

at least 1742. **WEALTH AT DEATH.** DIED: by January 19, 1746/47, in Kent County. **PERSONAL PROPERTY:** TEV, £1,013.11.8 current money (including 11 slaves, books, and plate); FB, £991.16.3. **LAND:** owned 775 acres in Kent County.

BLACKISTON (BLAKISTON, BLACKISTONE, BLAKISTONE), WILLIAM (?-1737). BORN: of age by 1712; younger son. **NATIVE:** probably second generation. **RESIDED:** in Kent County. **FAMILY BACKGROUND.** FATHER: Ebenezer Blakiston (ca. 1650-1709), immigrated in 1668 with his father George Blackiston (?-1669); justice of Cecil County in 1691, 1697-1698, and 1702; militia captain in 1689; sheriff of Cecil County in 1691; Protestant. MOTHER: Elizabeth James. BROTHER: *Ebenezer Blackiston* (ca. 1684-ca. 1746/47). SISTER: Anna Blakiston. OTHER KINSHIP: his second cousin was *Nehemiah Blakiston* (?-1693); his third cousin was *Nathaniel Blakiston* (ca. 1663-1722). MARRIED by 1711 Ann, daughter of Robert Park (?-1708) and wife Mary; stepdaughter of Robert Dunn (1674-1729), of Kent County, vestryman of St. Paul's Parish, Kent County. Her stepbrothers were *Robert Dunn* (1693-1745); William (?-1728), who married Martha Miller; and James (1699-died young). Her sister was Elizabeth (?-1760), who married first, Charles Ringgold, and second, Philip Davis (?-1749). Her stepsisters were Jane (1701-?); Mary. CHILDREN. SONS: Ebenezer; William (of age by 1721). DAUGHTERS: Mary (1711/12-?); Ann, who married (first name unknown) Miller; Hanna; and Rose. OTHER CHILDREN: unborn child mentioned in his will. **PRIVATE CAREER.** EDUCATION: literate. **RELIGIOUS AFFILIATION:** Protestant. **SOCIAL STATUS AND ACTIVITIES:** Gent., 1712; Mr. at death. **OCCUPATIONAL PROFILE:** planter. **PUBLIC CAREER.** LEGISLATIVE SERVICE: Lower House, Kent County, 1722-1724. **WEALTH DURING LIFETIME.** LAND AT FIRST ELECTION: 100 acres in Kent County (by purchase). **WEALTH AT DEATH.** DIED: will probated on May 10, 1737, in Kent County. **PERSONAL PROPERTY:** TEV, £333.12.0 current money (including 12 slaves and 1 servant); FB, £327.10.0. **LAND:** 100 acres in Kent County.

BLADEN, THOMAS (1698-1780). BORN: in 1698 in Maryland; eldest son. **NATIVE:** second generation. **RESIDED:** in England from at least 1712 until 1742; Annapolis, Anne Arundel County, 1742-1747; England, 1747 until death. **FAMILY BACKGROUND.** FATHER: *William Bladen* (1670-1718). MOTHER: Anne, daughter of Garrett Van Swearin-

gen and wife Mary Smith. SISTER: Anne, who married *Benjamin Tasker* (ca. 1690-1768). NEPHEW: *Benjamin Tasker, Jr.* (1720/21-1760). NIECES: Ann Tasker (?-1816), who married *Samuel Ogle* (1694-1752); Rebecca Tasker (1724-?), who married *Daniel Dulany, Jr.* (1722-1797). MARRIED on July 14, 1737, Barbara, daughter of Sir Theodore Janssen (ca. 1658-1748), immigrated from France to England in 1680, naturalized in 1685, became a baronet in 1714, and wife Williamsa (?-1731); granddaughter of Sir Robert Henley, M.P. Her brothers included Abraham (?-1765); Henry (?-1766); Stephen Theodore (?-1777), lord mayor of London; and William (?-ca. 1740/41), principal secretary of Maryland from February 1732/33 until death. Her sisters were Mary (?-1748), who married *Charles Calvert, 5th Lord Baltimore* (1699-1751); and others whose names are unknown. Her nephews were *Frederick Calvert, 6th Lord Baltimore* (1731/32-1771); *Benedict Calvert* (ca. 1724-1788). Her niece was Caroline Calvert, who married *Robert Eden* (1741-1784). CHILDREN. DAUGHTERS: Harriet (?-1821), who married on March 3, 1767, William Anne Capel, fourth earl of Essex (1732-1799); Barbara, who married on August 31, 1773, Gen. Henry St. John (1738-1818). **PRIVATE CAREER.** EDUCATION: attended schools in England. **RELIGIOUS AFFILIATION:** Anglican; mother's family was Catholic. **SOCIAL STATUS AND ACTIVITIES:** Gent., 1720; Esq., 1744; a member of a family prominent in both England and Maryland. **OCCUPATIONAL PROFILE:** officeholder; land speculator. **PUBLIC CAREER.** PROVINCIAL OFFICES: governor, 1742-1746/47 (commissioned April 1742, sworn in August 1742; dismissed from office by October 1746 because he was "tactless and quarrelsome"; served until his successor was sworn in March 1746/47); surveyor general, Western Shore, 1742-1746; chancellor, 1742-1746/47. **MILITARY SERVICE:** colonel, period of service unknown. **OUT OF COLONY SERVICE:** M.P., Steyning, England, 1727-1734, Ashburton, Devonshire, England, 1735-1741. **WEALTH DURING LIFETIME.** LAND AT FIRST ELECTION: at least 6,955 acres in Charles, Baltimore, and Cecil counties (remaining from at least 16,000 acres in those counties, plus additional acreage in Anne Arundel and Queen Anne's counties that were inherited from his father; sold 8,870 acres, 1720-1724). **SIGNIFICANT CHANGES IN LAND BETWEEN FIRST ELECTION AND DEATH:** received warrants for ca. 7,400 acres in Prince George's and Frederick counties. He patented 854 acres of these warrants himself, but sold the certificates for 3,691 acres to others who patented them. The certificates for 2,814 acres re-