

TION: raised as a Quaker; presumably a lapsed Quaker and a nominal Anglican during the period of his officeholding, 1694–1704; converted to Catholicism sometime after his marriage. SOCIAL STATUS AND ACTIVITIES: second generation burgess; son held no known office. OCCUPATIONAL PROFILE: possibly an agent in 1688 for the London merchant firm of Lane, Perry, & Paggan; merchant; planter. PUBLIC CAREER. LEGISLATIVE SERVICE: Lower House, Charles County, 1697/98–1700, 1701–1704. LOCAL OFFICES: justice, St. Mary's County, 1694–1694/95, Charles County, 1696–1698, 1700–1704; coroner, Charles County, 1697, 1699, 1702. MILITARY SERVICE: captain, 1700–1702. STANDS ON PUBLIC/PRIVATE ISSUES: Jacobite activity brought his dismissal from his justiceship in 1698. WEALTH DURING LIFETIME. LAND AT FIRST ELECTION: over 773 acres, of which 500 acres was inherited from his father in 1688. WEALTH AT DEATH. DIED: will probated on March 29, 1721. PERSONAL PROPERTY: TEV, £1,419.8.2 (including 31 slaves and 2 servants); FB, £1,301.1.6. LAND: 2,099 acres.

**HALL, BENJAMIN, OF FRANCIS** (?–1803). BORN: probably between 1730 and 1735 in Prince George's County; youngest son. NATIVE: fourth generation. RESIDED: at "Pleasant Hill," Prince George's County. FAMILY BACKGROUND. FATHER: Francis Hall, Gent. (ca. 1696–1785), son of *Benjamin Hall* (1667–1721). MOTHER: Dorothy (1704–?), daughter of *Henry Lowe* (?–1717) and wife Susanna Maria Bennett Darnall (1666–1714). UNCLES: *Henry Lowe* (?–1721); *Nicholas Lowe* (?–1728). AUNT: Jane Lowe, who married *James Bowles* (?–ca. 1727/28). BROTHERS: Francis; Richard Bennett (?–1805), who married Margaret. SISTERS: Eleanor, who married William Digges, Jr.; Susannah, who married Henry Darnall; and Henrietta, who married John Waring, Sr. OTHER KINSHIP: his great-grandfather was *Richard Hall* (?–1688); his great-uncle was *Elisha Hall* (1663–ca. 1716/17); his great-aunts were Rachel Hall, who married Col. *Walter Smith* (?–1711) and Lucia Hall, who married *John Smith* (?–1738). MARRIED in 1757 Elinor (?–1796), daughter of *William Murdock* (?–1769); stepdaughter of Margaret Dulany; granddaughter of *Thomas Addison* (1679–1727); stepgranddaughter of *Daniel Dulany* (1685–1753); niece of *John Addison* (1713–1764); half niece of both Rebecca Addison (1703–?), who married first, *James Bowles* (?–ca. 1727/28), and second, *George Plater* (1695–1755), and Elinor Addison, who married fourth, *Corbin Lee* (?–1774). Her brothers were John (1729–?); *Addison Murdock*

(1731–1793); and John (1733–1791). Her sisters were Catherine (?–1771); Ann; and Mary (?–1792). Elinor Hall's stepmother Margaret Dulany was the widow of Dr. *Alexander Hamilton* (1712–1756). CHILDREN. SONS: William Murdock (1759–ca. 1792), who married Ann Duckett; Henry Lowe (1761–1817), who died without progeny. DAUGHTERS: Anne (1762–?), who married *Thomas Clark* (ca. 1760–1796); Eleanor (1768–?), who married first, Dr. David Clarke, and second, (first name unknown) Magruder; and Catherine (1778–?), who married John Burgess Bowie. PRIVATE CAREER. RELIGIOUS AFFILIATION: his grandfather *Benjamin Hall* (1667–1721) was a Catholic convert by his death and his father received his education at a Jesuit College. SOCIAL STATUS AND ACTIVITIES: Gent., 1787. OCCUPATIONAL PROFILE: probably a planter; he was given one-half of the merchandise in his father's store in 1772, but did not take ownership until his father's death in 1785; he owned a tanyard at the time of his death. PUBLIC CAREER. LEGISLATIVE SERVICE: Conventions, Prince George's County, 1st, 1774, 4th, 1775, 5th, 1775, 9th, 1776 (elected to the Convention after election of first delegation was voided); Lower House, Prince George's County, 1779–1780 (Claims 2). OTHER STATE OFFICE: Constitution Ratification Convention, Prince George's County, 1788. LOCAL OFFICE: justice, Prince George's County, commissioned 1750, 1751, 1777, 1778, and 1779. WEALTH DURING LIFETIME. PERSONAL PROPERTY: his wife's inheritance amounted to £500 sterling, 1769; 35 slaves, plus one-half of the goods in his father's store inherited from his father, 1785; 49 slaves, 1798. LAND AT FIRST ELECTION: he owned no land in his own name; but he was probably living on the land that was later devised to him by his father. SIGNIFICANT CHANGES IN LAND BETWEEN FIRST ELECTION AND DEATH: inherited 1,844 acres in Prince George's and Frederick counties, 1785; purchased 80 acres in Prince George's County, 1787; taxed for 5 tenant and overseer houses, his own house, and the houses and outbuildings of his two sons, 1798. WEALTH AT DEATH. DIED: between February and April 1803 in Prince George's County, at an advanced age. PERSONAL PROPERTY: TEV, £3,319.15.6 current money (including 64 slaves, 184 oz. plate, and 2 stills); FB, £2,101.8.6. LAND: at least 1,924 acres in Prince George's and Frederick counties.

**HALL, CHRISTOPHER** (?–1746). BORN: in Kent County, of age by 1722; eldest son. NATIVE: at least second generation. RESIDED: in Shrewsbury Parish, Kent County. FAMILY BACKGROUND.