

Edward Digges (ca. 1621–1675/76), son of Sir Dudley Digges (1583–1639), who immigrated to Virginia in 1650, served as councilor in 1654 and by 1670–1675/76, was governor of Virginia from 1655 to 1658, Virginia's agent in England in 1658, and a member of the Council for Foreign Plantations from 1661 to 1664. MOTHER: Elizabeth Page. BROTHER: Dudley (1665–1710), a burgess from Warwick County, Virginia, in 1695/96, who served on the Virginia Council in 1698. SISTERS: Mary; Ann. MARRIED ca. 1679 Elizabeth, widow of *Jesse Wharton* (?–1676); daughter of *Henry Sewall* (?–1665) and wife Jane Lowe; stepdaughter of *Charles Calvert, 3rd Lord Baltimore* (1637–1714/15). Her brother was *Nicholas Sewall* (ca. 1655–1737). Her sisters were Jane, who married *Philip Calvert* (1626–1682); Anne, who married first, *Benjamin Rozer* (?–1681), and second, *Edward Pye* (?–1696); and Mary. CHILDREN. SONS: Edward (?–1714), who married in 1699 Elizabeth (?–1704), daughter of *Henry Darnall* (ca. 1645–1711); William, who married Elinor, widow of Philip Darnall (1671–1705) and daughter of *Thomas Brooke* (ca. 1659–1730/31); John; Dudley; Charles, married Susannah Maria, daughter of *Henry Lowe* (?–1717); and Nicholas. DAUGHTERS: Jane; Elizabeth, who married Anthony Neale, son of *James Neale* (ca. 1615–1684); Ann, who married Henry Darnall (1682–1759), son of *Henry Darnall* (ca. 1645–1711); and Mary. PRIVATE CAREER. EDUCATION: literate, probably had extensive schooling. RELIGIOUS AFFILIATION: Protestant, but his wife was Catholic. SOCIAL STATUS AND ACTIVITIES: appointed to the Maryland Council immediately after his marriage to the proprietor's stepdaughter; he was the only Protestant on the governor's Council in 1689. OCCUPATIONAL PROFILE: merchant; planter. PUBLIC CAREER. LEGISLATIVE SERVICE: Upper House, 1681–1682 (appointed by the 3rd session), 1682–1684 (Accounts 1–3), 1686–1688 (Accounts, chairman 2). OTHER PROVINCIAL OFFICES: Council, 1679/80–1689; justice, Provincial Court, 1679/80–1689; joint chancellor and commissary general, 1682/83–1685; Board of Deputy Governors, 1684–1689; joint collector of Patuxent, 1684–1685; Land Council, 1684; joint secretary, 1685–1689. MILITARY SERVICE: colonel, 1679–1689. OUT OF COLONY SERVICE: justice, York County, Virginia, 1671; sheriff, York County, Virginia, 1679; captain of horse, 1674. STANDS ON PUBLIC/PRIVATE ISSUES: rejected the appeal of Protestants in 1689 to lead the resistance against the proprietor, whom he subsequently defended against the rebel Protestant Associators; resumed his residence in Virginia

after the rebellion of 1689 and his plantation there became a refuge for some of his Catholic colleagues and relatives from Maryland; brought before the Virginia Council on charges of plotting to restore King James II, 1693. WEALTH DURING LIFETIME. LAND AT FIRST ELECTION: had considerable acreage in Virginia; had ca. 4,000 acres in Maryland, which he began to sell in 1692. WEALTH AT DEATH. DIED: will probated on July 24, 1697. PERSONAL PROPERTY: TEV, £798.8.7 sterling (including 29 slaves and books). LAND: over 3,000 acres.

DIXON, AMBROSE (?–1687). IMMIGRATED: by 1661/62 as a free adult from Northampton County, Virginia. RESIDED: in Annemesex Hundred, Somerset County. ADDITIONAL COMMENTS: he was living in Virginia by 1645, where he patented 600 acres of land in Northampton County with *Stephen Horsey* (ca. 1620–1671), probably in 1652. MARRIED by 1652 Mary, widow of Henry Peddington (?–1647). CHILDREN. SON: *Thomas Dixon* (?–1720), who married first, Christiana Potter, and second, Susanna. DAUGHTERS: Elizabeth (?–1687), who married Robert Dukes; Sarah, who married Edward Beauchamp; Grace, who married John Richards; Mary, who married Thomas Cottingham; Alice (1663/64–?), who married Henry Potter; and Hannah (1666–1667). PRIVATE CAREER. EDUCATION: illiterate. RELIGIOUS AFFILIATION: Quaker; religious persecution drove him to Maryland, where his home became an important meeting place for Quakers. OCCUPATIONAL PROFILE: caulker; planter; innkeeper, 1670. PUBLIC CAREER. LEGISLATIVE PROFILE: Lower House, Somerset County, 1671 (did not sit). LOCAL OFFICE: surveyor of highways, Somerset County, 1666. WEALTH DURING LIFETIME. LAND AT FIRST ELECTION: 550 acres. WEALTH AT DEATH. DIED: buried on April 12, 1687. PERSONAL PROPERTY: TEV, £326.3.0 sterling (including 11 slaves and 1 servant). LAND: 550 acres.

DIXON, THOMAS (?–1720). BORN: in Northampton County, Virginia; only son. IMMIGRATED: by 1661/62 as a minor with his parents from Virginia. RESIDED: in Annemesex Hundred, Somerset County. FAMILY BACKGROUND. FATHER: *Ambrose Dixon* (?–1687). MOTHER: Mary. SISTERS: Elizabeth (?–1687); Sarah; Grace; Mary; Alice (1663/64–?); and Hannah (1666–1667). MARRIED first, in 1672 Christiana Potter. MARRIED second, Susanna. CHILDREN. SONS: Ambrose (1673–?); Thomas (1677/78–1747); and William (1686–?). DAUGHTERS: Adria (1675–?); Mary (1683–?); Di-