

THER: *John Addison* (?-ca. 1705/6). MOTHER: *Rebecca Wilkinson* (?-1726). BROTHERS: *William Dent* (ca. 1660-1704); *Thomas*; and *George* (?-by 1702). HALF BROTHER: *Thomas Addison* (1679-1727). SISTERS: *Margaret*; *Barbara* (1676-1754), who married *Thomas Brooke* (ca. 1659-1730/31). MARRIED first, ca. February 1703/4 *Elizabeth*, widow of both *John King* and *Thomas Wilson*; daughter of *Charles Ballard*. Her brother was *Charles Ballard* (ca. 1670-ca. 1724/25). MARRIED second, *Jane Pittman*, daughter of *Joseph Gray* (?-1724). She subsequently married *John Scott*. CHILDREN. DAUGHTER: *Rebecca*. PRIVATE CAREER. EDUCATION: literate; had clerical skills. RELIGIOUS AFFILIATION: Protestant. SOCIAL STATUS AND ACTIVITIES: second generation burgess. OCCUPATIONAL PROFILE: attorney, admitted to the Somerset County Court in 1689; placeman; storekeeper in the early 1690s. PUBLIC CAREER. LEGISLATIVE SERVICE: Lower House, Somerset County, 1701/2-1704 (elected to the 2nd session). OTHER PROVINCIAL OFFICE: assistant clerk, Lower House, 1692. LOCAL OFFICES: clerk of Indictments, Somerset County, 1692; clerk, Somerset County, 1696/97-1705; deputy commissary, Somerset County, 1700-1708. MILITARY SERVICE: officer, 1696. STANDS ON PUBLIC/PRIVATE ISSUES: supported the revolution of Protestant Associators in 1689. WEALTH DURING LIFETIME. LAND AT FIRST ELECTION: probably ca. 700 acres (had inherited 1,086 acres equally with brother *George* in 1676; patented 200 acres in 1689). WEALTH AT DEATH. DIED: between February 25 and March 7, 1710/11. PERSONAL PROPERTY: TEV, £644.5.8 sterling (including 4 slaves, 1 servant, and books). LAND: probably ca. 700 acres.

DENT, THOMAS (ca. 1630-1676). BORN: ca. 1630 in Yorkshire, England; younger son. IMMIGRATED: by 1658 as a free adult from England. RESIDED: in St. Mary's County. FAMILY BACKGROUND. FATHER: *Peter Dent*, of *Gisborough*, Yorkshire, England. MARRIED *Rebecca* (?-1726), daughter of *Rev. William Wilkinson*. She subsequently married by February 1676/77 *John Addison* (?-ca. 1705/6). Her sister was *Elizabeth*, who married *William Hatton* (?-1712). CHILDREN. SONS: *William Dent* (ca. 1660-1704), who married first, *Elizabeth* (?-1698/99), daughter of *Gerard Fowke* (1625-1669), and second, *Sarah*, daughter of *Thomas Brooke* (ca. 1659-1730/31); *Thomas*; *Peter Dent* (ca. 1665-1710/11), who married first, *Elizabeth*, widow of both *John King* and *Thomas Wilson*, and daughter of *Charles Ballard* (?-1682), and second, *Jane Pittman*, daughter of *Joseph*

Gray (?-1724); and *George* (?-by 1702). DAUGHTERS: *Margaret*, who married in 1681 *Edmund Howard* (?-1713); *Barbara* (1676-1754), who married *Thomas Brooke* (ca. 1659-1730/31). PRIVATE CAREER. EDUCATION: literate. RELIGIOUS AFFILIATION: Anglican. SOCIAL STATUS AND ACTIVITIES: Gent. on arrival; entered rights for transporting at least seventy-five persons, 1658-1676. OCCUPATIONAL PROFILE: merchant; planter. PUBLIC CAREER. LEGISLATIVE SERVICE: Lower House, St. Mary's County, 1669, 1674-1674/75 (elected to the 3rd session; Laws 3; Accounts 3). LOCAL OFFICES: justice, St. Mary's County, by 1661-1664, ca. 1665-1676 (quorum); sheriff, St. Mary's County, 1664-1665; coroner, St. Mary's County, 1669; alderman, St. Mary's City, 1673. WEALTH DURING LIFETIME. LAND AT FIRST ELECTION: at least 850 acres. WEALTH AT DEATH. DIED: between March 28 and April 21, 1676. PERSONAL PROPERTY: TEV, £596.8.0 sterling (including 6 slaves, 8 servants, and books). LAND: 1,083 acres, plus 3 plantations of unspecified acreage.

DENT, THOMAS (1685-1725). BORN: in 1685 in Charles County; first son. NATIVE: third generation. RESIDED: in Charles County. FAMILY BACKGROUND. FATHER: *William Dent* (ca. 1660-1704), son of *Thomas Dent* (ca. 1630-1676). MOTHER: *Elizabeth* (?-1698/99), daughter of *Gerard Fowke* (1625-1669). STEPMOTHER: *Sarah*, daughter of *Thomas Brooke* (ca. 1659-1730/31). UNCLES: *Peter Dent* (ca. 1665-1710/11); *Gerard Fowke* (1662/63-1734/35); and *Thomas Addison* (1679-1727). BROTHERS: *William* (1687-1695); *Gerard* (?-died young); *George Dent* (1690-1754), who married *Anne*, daughter of *William Harbert* (?-1718); *Peter* (1694-1757); and *Philip* (?-died young). SISTERS: *Elizabeth* (1688-1699); *Anne* (1692-?); and *Elizabeth* (1699-?), who married *Richard Tarvin*. OTHER KINSHIP: *John Addison* (1713-1764); *Thomas Brooke* (1683-1744). MARRIED by 1705 *Anne*, daughter of *John Bayne* (ca. 1662-1701); granddaughter of *Walter Bayne* (?-1670); niece of both *John Stone* (ca. 1648-1697) and *John Beale, of Lawson* (ca. 1674-1751). CHILDREN. SONS: *Thomas* (?-1750), who married *Elizabeth Cove*, of Stafford County, Virginia; and *William* (1706-1757), who married *Anne*, daughter of *John Warren*, of Wicomico Hundred, Charles County, and wife *Judith Townley*. PRIVATE CAREER. EDUCATION: literate. RELIGIOUS AFFILIATION: Anglican. OCCUPATIONAL PROFILE: planter. PUBLIC CAREER. LEGISLATIVE SERVICE: Lower House, Charles County, 1715 (Accounts; Laws), 1716-1718 (Laws 1; Aggravances 1-3). LOCAL OFFICES: