

John Brice (1738–1820); *James Brice* (1746–1801); and *Benedict Brice* (1749–1786). MARRIED never. CHILDREN. Died without progeny. PRIVATE CAREER. EDUCATION: literate. SOCIAL STATUS AND ACTIVITIES: Esq., 1773; Gent., 1774; fourth generation legislator. OCCUPATIONAL PROFILE: planter. PUBLIC CAREER. LEGISLATIVE SERVICE: Conventions, Anne Arundel County, 1st, 1774, 2nd–3rd, 1774 (elected to the 3rd Convention, but did not attend), 4th, 1775, 5th, 1775, 9th, 1776; Lower House, Anne Arundel County, 1777, 1777–1778 (resigned during the 3rd session). LOCAL OFFICES: Committee of Observation, Annapolis and Anne Arundel County, elected 1774 and 1775; commissioner of tax, Anne Arundel County, 1783–1785. MILITARY SERVICE: lieutenant colonel, Severn Battalion, Anne Arundel County Militia, appointed 1776; colonel, by 1795. STANDS ON PUBLIC/PRIVATE ISSUES: active in radical patriotic politics during 1774 and 1775 with his brother *Matthias Hammond* (1740–1786). His obituary described him as having been a leader of a “little warrior band,” with a “sincere and ardent attachment” to the American cause. At his death, Hammond provided for the manumission and support of his slaves. WEALTH DURING LIFETIME. PERSONAL PROPERTY: assessed value £10,057.0.0 current money, including 72 slaves, 1783; 102 slaves, 1798. ADDITIONAL COMMENTS: Hammond, with his brother Denton and his sister Anne, were the heirs of *Vachel Denton* (ca. 1696–1752). LAND AT FIRST ELECTION: at least 5,500 acres in Anne Arundel County (more than 4,000 acres inherited from his father in 1760 and confirmed to him by his brothers by 1772). SIGNIFICANT CHANGES IN LAND BETWEEN FIRST ELECTION AND DEATH: charged with 6,311 acres in Anne Arundel County, 1783; charged with 10,484 acres in Anne Arundel County, 1798; during the 1780s and 1790s he consolidated his land into three large tracts; leased out ca. 10,000 acres to 31 tenants, 1798; he continued to acquire and patent large holdings until his death, selling very little. WEALTH AT DEATH. DIED: on September 1, 1809, at his farm in Anne Arundel County, after a long and painful illness; buried in the family cemetery near Gambrills, Anne Arundel County. PERSONAL PROPERTY: included 166 slaves, and a law library. LAND: 12,671 acres in Anne Arundel County, plus one-fourth interest in 2,286 acres in Frederick County, a part of his father’s estate not patented until 1796. ADDITIONAL COMMENTS: his obituary lauded him as an “inflexible friend,” a “charitable Christian,” and an “upright citizen.” Named as his principal heirs the sons of his nephew Philip

Hammond, probably the son of his brother Charles.

HAMMOND, THOMAS (?–ca. 1724/25). BORN: in Anne Arundel County; first son. NATIVE: third generation. RESIDED: in Anne Arundel County; Baltimore County by 1694. FAMILY BACKGROUND. FATHER: *John Hammond* (1643–1707). MOTHER: Mary (?–by 1678), daughter of Matthew Howard and wife Ann. UNCLE: *Cornelius Howard* (?–1680). AUNT: Elizabeth Howard, who married *Henry Ridgeley* (?–1710). BROTHERS: *John Hammond* (ca. 1665–1742/43), who married Ann, daughter of *Nicholas Greenberry* (1627–1697); William (?–1711/12); and *Charles Hammond* (ca. 1670–1713). SISTERS: Mary, who married Cornelius Howard, son of *Cornelius Howard* (?–1680); Elizabeth. FIRST COUSINS: *Matthew Howard* (ca. 1675–1750); Sarah Howard, who married first, *John Worthington* (1650–1701), and second, *John Brice* (?–1713); and Hannah Howard, who married first, her first cousin *Charles Hammond* (ca. 1670–1713), and second, *Edmond Benson* (1687–1734). MARRIED first, ca. 1687/88 Rebecca, widow of Thomas Lightfoot; probably daughter of John Larkin. MARRIED second, by 1718 Mary Heath. CHILDREN. SONS: John (1694–1739); Thomas; William (1702–1752), the sheriff of Baltimore County in 1737, who married first, Elizabeth Hughes Raven, and second, Sarah Sheredine; Lawrence, who married Aborila Simpkins; Henry; Haman; and Charles. DAUGHTERS: Helen, who married John Worthington, son of *John Worthington* (1650–1701); Susannah, who married in 1719 John Orick; and Katherine. PRIVATE CAREER. EDUCATION: literate. RELIGIOUS AFFILIATION: Protestant. SOCIAL STATUS AND ACTIVITIES: second generation burgess; his sons held no elective offices. OCCUPATIONAL PROFILE: planter. PUBLIC CAREER. LEGISLATIVE SERVICE: Lower House, Baltimore County, 1701–1704, 1712–1714 (election voided at the 1st session; reelected to the 2nd session), 1722–1724. LOCAL OFFICES: justice, Baltimore County, 1694 (no evidence that he ever sat, and he was not reappointed in 1696), sitting in 1701. MILITARY SERVICE: captain, 1694; major, by 1701; colonel at death. WEALTH DURING LIFETIME. PERSONAL PROPERTY: had household of 6 taxables, including 3 slaves, 1692–1695. LAND AT FIRST ELECTION: heir-at-law; at least 300 acres by 1707, probably much more; at least 500 acres by 1712. WEALTH AT DEATH. DIED: between December 2, 1724, and February 2, 1724/25. PERSONAL PROPERTY: TEV, £535.13.2 (including 12 slaves); FB,