

land in 1702, where he lived in Northumberland and Middlesex counties. **FAMILY BACKGROUND.** FATHER: John Blakiston (1633–1701/2), of Newcastle, England; a barrister and judge of the Admiralty Court; son of John Blakiston (1603–1650), M.P. for Newcastle, England, from 1641 to 1650. MOTHER: Phoebe, daughter of William Johnson, of Kibblesworth, Durham, England. **UNCLES:** *Nehe-miah Blakiston* (?–1693); Sir Nathaniel Johnson (1645–1713), who was governor of the Leeward Islands from 1686 to 1689 and governor of South Carolina from 1703 to 1709. **BROTHERS:** William (1665–1665); Robert (1673–?). **SISTERS:** Jane (1668–1671); Sarah (1678–1680); and Margaret, who married Maj. Edward Nott, of Kingston, Surrey, England, the deputy governor of Virginia from 1705 to 1706. **MARRIED** first, Thomasine (?–1697), widow of Sir Timothy Thornhill, first baronet of Barbados; daughter of Sir Robert Legard, of Yorkshire, England, a master in Chancery. **MARRIED** second, Mary. **CHILDREN.** SON: Nathaniel. **DAUGHTER:** Rachel. **PRIVATE CAREER. EDUCATION:** literate. **RELIGIOUS AFFILIATION:** Anglican. **SOCIAL STATUS AND ACTIVITIES:** a member of a prominent English family that was well connected in the colonial bureaucracy; arrived in Maryland as governor. **OCCUPATIONAL PROFILE:** colonial bureaucrat; member of the Merchant Adventurers' Company of London, 1698. **PUBLIC CAREER. PROVINCIAL OFFICES:** governor, 1698–1702; chancellor, 1699–1702; agent for Maryland in England, 1702–1709, 1713–1721. **OUT OF COLONY SERVICE:** lieutenant governor of Montserrat, 1689–1695; agent for Virginia in England, 1706–1722; M.P. for Mitchell, Cornwall, England, 1715–1722. **WEALTH DURING LIFETIME. ANNUAL INCOME:** his salary as governor of Maryland was at least £1,700 per annum with an additional allowance of £30 for rent; his salary as Maryland's agent in England was £120 per annum. **WEALTH AT DEATH. DIED:** in 1722 in England; size of estate unknown.

BLAKISTON (BLACKISTON), NEHEMIAH (?–1693). **BORN:** in England, probably in the Newcastle area; fourth son. **IMMIGRATED:** in 1668 as a free adult from England. **RESIDED:** St. Mary's County. **FAMILY BACKGROUND.** FATHER: John Blakiston (1603–1650), of Northumberland, England, who was an M.P. for Newcastle, England, from 1641 to 1650. **UNCLE:** George Blakiston, who immigrated in 1668 with his nephew. **MARRIED** in 1669 Elizabeth (?–1716), daughter of *Thomas Gerard* (1608–1673). She subsequently married Ralph Rymer and finally, *Joshua Guibert* (?–1713). Her brothers were Thomas (?–1686); Justin-

ian (?–1688); and John. Her sisters were Susannah, who married first, *Robert Slye* (ca. 1628–1670/71), and second, *John Coode* (ca. 1648–1708/9); Frances; Temperance; and Mary, who married *Kenelm Cheseldyne* (1640–1708). **CHILDREN.** SON: John (?–1724), who married Anne, daughter of *Joshua Guibert* (?–1713). **DAUGHTERS:** Susanna, who married first, Thomas Hatton, grandson of *Thomas Hatton* (?–1654/55), and second, (first name unknown) Attaway; Rebecca; and Mary, who married *Matthew Mason* (ca. 1689–ca. 1728/29). **PRIVATE CAREER. EDUCATION:** literate. **RELIGIOUS AFFILIATION:** Anglican. **SOCIAL STATUS AND ACTIVITIES:** younger son of a prominent English family, which aided him in obtaining colonial patronage; soon after his arrival in the colony he married into a prominent and controversial Maryland family; Gent., by 1673. **OCCUPATIONAL PROFILE:** planter; attorney, admitted to the following courts: Court of Chancery in the 1670s; Provincial Court in 1677; St. Mary's County in 1677; Charles County by 1678/69. **PLACEMENT. PUBLIC CAREER. LEGISLATIVE SERVICE:** Associators' Convention, St. Mary's County, 1689–1692 (speaker 4, 5, 6); Grand Committee of Twenty, 1690–1692 (president after August 1690); Upper House, 1692–1693. **OTHER PROVINCIAL OFFICES:** surveyor and comptroller general, 1682/83–1684/85; acting king's attorney, 1684/85; collector of Patuxent, 1684/85–1685; collector of North Potomac, 1685–1693; Council, 1691–1693; justice, Provincial Court, 1691–1693 (chief justice, 1691–1692); chancellor and commissary general, 1692–1693. **LOCAL OFFICES:** justice, St. Mary's County, 1689–1692 (quorum); coroner, 1689–1692; King and Queen Parish Vestry, St. Mary's County, 1693. **MILITARY SERVICE:** captain, 1689–1692; colonel, 1692–1693. **STANDS ON PUBLIC/PRIVATE ISSUES:** as customs collector he was often at odds with the proprietary establishment in the late 1680s and he registered protests against the government in England; with brothers-in-law *John Coode* (ca. 1648–1708/9) and *Kenelm Cheseldyne* (1640–1708) he was a prominent leader in the revolution of 1689, which overthrew Lord Baltimore's government; he became head of the interim government when Coode and Cheseldyne left for England in the late summer of 1690; in 1692 he became chief confidant and ally of the new royal governor *Lionel Copley* (1648–1693), and fought unsuccessfully for control of the government after Copley's death in the fall of 1693; he was involved in extensive conflicts with *Edward Randolph* (1632–1703), surveyor general of customs, in 1692–1693 over Blakiston's alleged corruption and embezzlement of royal revenue, for