

FILE: lawyer, admitted to the following courts: Cecil County by 1727; Talbot County by November 1727; Queen Anne's County by March 1729; Kent County by June 1731; Provincial Court by October 1732; Court of Chancery by 1748. Planter. PUBLIC CAREER. LEGISLATIVE SERVICE: Lower House, Kent County, 1739-1741 (Laws Cv-3; Aggravances 3), 1742-1744 (Laws 1, 2). LOCAL OFFICE: deputy commissary, Kent County, in office 1748-1755. WEALTH DURING LIFETIME. LAND AT FIRST ELECTION: 45 acres in Kent County, plus 2 lots in Chestertown, Kent County. SIGNIFICANT CHANGES IN LAND BETWEEN FIRST ELECTION AND DEATH: acquired 3,731 acres in Kent County (2,900 acres by deed of gift from Richard Bennett), and sold 45 acres in Kent County, 1740-1754; bought 1 water lot in Chestertown, Kent County, and sold 3 lots and deeded another lot as a gift to his daughter and son-in-law, 1751. WEALTH AT DEATH. DIED: will probated on April 22, 1755, in Kent County. PERSONAL PROPERTY: TEV, £1,058.0.2 current money (including 15 slaves and 78 oz. silver); FB, £273.10.9. LAND: 802 acres in Kent County.

CALDWELL, JOHN (?-1747). BORN: of age by 1712. NATIVE: probably second generation. RESIDED: in Somerset County, probably in Salisbury. FAMILY BACKGROUND. FATHER: John Caldwell (?-by 1717/18), who owned land and possibly resided in Sussex County, Delaware; illiterate. MOTHER: Gennett. BROTHER: Robert (?-by 1717/18), who married Margaret. MARRIED Mary. CHILDREN. SONS: Joshua, of age by 1731, who was the sheriff of Somerset County from 1731 to 1734, a justice of Somerset County from 1745 to 1756 (quorum, 1751-1756), and who married Elizabeth; John (?-1775), a mariner, who married Mary; and Samuel (?-by 1775), a minor in 1747, who was apprenticed to Robert Mills. DAUGHTERS: Mary, who married William Venables; Sarah, who married Joseph Seroggen. PRIVATE CAREER. EDUCATION: literate. RELIGIOUS AFFILIATION: probably Presbyterian. SOCIAL STATUS AND ACTIVITIES: Gent., 1719. OCCUPATIONAL PROFILE: shingler, 1713; involved in extensive land speculation, ca. 1713 to ca. 1739; contracted to shingle the State House, make dormer windows, lay the platform and build a handsome cupola and good flagstaff for the building in 1721, for which he was paid £150.0.0 sterling; owned one-fourth of a sloop and mills (possibly sawmills) at the time of his death. PUBLIC CAREER. LEGISLATIVE SERVICE: Lower House, Somerset County, 1719-1721/22, 1732-1734. LOCAL OFFICES: overseer of the road,

Wicomico Hundred, Somerset County, appointed 1725; justice, Somerset County, by 1725-1733 (quorum, 1725-1733); commissioner to purchase land and to lay out a town at the head of the Wicomico River, Somerset County, 1732. WEALTH DURING LIFETIME. LAND AT FIRST ELECTION: ca. 2,300 acres in Somerset County (ca. 800 acres inherited from his father and brother; ca. 1,500 acres by purchase). SIGNIFICANT CHANGES IN LAND BETWEEN FIRST ELECTION AND DEATH: obtained over 1,600 additional acres in Somerset County, but disposed of over 2,500 acres in Somerset County; between ca. 1713 and ca. 1739 he was involved in extensive land speculation, which is not included in the figures given above. WEALTH AT DEATH. DIED: between July 11 and August 19, 1747, in Somerset County. PERSONAL PROPERTY: TEV, at least £449.1.6 (including 5 slaves, books, one-fourth part of sloop, part of a cargo aboard a sloop, and 4,000 feet of plank). LAND: ca. 1,000 acres in Somerset County with mills (possibly sawmills), plus a house and lot, probably in Salisbury.

CALVERT, BENEDICT (ca. 1724-1788). BORN: ca. 1724 in England; an illegitimate son who was known in childhood as Benedict Swingate. IMMIGRATED: in 1742 from England; sent by his father and placed under the care of Dr. *George Steuart* (1700-ca. 1784), of Annapolis. RESIDED: in Annapolis, Anne Arundel County, 1742; "Mt. Airy," Prince George's County, by 1765. FAMILY BACKGROUND. FATHER: *Charles Calvert, 5th Lord Baltimore* (1699-1751). MOTHER: (name unknown). HALF BROTHER: *Frederick Calvert, 6th Lord Baltimore* (1731/32-1771). HALF SISTERS: Frances Dorothy (1734-1736); Caroline, who married *Robert Eden* (1741-1784); and Louisa, who married John Browning, Esq. HALF NEPHEW: *Henry Harford* (ca. 1759-1834). MARRIED on April 27, 1748, Elizabeth (1730-1798), daughter of *Charles Calvert* (?-1733/34). Her guardians were *George Plater* (1695-1755) and Onorio Razolini. Her brother was Charles (1723-1724). Her sister was Ann (1726-by 1748). CHILDREN. SONS: Charles (1756-1774), who died at Eton, England; Edward Henry (1766-1846), who married Elizabeth Biscoe (Briscoe); George (1768-1838), who married Rosalie Stier; John; William; Philip (?-died young); Leonard (?-died young); Cecilius (?-died young); and Robert. DAUGHTERS: Rebecca (1749-?); Eleanor (1753-1811), who married first, on February 3, 1774, Col. John Parke Custis (?-1781), stepson of George Washington (1731/32-1799), and second, in 1783 Dr. David Stuart, of Virginia; Elizabeth, who married on June 15,