

controller, Charles County, 1768; justice, Court of Oyer and Terminer and Gaol Delivery, Charles County, commissioned 1772 and 1773; Committee of Observation, Charles County, elected 1774; judge, court of appeals, appointed under the Act to Procure Troops for the American Army, Charles County, appointed 1778; subscription officer, Continental Loan Office, Charles County, appointed 1779; justice, Orphans' Court, Charles County, 1779—at least 1789. **WEALTH DURING LIFETIME.** **PERSONAL PROPERTY:** assessed value £1,121.0.0, including 24 slaves and 6 oz. plate, 1783. **LAND AT FIRST ELECTION:** 2,840 acres in Charles County (including 340 acres received as a gift from his parents, 1738; ca. 1,432 acres obtained through his marriage; at least 948 acres by purchase). **SIGNIFICANT CHANGES IN LAND BETWEEN FIRST ELECTION AND DEATH:** sold at least 169 acres in 1775. Gave 392 acres to his son Hoskins in 1782, but retained a life estate in the property. By 1783 Hanson was assessed for only 1,466 acres; his sons paid taxes on 710 acres of their father's property and 200 acres had apparently been given to his daughter Margaret and her husband. In 1792 Hanson resurveyed and patented a large tract of his land gaining 82 acres, but he immediately sold 158 acres of it. All of his land was in Charles County. **WEALTH AT DEATH.** **DIED:** between May 21 and December 1, 1794, in Charles County. **PERSONAL PROPERTY:** TEV, at least £817.12.2 current money (including 14 slaves). **LAND:** probably 2,276 acres in Charles County, of which at least 760 acres were already in the hands of his sons, Walter, Jr., and Hoskins.

HARBERT (HERBERT), WILLIAM (?-1718). **BORN:** perhaps in Maryland, of age by 1690. **NATIVE:** perhaps second generation. **RESIDED:** in Charles County. **FAMILY BACKGROUND.** **FATHER:** perhaps William Harbert, who died in Calvert County, ca. 1679. **MARRIED** first, by 1690 Mary Sentel. **MARRIED** second, possibly Elinor, widow of John Angell; daughter of James Pattison, of St. Mary's County. **MARRIED** third, Sarah (?-1718), probably widow of both John Douglas (?-1705/6) and Ralph Smith. **CHILDREN.** **DAUGHTERS:** Ann, who married *George Dent* (1690-1754); Catherine (1692-?). **PRIVATE CAREER.** **EDUCATION:** literate. **RELIGIOUS AFFILIATION:** Anglican. **OCCUPATIONAL PROFILE:** planter. **PUBLIC CAREER.** **LEGISLATIVE SERVICE:** Lower House, Charles County, 1708A. **LOCAL OFFICES:** William and Mary Parish Vestry, Charles County, 1696-1697; justice, Charles County, 1700-1714 (quorum, 1708-1714). **MILITARY SERVICE:** captain, 1705. **WEALTH DUR-**

ING LIFETIME. **LAND AT FIRST ELECTION:** ca. 1,574 acres. **WEALTH AT DEATH.** **DIED:** will probated on July 26, 1718. **PERSONAL PROPERTY:** TEV, £1,083.14.8 (including 9 slaves, 1 servant, and 18 books); FB, £1,001.0.0. **LAND:** over 500 acres. **IDENTIFICATION PROBLEMS.** Career and origins uncertain; two other William Harberts lived in neighboring counties.

HARDCASTLE, THOMAS (ca. 1737-1808). **BORN:** in either 1736 or 1737, probably in Queen Anne's County; eldest son. **NATIVE:** second generation. **RESIDED:** in Queen Anne's County (later became part of Caroline County); Tuckahoe Hundred, Caroline County, 1778; built "Castle Hall," Caroline County, in 1781. **FAMILY BACKGROUND.** **FATHER:** Robert Hardcastle (?-1760), immigrated ca. 1730 from Yorkshire, England; resided in Queen Anne's County; saddler; planter. **MOTHER:** possibly Elinor (?-by 1736), widow of James London, of Queen Anne's County, carpenter; or possibly (name unknown). **STEPMOTHER:** Jamson (?-by 1769), widow of both Richard Eubanks (?-1746) and Ralph Ellston (?-by 1756). **BROTHERS OR HALF BROTHERS:** John; Robert (1740-1831), of Queen Anne's County and Wheeling, West Virginia, who married Jane Pratt; Solomon; Peter; James; and William. **HALF BROTHERS OR STEP-BROTHERS:** Richard London; James London. **STEP-BROTHERS:** Henry Eubanks; William Elston. **SISTERS OR HALF SISTERS:** Ann, who married William Bell; Elizabeth. **HALF SISTER OR STEPSISTER:** Rebecca London. **STEPSISTERS:** Rachel Elston (?-by 1769, died an infant); Elizabeth Elston. **MARRIED** on November 8, 1756, Henrietta (1739-1812), daughter of John Downes, Sr. (?-1758), of Queen Anne's County. Her brothers were Hynson; James (?-by 1758); John, Jr.; Henry; Charles; and Hawkins. Her sisters were Margaret, who married (first name unknown) Kenton; and Ann, who married Lodman Elbert. Her first cousins were *Philemon Downes* (ca. 1741-ca. 1796); *Henry Downes* (ca. 1748-1816). **CHILDREN.** **SONS:** John (1757-1810), who married first, Jane (1759-1786), widow of *Nathaniel Potter* (?-1780), and second, in 1790 Polly Costen (1774-1854); Aaron (1759-1795), who married in 1788 Arabella Stokely; Thomas (1763-1824); Robert (1768-1852), who married in 1796 Sarah Baynard; Philip (1776-1815); William Molleson (1779-1874), who was elected eleven times to the Maryland Assembly, and who married Anne, daughter of Henry Colston, of Talbot County; Matthew (1786-1835); and Peter, who married in 1797 Mary Baynard. **DAUGHTER:** Henrietta (1765-1805), who married