

1704). MOTHER: Anne (?-1764), daughter of *William Harbert* (?-1718). BROTHER: *John Dent, of George* (ca. 1733-1809). SISTERS: Elizabeth, who married second, *Richard Harrison* (?-1780); Ann; Sarah; Rebecca (1714-died young); Letty (Letitia); Mary; Eleanor; Margaret; and Rebecca (1735-1770), who married *Thomas Hanson Marshall* (1731-1801). MARRIED between 1746 and 1751 Eleanor, daughter of *Henry Holland Hawkins* (1683-1751); granddaughter of both *Henry Hawkins* (?-1699) and *Thomas Greenfield* (ca. 1649-1715); niece of *Thomas Trueman Greenfield* (1682-1733). Her brothers were Samuel; Henry; and *Josias Hawkins* (ca. 1735-1789). Her sisters were Elizabeth; Martha Portase; Jane; Susannah; and Ruth. Her first cousins were *Thomas Greenfield* (ca. 1715-1774); Marianne Greenfield, who married *John Stoddert* (?-1767); and *Francis Waring* (1715-1769). CHILDREN. SONS: Henry; George, who married Elizabeth Yates. DAUGHTERS: Elander (Eleanor) (?-1819), a spinster; Joanna (Johanna) Greenfield; Jane (?-1827), a spinster; Mary, who married first, Henry Alexander Ashton, and second, Johannes Storke; and Anne, who married Dr. *John Parnham* (ca. 1748-1813). PRIVATE CAREER. EDUCATION: literate. RELIGIOUS AFFILIATION: Protestant; his father was an Anglican. SOCIAL STATUS AND ACTIVITIES: Esq., 1781; fourth generation legislator. OCCUPATIONAL PROFILE: probably a planter. PUBLIC CAREER. LEGISLATIVE SERVICE: Lower House, Charles County, 1757-1758 (Arms and Ammunition Cv, 2), 1758-1761 (Arms and Ammunition 2), 1762-1763 (Accounts 1, 2), 1765-1766 (Accounts 2, 4), Conventions, Charles County, 2nd, 1774, 4th, 1775 (elected, but did not attend), 5th, 1775 (elected, but did not attend). LOCAL OFFICES: sheriff, Charles County, 1753-1756; justice, Charles County, 1757-at least 1774 (quorum, 1766-at least 1774); justice, Court of Oyer and Terminer and Gaol Delivery, Charles County, 1773; judge, court of appeals, appointed under the Act to Procure Troops for the American Army, Charles County, appointed 1778; trustee, Charlotte Hall School, 1778. MILITARY SERVICE: captain, 1757. WEALTH DURING LIFETIME. PERSONAL PROPERTY: assessed value £2,104.10.0, including 43 slaves and 16 oz. plate, 1783. LAND AT FIRST ELECTION: 1,886 acres in Charles County (1,786 acres inherited from his father). SIGNIFICANT CHANGES IN LAND BETWEEN FIRST ELECTION AND DEATH: in April 1781 his home in Charles County was burned by the British. In May 1781, as part of the act to raise supplies for that year, Dent was exempted from paying his taxes because

of the losses he had sustained at the hands of the British. WEALTH AT DEATH. DIED: between September 12 and December 31, 1785, in Charles County. LAND: He was charged with 1,383 acres in Charles County in 1783. His will, two years later, mentioned only 300 acres, but stated that he had already provided for his daughters.

DENT, GEORGE (ca. 1758-1813). BORN: ca. 1758 at "Clarks Inheritance" on Mattawoman Creek, Pomonkey Hundred, Charles County; probably elder son. NATIVE: fifth generation. RESIDED: in Pomonkey Hundred, Charles County, 1778; plantation near Augusta, Georgia, 1802 until death. FAMILY BACKGROUND. FATHER: *John Dent, of George* (ca. 1733-1809), son of *George Dent* (1690-1754). MOTHER: Sarah (?-1795), daughter of Thomas Marshall and wife Elizabeth Bishop (1735-?). UNCLE: *George Dent* (?-1785). AUNT: Elizabeth Dent (?-1781), who married *Richard Harrison* (?-1780). BROTHER: Thomas Marshall (1761-1823). SISTERS: Ann Herbert (1756-1813); Elizabeth (1754-died young). MARRIED Anne Magruder, daughter of James Truman (?-1789) and wife Elizabeth Gordon (?-ca. 1807). CHILDREN. SONS: John Herbert (1782-?), who married Elizabeth Anne Harry; James Truman (1790-?), who married Catherine Anne Cooper; George Columbus (1792-1815), who died in a duel; and Dennis (1796-?), who married Martha Beall. DAUGHTERS: Sarah Marshall (1783-?), who married first, Edward Briscoe, and second, (first name unknown) Fendall; Elizabeth Truman (1786-1789); Maria (1788-?), who married John Neilson; and Mary Ann, (?-died young). PRIVATE CAREER. EDUCATION: literate. RELIGIOUS AFFILIATION: Anglican, St. John's Parish, Piscataway, Charles County. SOCIAL STATUS AND ACTIVITIES: Gent., 1789; fifth generation legislator. OCCUPATIONAL PROFILE: possibly a planter. PUBLIC CAREER. LEGISLATIVE SERVICE: Lower House, Charles County, 1782-1783, 1784, 1785, 1786-1787 (Grievances 2), 1787-1788 (Elections 1; Claims 1), 1788 (Elections), 1789 (speaker), 1790 (speaker); Senate, Western Shore, Term of 1791-1796: 1791-1792 (president 2), 1792 (president; resigned on December 21, 1792). LOCAL OFFICES: justice, Charles County, 1774-at least 1795; justice, Orphans' Court, Charles County, commissioned 1778 and 1779; subscription officer, Charles County, 1779. MILITARY SERVICE: 1st lieutenant, Third Maryland Battalion, Flying Camp, 1776; 1st lieutenant, Charles County Militia, commissioned 1778, then promoted to captain and assigned to the Twenty-sixth Battalion. OUT