

tion. RESIDED: in George Town Cross Roads, Kent County. FAMILY BACKGROUND. Although information on immediate family background is uncertain, it is known that the original immigrant and great-great-grandfather of the legislator, also named Cornelius (?-1708), arrived in America in 1652 and settled near Jamestown, Virginia. He moved his family to Chestertown, Kent County, in 1661 to escape the persecution of the Puritans in Virginia. MARRIED by September 29, 1780, Sophia Charlotte, widow of (first name unknown) Massey; daughter of Peregrine Brown (?-1777). Her brother was Peregrine Brown, Jr. CHILDREN. DAUGHTER: Anna Maria (?-1857), who married on April 3, 1804, Dr. Edward Scott. PRIVATE CAREER. EDUCATION: literate. SOCIAL STATUS AND ACTIVITIES: Gent., 1805; Esq., 1805. OCCUPATIONAL PROFILE: planter, 1780; merchant, partner in firm of Comegys & Vansant, 1800. PUBLIC CAREER. LEGISLATIVE SERVICE: Lower House, Kent County, 1788, 1790, 1797, 1806. OTHER STATE OFFICE: clerk, Treasury Department, assigned duty of preparing and signing Continental currency, appointed 1778. LOCAL OFFICE: justice, Kent County, 1803-at least 1810. MILITARY SERVICE: sergeant, Flying Camp, 1776; reenlisted as an ensign under George Washington. WEALTH DURING LIFETIME. PERSONAL PROPERTY: assessed value £50.0.0, including 3 slaves and 3 oz. plate, 1783; assessed value, including real property, \$2,983.00, 1806. LAND AT FIRST ELECTION: at least 1,049 acres in Kent County (almost all from his wife's dower). SIGNIFICANT CHANGES IN LAND BETWEEN FIRST ELECTION AND DEATH: purchased 460 acres in Kent County, 1788-1800. He then divided the land into one-half- to ten-acre lots, eventually selling seventeen of them. WEALTH AT DEATH. DIED: in 1817 in Kent County. PERSONAL PROPERTY: TEV, at least \$1,345.98 current money; assessed value of combined real and personal property, \$2,045.00. LAND: ca. 589 acres in Kent County.

**CONNER, PHILIP** (ca. 1615-1660). BORN: ca. 1615, probably in England. IMMIGRATED: by 1636 as a free adult. RESIDED: in Kent County. MARRIED Mary, widow of John Philips. She subsequently married by 1667 John Wright. CHILDREN. SON: Philip (ca. 1653-1703), a justice of Kent County from 1680 to 1685, and in 1694. DAUGHTER: Sarah (?-1666). PRIVATE CAREER. EDUCATION: literate. RELIGIOUS AFFILIATION: Protestant. SOCIAL STATUS AND ACTIVITIES: no title on arrival; Mr., by 1647. OCCUPATIONAL PROFILE: planter. PUBLIC CAREER. LEGISLATIVE SERVICE:

Assembly, present 1641/42, present 1647/48, Kent County, 1649 (Accounts); Lower House, Kent County, 1658. LOCAL OFFICE: justice, Kent County, 1647-1660. MILITARY SERVICE: commander, 1652-1658. STANDS ON PUBLIC/PRIVATE ISSUES: apparently cooperated with the Parliamentary Commissioners; continued as a justice, but was removed from his military post after the proprietary party regained control of the government in 1658. WEALTH DURING LIFETIME. LAND AT FIRST ELECTION: 100 acres in 1640; acquired 500 additional acres in 1658. WEALTH AT DEATH. DIED: by August 7, 1660. PERSONAL PROPERTY: included 4 servants. LAND: 600 acres.

**CONTEE, ALEXANDER** (ca. 1691-1740). BORN: ca. 1691 in Barnstaple, Devonshire, England. IMMIGRATED: ca. 1703. RESIDED: in Charles County to ca. 1720; in Prince George's County thereafter. FAMILY BACKGROUND. FATHER: Peter Contee (?-ca. 1714), of Barnstaple, Devonshire, England, a physician. MOTHER: Catherine. STEPMOTHER: Francis, widow of Capt. William Hopkins. UNCLE: *John Contee* (?-1708). BROTHER: John (?-ca. 1712). HALF BROTHER: Peter. STEPBROTHER: Andrew Hopkins (ca. 1690-?). OTHER KINSHIP: his great-nephew was *Thomas Sim Lee* (1745-1819). MARRIED ca. 1721 Jane (?-1779), daughter of Col. *Thomas Brooke* (ca. 1659-1730/31); granddaughter of *Thomas Dent* (ca. 1630-1676). Her brothers were Nathaniel; John; Benjamin; Baker; and Thomas (1717-1768). Her half brother was *Thomas Brooke* (1683-1744). Her sisters were Mary (?-1758); Rebecca (?-1763); Elizabeth; and Lucy. Her half sisters were Sarah (?-1724), who married first, *William Dent* (ca. 1660-1704), and second, *Philip Lee* (ca. 1681-1744); Priscilla Brooke, who married *Thomas Gantt* (?-1765). Her nephews were *Thomas Beall, of George* (1735-1819); *Joseph Sim* (?-1793). CHILDREN. SONS: *John Contee* (1722-ca. 1796); Alexander, Jr. (1724-1732); Peter (1726-ca. 1779); Col. *Thomas Contee* (ca. 1729-1811); Alexander (1734-1744); and Theodore (1736-1764), who married Elizabeth Skinner (ca. 1743-?), who subsequently married *John Lee Webster* (ca. 1735-1795). DAUGHTERS: Jane (1728-1812), who married in 1747 *John Hanson, Jr.* (1721-1783); Catherine (1732-1831), who married John Harrison; Grace (1738-?), who married (first name unknown) Hollyday; Barbara (1741-1796), who married in 1772 John Reed Magruder. PRIVATE CAREER. EDUCATION: literate; attended school in Barnstaple, England. RELIGIOUS AFFILIATION: Anglican. SOCIAL STATUS AND ACTIVITIES: Gent. OCCUPATIONAL PROFILE: