

LEGISLATIVE SERVICE: Conventions, Charles County, 5th, 1775, 7th–8th, 1776; Senate, Western Shore. Term of 1786–1791: 1786–1787 (elected on December 22, 1786 to fill vacancy; qualified on April 14, 1787), 1787–1788 (elected, but did not serve), 1788 (elected, but did not serve), 1789 (died before the beginning of the Assembly). **LOCAL OFFICES:** Committee of Observation, Charles County, elected 1775; justice, Charles County, 1778—at least 1788. **MILITARY SERVICE:** colonel, 1781. **OUT OF STATE SERVICE:** delegate, Continental Congress, 1785–1786 (elected in November 1785, but did not attend until March 1786), 1786 (elected in December 1786, but did not attend), 1787 (elected in December 1787, but did not attend). **WEALTH DURING LIFETIME. PERSONAL PROPERTY:** assessed value £1,661.5.0, including 36 slaves and 99 oz. plate, 1783. **SIGNIFICANT CHANGES IN LAND BETWEEN FIRST ELECTION AND DEATH:** owned 1,679 acres in Charles County, 1783 (inherited at least 1,141 acres from his father). **WEALTH AT DEATH. DIED:** on July 21, 1789; will probated in Charles County. **PERSONAL PROPERTY:** TEV, £2,727.11.3 current money; FB, £2,450.3.0. **LAND:** probably 1,679 acres in Charles County.

HART, JOHN (?-?). BORN: in Ireland. **IMMIGRATED:** in 1714 as a free adult with his wife. **RESIDED:** in Annapolis, Anne Arundel County; returned to England in May 1720. **FAMILY BACKGROUND. FATHER:** Merrick Hart, of Crobert, County Craven, Ireland. **MOTHER:** Lettice Vesey, daughter of Thomas Vesey. **UNCLE:** John Vesey, archbishop of Tuam. **MARRIED** Anne. **CHILDREN. SON:** Henry (1717–1718). **DAUGHTER:** Marylandia (1716–?). **PRIVATE CAREER. EDUCATION:** literate. **RELIGIOUS AFFILIATION:** Anglican. **SOCIAL STATUS AND ACTIVITIES:** arrived as governor; he received his commission through the support of Benedict Leonard Calvert and on promising to give Calvert £500 annually from the profits of the office. **OCCUPATIONAL PROFILE:** military officer who had served as a captain in Spain and Portugal before coming to Maryland; colonial bureaucrat. **PUBLIC CAREER. PROVINCIAL OFFICES:** governor, 1713/14–1720; chancellor, 1715–1719/20; surveyor general of the Eastern Shore, 1716/17–1720; surveyor general of the Western Shore, 1716/17–1720. **OUT OF COLONY SERVICE:** governor of the Leeward Islands, 1721–1727. **WEALTH DURING LIFETIME. LAND AT FIRST ELECTION:** took a 31-year lease on 200 acres in 1715.

HART, THOMAS (?–1808). BORN: in Hanover County, Virginia; eldest child; he moved to Orange County, North Carolina, ca. 1760. **IMMIGRATED:** ca. 1780 from North Carolina. **RESIDED:** in Hagerstown, Washington County; moved to Kentucky in the spring of 1794. **FAMILY BACKGROUND. FATHER:** Thomas Hart, of Hanover County, Virginia. **BROTHERS:** John; Benjamin; David; and Nathaniel. **SISTER:** Susannah. **MARRIED** Susannah (?–1832), possibly of Orange County, North Carolina. **CHILDREN. SONS:** Thomas, Jr. (?–1809), who married Eleanor, daughter of Peter Grosh. Thomas was a partner with his father in the firm of Hart, Barton, & Hart in Lexington, Kentucky. He was also a partner in the firm of Hart, Bartlett, & Cox in New Orleans, Louisiana; Nathaniel Gray (?–1813), captain, died at the Battle of Raisins in the War of 1812; and John. **DAUGHTERS:** Susannah, who married (first name unknown) Price; Elizabeth (?–by 1807), who married (first name unknown) Pindell; Anne, who married James Brown (1766–1835), of Kentucky, a U.S. senator and diplomat; Lucretia, who married Henry Clay (1777–1852), of Kentucky, a U.S. congressman, senator, and secretary of state. **PRIVATE CAREER. EDUCATION:** literate. **RELIGIOUS AFFILIATION:** In a letter written in 1805 to his son-in-law the Hon. James Brown he described his attempt to establish “a new religion, similar to the Dunkars and Quakers” in Lexington, Kentucky; however, no other record has been found regarding this endeavor. **SOCIAL STATUS AND ACTIVITIES:** one of the founders of a library in Lexington, Kentucky, 1795; first president of the Lexington Immigration Society, 1797. **OCCUPATIONAL PROFILE:** yeoman, 1784; merchant, by 1786; with partner Col. Nathaniel Rochester he manufactured nails, brads, and sprigs in Hagerstown, Washington County; after moving to Kentucky he and his son established the firm of Hart, Barton, & Hart in Lexington; built a nail factory, 1794; opened a general merchandise store, 1795; owned a brick-making machine, 1798; involved in the formation of an insurance company, 1802. **PUBLIC CAREER. LEGISLATIVE SERVICE:** Lower House, Washington County, 1784 (elected, but did not attend). **LOCAL OFFICES:** commissioner of tax, Washington County, appointed 1783; justice, Orphans’ Court, Washington County, appointed 1792 (refused to serve). **MILITARY SERVICE:** colonel, 1787. **WEALTH DURING LIFETIME. PERSONAL PROPERTY:** assessed value £3,006.6.8, including 25 slaves and 44 oz. plate, 1783; owned 18 slaves, 1790. **LAND AT FIRST ELECTION:** 700 acres in Elizabeth Hundred, Washington County. **SIGNIFICANT CHANGES IN**