

TEV, at least £1,375.4.6 current money (including 20 slaves, 3 servants, a spinnet, 238 oz. silver, 54 law titles valued at £41.4.0, and other books valued at £4.13.4). LAND: 94 acres and one-half of 1 lot in Chestertown, Kent County.

**NOEL (KNOWEL, KNOWELL, KNOWLES, NOELL, NOWEL, NOWELL), EDWARD** (ca. 1721–1797). BORN: ca. 1721, probably in Dorchester County. NATIVE: probably, if so at least second generation. RESIDED: Dorchester County. FAMILY BACKGROUND. FATHER: probably Basil (Bazell) Noel (?–ca. 1753) of Dorchester County. MOTHER: probably Margaret, daughter of *Hugh Eccleston* (?–1710/11). BROTHERS: Thomas (?–1781), of Caroline County, who married Sarah, widow of Alexander Frazier, daughter of William Perry (?–1750); William; and Septimus. SISTERS: Elizabeth, who married (first name unknown) Trippe; Sarah, who married (first name unknown) Byus. MARRIED by 1750 Elizabeth (ca. 1728–1794), daughter of William Trippe (?–1770), Gent., of Dorchester County. Her brothers were Edward; Henry (?–1761); John; and William. Her sisters were Jean, who married (first name unknown) McCullam (Mackallom); Henrietta, who married (first name unknown) Hughes (Hews, Hows). CHILDREN. SON: Edward, Jr., who married Betsey. DAUGHTERS: Elizabeth, who married ca. 1791 Rev. James Kemp (1764–1827), an immigrant from Scotland, who was rector of Great Choptank Parish in Dorchester County from 1790 to 1812, rector of St. Paul's in Baltimore County from 1812 to 1814, and bishop of Maryland from 1816 to 1827; Mary, who married William Trippe, son of John Trippe. PRIVATE CAREER. EDUCATION: literate. RELIGIOUS AFFILIATION: Anglican. SOCIAL STATUS AND ACTIVITIES: Gent., by 1775; Worshipful and Esq., by 1785. OCCUPATIONAL PROFILE: mariner; probably also planter. PUBLIC CAREER. LEGISLATIVE SERVICE: Lower House, Dorchester County, 1769–1770 (elected to the 2nd session of the 1768–1770 Assembly to fill vacancy). LOCAL OFFICES: justice, Dorchester County, 1777—at least 1791; judge, Court of Appeals, Dorchester County, appointed under the Act to Procure Troops for the American Army, 1778; justice, Orphans' Court, Dorchester County, in office 1780, 1785—at least 1790 (chief justice by 1790); member, Great Choptank Parish Vestry, Dorchester County, in office 1780, 1790–1795. MILITARY SERVICE: captain, Dorchester County Militia, commissioned 1777. WEALTH DURING LIFE-TIME. PERSONAL PROPERTY: assessed value

£754.13.4, including 18 slaves and 58 oz. plate, 1783. LAND AT FIRST ELECTION: 584 acres in Dorchester County (all by purchase or patent). SIGNIFICANT CHANGES IN LAND BETWEEN FIRST ELECTION AND DEATH: conveyed by deed of gift 101 acres in Dorchester County to his daughter, 1775; sold 115 acres in Dorchester County, 1775. WEALTH AT DEATH. DIED: in 1797; buried in Christ Church graveyard, Cambridge, Dorchester County. LAND: 394 acres in Dorchester County.

**NORRIS, BENJAMIN BRADFORD** (1745–1790). BORN: on August 16, 1745, in St. John's Parish, Baltimore County; eldest child. NATIVE: at least third generation. RESIDED: in Baltimore (later became Bush River Lower Hundred, Harford) County. FAMILY BACKGROUND. FATHER: John Norris (ca. 1722–1772), son of Benjamin Norris (?–1772) and wife Sarah (ca. 1697–?). MOTHER: Susannah (1724–?), daughter of William Bradford and wife Elizabeth. BROTHERS: John (1747–?); William (1749–?); Jacob (1753–1807), who married in 1785 Avarilla Gallion; and Thomas (ca. 1756–?). SISTERS: Martha (1750–?); Susannah (1753–?), twin of Jacob; and Sarah (ca. 1756–?), twin of Thomas. MARRIED on April 3, 1768, Elizabeth (ca. 1748–?), probably the daughter of Nathan (Nathaniel) Richardson (?–1756) and wife Elizabeth Crockett (?–ca. 1748). Elizabeth was the stepdaughter of Hannah Webster Gover. Her brothers were probably William; Nathan; and Daniel. Her sisters were probably Margaret Hill; Jurah; and Sarah. Her first cousin was probably Elizabeth Galloway (1721–1789), who married *Thomas Sprigg* (1715–1781). CHILDREN. SONS: probably two, including one born in 1776, and possibly Benjamin Bradford (?–1816), who died in Norfolk, Virginia. DAUGHTERS: probably five, including Martha (ca. 1770–?), who probably married in 1799 John Magress; Sarah (ca. 1774–?); and Susan (?–1799), who was buried in the Friends Burying Ground. PRIVATE CAREER. EDUCATION: literate. RELIGIOUS AFFILIATION: Protestant; father's family was Anglican, wife's probable family was Quaker. SOCIAL STATUS AND ACTIVITIES: Gent., by 1781; Esq., by 1788. OCCUPATIONAL PROFILE: planter. PUBLIC CAREER. LEGISLATIVE SERVICE: Lower House, Harford County, 1778–1779 (Grievances 3), 1779–1780, 1780–1781, 1781–1782, 1782–1783, 1783, 1784, 1785, 1786–1787, 1787–1788 (Elections 2), 1788, 1789. OTHER STATE OFFICE: Maryland Senate elector, Harford County, 1786. LOCAL OFFICE: War Committee (Committee of Observation),