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BIOGRAPHIES

SERVICE: Conventions, Worcester County, 3rd, 1774, 5th, 1775, 6th-8th, 1775-1776, 9th, 1776 (election voided on August 15, 1776, because voter qualifications had not been ascertained as prescribed by the 8th Convention resolves; reelected and seated); Lower House, Worcester County, 1781-1782 (Public Taxes 2). **LOCAL OFFICES:** All Hallow's Parish Vestry, Worcester County, in office 1773; justice, Worcester County, commissioned 1775, 1777, and 1784 (did not qualify); commissioner of tax, Worcester County, 1777-at least 1798. **MILITARY SERVICE:** colonel, Synnapuxent Battalion, Worcester County Militia, commissioned 1777. **WEALTH DURING LIFETIME. PERSONAL PROPERTY:** assessed value £727.0.0, including 24 slaves and 22 oz. plate, 1783; 35 slaves, 1790. **LAND AT FIRST ELECTION:** 815 acres in Somerset and Worcester counties (all by personal acquisition). **SIGNIFICANT CHANGES IN LAND BETWEEN FIRST ELECTION AND DEATH:** purchased 3,596 acres and sold 940 acres in Worcester County, 1783-1828. **WEALTH AT DEATH. DIED:** will probated on June 10, 1828, in Worcester County. **PERSONAL PROPERTY:** TEV, \$5,819.97 (including 14 slaves and more than 16 books); FB, \$4,811.10. **LAND:** at least 3,476 acres in Worcester County.

HANSON, ALEXANDER CONTEE (1749-1806). BORN: on October 22, 1749, in Charles County; eldest son. NATIVE: probably fourth generation. RESIDED: in Frederick County; Church Street, Annapolis, Anne Arundel County, ca. 1778 until death. **FAMILY BACKGROUND. FATHER:** John Hanson, Jr. (1721-1783). **MOTHER:** Jane (1728-1812), daughter of Alexander Contee (ca. 1691-1740). **BROTHERS:** John (1753-1760); Samuel (1756-1781); and Peter Contee (1758-1776). **SISTERS:** Catherine Contee (1744-?); Jane Contee (1747-1781), who married Dr. Philip Thomas (1747-1815); Elizabeth (1751-1753); and Grace (1762-1763). **MARRIED** on June 4, 1778, Rebecca Howard (1758-1806). **CHILDREN. SONS:** Charles Wallace, associate judge, Sixth Judicial District; Alexander Contee, Jr. (1786-1819), of Rockville, Montgomery County, a lawyer who established and edited the *Federal Republican*, was an unsuccessful candidate for the Lower House in 1816, elected as a Federalist to the Thirteenth and Fourteenth Congress, 1813-1816, elected to U.S. Senate, 1816-1819, and who married on June 25, 1805, Priscilla Dorsey. **DAUGHTER:** (first name unknown), who married Thomas Peabody Grosvenor, of New York. **PRIVATE CAREER. EDUCATION:** educated at the College of Philadelphia; later stud-

ied law. **RELIGIOUS AFFILIATION:** Protestant. **SOCIAL STATUS AND ACTIVITIES:** Esq., 1801. **OCCUPATIONAL PROFILE:** lawyer, admitted to the following courts: Frederick County in March 1773; Provincial Court in April 1773; Charles County by November 1773; Prince George's County in March 1774. Assistant private secretary to Gen. George Washington, 1776; officeholder. He compiled the *Laws of Maryland* (Annapolis, 1787), which included acts passed from November 1763 to 1784; authored numerous political pamphlets, as well as a compilation of the state's testamentary laws, published in Annapolis in 1798. **PUBLIC CAREER. LEGISLATIVE SERVICE:** Convention, Frederick County, 1st, 1774. **OTHER STATE OFFICES:** clerk of the Senate, elected 1777, resigned 1778; judge, General Court, 1778-1789; Constitution Ratification Convention, Annapolis, 1788; chancellor and judge, Land Office, 1789-1806; presidential elector, 1789, 1792. **LOCAL OFFICES:** Committee of Observation, Frederick County, elected 1774 and 1775. **STANDS ON PUBLIC/PRIVATE ISSUES:** writing under the pseudonym "Aristides," he was an articulate supporter for the ratification of the U.S. Constitution. **WEALTH DURING LIFETIME. PERSONAL PROPERTY:** assessed value £246.13.4, including 2 slaves and 40 oz. plate, Anne Arundel County, 1783. **LAND AT FIRST ELECTION:** 364 acres in Frederick County, plus 2 lots in Annapolis. **SIGNIFICANT CHANGES IN LAND BETWEEN FIRST ELECTION AND DEATH:** patented 64 acres and sold at least 109 acres in Frederick County, and rented 2 lots in Annapolis, 1775-1807. **WEALTH AT DEATH. DIED:** on January 16, 1806, in Annapolis, of apoplexy. **PERSONAL PROPERTY:** TEV, at least \$4,838.72 (including 11 slaves, 55 volumes, plus a 97-volume law library); FB, \$3,476.26. **LAND:** probably 428 acres in Frederick County, plus part of lots 48 and 49 on Church Street, Annapolis, where he lived.

HANSON, HANS (ca. 1647-1704). BORN: ca. 1647 in Delaware Bay, New Sweden. **IMMIGRATED:** in 1653 as a minor with his parents. **RESIDED:** in Kent County; Cecil County, by 1697/98. **FAMILY BACKGROUND. FATHER:** Andrew Hanson (?-1655). **MOTHER:** Annicak. **MARRIED** in 1679 Martha, widow of John Wells. She subsequently married William Pott. **CHILDREN. SONS:** George, who married first, (name unknown), second, Sarah, daughter of Daniel Pearce (1677-1727), and third, Jane Hynson; Frederick; William; and Hans. **DAUGHTERS:** Ann; Mary, who married St. Leger Codd (?-1730). **PRIVATE CAREER. EDUCATION:** literate. **RELIGIOUS AFFILIATION:** Anglican.