

GROUND. SISTER: Jennatt, of Galloway, Scotland. **OTHER KINSHIP:** John Kerr (?-ca. 1780), of Queen Anne's County, who married Ann Coursey, widow of William Coursey. David Kerr signed the inventory of John as kin, but their specific relationship is unknown. **MARRIED** first, in March 1773, Hamutal (1756-1775), daughter of William Bishop (?-by 1783) and wife Rebecca Homewood (1738-?). Her brother was William (1758-?), who went "beyond sea" ca. 1779 and was presumed dead by 1783. Her sister was Ann (1760-by 1783), who married Samuel Norwood. **ADDITIONAL COMMENT:** Hamutal was the principal heir of her great-grandfather, *Charles Hammond* (1692/93-1772), with whom she lived. **MARRIED** second, on April 17, 1777, Rachel (1755-1830), widow of James Edmondson (?-ca. 1774), son of *Pollard Edmondson* (ca. 1718-1794). Rachel was the daughter of John Bozman (?-1767) and wife Lucretia Leeds (?-1789), and the granddaughter of *Thomas Bozman* (ca. 1693-1752). Her brother was John Leeds (1757-1823), a lawyer, historian, and author, who was deputy attorney general from 1789 to 1807, and who wrote a history of Maryland, 1633-1660, that was published in 1837. **CHILDREN. SONS:** Charles Hammond (1774-1774); John Leeds (1780-1844), a lawyer and member U.S. House of Representatives, 1825-1829, 1831-1833, and the U.S. Senate, 1841-1843, who married first, in 1801, Sarah Hollyday Chamberlaine (1781-1820), daughter of *Samuel Chamberlaine* (1742-1811), and second, in 1828, Elizabeth Greenbury Goldsborough; David (1782-1814), a member of the Maryland General Assembly, 1806-1809, who married in 1804 Maria Perry, daughter of *William Perry* (1746-1799); and James (1785-1826), who was "afflicted" and incapable of managing his own affairs. **DAUGHTER:** Sophia (1778-1830), who married in 1797 Dr. Joseph Ennalls Muse of Cambridge, Dorchester County. **STEPDAUGHTER:** Lucretia Edmondson, who married William Barroll of Chestertown, Kent County. **PRIVATE CAREER. EDUCATION:** literate; apprenticed as a merchant's clerk in Scotland. **RELIGIOUS AFFILIATION:** Anglican, St. Peter's Parish, Talbot County; lay delegate from St. Peter's Parish to conventions of the Protestant Episcopal Church, 1790, 1793, 1794. **SOCIAL STATUS AND ACTIVITIES:** Gent., by 1785; Esq., by 1789; Mason, St. Thomas's Lodge, Easton, master of Lodge 34, 1787, grand treasurer, 1791, deputy grand master, 1794, grand master, 1795, 1796, grand high priest of the Grand Royal Arch Chapter of Maryland, 1797. **ADDITIONAL COMMENT:** On November 5, 1803, Kerr was thrown

from his carriage by a runaway horse and was unconscious for ten days. He received a serious eye injury and thereafter wore a green silk patch over that eye. **OCCUPATIONAL PROFILE:** merchant, planter; partner in a mercantile firm with Robert Lloyd Nicols and Thomas Chamberlaine, ca. 1789. **PUBLIC CAREER. LEGISLATIVE SERVICE:** Lower House, Talbot County, 1788, 1789, 1790, 1791-1792, 1792, 1793, 1794, 1797, 1798 (did not attend; election declared invalid). **LOCAL OFFICES:** justice, Anne Arundel County, appointed 1773 (probably did not serve), Talbot County, 1788, 1789, 1791-1801; justice, Orphans' Court, Talbot County, 1791-1792 (resigned), 1793-1794 (resigned), 1796, 1802; St. Peter's Parish Vestry, Talbot County, 1788-1791, 1793-1795; commissioner to establish a courthouse in Easton, Talbot County, 1789; commissioner to build a gaol in Easton, 1797; commissioner of the town of Easton, 1801; associate judge, Talbot County, 1801. **MILITARY SERVICE:** 1st lieutenant in Capt. George Watts's Independent Company of Militia, Anne Arundel County, commissioned February 22, 1776. **WEALTH DURING LIFETIME. PERSONAL PROPERTY:** assessed value £1,480.16.3, including 26 slaves and over 204 oz. plate, Anne Arundel County, 1783; 18 slaves, Talbot County, 1790; assessed value £1,202.15.0, including 46 slaves and 207 oz. plate, Districts 1 and 2 only, Talbot County, 1798; assessed value £1,550.1.8, including 45 slaves and 185 oz. plate, Districts 1, 2, and 3, Talbot County, 1804; assessed value \$3,108.00, including 31 slaves and 165 oz. plate, Districts 1 and 3 only, Talbot County, 1813. **ANNUAL INCOME:** owned rental property in Easton with at least 4 tenants, 1798. **LAND AT FIRST ELECTION:** held a 99-year lease on at least 2 lots in Talbot County Court House (later Easton), and a life estate in 979 acres in Anne Arundel and Talbot counties (796 acres on Greenberry Point, Anne Arundel County, inherited by first wife Hamutal from her great-grandfather *Charles Hammond* (1692/93-1772); and 183 acres in Talbot County inherited by second wife Rachel from her father; the lots in Talbot County Court House were sublet with an option to purchase by the lessee). **SIGNIFICANT CHANGES IN LAND BETWEEN FIRST ELECTION AND DEATH:** continued to purchase or take long-term leases on lots in Easton throughout the 1790s, and controlled at least 11 Easton lots by 1800; purchased ca. 25 acres in Talbot County in 1792 and sold part of it in 1799 and the remainder in 1813; patented 16 acres in Talbot County, 1800; released right to Anne Arundel County land to