

bers who cited the great difficulty Congress would have selecting a replacement, since only seven states were then represented. Hanson decided to remain as president contingent upon his reelection as a delegate by the Maryland Assembly. On November 28, 1781, Maryland returned him as one of her four delegates, and he continued as president of Congress until November 4, 1782. STANDS ON PUBLIC/PRIVATE ISSUES: as part of the Maryland congressional delegation he signed the Articles of Confederation in 1781, causing their adoption and closing a prolonged debate over the disposition of western lands that had at last been resolved to Maryland's satisfaction. WEALTH DURING LIFETIME. LAND AT FIRST ELECTION: 1,312 acres in Charles County. SIGNIFICANT CHANGES IN LAND BETWEEN FIRST ELECTION AND DEATH: by 1769 Hanson had sold all of his land in Charles County and moved to Frederick County. During the next ten years he purchased 223 acres in Frederick County, took two 14-year leases on another 255 acres there, purchased 1 lot in Georgetown, Frederick County (later Montgomery County), and at least 2 lots in Frederick Town. In 1779 he purchased part of a tract adjoining Frederick Town for £4,000 current money, and divided it into lots, possibly totaling 10 lots. Hanson sold 6 of these lots for £4,008 current money between 1780 and 1781. WEALTH AT DEATH. DIED: on November 15, 1783, at the home of his nephew, Thomas Hanson, at Oxon Hill, Prince George's County; buried at Oxon Hill, Prince George's County. PERSONAL PROPERTY: requested no appraisal of his estate; 11 slaves were mentioned in his will. LAND: probably owned 223 acres and leased 255 acres, all in Frederick County, plus at least 6 lots in Frederick Town, Frederick County, and 1 lot in Georgetown, Montgomery County.

HANSON, ROBERT (ca. 1680–1748). BORN: ca. 1680 in Port Tobacco Hundred, Charles County; eldest son. NATIVE: at least second generation. RESIDED: in Charles County. FAMILY BACKGROUND. FATHER: John Hanson (?–1714), of Charles County; possibly an immigrant; planter. MOTHER: Mary, daughter of Thomas Hussey, of Charles County. BROTHERS: John (ca. 1681–1754), who married Elizabeth Hussey, a widow; Benjamin (?–1719); and *Samuel Hanson* (ca. 1685–1740). SISTERS: Mary, who married first, Rev. William Maconchie (1710–1742), and second, Theophilus Swift; Anne (1692–?); and Sarah. MARRIED first, by 1705 *Benedicta*. MARRIED second, ca. 1714 *Mary* (1692–1718), daughter of *Philip Hoskins* (ca. 1650–1718). Her brothers were William

(1690–1727); Philip, Jr. (1696–?); Oswald (1699–1720); Bennett (1701–?); and Ballard (1703–?). Her sisters were *Benedicta* (1679–1685); *Jane* (1681–?); *Benedicta* (1685–?); *Elizabeth* (1687–?); *Margaret* (1696–?); *Mary Ann*; and *Martha* (ca. 1705–?), who married *Thomas Stone* (1677–1727). MARRIED third, ca. 1720/21 *Dorothy*, widow of *John Parry* (?–1719); daughter of *Cornelius White*. MARRIED fourth, ca. 1727 *Violetta*, widow of *William Hoskins* (1690–1727); daughter of *Francis Harrison*. MARRIED fifth, on April 14, 1747, *Anne*, widow of *John Maconchie*. CHILDREN. SONS: *Robert* (?–1734); *William* (ca. 1717–1766), who married *Mary*, daughter of *Thomas Stone* (1677–1727); *Samuel* (1705–1749), who married *Mary*, daughter of *John Fendall* (1674–1734); *Benjamin*; and *Robert* (?–1770). STEPSONS: *Thomas Parry* (Perry); *William Maconchie*; and *Alexander Maconchie*. DAUGHTERS: *Dorothy* (1721–1752), who married *Richard Harrison* (?–1780); *Mary*, who married *Daniel Jenifer* (?–1795); *Sarah*, who married *Gerard Fowke*; and *Violetta* (?–1786). STEPDAUGHTERS: *Elizabeth Hoskins* (1721–1773), who married *Walter Hanson* (1711/12–1794); *Mary Hoskins*, who married first, *John Cunningham*, and second, *Mungo Muschett*. PRIVATE CAREER. EDUCATION: literate. RELIGIOUS AFFILIATION: Protestant. OCCUPATIONAL PROFILE: probably a planter. PUBLIC CAREER. LEGISLATIVE SERVICE: Lower House, Charles County, 1719–1721/22 (Aggrievances 1), 1728–1731 (Elections 1–5), 1732–1734 (Elections 1–Cv), 1734/35–1737 (Elections 1, Cv, 2–4), 1738 (Elections; Arms and Ammunition), 1739–1741 (Elections Cv–3; Arms and Ammunition Cv–3). OTHER PROVINCIAL OFFICE: justice, Provincial Court, commissioned 1741 (quorum, 1741). LOCAL OFFICES: sheriff, Charles County, commissioned 1715; justice, Charles County, at least by 1718–1748 (quorum, at least by 1718–1748); justice, Court of Oyer and Terminer and Gaol Delivery, Charles County, commissioned 1718, 1720, 1731, 1733, 1743, and 1744; clerk, Port Tobacco Parish Vestry, Charles County, in office 1722. JURY SERVICE: jury member, Charles County Court, served in 1712. MILITARY SERVICE: major, 1730; called “colonel,” 1738. WEALTH DURING LIFETIME. LAND AT FIRST ELECTION: at least 1,649 acres in Charles County (including at least 100 acres inherited from his father and 609 acres obtained through his second marriage). SIGNIFICANT CHANGES IN LAND BETWEEN FIRST ELECTION AND DEATH: purchased an additional 1,254 acres in Charles County, plus 1 lot in Chandlertown, Charles County, 1720–1746; sold 809 acres, 1720–1746;