

ried in 1746 her stepbrother Jeremiah Belt (1724–1784). PRIVATE CAREER. EDUCATION: literate. RELIGIOUS AFFILIATION: Anglican, Queen Anne's Parish, Prince George's County. SOCIAL STATUS AND ACTIVITIES: Gent., by 1726. OCCUPATIONAL PROFILE: merchant; probably also a planter. PUBLIC CAREER. LEGISLATIVE SERVICE: Lower House, Prince George's County, 1725–1727 (Aggrievances 1–4), 1728–1731 (Aggrievances 1–5), 1732–1734 (Aggrievances 1–Cv), 1734/35–1737 (Aggrievances 1, Cv, 2–4). OTHER PROVINCIAL OFFICE: justice, Provincial Court, 1732—at least 1734. LOCAL OFFICES: Queen Anne Parish Vestry, Prince George's County, in office 1714–1717, 1726–1729, 1740–1743, 1746–1749; justice, Prince George's County, 1715/16—at least 1729 (quorum, 1720—at least 1729); churchwarden, Queen Anne Parish, Prince George's County, 1724–1725; justice, Court of Oyer and Terminer and Gaol Delivery, Prince George's County, commissioned 1721, 1725/26, 1729, and 1734. MILITARY SERVICE: lieutenant colonel, by 1725; colonel, by 1726. WEALTH DURING LIFETIME. LAND AT FIRST ELECTION: 1,010 acres in Prince George's and Baltimore counties (250 acres inherited from his father; 760 acres by patent). SIGNIFICANT CHANGES IN LAND BETWEEN FIRST ELECTION AND DEATH: purchased or patented at least 2,118 acres in Prince George's and Frederick counties between 1726 and 1755; sold at least 836 acres in Prince George's and Baltimore counties between 1738 and 1745; gave 200 acres in Prince George's County to his godson, 1740; an additional 437 acres in Prince George's County may have come from Belt's second marriage. WEALTH AT DEATH. DIED: on June 26, 1761, in Prince George's County; his death was "supposed to be occasioned by Grief for the Death of his Son Joseph, Jr. a few Weeks before." PERSONAL PROPERTY: TEV, £2,538.12.3 current money (including 33 slaves, 83 oz. silver, and books); FB, £999.6.7. LAND: 2,861 acres in Frederick and Prince George's counties.

**BENNETT, RICHARD** (ca. 1608–1675). BORN: ca. 1608 in England. IMMIGRATED: in 1648 as a free adult with his family from Virginia. RESIDED: on the Severn River, Anne Arundel County; returned to Virginia, ca. 1652. ADDITIONAL COMMENTS: in Virginia by 1628 to manage his uncle's plantation. FAMILY BACKGROUND. UNCLE: Edward Bennett, a London merchant and director of the Virginia Company, 1621. MARRIED by 1638 Ann, widow of John Utie (?–by 1638). CHILDREN. SON: *Richard Bennett* (ca. 1639–1667), who married Henrietta Maria (1647–1697), daughter of

*James Neale* (ca. 1615–1684). STEPSONS: John Utie; *Nathaniel Utie* (ca. 1635–ca. 1675/76); and *George Utie* (?–1678). DAUGHTERS: Elizabeth, who married Charles Scarborough; Ann (?–by 1694), who married first, Theodorick Bland (?–1671), and second, *St. Leger Codd* (ca. 1634–ca. 1707/8). PRIVATE CAREER. EDUCATION: literate. RELIGIOUS AFFILIATION: Protestant; Puritan. SOCIAL STATUS AND ACTIVITIES: he led a migration of religious dissenters from Virginia to Maryland and received a grant from Lord Baltimore for settlement on the Severn River which they named Providence, 1648; after 1652, he resided at his plantation on the Nassemund River in Virginia. OCCUPATIONAL PROFILE: merchant; planter. PUBLIC CAREER. PROVINCIAL OFFICE: commissioner of Parliament for Maryland, 1651–1657/58. OUT OF COLONY OFFICES: burgess, Virginia, 1629–1631; Virginia Council, 1642, 1660; commissioner of Parliament for Virginia, 1651–1660; governor of Virginia, 1652–1655; major general of the Virginia Militia, 1666. STANDS ON PUBLIC/PRIVATE ISSUES: leader of the Puritan and anti-royal factions in Virginia and Maryland during the 1640s and 1650s; returned to England to oppose Lord Baltimore's claim to Maryland, 1655. WEALTH AT DEATH. DIED: will probated on April 12, 1675; size of estate unknown.

**BENNETT, RICHARD** (ca. 1639–1667). BORN: ca. 1639 in Virginia; only son. IMMIGRATED: by 1663 as a free adult from Virginia. RESIDED: in Baltimore County. FAMILY BACKGROUND. FATHER: *Richard Bennett* (ca. 1608–1675). MOTHER: Anne, widow of John Utie (?–by 1638). HALF BROTHERS: John Utie; *Nathaniel Utie* (ca. 1635–ca. 1675/76); and *George Utie* (?–1678). SISTERS: Elizabeth, who married Charles Scarborough; Ann (?–by 1694), who married first, Theodorick Bland, and second, *St. Leger Codd* (ca. 1634–ca. 1707/8). OTHER KINSHIP: his great-uncle was Edward Bennett, a London merchant and director of the Virginia Company, 1621. MARRIED Henrietta Maria (1647–1697), daughter of *James Neale* (ca. 1615–1684). She subsequently married in 1669 *Philemon Lloyd* (1646–1685). Her brothers were James, who married first, Elizabeth, daughter of *William Calvert* (ca. 1642/43–1682), and second, Elizabeth, daughter of Capt. John Lord, of Virginia; Anthony, who married first, Elizabeth, daughter of *Thomas Turner* (?–ca. 1662/63), and second, Elizabeth, daughter of *William Digges* (ca. 1650–1697). Her sisters were Jane, who married William Boreman, son of *William Boreman* (ca. 1630–1709); Dorothy. CHILDREN. SON: Richard (1667–