DITTO IN SPECIE
4	NO. WHITE INHABITANTS

SLAVES

PLATE

Feet

1798 Fed Tax Cards

folio 5

Hanson = Tenant

Wm Campbell = owner

Stone house 2 story 45 x 36

w/ brick add. 36 x 2

Stable &amp; wash house 24 x 20

Near church circle

valued \$2200 assess

1 acre

080

Alexander Austin Hanson  
(1749-1806)

1798 Government FR

nothing later

Hanson - Alex Contee

080

1798 Tax list notebook Alex Contee Hanson

↓  
Randolph B. Latimore

rented 1 house brick 20x20 w/wing  
20x16 2 story on  
church street

unoccupied 2 story brick 40x30 w/  
1 " kitchen on ch street

Sam. H. Howard  
rents 2 story brick 54x20  
2 " " kitchen 24x18  
on church st.

1775

19a. Red Bud FR BC+GS# 50:228  
Patented To Arthur Nelson BC+GS# 52:20

1775

30a. Discovery FR BC+GS# 50:180  
BC+GS# 49:234



# Premier Trust Deeds

DD # 5: 237-240, 341-344

XDD # 6: 418, 599

X TBHM 1: 36-520 Justice

Jb # 1: 11, 41, 42, 248, 330, 321-326, 329, 333, 335 etc.

~~DD # 5 → 438, 521, 522, 520, 531, 532, 523, 651, 652 (date)~~

DD # 5: 237 April 30, 1971 (trustee)

litigate

James Kyrle, CH 1st part

for 50. Purch to Garfield

Thomas Garfield SM not part

"Bank Book" 1/00 a.

ACH of California 3rd part

DD # 5: 340 March 20, 1972 trustee - banking trust

James + Elizabeth Walling

James Johnson (all of California)

ACH

for 50. purchased

ac. half in California Power and Fuel Co's lot

Also adjoining lot Power and Fuel Bank

Jb # 1: see above page #'s All deeds are in behalf of state



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5/17/1  
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Alexander Porter King  
FR V1774-1776 (1)

Fr. Dubl 1748 - 1813

- ✓ W R 1: 239
- ✓ 5: 493
- ✓ 9: 7, 8, 9, 348, 714, 65 NK 354-358
- ✓ 10: 94, 118, 470, 476, 661 "
- ✓ 11: 639 WK 355-356
- ✓ 13: 681 WK 356-357
- ✓ 15: 403, 404, 405, 406, 407, 408, 409, 410, 411, 412, 413, 414, 415, WK 357-358
- ✓ 416, 417 "
- ✓ 16: 232, 233, 190
- ✓ 19: 181, 224, 527, WK 359-360
- ✓ 24: 499, 538 WK 362-363

AA Dubl

- ✓ NH # 7: 91, 115, 597
- ✓ NH # 11: 562
- ✓ NH # 12: 732
- NH # 3: 336 (don't do - from NH)

Fr. Duder

WR1: 739 Dec. 3, 1978 *litrate*  
Alex C. Hanson of Gov. to Peter Kemp FR  
for 280 currency  
"What's Left" 109a. FR

WR5: 493 Jan. 14, 1985  
ACH, Judge of General Court State of M. to Allen Rensberg FR  
for 300 currency  
"Epistle" FR 100a  
wife Rebecca

WK 354-355: 7 Dec. 31, 1989 *Vol. 9*  
Hon. ACH Esq. Acting as Chancellor for the State in sale of  
Gov. Bv. Property.

ch 8, 9. Above and above  
ch 348, 65, 714

WK 354-355 *Vol. 10*  
p. 94, 118, 470, 476, 660 Alex. C. Hanson acting on behalf of State

WK 355-356: 639 *Vol. 11* Jan. 13, 1993  
ACH Chancellor to John Renee Guiba Sr. + wife of Fr.  
last document  
pt. of recovery on pt. of Addition to Hazel Thicket } 101 1/4 a.  
pt. of recovery on Sebastian Park  
wife Rebecca acknowledged

FR Arch List'd

WK 354-358 Val. 15: 413-417 ACH acting for state

WK 357-358 Val. 16: 232<sup>190</sup> ACH acting for state

list 833 Jan. 20, 1798

ACH Memoranda Philip Thomas of FR physician

for \$ 155

listed in returned # 28, 29

(wife Rebecca Acknowledged)

WK 359-360 Val 19: 181 Oct. 18, 1789

Nov. ACH Mem. to Henry Gerard FR farmer - sub. Com. prop. & Chancellor

list 220, 221 same as above

WK 362-363; Val. 21: 499, 53

Law Abundant Books

NH # 7:91,115,597 ACH acting for state of Ind. - sale liquor property

NH # 11:562 acting for state

NH # 12:732 acting for state

re: Alexander Carter Hanson  
FR V1774-76 Jan. 6, 1819  
A. A. Co. Deeds  
W. S. G. 6:197

Louis Cassaway of Annap.,  
trustee of John Davidson's  
estate to Henry Chapman of  
said city.

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\$1,052. current money, U. S.

Sale of 3 pieces of  
property.

- 1) An undivided moiety of a house and part of a lot in the City of Annap., conveyed by Charles Wallace to the heirs of John Davidson by deed dated Sept. 8, 1797 and duly recorded among the land records of the General Ct. deeds for the W. shore, and those of A. A. Co. Deeds which said parcel of ground lying on the Market space and Corn Hill St. was conveyed by a certain Baker Johnson on Mar. 21, 1771 to Charles Wallace and John Davidson.
- 2) Lot 39 on the plot of the city of Annap., and conveyed by the late Alexander C. Hanson Esq. as Chancellor of Md. by deed bearing date Oct. 15, 1796 to the children and heirs of John Davidson.
- 3) Lot 43 conveyed by William Woodward to the said John Davidson by deed dated about Jan. 6, 1770 lying in Annap., and so as described on the plot threof.

re: Alexander Contee Hanson

PR V1774-76

Grammar, Frederick  
Lot # 50

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1807 NH# 13, p. 579 (AA Co. Deeds)

Gottel Grammar mentioned as 'owning' lot and buildings adjacent to Lot # 48, formerly occupied by Alexander Contee Hanson.

Lots 48-49

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Dec. 22, 1787 A.A. Co. deeds NH#3, p. 341

Stephen West, P.G. Co. to Nathan Waters, Annap. from Sept. 12, 1787, 99 yr. lease 130 Spanish silver dollars of 17 d wt 6 grains each parcel of ground with appurtenances ..beginning at the end of 40 ft. from the northwest corner of Charles Wallace's Esq. house on Church Street, wherein the honorable Judge Hanson at present resides, and running up and with the said street NW 40 ft to the ground lately conveyed by the said Stephen West to the said Nathan Waters, then with the said ground SW to the line of S.E. Street, then with the said street SE 90 ft to the NW corner of Charles Wallace Esq. his lott on S.E. Street, then with Charles Wallace Esq.'s line NE until it intersects the corner of the land conveyed by the said Stephen West to the said Nathan Waters Nov. 11, 1786, at the middle of the said Mr. Wallace's his line then from said corner NW until it intersects a line drawn S 27 $\frac{1}{2}$ ° W from the present beginning then with the said line reversed NE about 58 ft. to the beginning.

Lots 48-49 10.7

Dec. 21, 1787 A.A.Co. Deeds, NH#3, p.336

Stephen West, P.G. Co. to Nathan Waters, Annapolis, gentlemas. 99 yr. lease commencing June 12, 1787 36 sterling yearly rent. " beginning at the end of eighty feet from the north corner of Charles Wallace's brick house wherein Judge Hanson resides in the line of Church Street and running with the said street north westerly 88 ft. 6" to Thomas Hyde's line, thence with said line and with the southe east end of the said Thomas Hyde's house till it intersects the line of South East Street, thence with said street south easterly 88 ft. thence with a straight line to the beginning.

- MG, Aug 27, 1807 : Hansen, and latimer owe 2 15 0 in taxes on house and lot in city.
- MG, Mar 11, 1790 Nanson, —, Mr Wallace and Mr Carroll of Carrollto commissioned to write Dr. Pucci, Dr. Reese, Dr. Kippis in Great Britain for recommendation of person to serve as principal of St. John's College.
- MG, Mar 16, 1786 [Ad] (F 14, 1786) Nanson, A.C. Appointed by board of visitors and governors, St. John's College, to committee which will receive plans for erecting building or buildings for said college.
- MG, May 22, 1794 Nanson, A.C. Signed for assistant to professor of English at St. John's College.
- MG, S 24, 1795 [Ad] (S 21, 1795) Nanson, A.C. President of St. John's
- MG, Dec 11, 1797 [Ad] (Dec 2, 1797) Nanson, A.C. Administrator, estate of Mrs. Mary Howard
- ( MG, Dec 18, 1799 Nanson, A.C. Announces that St. John's will employ Professor of English and Grammar.
- MG, S 23, 1802 [Ad] Nanson, A.C. Testifies to effectiveness of Dr. Hamilton's medicine for eliminating worms.
- MG, Apr 7, 1803 Nanson, A.C. Re, Charles Carroll of Carrollton and Richard Ridgely report on present state of St. John's College.
- MG, Aug 25, 1808 Nanson, A.C. House formerly occupied by, now occupied by J. Williamson, saddler.
- MG, D 13, 1792 [Ad] \_\_\_\_\_ Elected elector
- MG, Aug 21, 1788 [Ad] \_\_\_\_\_ laws of Md, 1763-84, printed under direction.
- MG, Jan 15, 1789 \_\_\_\_\_ Running for elector, has 123 votes from Annapolis.
- MG, Jan 22, 1789 \_\_\_\_\_ Chosen as elector from Md.
- MG, F 19, 1789 [Ad] (F 9, 1789) \_\_\_\_\_ Samuel Chase, Nicholas Carroll, authorize by visitors and governors of St. John's College to appoint Archibald Golden to collect money owed to college.
- MG, Dec 8, 1789 \_\_\_\_\_ Chosen chancellor of State in room of Hon. John Rogers, deceased.
- MG, Dec 8, 1789 \_\_\_\_\_ Is succeeded as Judge of General Court by Jeremiah Townley Chase.

A.C. Hanson

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Maryland Gazette

Oct. 11, 1797

A.C. Hanson Administrator estate of Mrs. Mary Howard



Secretary General

Wellwood, t. d. c. History of Frederick County Maryland  
(2 vols. Baltimore 1867) Volume I p. 124.

Obituary notice of Chancellor Hanson published in the Frederick papers.

health obliged him reluctantly to retire with the regret of General Washington by whom at a later date, he was honorably remembered.

"Love of country and devotion to her cause was indeed the common sentiment of his family. A gallant brother, Lieutenant Peter Hanson, scarcely arrived at manhood, fell in the field of action at Fort Washington, fighting one of the battles of Independence. Another youthful brother, Doctor Samuel Hanson, was perhaps equally a martyr to the camp, where in the toilsome commission of a surgeon in General Washington's Guards, he laid the foundation of a decline that soon proved fatal after his return home, and his father, the late venerable John Hanson, who died in 1783, served conspicuously in the councils of the nation and was one of the Presidents of the old Revolutionary Congress.

"The aged and widowed mother of Mr. Hanson, still living in Frederick, has now to mourn over the last of nine children who have sunk before her into the grave.

"The relics of his affection and objects of his dearest solicitude, a disconsolate wife and three children, are bereft by this sad destiny, to them grievous and calamitous beyond measure. Humane, liberal and indulgent to all around him, devoted as he had so long been to public duties, and 'like Aristides just,' we fear, with the usual lot of the public officers, he had little else to transmit but the estimation of his name, the remembrance of his goodness, the benefit of his instruction and the example of his worth."

of whom Mrs. Hanson survived. Judge Alexander Contee Hanson, one of John Hanson's sons was Chancellor of Maryland. He died in 1805. In an obituary notice of Chancellor Hanson published in the Frederick papers, it was declared that "were even his faults to be generally scanned they would be found rather in the peculiarity and excess than in the defect of his virtues." This notice further said.—

"The general knowledge and acute observation, the variety of reading and the ingenious capacity of Mr. Hanson can only be duly estimated by those who were familiarly acquainted with him. Of his public talents, the eminent and distinguished trusts he has held and the arduous service he has performed, may be admitted as a sufficient testimony. Elevated to a high judicial seat at a time of life when as yet he had but just entered at the bar, he was promoted from the general court bench of this State, after long experience, to the office of Chancellor which he administered for the last fifteen or sixteen years.

"His collection of the laws in 1784 and compilation of the testamentary system in 1798, both instituted under the direction of a legislative Resolve, and that latter work prepared with uncommon dispatch, are further records of the continued confidence reposed in his diligence and wisdom by the authorities of his native State. In the first convention, too, which assembled in Maryland during the Revolution, Mr. Hanson was a member, and he was also a member of the State Convention met to ratify the federal constitution; being afterwards one of the first electors of president and vice president voted for under that Constitution. A period during the war he lived as a secretary, in the family of our immortal chief, until ill

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Articulate support of ratification of the <sup>revised</sup> Constitution.

Wrote under pen name "Aristides". His pamphlet

Remarks on the Proposed Plan for Federal Government

was "most able and exhaustive Federalist tract

published in state.

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○ nothing from Rebecca Howard

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p. 243 list of children of John and Jane (Carter) Howard  
and their D. and b. dates and marriages

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JF Schaf, Hist of W Md 2 vols (repr. Balto, 1968), Vol 2, p 1549  
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Ratification Convention of 1788 fr. Annapolis  
(US Const)

Scharf, History of Western Maryland Vol I. : 402

- son of John Hanson & Jane Contee
- born - Frederick Co. : Oct. 22, 1749.
- served as assistant private secretary to Gen. Washington, was one of first judges of General Court of Maryland -
- ② - (Appointed Feb. 12, 1778 as assoc. judge)
- Oct. 5, 1789 - appointed Chancellor of the State - served in this office until his death at Annapolis, Jan. 16, 1806.
- was elector for President in 1789 & 1792.
- with Samuel Chase, directed the publishing of the Laws of Maryland passed from Nov. 26, 1763 to 1784.
- author of a number of political pamphlets.
- md. Rebecca Howard of Annapolis
- had 3 children : 1 - Charles Wallace Hanson - associate judge of 6<sup>th</sup> Judicial District, composed of Baltimore & Harford Counties.
- 2 - Alexander Contee Hanson
- 3 - daughter - who married Thomas Peabody Grosvenor of New York.

(4) Marriages & Deaths

- p. 82 - Alexander C. Hanson, Jr. & Miss Priscilla Dorsey were married June 25, 1805 by Rev. Mr. Higginbotham.
- p. 82 Alexander Cortis Hanson died in Annapolis on Jan. 16, <sup>1806</sup> in his 56 year.
- p. 82 Mrs. Rebecca Hanson died June 21, 1806, in her 47<sup>th</sup> year, the relict of A. C. Hanson, late Chancellor of the State.

Brunnhaugh, Maryland Records, Vol. II: 441

Alexander C. Hanson m. Rebecca Howard June 4, 1778

(5) Alexander C. Hanson, Jr. m. Priscilla Dorsey June 24, 1805.

John Hanson m. Rebecca Hammond Feb. 16, 1779.

William Hanson m. Helen Gray Feb. 2, 1788

William Hanson m. Deborah Burland, June 29, 1797.

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1787 ACH argued for a higher salary but provided an analysis of his yearly expenditures to demonstrate the need. His salary was £500 per year. He spent £600 (exclusive of out-of-town expenditures) 70% went to local shopkeepers for food & clothing -

ACH noted in 1786 that if the capital were removed from Annapolis to Baltimore, the town would be filled with unemployed clerks, merchants, tavern keepers & Trintion Hanson is a note lawyer -

p. 138 Table 4-2 An Estimate of the Annual Expenses of a Family in Annapolis, consisting of 10 persons (1/2 servants) - w/ 2 horses, 1 cow

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Table 4-2 "An Estimate of the Annual expenses of a family in Annapolis, consisting of ten persons (half of whom are servants) keeping two horses and one milch cow"

House rent	£ 75.00.0
Pork, 1600 lb @37/6	30.00.0
Beef & other butcher meat, 1200 lb @6d	30.00.0
Poultry, fish, fruit, vegetables	30.00.0
Tea, coffee, salt, spice, etc.	25.00.0
Loaf sugar, 180 lb @1/2	10.10.0
Brown sugar, 150 lb @8d	5.00.0
Superfine flour, 10 bbls @40/-	20.00.0
Indian corn, 20 bbls @15/-	15.00.0
Oats, 180 bus @3/-	27.00.0
Hay, 2 tons @£6	12.00.0
Firewood, 50 cords @20/- including carting, cording, etc.	50.00.0
Candles, 140 lb @15d	8.15.0
Spirits to represent table liquors, every kind, 30 gallons @6/8	10.00.0
Wine of every kind, 50 gallons @12/-	50.00.0
Butter, 150 lb @15d	9.07.6
Hire and cloathing of 5 servants	60.00.0
Medicines, physicians, etc.	15.00.0
Cloathing of family, 5 persons to appear decently, no less than	120.00.0
Expence of attending twice a year on the Eastern Shore	37.07.6
No allowance for casualties or for what is called Pocket Money	c. 80.00.0
Total	£700.00.0

Source: Maryland Journal and Baltimore Advertiser, April 6, 1787.

family of  
A. C. Hanson

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I HANSON, Alexander Contee 1749-1806

A. Provincial Court April 1773  
(P.C. Judgments, D.D. No.19, f.10)

Charles County by November 1773  
(Ch.C. Court Record, W. No.3)

Frederick County March 1773  
(F.C. Court Minutes, 1773-1775, f.13)

Prince George's County March 1774  
(P.G. Court Record, D.D. No.1, f.253).

B. Born in Maryland in 1749.<sup>1</sup>

C. Lived in Charles County initially but then went to Frederick County with his family before moving to Annapolis sometime after 1773.

D. Eldest son of John Hanson (1721-1783) of Charles and Frederick Counties both of which he represented in the Assembly. In 1780, he was elected a delegate to the Continental Congress and became its President in 1781. Alexander was the second cousin of Robert Hanson HARRISON (see under for details).

E. Educated at the College of Philadelphia.

F. Had 97 law titles worth \$120.00 in inventory; non-law books worth \$45.00.<sup>2</sup>



G. Married in June 1778, Rebecca Howard of Annapolis

Children: Their second son, Alexander Contee was the noted Federalist editor.

H. Member, Frederick County, Annapolis Conventions, 1774-1776,

1st session. In 1787, debated with William PACA (see under for details), arguing that voters could not instruct their delegates between elections. Defended the Federal Constitution of 1787 in his Remarks on the Proposed Plan of a Federal Government(1788).

1788 Member, Ratifying Convention

1789, 1792 Presidential Elector.<sup>3</sup>

I. Lawyer.

J. 1776 Assistant private secretary to George Washington

1778-1781 Judge, General Court of Maryland

1789-1806 Chancellor of Maryland.

K. Dollars

3597.34 Inventories

1362.46 $\frac{1}{4}$  Account

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2234.87 $\frac{3}{4}$  Balance

Owned 11 slaves.<sup>4</sup>

- L. Extensive landholdings in Annapolis and Frederick County where he had patented over 400 acres between 1772 and 1775.<sup>5</sup>
- M. Published his compilation of the Laws of Maryland in 1787  
Died of apoplexy in Annapolis in 1806.
1. Unless otherwise cited, all information is from Dictionary of American Biography, 22 vols. (New York: Charles Scribner's Sons, 1929-1958) and Effie G. Bowie, Across the Years in Prince George's County (Richmond, Virginia: Garrett and Massie, 1947), 227.
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