

(1602–1671), who married Marianna, daughter of Sir John Peyton, of Doddington, England; Richard; William; and Edward (?–1625). SISTERS: Margaret (1601–1671); Mary (?–1658); Catherine; Elizabeth; Eleanor; Jane; and Anne. MARRIED first, Kittamaquund, daughter of the Emperor of the Piscataway Indians. MARRIED second, Frances, widow of Jeremiah Harrison (?–by 1654), of York County, Virginia. Her brother was Thomas Whitgreaves, of Staffordshire, England. CHILDREN. SONS: Giles (1652–1679), who married Mary, daughter of George Brent and wife Marianna Peyton; Richard (?–died young). DAUGHTER: Mary, who married John Fitzherbert, brother of *Edward Fitzherbert* (?–?). PRIVATE CAREER. EDUCATION: literate, probably well educated. RELIGIOUS AFFILIATION: Catholic. SOCIAL STATUS AND ACTIVITIES: Mr. on arrival, and was accorded special social and political distinctions immediately; his marriage to an Indian princess fostered his hopes of some political power but greatly alarmed the proprietary interests. OCCUPATIONAL PROFILE: planter. PUBLIC CAREER. LEGISLATIVE SERVICE: Assembly, special writ 1638/39, special writ 1640–1641 (also Kent County, 1640), special writ 1641/42 (Aggrievances), special writ 1642A, special writ 1642B (Laws), special writ 1647/48 (Accounts). OTHER PROVINCIAL OFFICES: Council, 1638–1644 (suspended briefly, 1642), 1647–1649; treasurer, 1639–1643; commander, Kent Isle, 1639/40–1642; acting governor and lieutenant general, 1643–1644. STANDS ON PUBLIC/PRIVATE ISSUES: an opponent of the proprietary prerogatives in the Assembly, 1642; suspended briefly from the Council in 1642 on the charge of disaffection to Lord Baltimore and was removed from the commandship of Kent Isle; found innocent by a jury of charges brought by John Lewger that Brent had caused the failure of an expedition against the Susquehannah Indians and that he was guilty of contempt and other misdemeanors, 1642; issued a controversial order for the seizure of Richard Ingle's ship, 1643/44; dismissed Lewger from the Council, 1644; a warrant was issued for Brent's arrest for "crimes against the dignity and dominion" of the lord proprietor, 1644/45; seized during Ingle's Rebellion and carried to England, 1645; eventually broke completely with Lord Baltimore in the late 1640s after his temporary reinstatement to the Council. WEALTH DURING LIFETIME. LAND AT FIRST ELECTION: 1,063 acres, 1638; acquired an additional 1,000 acres, Kent Fort Manor, in 1640, which he later transferred to his sister; over 1,518 acres in Virginia, 1654. WEALTH AT DEATH. DIED:

will probated on February 16, 1671/72. LAND: probably over 1,500 acres.

**BRETTON (BRITTON), WILLIAM** (?–ca. 1672). BORN: probably in England. IMMIGRATED: in 1637/38 as a free adult with his wife and child. RESIDED: in Newtown, St. Mary's County; Charles County, by 1668. MARRIED first, Mary, daughter of Thomas Nabbs. MARRIED second, in 1651 Temperance Jay. CHILDREN. SON: William, Jr. (ca. 1633–?). DAUGHTER OR STEPDAUGHTER: Mary, who married William Thompson (?–1660). PRIVATE CAREER. EDUCATION: literate; extensive clerical skills. RELIGIOUS AFFILIATION: Catholic. SOCIAL STATUS AND ACTIVITIES: Gent. on arrival; brought three servants with him; his clerical skills led to quick and profitable patronage in a series of clerkships. OCCUPATIONAL PROFILE: placeman; planter. PUBLIC CAREER. LEGISLATIVE SERVICE: Assembly, present 1637/38, present 1641/42, special writ 1642A, present 1647/48 (Defense), St. Mary's County, 1649. OTHER PROVINCIAL OFFICES: clerk, Assembly, 1637/38–1650; clerk, Council, by 1638–1647; clerk, Secretary's Office and Provincial Court, 1647–1652, 1657/58–1660; clerk, Lower House, 1650–1650/51, 1661–1666. LOCAL OFFICES: justice, St. Mary's County, 1658–1668; coroner, St. Mary's County, 1669–1670. WEALTH DURING LIFETIME. LAND AT FIRST ELECTION: acquired "Little Brittainne," 750 acres, in 1640, and another 100 acres in 1649; sold both tracts in 1668. WEALTH AT DEATH. DIED: ca. 1672; size of estate unknown.

**BREVARD (BRAVARD), BENJAMIN** (?–1793). BORN: probably in Cecil County, of age by 1757. NATIVE: probably, if so, at least second generation. RESIDED: in Back Creek Hundred, Cecil County. FAMILY BACKGROUND. FATHER: probably John Brevard, of Cecil County, one of the founders and elders of the Broad Creek Presbyterian Church, Cecil County. BROTHER: probably Dr. Ephraim Brevard, who immigrated to North Carolina along with other Cecil County families by 1775; chairman of the North Carolina committee that drafted the Mecklenberg declaration of independence in 1775. MARRIED Rebecca (?–1802). CHILDREN. SONS: Joshua (?–by 1806); Adam; and Benjamin. DAUGHTERS: Rachel (?–by 1799), who married in 1788 William Taylor; Rebecca, who married in 1796 Nicholas Chambers; and Clarissa, who married in 1800 David Culbertson. PRIVATE CAREER. EDUCATION: literate. RELIGIOUS AFFILIATION: probably a Presbyterian. OCCUPATIONAL PROFILE: farmer; perhaps also a surveyor, because surveying