

clerk, Prince George's County, 1702–1708/9; justice, Charles County, 1706–1711; sheriff, Charles County, 1711–1714. MILITARY SERVICE: captain from at least 1708. WEALTH DURING LIFETIME. LAND AT FIRST ELECTION: inherited over 2,000 acres from his father and his wife brought him an additional 700 acres; he began selling land in 1707 to pay off debts; exact acreage in 1715 is unknown, but it was probably over 1,500 acres. WEALTH AT DEATH. DIED: in 1725. PERSONAL PROPERTY: probably penniless because of gambling debts; committed to debtor's prison in 1722.

**DENT, WARREN** (?–1794). BORN: at “Guyther” (his father's dwelling plantation, also sometimes called “Friendship”), Charles County, of age by 1772; eldest son. NATIVE: fifth generation. RESIDED: at “Friendship,” Nanjemoy Creek, Charles County. FAMILY BACKGROUND. FATHER: William Dent (1706–1757), son of *Thomas Dent* (1685–1725). MOTHER: Anne, daughter of John Warren and wife Judith Townley. BROTHER: George, who married first, Rose Townshend Knox (?–1794), and second, in 1796 Elizabeth Harrison Knox. SISTERS: Eleanor, who married *John Jordan* (?–1763); Judith, who married *Jeremiah Chase* (?–1755); Mary, who married Rev. William Dowie; Ann, who married Samuel Briscoe; Grace, who married Robert Harrison; and Rebecca, who married *William Harrison* (?–1789). NIECE: Mary Hanson Briscoe, who married *Michael Jenifer Stone* (1747–1812). MARRIED never. CHILDREN. Died without progeny. PRIVATE CAREER. EDUCATION: literate. RELIGIOUS AFFILIATION: Anglican, Durham Parish, Charles County. SOCIAL STATUS AND ACTIVITIES: Gent., 1781; Mr., 1786; Esq., 1789. OCCUPATIONAL PROFILE: merchant, 1786; probably also a planter. PUBLIC CAREER. LEGISLATIVE SERVICE: Lower House, Charles County, 1778–1779, 1779–1780, 1780–1781 (Claims 1). LOCAL OFFICES: justice, Charles County, 1771–1794; Committee of Observation, Charles County, elected 1774; Durham Parish Vestry, Charles County, elected 1775 and 1776, in office 1779–1788; commissioner of tax, Charles County, appointed 1777; justice, Orphans' Court, Charles County, commissioned 1779 and 1787 (“refuses to act”); judge, Court of Appeals for Tax Assessment, Charles County, 1786. STANDS ON PUBLIC-/PRIVATE ISSUES: manumitted two slaves in his will, one to be freed immediately after his death and the second five years later. WEALTH DURING LIFETIME. PERSONAL PROPERTY: assessed value £970.0.0, including 13 slaves, 1 servant, and 124 oz. plate, 1783; 34 slaves, 1790. LAND AT FIRST

ELECTION: 2,011 acres in Charles County (inherited 1,857 acres from his father in 1757, 154 acres through personal acquisition). WEALTH AT DEATH. DIED: on October 24, 1794, at his seat in Charles County. PERSONAL PROPERTY: TEV, at least \$978.35 (including 5 slaves and books). LAND: mentioned 313 acres in Charles County in his will. His brother George, under the terms of their father's will, received all the 1,857 acres in Maryland that Warren had inherited.

**DENT, WILLIAM** (ca. 1660–1704). BORN: ca. 1660 in Charles County; first son. NATIVE: second generation. RESIDED: in Nanjemoy, Charles County. FAMILY BACKGROUND. FATHER: *Thomas Dent* (ca. 1630–1676). MOTHER: Rebecca (?–1726), daughter of Rev. William Wilkinson. She subsequently married in 1676/77 *John Addison* (?–ca. 1705/6). UNCLE: *William Hatton* (?–1712). BROTHERS: Thomas; *Peter Dent* (ca. 1665–1710/11); and George (?–1702). HALF BROTHER: *Thomas Addison* (1679–1727). SISTERS: Margaret; Barbara (1676–1754); who married *Thomas Brooke* (ca. 1659–1730/31). MARRIED first, in 1684/85 Elizabeth (?–1698/99), daughter of *Gerard Fowke* (1625–1669). Her brother was *Gerard Fowke* (1662/63–ca. 1734/35). MARRIED second, Sarah (?–1724), daughter of *Thomas Brooke* (ca. 1659–1730/31); granddaughter of *Thomas Brooke* (1632–1676). She subsequently married *Philip Lee* (ca. 1681–1744), son of Richard Lee, of Virginia. Her brother was *Thomas Brooke* (1683–1744). Her half brothers were Benjamin; John; Thomas (1717–1768); Nathaniel; and Baker. Her sisters were Eleanor; Priscilla, who married *Thomas Gantt* (?–1765). Her half sisters were Elizabeth; Mary; Rebecca; Jane, who married *Alexander Contee* (ca. 1691–1740); and Lucy. Her nephews were *Thomas Gantt* (ca. 1710–1785); *Fielder Gantt* (?–1807); *Edward Gantt* (?–by 1783); and *Richard Brooke* (1716–1783). Her nieces were Eleanor Brooke, who married *Samuel Beall* (ca. 1713–ca. 1778); probably Ann Gantt, who married *John Brome* (1703–1748). CHILDREN. SONS: *Thomas Dent* (1685–1725), who married in 1705 Anne (?–1725), daughter of *John Bayne* (ca. 1662–1701); William (1687–1695); Gerard (?–died young); *George Dent* (1690–1754), who married Anne, daughter of *William Harbert* (?–1718); Peter (1694–?); and Philip (?–died young). DAUGHTERS: Elizabeth (1688–1699); Anne (1692–?); and Elizabeth (1699–?), who married Richard Tarvin. PRIVATE CAREER. EDUCATION: literate; studied law under *Thomas Burford* (?–1686/87). RELIGIOUS AFFILIATION: Anglican. SOCIAL STATUS