

Johnson (1732–1819) in the successful defense of *Joseph Hanson Harrison* (?–1785) in a test case concerning the Fee Bill, 1773. Supported *Charles Carroll of Carrollton* (1737–1832) in his newspaper debate with *Daniel Dulany, Jr.* (1722–1797), 1773. Signer of the Declaration of Independence, August 2, 1776. Opposed ratification of the Federal Constitution, 1788. WEALTH DURING LIFE-TIME. PERSONAL PROPERTY: received a £125.0.0 legacy from his grandfather, 1770. Property in Annapolis valued at £969.13.4, including 5 slaves and 268 oz. plate, 1783. In 1789 he declared himself privately indebted for £2,000, even after having mortgaged all of his personal property; his assets were “good debts,” estimated at about £1,200.0.0, plus “some fees”; at that time he agreed to convey to *Thomas Dorsey* (?–1790) £600 current money, plus £3,400 worth of property, as his share of the debts of John Dorsey & Co. Received £643.15.0 current money, plus costs as his commission as agent for the recovery of Maryland’s bank stock in England, 1811 (this was about one-half the amount he had requested). ANNUAL INCOME: lawyer’s fees estimated at ca. £374.0.0, 1765. LAND AT FIRST ELECTION: 2,886 acres in Anne Arundel, Frederick, and Dorchester counties (1,318 acres by patent; 1,568 acres by purchase, 1763–1765), plus one-half interest in 5,449 acres in Frederick County by patents with *Thomas Johnson* (1732–1819) in 1764 and one-half interest in 1,660 acres in Frederick County by patent with *William Paca* (1740–1799) in 1764. Most of this land was acquired by speculating in proclamation warrants and by buying land from people unable to pay quitrents on their patents. SIGNIFICANT CHANGES IN LAND BETWEEN FIRST ELECTION AND DEATH: continued to speculate, especially on land in Frederick County, by patents and purchases until 1776, obtaining an additional 6,000 acres by 1774. In 1769 sold *William Paca* (1740–1799) his share of the land held with him, plus some of the land patented with *Thomas Johnson* (1732–1819). Bought a lot in Annapolis in 1769, and began to build an impressive brick house, but was overextended and forced to sell the lot and unfinished house to *Edward Lloyd* (1744–1796) in 1771. Sold 559 acres in Dorchester County, and about 500 acres in Frederick County, 1771. Sold additional land in Frederick County, including more of the land patented with *Thomas Johnson* (1732–1819) in 1779. Invested heavily in acreage in Anne Arundel County with *Jeremiah Townly Chase* (1748–1828) in 1780, and began buying confiscated British property with notes secured by *Jeremiah Townly Chase* (1748–1828)

and *Allen Quynn* (ca. 1726–1803) in 1781. By the mid-1780s Chase was in severe financial difficulties and had to mortgage the confiscated British property, plus 3,500 additional acres of land in Anne Arundel County to *Jeremiah Townly Chase* (1748–1828) and *Allen Quynn* (ca. 1726–1803). He sold over 1,100 acres in Anne Arundel County to pay a debt owed to *John Beale Bordley* (1726/27–1804); sold his share of the land bought with *Jeremiah Townly Chase* (1748–1828) to pay debts owed to him; and conveyed over 500 acres in Anne Arundel County to pay debts owed *Allen Quynn* (ca. 1726–1803), and to secure further credit from him. Upon a petition from Chase in 1787, the state agreed to void his purchase of the confiscated British property, and in 1795 *Jeremiah Townly Chase* (1748–1828) and *Allen Quynn* (ca. 1726–1803) were able to release the mortgage. During the 1780s while he was selling land in other areas, Chase was acquiring land in Baltimore Town, and for the next ten years he continued to sell land in Frederick County while concentrating on the development of his holdings in Baltimore Town. He sold at least 10 lots and leased at least 23 others between 1801 and 1810. Shortly before his death, Chase conveyed at least 15 lots in Baltimore City to his sons and 21 acres to *Jeremiah Townly Chase* (1748–1828). WEALTH AT DEATH. DIED: on June 19, 1811, in Washington, D.C.; buried at Old St. Paul’s Cemetery, Baltimore City. PERSONAL PROPERTY: TEV, \$14,866.01 current money (including 15 slaves, 1 share in Washington Tontine, plus leases held on 26 acres on Whetstone Point valued at \$80.00 and 5 acres in Baltimore City valued at \$4,620.00); FB, estate overpaid \$1,740.62 with additional debts filed later in Chancery Court litigation. LAND: 1 lot and 2.75 acres, including “Chase’s Wharf,” and 6 acres on Whetstone Point, Baltimore City, plus ground rent on at least 10 lots in Baltimore City and possibly as much as 2,500 acres in Anne Arundel, Baltimore, and Frederick counties. ADDITIONAL COMMENTS: income at time of death included \$1,177.00 per year from ground rents, plus his \$769.29 salary from the U.S. government.

CHESELDYNE, KENELM (1640–1708). BORN: in 1640 at Brauston Manor, Lincolnshire, England; second son. IMMIGRATED: in 1669 as a free adult. RESIDED: on the Eastern Shore; St. Mary’s County, by 1677. FAMILY BACKGROUND. FATHER: Kenelm Cheseldyne (1603–1677), vicar of Blaxham, of Lincolnshire, England. MOTHER: Grace Dryden. MARRIED first, in 1669 Bridget Faulkner. MARRIED second, by 1677 Mary, daughter of