

Dublin, Ireland. MOTHER: (first name unknown) Tench. BROTHERS: *Tench Francis* (1701–1758); Philip (ca. 1708–1773), immigrated to New York in 1755, after receiving a chaplaincy of a regiment and later became an English clergyman and writer, who married in 1739 Elizabeth Rowe (?–ca. 1744/45). NIECE: Ann (Anna) Francis (1727–?), who married *James Tilghman* (1716–1793). PRIVATE CAREER. EDUCATION: literate. RELIGIOUS AFFILIATION: Protestant. ADDITIONAL COMMENTS: wrote *Maxims in Equity*. OCCUPATIONAL PROFILE: lawyer, admitted to the following courts: Provincial Court in May 1729; Prerogative Court in May 1729; Court of Chancery in December 1729; Prince George's County in August 1730; Anne Arundel County by June 1734; and Baltimore County by March 1736/37. PUBLIC CAREER. LEGISLATIVE SERVICE: Lower House, Annapolis, 1734/35–1737 (Laws 1; discharged on April 3, 1735, after several Annapolis voters were declared ineligible by the Assembly; reelected on April 12, 1735, after reelection; Laws Cv, 2–4). OTHER PROVINCIAL OFFICES: examiner general, 1732–1738; commissioner of the Paper Currency Office, 1734–1738. WEALTH DURING LIFETIME. LAND AT FIRST ELECTION: no evidence of land-ownership while in Maryland. WEALTH AT DEATH. DIED: after 1739, out of Maryland; size of estate unknown.

FRANCIS, TENCH (1701–1758). BORN: in 1701 in Ireland; eldest son. IMMIGRATED: by 1724 from Ireland. RESIDED: in Kent County, by 1724; Talbot County, by December 1724; Philadelphia, Pennsylvania, 1737. FAMILY BACKGROUND. FATHER: Rev. John Francis, dean of Lismore, rector of St. Mary's, Dublin, Ireland. MOTHER: (first name unknown) Tench. BROTHERS: *Richard Francis* (?–?); Philip (ca. 1708–1773), who immigrated to New York in 1755, having received a chaplaincy of a British regiment, and who returned to England where he served as a clergyman and miscellaneous writer, and who married in 1739 Elizabeth Rowe (?–ca. 1744/45). MARRIED on December 29, 1724, Elizabeth (ca. 1708–?), daughter of *Foster Turbutt* (1679–1720/21); niece of *William Turbutt* (1683/84–1739). Her brother was Henry (ca. 1703–?). Her sisters were Sarah (1706–1773), who married *Nicholas Goldsborough* (ca. 1689–1766); Mary Anne (1711–1794); Mary (1713–?); Anne (1715–1766), who married *John Goldsborough* (1711–1778); and Rachel (1718–?). Her first cousins were Elizabeth Turbutt, who married *Thomas Harris* (?–1760); Anna Maria Turbutt, who married *Edward Tilghman* (1713–

1786); Mary Anne Wright (?–1747), who married *William Hopper* (1707–1772); and Anne Wright (?–by 1754), who married *Edward Oldham* (1709–1773). Her nephews were *Thomas Goldsborough* (ca. 1728–1793); *Howes Goldsborough* (1747–1797); and *William Goldsborough* (1750/51–1801). Her nieces were Elizabeth Goldsborough (1735–ca. 1786), who married second, *Benson Stainton* (?–ca. 1781); Mary Goldsborough (1755–1796), who married *Benedict Brice* (1749–1786); and Ann Goldsborough (1732–?), who married *Edward Oldham* (1709–1773). CHILDREN. SONS: John (ca. 1725–?); Tench (1731–1800), who married in 1762 Anne, eldest daughter of Charles Willing and wife Anne; Turbutt (1740–1797), a colonel in the British army, who married Rebecca, only daughter of Samuel Mifflin; and Philip (1748–?), who married his first cousin Henrietta Maria (ca. 1753–1839), daughter of *John Goldsborough* (1711–1778). DAUGHTERS: Ann (1727–?), who married *James Tilghman* (1716–1793); Mary (1729–?), who married William Coxe, of New Jersey; Elizabeth (1733–1800), who married John Lawrence; Margaret (1735–1794), who married in 1753 Edward Shippen (1728/29–1806), a lawyer, member of the provincial council of Pennsylvania from 1770 to 1775, associate justice of the Pennsylvania Supreme Court from 1791 to 1799, and justice of the Pennsylvania Supreme Court from 1799 to 1805; Rachel (1737–?), who married first, John Retfe, and second, Matthew Pearce. ADDITIONAL COMMENTS: his granddaughter was Margaret Shippen, who married in 1779 Benedict Arnold (ca. 1741–1801), revolutionary war general and traitor. PRIVATE CAREER. EDUCATION: received a legal education in England. RELIGIOUS AFFILIATION: Anglican, St. Peter's Parish, Talbot County. SOCIAL STATUS AND ACTIVITIES: Esq. ADDITIONAL COMMENTS: one of the founders of the Philadelphia Academy, 1743; trustee for the College of Philadelphia when it opened in 1757. OCCUPATIONAL PROFILE: a lawyer, admitted to the following courts: Talbot County in June 1724; Kent County by 1725; Queen Anne's County by August 1728; Provincial Court in October 1728; Dorchester County by June 1734. Officeholder. PUBLIC CAREER. LEGISLATIVE SERVICE: Lower House, Talbot County, 1734/35–1737 (Laws 1, Cv, 2–4). LOCAL OFFICES: clerk of Indictments, Kent County, by 1725, Talbot County, by 1734; clerk, Talbot County, 1727–1738; deputy commissary, Talbot County, 1734–1738. ADDITIONAL COMMENTS: Francis hired and trained Thomas Bullen to perform his duties as clerk of Talbot County from June 1734 to 1738. In 1738 Francis