

OF STATE SERVICE: representative, U.S. Congress, 1793–1795, 1795–1797, 1797–1799, 1799–1801; nominated as marshal of Washington, D.C., 1801; he expected to receive the post of U.S. treasurer because of his ardent support of Thomas Jefferson in the 1801 election; when disappointed in his failure to receive the post, he moved to Georgia in 1802. **WEALTH DURING LIFETIME. PERSONAL PROPERTY:** assessed value £1,167.10.0, including 39 slaves and 16 oz. plate, 1783. **LAND AT FIRST ELECTION:** 1,863 acres in Charles County (580 acres inherited from his father). **SIGNIFICANT CHANGES IN LAND BETWEEN FIRST ELECTION AND DEATH:** sold 580 acres of his land and 243 acres of his wife's land, 1802. **WEALTH AT DEATH. DIED:** on December 2, 1813, on his plantation near Augusta, Georgia, as a result of being thrown from a horse; size of estate unknown.

**DENT, JOHN, OF GEORGE** (ca. 1733–1809). **BORN:** ca. 1733 in Pomonkey Hundred, Durham Parish, Charles County. **NATIVE:** fourth generation. **RESIDED:** at "Clarks Inheritance," Charles County, 1758; in Pomonkey Hundred, Charles County, 1778. **FAMILY BACKGROUND. FATHER:** *George Dent* (1690–1754), son of *William Dent* (ca. 1660–1704). **MOTHER:** Anne (?–1764), daughter of *William Harbert* (?–1718). **UNCLE:** *Thomas Dent* (1685–1725). **BROTHERS:** *George Dent* (?–1785). **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** on February 27, 1753/54, Sarah (1735–1795), daughter of Thomas Marshall and wife Elizabeth Bishop, of Prince George's County. Her brother was *Thomas Hanson Marshall* (1731–1801). **CHILDREN. SONS:** *George Dent* (ca. 1758–1813); Thomas Marshall (1761–1823), who married Anne Magruder. **DAUGHTERS:** Elizabeth (1754–died young); Ann Herbert (1756–1813), who married *William Mackall Wilkinson* (1752–1799). **PRIVATE CAREER. EDUCATION:** literate. **RELIGIOUS AFFILIATION:** Protestant. **SOCIAL STATUS AND ACTIVITIES:** Esq., 1784; fourth generation legislator. **OCCUPATIONAL PROFILE:** probably a planter. **PUBLIC CAREER. LEGISLATIVE SERVICE:** Conventions, Charles County, 1st, 1774, 2nd–3rd, 1774, 4th, 1775, 5th, 1775, 9th, 1776; Lower House, Charles County, 1781 (elected to the 2nd session to fill vacancy; Elections 2), 1781–1782 (Grievances 1; resigned on May 7, 1782). **LOCAL OFFICES:** justice, Charles County, 1764—at least 1799 (quorum, 1794—at least 1799); justice, Orphans' Court,

Charles County, 1777—at least 1789; King George's Parish Vestry, Prince George's County, elected 1775, in office 1784–1786. **MILITARY SERVICE:** brigadier general, Lower District, Western Shore, 1776; held same rank in Flying Camp, 1776. **WEALTH DURING LIFETIME. PERSONAL PROPERTY:** assessed value £966.0.0, including 19 slaves and 55 oz. plate, 1783; 24 slaves, 1798. **LAND AT FIRST ELECTION:** 1,280 acres in Charles County (1,000 acres acquired by deed of gift from his parents at the time of his marriage). **SIGNIFICANT CHANGES IN LAND BETWEEN FIRST ELECTION AND DEATH:** devised 580 acres in Charles County to son *George Dent* (ca. 1758–1813) in 1785. **WEALTH AT DEATH. DIED:** will probated on August 24, 1809, in Charles County. **LAND:** ca. 498 acres in Pomonkey Hundred, Charles County.

**DENT, JOHN, OF JOHN** (?–1799). **BORN:** at "Dents Inheritance," Newport Hundred, Charles County, of age by 1777. **NATIVE:** fourth generation. **RESIDED:** in Trinity Parish, Bryan Town Hundred, Charles County, 1778. The tract "Dents Inheritance" was the seat of the branch of the Dent family descended from John Dent I, grandfather of *John Dent of John* (?–1799). **FAMILY BACKGROUND. FATHER:** John Dent (by 1733–1791), of Newport Hundred, Charles County. **MOTHER:** Mary Blackman. **BROTHERS:** Bennett (?–1779), died without progeny; Hatch, who married twice, leaving a widow named Elizabeth. **SISTERS:** Mary; Sarah Clark; Tabitha, who married Walter Moreland; and Anne, who married Charles Davis. **MARRIED** Mary. **CHILDREN. SON:** John Shelton (1792–?). **DAUGHTER:** Priscilla, who married John Brewer Dent. **PRIVATE CAREER. EDUCATION:** literate. **RELIGIOUS AFFILIATION:** Anglican, Trinity Parish, Charles County. **OCCUPATIONAL PROFILE:** probably a planter. **PUBLIC CAREER. LEGISLATIVE SERVICE:** Lower House, Charles County, 1783. **WEALTH DURING LIFETIME. PERSONAL PROPERTY:** assessed value £263.0.0, including 5 slaves, 1783; 4 slaves, 1798. **LAND AT FIRST ELECTION:** 250 acres in Charles County. **WEALTH AT DEATH. DIED:** between January 16 and November 4, 1799; will probated in Charles County. **PERSONAL PROPERTY:** TEV, £374.0.9 current money (including 3 slaves); FB, £182.5.8. **LAND:** 198 acres in Charles County.

**DENT, PETER** (ca. 1665–1710/11). **BORN:** ca. 1665 in St. Mary's County; third son. **NATIVE:** second generation. **RESIDED:** in St. Mary's County; Somerset County, by 1686. **FAMILY BACKGROUND. FATHER:** *Thomas Dent* (ca. 1630–1676). **STEPFA-**