

sold the clerkship to John Leeds for a sum in excess of £130 sterling. OUT OF PROVINCE SERVICE: attorney general, Pennsylvania, 1744–1752; Pennsylvania commissioner, in office 1750; recorder, Philadelphia, Pennsylvania, 1750–1754. WEALTH DURING LIFETIME. LAND AT FIRST ELECTION: 2,022 acres in Talbot and Dorchester counties (713 acres through his marriage; 1,309 acres by purchase). SIGNIFICANT CHANGES IN LAND BETWEEN FIRST ELECTION AND DEATH: he had sold almost all of his Maryland land by 1743, including 800 acres in Talbot County, which he sold to his daughter Ann and her husband *James Tilghman* (1716–1793). WEALTH AT DEATH. DIED: in 1758, probably in Philadelphia, Pennsylvania; size of estate unknown.

FRANKLIN (FRANKLYN), ROBERT (?–1682). BORN: probably in England. IMMIGRATED: in 1664 as a free adult. RESIDED: in Anne Arundel County. MARRIED first, (name unknown). MARRIED second, by 1674 Sarah, daughter of *George Puddington* (?–1674). CHILDREN. SON: Robert, Jr. (1659–?). DAUGHTER: Sarah, who married William Herne (?–1698). PRIVATE CAREER. EDUCATION: literate. SOCIAL STATUS AND ACTIVITIES: no title on arrival in the colony; proved rights in 1667 to 200 acres for transporting himself and three others (not members of his family); his son apparently migrated later. OCCUPATIONAL PROFILE: planter; merchant. PUBLIC CAREER. LEGISLATIVE SERVICE: Lower House, Anne Arundel County, 1671–1674/75 (Accounts 2). LOCAL OFFICES: justice, Anne Arundel County, 1668–1678/79 (quorum, 1676–1678/79); sheriff, Anne Arundel County, 1678/79–1682. WEALTH DURING LIFETIME. LAND AT FIRST ELECTION: at least 1,040 acres. WEALTH AT DEATH. DIED: by October 1682. PERSONAL PROPERTY: TEV, £139.15.7 sterling (including 1 servant); FB, estate overpaid 50,000 pounds of tobacco. LAND: 814 acres.

FRANKLIN, THOMAS (ca. 1706–1787). BORN: ca. 1706. IMMIGRATED: by 1728. RESIDED: at "Blenheim," Baltimore County. MARRIED first, by 1730 Ruth. MARRIED second, by 1744 Ruth, widow of Peasley Ingram, of Baltimore County; daughter of *Charles Hammond* (ca. 1670–1713); stepdaughter of *Edmond Benson* (1687–1734); niece of *Thomas Hammond* (?–ca. 1724/25) and *John Hammond* (ca. 1665–1742/43). Her brothers were *Charles Hammond* (1692/93–1772); *Philip Hammond* (1697–1760); *Nathan* (1708–1762); *Rezin* (?–1739); and *John* (?–1753). Her sister was *Hamutel*. Her first cousin was *Thomas Hammond*

(1693–?). Her nephews were *Nathan Hammond* (1731–1811); *Rezin Hammond* (?–1783); *John Hammond* (1735–1784); *Rezin Hammond* (1745–1809); and *Matthias Hammond* (1740–1786). Her niece was *Anne Hammond* (1716–?), who married second, *William Govane* (1716/17–1768). CHILDREN. SONS: *Thomas Heath* (?–1794); *Benjamin* (?–1794); and *James* (?–1792). ADDITIONAL COMMENTS: *Thomas* and *Benjamin* died within a few days of each other; both were alcoholics with impaired mental and physical health. DAUGHTERS: *Sarah*, who married (first name unknown) *Smith*, of Baltimore County; *Elizabeth* (1745–1771), who married *Aquila Paca* (1738–1788). STEPDAUGHTER: *Ruth Ingram* (?–by 1794). PRIVATE CAREER. EDUCATION: literate. RELIGIOUS AFFILIATION: Anglican, St. John's Parish, Baltimore County. SOCIAL STATUS AND ACTIVITIES: Esq.; Gent.; married into a very prominent *Anne Arundel County* family. OCCUPATIONAL PROFILE: planter. PUBLIC CAREER. LEGISLATIVE SERVICE: Lower House, Baltimore County, 1751 (elected to the 3rd session to fill vacancy), 1751–1752 (election of entire county delegation voided on December 12, 1751, because of illegal actions of the sheriff; reelected to the 2nd session; resigned before the 3rd session to become sheriff). LOCAL OFFICES: St. John's Parish Vestry, Baltimore County, in office 1738–1741, 1759–1762, 1768, and 1772; St. Paul's Parish Vestry, Baltimore County, in office 1747 and 1748; justice, Baltimore County, 1747—at least 1775 (quorum, 1748—at least 1775); justice, Court of Oyer and Terminer and Gaol Delivery, Baltimore County, commissioned 1750, 1751, 1753, 1758, 1759, 1760, 1761, and 1763; sheriff, Baltimore County, commissioned 1752; churchwarden, St. John's Parish, Baltimore County, in office 1771 and 1772. JURY SERVICE: foreman, grand jury, Baltimore County, appointed 1732. MILITARY SERVICE: captain, by 1747; major, by 1754; colonel, by 1771. WEALTH DURING LIFETIME. PERSONAL PROPERTY: assessed value £1,412.0.0, including 32 slaves and 42 oz. plate, 1783. LAND AT FIRST ELECTION: at least 1,040 acres in Baltimore and Anne Arundel counties (at least 570 acres in Baltimore and Anne Arundel counties through his marriage, 470 acres in Baltimore County by patent and purchase). SIGNIFICANT CHANGES IN LAND BETWEEN FIRST ELECTION AND DEATH: purchased an additional 1,564 acres in Baltimore County, plus 2 lots in Baltimore Town, in the 1760s; transferred some of his wife's land in Baltimore County and 300 acres of his own to his stepdaughter, 1765; sold 244 acres of his wife's land in Anne Arundel County in 1782. WEALTH