

ERTY: size of entire estate unknown. Testamentary bond was for £8,000.0.0 sterling. Pemberton devised £200.0.0 currency to his sister. Probably still owned house and storehouse in Oxford, Talbot County. LAND: 3,934 acres in Queen Anne's and Talbot counties; probably 200 acres near Dover, Delaware, and an unspecified amount of land elsewhere in Maryland and Pennsylvania.

PERKINS, ISAAC (1743–1791). BORN: on August 5, 1743, in Shrewsbury Parish, Kent County; only son. NATIVE: at least third generation. RESIDED: near Morgan Creek, six miles from Chestertown, District 4, Kent County. FAMILY BACKGROUND. FATHER: Ebenezer Perkins (1717–1750/51), a miller; son of Daniel Perkins (?–ca. 1748) and wife Susannah. MOTHER: Sarah, daughter of Francis Barney (?–1747) of Kent County, a carpenter. SISTERS: Araminta (1741–?), who married Joseph McHard; Mary (by 1747–?). MARRIED by November 16, 1765, Ann (1740–?), daughter of *Hugh Wallis* (1711–1766) and wife Hannah Brooks; granddaughter of *Samuel Wallis* (?–1724). Her brothers were John (1743/44–?); Samuel (1746–1807); William (1751/52–1814); and Hugh (1757–by 1817). Her sisters were Hannah (1741/42–?); Araminta (1749–?); and Ruth (1754–?). CHILDREN. SONS: Ebenezer (1767–?), who married Sarah Jenkins; William (ca. 1780–?). DAUGHTERS: Araminta (1765–by 1798), who married *Josiah Johnson* (?–1804); Ann (?–ca. 1797), who married by 1791 *George Jackson* (1758–1798); Sarah, who married by 1798 James Groome; and Mary (ca. 1781–?), who married John Black. PRIVATE CAREER. EDUCATION: literate. RELIGIOUS AFFILIATION: Anglican; pewholder, Chester Parish, Kent County, 1768, subscriber to Chester Parish, 1789, and to Shrewsbury Parish, Kent County, 1791. OCCUPATIONAL PROFILE: planter by 1769 to death; merchant by 1772 to death; mill owner. Perkins inherited the grist mills and saw mills operated by his father and grandfather. He added a fulling mill before 1780, and a malt and brewhouse by 1781. During the Revolution, the Perkins Mills produced flour for the American and French troops. PUBLIC CAREER. LEGISLATIVE SERVICE: Lower House, Kent County, 1777, 1786–1787 (Claims 2). OTHER STATE OFFICE: Constitution Ratification Convention, Kent County, 1788. LOCAL OFFICE: purchasing agent, Kent County, appointed March 1779. MILITARY SERVICE: captain, Kent County Militia, by May 1776; captain, Fourth Maryland Battalion of the Flying Camp, July–December 1776; lieutenant colonel,

Thirteenth Battalion, Kent County Militia, commissioned on June 4, 1778, resigned on September 28, 1786, to run for public office. WEALTH DURING LIFETIME. PERSONAL PROPERTY: On June 27, 1780, Perkins's grist mill, saw mill, and fulling mill were destroyed by fire. Also destroyed were 50 to 90 barrels of flour and 130 to 140 barrels of ship's stuff in the mills. Both Perkins and his mill superintendent suspected arson. In a letter requesting that the state government offer a reward for the capture of the culprits, Perkins stated his conviction that his property was burned because of "the considerable consequence my mill has been in Manufacturing such large Quantities of Grain for the Army and french fleet" and because of his service as procurement officer for Kent County. When Perkins made his will in April 1781, he mentioned the grist mills, fulling mill, saw mill, malt and brewhouses "now erecting by me." Assessed value £624.8.0, including 9 slaves, 24 oz. plate, a brick brewhouse, mill, store house, fulling mill, saw mill, and grist mill, 1783. LAND AT FIRST ELECTION: at least 700 acres in Kent County (450 acres from his grandfather Francis Barney and his cousin Barney Course, at least 100 acres from his father, and 113 acres by purchase). SIGNIFICANT CHANGES IN LAND BETWEEN FIRST ELECTION AND DEATH: purchased 111 acres of confiscated British property in Kent County in 1782, and patented it in his own name in 1786; purchased 32 acres in Kent County and took a 99-year lease on two 1-acre lots near Chestertown in 1784; purchased 15 acres in Kent County and 1 lot adjoining Chestertown in 1786; confirmed his title to 150 acres in Kent County, possibly acquired through marriage, 1788; purchased 154 acres in Kent County, 1790 and 1791. Prior to his death Perkins purchased 800 acres lying in both Queen Anne's County and Kent County, Delaware. WEALTH AT DEATH. DIED: in October 1791 in Kent County. PERSONAL PROPERTY: TEV, £4,123.12.4 current money (including 19 slaves, 37 oz. plate, 14 books, and goods in a store valued at £1,454.1.10); FB, £2,423.2.5 as recorded. LAND: probably ca. 2,000 acres in Kent and Queen Anne's counties and Kent County, Delaware, plus 1 lot adjoining Chestertown and 2 lots near Chestertown held on long-term leases.

PERRIE, SAMUEL (?–1729). IMMIGRATED: probably, ca. 1711. RESIDED: probably in Matpatony Hundred, Prince George's County. MARRIED ca. 1713 Sarah (?–1733), daughter of *William Barton* (1667/68–1705) and wife Sarah