

**HALL, BENEDICT EDWARD** (ca. 1744–1822). BORN: ca. 1744 in St. George's Parish, Baltimore County; second surviving son. NATIVE: fourth generation. RESIDED: at "Shandy Hall," Spesutia Lower Hundred, Harford County. FAMILY BACKGROUND. FATHER: *John Hall* (1701–1774). MOTHER: Hannah (1711–1782). BROTHERS: *John Hall, Jr.* (1737–1770); Josiah (1739–1739); Aquila (1742–1743); and *Josias Carvil Hall* (1746–1814). SISTERS: Martha (1735–?), who married second, *John Rumsey* (ca. 1742–1828); Mary (1740–?), who married *Benjamin Rumsey* (1734–1808). FIRST COUSINS: *Aquila Hall* (1727–1779); Martha Hall, who married *Walter Tolley* (?–1783); Blanche Hall, who married *John Beale Howard* (by 1739–1799); and Sophia White (?–1780), who married *Aquila Hall* (1727–1779). MARRIED in 1781 Milcah (1756–?), daughter of *Amos Garrett* (1723–ca. 1789) and wife Frances Drew (1727–by 1786). Her brother was Bennett (1745/46–by 1786). Her sisters were Cassandra (1750–?); Frances (ca. 1763–?). CHILDREN. SONS: Henry (by 1786–?); Benedict Charles; and Edward Carvil. DAUGHTERS: Anne Maria Caroline; Hannah Elizabeth; Charlotte; and Harriet. PRIVATE CAREER. EDUCATION: literate. RELIGIOUS AFFILIATION: Anglican, St. George's Parish, Harford County; elected lay delegate to the Protestant Episcopal Church Convention, 1788. SOCIAL STATUS AND ACTIVITIES: Gent.; third generation legislator. OCCUPATIONAL PROFILE: planter; associated with the mercantile firm of Walter T. Hall & Co., Havre de Grace, Harford County. PUBLIC CAREER. LEGISLATIVE SERVICE: Conventions, Harford County, 1st, 1774, 4th, 1775, 5th, 1775; Senate, Western Shore, Term of 1776–1781: 1781 (elected on June 12, 1781, to fill vacancy in the 1780–1781 Assembly; qualified on June 17, 1781), Term of 1781–1786: 1781–1782, 1782–1783, 1783, 1784, 1785. LOCAL OFFICES: St. George's Parish Vestry, Harford County, in office 1771–1774, 1784, 1787, 1792–1793, 1798–1800; justice, Baltimore County, 1772–1773, Harford County, 1774–1788; commissioner, Harford County, appointed 1773; Committee of Correspondence, Harford County, elected 1774; justice, Orphans' Court, Harford County, appointed 1777, in office 1784–1789; commissioner of tax, Harford County, 1777–1779; commissioner, Havre de Grace, Harford County, appointed 1785; associate justice, Third District Circuit Court, Harford County, 1789—at least 1800. MILITARY SERVICE: enrolled in Company No. 1, Harford County Militia, 1775; enrolled in Company No. 2, Harford Rifles, Flying Camp, 1776. WEALTH DURING LIFETIME. PERSONAL PROPERTY: 13 slaves, 1776;

assessed value £1,349.0.0 current money, including 26 slaves, 1783; inherited the personal estate of *Amos Garrett* (1723–ca. 1789) in 1789, with a value of at least £329.0.0 current money before payment of debts. LAND AT FIRST ELECTION: 1,971 acres in Harford County (inherited from his father in 1774). SIGNIFICANT CHANGES IN LAND BETWEEN FIRST ELECTION AND DEATH: purchased ca. 400 acres in Harford County in the 1780s; assessed for 2,133 acres in Harford County, 1783; inherited a life estate in ca. 659 acres from *Amos Garrett* (1723–ca. 1789) in 1789; mortgaged his home plantation in 1801 (released in 1811) and sold over 425 acres by 1810 to pay debts, some of which had been incurred by Walter T. Hall & Co.; purchased 5 lots in Havre de Grace, Harford County, and gave his eldest son at least 1,300 acres of his home plantation shortly before his death. WEALTH AT DEATH. DIED: will probated on April 24, 1822, in Harford County. PERSONAL PROPERTY: TEV, \$1,794.44 current money; FB, \$653.46. LAND: at least 236 acres in Harford County were mentioned in his will, all of which were probably already in the possession of his sons; 5 lots in Havre de Grace, Harford County.

**HALL, BENJAMIN** (1667–1721). BORN: in 1667 in Calvert County; third son. NATIVE: second generation. RESIDED: in Calvert County; St. Mary's County briefly in the 1690s; Charles County, 1696. FAMILY BACKGROUND. FATHER: *Richard Hall* (?–1688). MOTHER: Elizabeth. BROTHERS: *Elisha Hall* (1663–ca. 1716/17); Joseph (1665–1705); and Aaron (1669–1704). SISTERS: Rachel (1671–1730), who married *Walter Smith* (?–1711); Elizabeth (1673–1743); Lucia (1675–?), who married *John Smith* (?–1738); and Sarah (1677–?), who married *Robert Bradley* (?–1724). MARRIED by 1696/97 Mary (1678–1742), widow of James Bowling (?–1693); daughter of *Thomas Brooke* (1632–1676) and wife Elinor Hatton; stepdaughter of *Henry Darnall* (ca. 1645–1711); granddaughter of *Robert Brooke* (1602–1655); niece of *Baker Brooke* (1628–1678/79), *Charles Brooke* (1636–1671), *William Hatton* (?–1712); *Zachary Wade* (ca. 1627–1678), *Luke Gardiner* (1622–1674), *Clement Hill* (?–1708), and *James Johnson* (?–?). Mary Brooke Hall subsequently married Henry Witham. Her brothers were *Thomas Brooke* (ca. 1659–1730/31); Robert (1663–1714); Ignatius (1670–1751); Matthew (1672–1703); and Clement (1676–1737). Her sister was Elinor. CHILDREN. SON: Francis (1696–1785), who married Dorothy, daughter of *Henry Lowe* (?–1717). PRIVATE CAREER. EDUCATION: literate. RELIGIOUS AFFILIA-