

BEATTY, THOMAS (ca. 1735–1815). BORN: ca. 1735; eldest son. NATIVE: at least third generation. RESIDED: probably in Creagerstown, Frederick County. FAMILY BACKGROUND. FATHER: *Thomas Beatty* (?–1768). MOTHER: *Mary*. BROTHERS: *Charles Beatty* (ca. 1736–1804); *James*. SISTERS: *Susanna*; *Sarah*. MARRIED *Jane* (?–1788). CHILDREN. SON: *Maj. Thomas, Jr.* (ca. 1759–1815), of Georgetown, D.C., who married *Anna*. DAUGHTERS: *Catherine* (?–by 1810), who married *John Ritchie*; *Henrietta*, who married *Rev. William Parkinson*, living in New York by 1810. PRIVATE CAREER. EDUCATION: literate. RELIGIOUS AFFILIATION: Baptist, member of the Baptist Church of Jesus Christ, Frederick Town, Frederick County; wife was a member of the Evangelical Reformed Church, Frederick County. SOCIAL STATUS AND ACTIVITIES: Esq., 1790. OCCUPATIONAL PROFILE: farmer, 1772; possibly a merchant. PUBLIC CAREER. LEGISLATIVE SERVICE: Lower House, Frederick County, 1781 (elected to the 2nd session of the 1780–1781 Assembly to fill vacancy), 1781–1782 (Grievances 2), 1782–1783 (elected to the 1st session to fill vacancy), 1783, 1784, 1790. LOCAL OFFICES: sheriff, Frederick County, commissioned 1777 (ineligible before October 1779), elected 1785—out of office by 1788; collector of tax, Frederick County, commissioned 1778 and 1779; commissioner of tax, Frederick County, appointed 1792 and 1798. WEALTH DURING LIFETIME. PERSONAL PROPERTY: owned 8 slaves, 1790. LAND AT FIRST ELECTION: ca. 1,360 acres in Frederick County, plus 2 lots in Georgetown, Montgomery County. SIGNIFICANT CHANGES IN LAND BETWEEN FIRST ELECTION AND DEATH: owned at least 2,200 acres in Frederick County, plus 2 lots in Creagerstown, 1798; also received ground rents from 114 lots in Creagerstown. WEALTH AT DEATH. DIED: on December 31, 1815, in Creagerstown, Frederick County. PERSONAL PROPERTY: TEV, \$12,449.48 (including 13 slaves and sundry books), plus \$2,264.43 received for land sold after his death; FB, \$4,777.40. LAND: owned land in Tennessee, as well as in Allegany and Frederick counties, and at least 8 lots in Creagerstown, at least 2 lots in Georgetown, and at least 2 lots in Washington, D.C.

BECKLER, EDWARD (?–?). IMMIGRATED: on Kent Island by 1637/38. RESIDED: in Kent County. PRIVATE CAREER. RELIGIOUS AFFILIATION: probably a Protestant. SOCIAL STATUS AND ACTIVITIES: does not appear in the records of the colony after the Assembly of 1637/38. OCCUPATIONAL PROFILE: planter. PUBLIC CAREER. LEGIS-

LATIVE SERVICE: Assembly, Kent County, 1637/38. STANDS ON PUBLIC/PRIVATE ISSUES: arrest warrant issued for him, *John Boteler* (ca. 1601–1642), and *Thomas Smith* on December 30, 1637, to answer accusations of sedition, piracy, and murder.

BELT, JOSEPH (ca. 1680–1761). BORN: ca. 1680 in Anne Arundel County; second son. NATIVE: probably third generation. RESIDED: at “Chelsea,” Prince George’s County. FAMILY BACKGROUND. FATHER: *John Belt* (?–1698), of Anne Arundel County. STEPFATHER: *John Lamb*, a merchant. MOTHER: *Elizabeth*. BROTHERS: *John*, of Baltimore County, a Quaker, who married *Lucy*, daughter of *Benjamin Lawrence*; *Benjamin* (1682–1773); and *Jeremiah* (1698–?), who married *Mary*, daughter of *John Wight* (?–1705). SISTERS: *Elizabeth*; *Charity*; and *Sarah*, who married in 1718 *Thomas Harwood*, of Anne Arundel County. HALF SISTER: *Margaret Lamb* (ca. 1702–?). MARRIED first, by 1706 *Hester (Esther)*, daughter of *Ninian Beale* (ca. 1625–1717/18). Her brothers were *Ninian* (1669–by 1717/18); *Charles* (1672–1740); *John* (1674–?); *Thomas*; and *George* (1695–1780). Her sisters were *Mary*; *Rachel*; and *Sarah* (?–1734), who married *Samuel Magruder* (1654–1711). Her nephews were *Joshua Beall* (ca. 1719–ca. 1796); *Thomas Beall, of George* (1735–1819); and *John Magruder* (1694–1750). MARRIED second, by 1737 *Margery* (?–1783), widow of *Thomas Sprigg* (?–1725); daughter of *John Wight* (?–1705). Her brother or half brother was *John*. Her half brother was *Thomas Gantt* (?–1765). Her sisters were *Mary*; *Feilder*. CHILDREN. SONS: *John* (ca. 1707–?), who married in 1727/28 *Margery Queen*; *Joseph, Jr.* (1717–1761), who married his stepsister *Anne Sprigg*; *Capt. Tobias* (1720–1785), who married *Mary Gordon* (?–1795); *Jeremiah* (1724–1784), who married in 1746 his stepsister *Mary Sprigg* (1723–?); *James* (1726–?); and *Humphrey*. STEPSONS: *Thomas Sprigg* (1715–1781), who married *Elizabeth* (1721/22–1789), daughter of *Richard Galloway* (1691–1741) and wife *Sophia Richardson*; *John Sprigg* (1716–?); and *Edward Sprigg* (?–?). DAUGHTERS: *Anne* (1708/9–?), who married first, in 1724 *Thomas Claggett*, and second, *Ignatius Perry*; *Rachel* (1711–?), who married *Osborn Sprigg* (1707–1749/50); *Mary* (1722–?), who married, first, *Edward Sprigg* (1697–1751), and second, *Thomas Pindell*; *Margery*, who married first, (first name unknown) *Lyles*, and second, (first name unknown) *Perry*. STEPDAUGHTERS: *Anne Sprigg*, who married her stepbrother *Joseph Belt, Jr.* (1717–1761); *Mary Sprigg* (1723–?), who mar-