

Walter Hanson (1711/12–1794). Her first cousins were **Samuel Hanson** (1716–1794); **John Hanson, Jr.** (1721–1783); **Charity Hanson** (1724–?), who married second, **Arthur Lee** (?–1760); and **Walter Hanson** (1711/12–1794). MARRIED second, **Elizabeth** (?–1781), widow of **William Penn**; daughter of **George Dent** (1690–1754); granddaughter of both **William Dent** (ca. 1660–1704) and **William Harbert** (?–1718); niece of **Thomas Dent** (1685–1725). Her brothers were **George Dent** (?–1785); **John Dent, of George** (ca. 1733–1809). Her sisters were **Ann**; **Sarah**; **Rebecca** (1714–died young); **Letty**; **Mary**; **Eleanor**; **Margaret**; and **Rebecca** (1735–1770), who married **Thomas Hanson Marshall** (1731–1801). Her nephew was **George Dent** (ca. 1758–1813). CHILDREN. SONS: **Robert Hanson**, who married **Grace**, daughter of **William Dent** (?–1756/57); **William Harrison** (?–1789); and **Walter Hanson**, rector of **Durham Parish**, **Charles County**. STEPSONS: **Jezreal Penn**; **William Penn**. PRIVATE CAREER. EDUCATION: literate. RELIGIOUS AFFILIATION: Protestant. SOCIAL STATUS AND ACTIVITIES: Gent., 1744; Esq., 1754. OCCUPATIONAL PROFILE: probably a planter. PUBLIC CAREER. LEGISLATIVE SERVICE: Lower House, **Charles County**, 1742–1744, 1745, 1745/46–1748, 1751–1754 (Bills of Credit 1–6). LOCAL OFFICES: justice, **Charles County**, 1741—at least 1769 (quorum, 1755—at least 1769). MILITARY SERVICE: captain, 1747; colonel, 1754. WEALTH DURING LIFETIME. LAND AT FIRST ELECTION: 1,127 acres in **Charles County** (700 acres inherited from his father in 1727, 150 acres by personal acquisition, 277 acres from his first wife's dower). SIGNIFICANT CHANGES IN LAND BETWEEN FIRST ELECTION AND DEATH: acquired 1,534 acres in **Charles County**, 1747–1773. WEALTH AT DEATH. DIED: will probated on September 16, 1780, in **Charles County**. LAND: at least 2,661 acres in **Charles County**.

HARRISON, ROBERT (1740–1802). BORN: on November 5, 1740, in **Appleby**, **Westmoreland County**, **England**; eldest son. IMMIGRATED: in March 1755 from **England**. RESIDED: at “**Appleby**,” near **Cambridge**, **Dorchester County**. FAMILY BACKGROUND. FATHER: **Christopher** (1717–1799), of **Appleby**, **Westmoreland County**, **England**, a grocer. MOTHER: **Mary** (1716–1782), daughter of **John Caile** (?–1747), of **England**, and wife **Margaret**. BROTHERS: **John Caile** (1747–1780), who married in 1773 his first cousin **Mary Caile**, daughter of **Hall Caile** and wife **Elizabeth Haskins**; **Christopher** (1749–1752); **Thomas** (1751–1830), who married **Margaret Birbeck** (ca.

1754–1833); and **William** (1753–1835). SISTERS: **Sarah** (1743–1745); **Margaret** (1745–1785), who married **Gilpin Gorst** (1726–1803), son of **William Gorst**, steward of **Appleby Castle**; **Jane** (1755–1755); and **Mary** (1758–1759). MARRIED on October 10, 1770, **Milcah** (1751–1780), daughter of **George Gale** (ca. 1731–1765) and wife **Elizabeth Airey** (?–1799); granddaughter of both **John Gale** (?–ca. 1744) and **Rev. Thomas Airey** and wife **Elizabeth Pitt**; niece of **Mary Gale** (ca. 1734–by 1790), who married **Samuel Wilson** (1735–1790); half niece of **Milcah Airey**, who married **Thomas Firmin Eccleston** (ca. 1738–1785). Her brothers were **John Gale** (1753–1813); **George** (1756–?). Her sisters were **Mary** (1759–1760); **Elizabeth** (ca. 1762–?); and **Leah**. CHILDREN. SONS: **Christopher** (1775–1862), first lieutenant governor of **Indiana** from 1816 to 1818, helped layout the city of **Indianapolis**, **Indiana**, never married; **John Gale** (1779–1802), never married. DAUGHTERS: **Mary** (1774–1840), who married in 1802 **Jacob Loockerman** (1759–1839), son of **John Loockerman, Jr.**, and stepson of **John Goldsborough** (1711–1778); **Elizabeth** (1777–1857), who married in 1803 **Andrew Skinner**. PRIVATE CAREER. EDUCATION: literate. RELIGIOUS AFFILIATION: Anglican, **Great Choptank Church**, **Cambridge**, **Dorchester County**. SOCIAL STATUS AND ACTIVITIES: one of the trustees for building a ballroom in **Cambridge**, **Dorchester County**, for the use of those people who had subscribed money toward its construction, 1770. OCCUPATIONAL PROFILE: merchant, **Cambridge**, **Dorchester County**, by 1764; owned a brick storehouse on **High Street**, **Cambridge**, **Dorchester County**, 1785; planter, by 1793. PUBLIC CAREER. LEGISLATIVE SERVICE: Conventions, **Dorchester County**, 1st, 1774, 5th, 1775. OTHER STATE OFFICE: associate justice, **Fourth Judicial District**, 1791–1794 (resigned). LOCAL OFFICES: sheriff, **Dorchester County**, 1767–1770; justice, **Dorchester County**, 1777—at least 1785; justice, **Orphans' Court**, **Dorchester County**, commissioned 1777 and 1778 (did not qualify); subscription officer, **Continental Loan Office**, **Dorchester County**, appointed 1777 and 1779; commissioner of tax, **Dorchester County**, 1779—at least 1792; **Maryland Senate** elector, **Dorchester County**, elected 1791. ADDITIONAL COMMENTS: **Harrison** arrived in **Maryland** in 1755 with letters of introduction to **Governor Sharpe** recommending that he be appointed to an office “on account of his alliance.” No office was found for him until he was appointed sheriff of **Dorchester County** in 1767. MILITARY SERVICE: 1st major, **Lower Battalion**, **Dorchester County**, appointed 1776; colo-