

FICES: visitor, Queen Anne's County Free School, elected 1746 and 1759; Old Chester Church Vestry, St. Paul's Parish, Queen Anne's County, 1748-1750; sheriff, Queen Anne's County, 1751-1754. MILITARY SERVICE: captain, by 1741. WEALTH DURING LIFETIME. LAND AT FIRST ELECTION: at least 2,863 acres in Queen Anne's, Cecil, and Kent counties (272 acres inherited from his father after his brother died childless; 279 acres through his marriage; at least 2,140 acres by purchase or patent). SIGNIFICANT CHANGES IN LAND BETWEEN FIRST ELECTION AND DEATH: 2,345 acres in Queen Anne's County by patent, 1759; 281 acres in Queen Anne's County by purchase, 1759. WEALTH AT DEATH. DIED: on a Tuesday in March 1760 in Queen Anne's County, of smallpox. PERSONAL PROPERTY: TEV, £3,216.9.5 current money (including 29 slaves, 1 servant, 90 books, and 36.5 oz. silver); FB, £2,723.4.7. LAND: at least 6,045 acres in Queen Anne's, Kent, and Cecil counties. A portion of 2,345 acres in Queen Anne's County owned by Harris at his death was escheated land that he had patented in 1759. Someone apparently disputed his claim to the land and in his will he ordered his son-in-law, George Garnett, Jr., to commence a lawsuit to recover possession. Garnett never did this, but Harris's heirs nevertheless appear to have retained title to the land.

HARRIS, WILLIAM (ca. 1644-1712). BORN: ca. 1644, probably in England. IMMIGRATED: by 1674, perhaps as early as 1668 as a free adult. RESIDED: in Kent County; Cecil County, by 1693. MARRIED by 1680 Joan. CHILDREN. SON: *James Harris* (1682-1743), who married first, Elizabeth, daughter of *Edward Jones* (?-1697), and second, Augustina, daughter of *Matthias Vanderheyden* (?-1729). DAUGHTERS: (first name unknown), who married Thomas Brown, stepson of *William Hopkins* (?-1702); Mary, who married Robert Dunn, son of *Robert Dunn* (ca. 1630-1676); Tabitha, who married *Marmaduke Tilden* (?-1726); and Margaret, who married *Charles Hynson* (1663-1711). PRIVATE CAREER. EDUCATION: literate. RELIGIOUS AFFILIATION: Protestant. SOCIAL STATUS AND ACTIVITIES: perhaps the "Mr. William Harris" involved in a lawsuit in Kent County in 1668; he began actively patenting land in the 1680s; he made a trip to England in 1687. OCCUPATIONAL PROFILE: attorney; factor; planter; owned a water mill in partnership with *Hans Hanson* (ca. 1647-1704). PUBLIC CAREER. LEGISLATIVE SERVICE: Lower House, Kent County, 1686-1688 (elected to the 1st session to fill vacancy); Associators'

Convention, Kent County, 1689-1692; Grand Committee of Twenty, 1690-1692; Lower House, Kent County, 1692-1693 (Accounts 1; Elections and Privileges 1), Cecil County, 1697/98-1700 (Elections and Privileges 1, 3, chairman 3; Aggrievances 1-3, chairman 2, 3), 1701-1704 (Elections and Privileges, chairman 2, 3; Aggrievances 1, 5, chairman 5; Laws 1). LOCAL OFFICES: justice, Kent County, 1686-1692, Cecil County, 1692-1704 (quorum); St. Paul's Parish Vestry, Kent County 1699-1702, 1707-1708, 1711. MILITARY SERVICE: major, by 1701; colonel at the time of his death. STANDS ON PUBLIC/PRIVATE ISSUES: supported the revolution of 1689; recommended for appointment to Council in 1691, 1702, and 1707, but he was never actually commissioned. WEALTH DURING LIFETIME. LAND AT FIRST ELECTION: 1,900 acres by 1689. WEALTH AT DEATH. DIED: will probated on November 21, 1712. PERSONAL PROPERTY: TEV, £960.19.9 sterling (including 17 slaves); FB, £93.4.2. LAND: probably over 1,900 acres.

HARRIS, WILLIAM (1704-1748). BORN: in 1704 in St. Paul's Parish, Kent County; eldest son. NATIVE: third generation. RESIDED: on Fairly (Fairlee) Creek, Kent County. FAMILY BACKGROUND. FATHER: *James Harris* (1682-1743), son of *William Harris* (ca. 1644-1712). MOTHER: Elizabeth (?-1716), daughter of *Edward Jones* (?-1697). STEPMOTHER: Augustina, daughter of *Matthias Vanderheyden* (?-1729). STEPAUNTS: Ariana Vanderheyden (1690-1741), who married first, *James Frisby* (1684-1719), second *Thomas Bordley* (ca. 1683-1726), and third, *Edmund Jennings* (?-1756); Francina Vanderheyden, who married second, *Charles Hynson* (1692-1748). HALF BROTHER: *Matthias Harris* (1718-1773). SISTERS: Jane; Mary; Elizabeth; and Sarah. MARRIED Ariana Margareta (1717-?), daughter of *James Frisby* (1684-1719); stepdaughter of both *Thomas Bordley* (ca. 1683-1726) and *Edmund Jennings* (?-1756); niece of *Henry Ward* (?-1734), Augustina Vanderheyden, who married *James Harris* (1682-1743), and Francina Vanderheyden, who married second, *Charles Hynson* (1692-1748). Her half brother was *John Beale Bordley* (1726/27-1804). Her sisters were Sarah (1714-1730); Francina Augustina (1719-1766). Her nephews were *William Stevenson* (1739-1785); *John Brice* (1738-1820); *James Brice* (1746-1801); and *Benedict Brice* (1749-1786). CHILDREN. SON: James, who never married. DAUGHTER: Ariana. PRIVATE CAREER. EDUCATION: literate. RELIGIOUS AFFILIATION: Anglican, St. Paul's Parish, Kent County.