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George, a justice of Baltimore County, 1715/16-1716, who married Mary. DAUGHTERS: Blanche, who married Richard Smithers; Frances (?-1713), who married Thomas Frisby (1681-ca. 1715/16); and Susanna Mary, who married John Stokes (?-1732). PRIVATE CAREER. EDUCATION: literate. RE-LIGIOUS AFFILIATION: Anglican, St. George's Parish, Baltimore County. SOCIAL STATUS AND ACTIVITIES: second generation burgess. OCCU-PATIONAL PROFILE: planter; merchant; physician. PUBLIC CAREER. LEGISLATIVE SERVICE: Lower House, Baltimore County, 1674/75 (elected to the 4th session of the 1671-1674/75 Assembly; Laws 4), 1676-1682, 1686-1688. OTHER PROVINCIAL OFFICE: justice, Provincial Court, 1694-1695 (probably did not serve due to illness). LOCAL OFFICES: justice, Baltimore County, 1672-1689 (quorum, 1675/76-1689); St. George's Parish Vestry, Baltimore County, 1692-1696. MILITARY SERVICE: captain, 1667-1680; colonel, 1680-1689. STANDS ON PUBLIC/PRIVATE ISSUES: adherent of proprietary party and opponent of Protestant Associators' Revolution in 1689; nominated by Lord Baltimore for first royal Council, but not appointed; only civil office after revolution was appointment to Provincial Court by Gov. Francis Nicholson (1655-1727/28). WEALTH DURING LIFE-TIME. PERSONAL PROPERTY: assessed for 5 slaves. 1692-1695. LAND AT FIRST ELECTION: probably ca. 1,675 acres (775 acres in Baltimore County inherited from father, 1667; 300 acres in Baltimore County by purchase; 200 acres by patent; probably 400 acres through marriage). WEALTH AT DEATH, DIED: buried on July 19, 1696, at his plantation on the bayside, Baltimore County. PERSONAL PROPERTY: TEV, at least £1,482.5.0 and 139,739 pounds of tobacco (including 110,587 pounds of tobacco due the estate, 11 slaves, 4 servants, and 135 oz. plate). LAND: ca. 4,000 acres.

WELLS, JOHN (by 1675/76–1714). BORN: by 1675/76, in Kent County. NATIVE: second generation. RESIDED: in Kent County; "Broad Creek," on Kent Island in Queen Anne's County after 1708. FAMILY BACKGROUND. FATHER: Tobias Wells (?–1675/76), who immigrated in 1658; clerk of Kent County, 1660–1668, justice of Kent County, 1675–1675/76. STEPFATHERS: Disborough Bennett (?–1677); Lewis Blangy (Blanay) (?–1685); Allen Smith (?–1698); and John Copedge. MOTHER: Mary, widow of William Richards, daughter of (first name unknown) Short. BROTHERS: Tobias (?–1703), who married Rhoda. HALF OR STEPBROTHER: Jacob Blangy; Lewis Blangy. SISTERS:

Sarah: Mary. MARRIED Jane (?-by 1738), daughter of Rev. John Lillingston (ca. 1656-1709), rector of St. Paul's Parish, Queen Anne's County, and wife Mary Carpenter. Her brothers were James (by 1695-?); Carpenter (by 1695-1724), who married first, probably Mary Ann Hawkins, and second, Susanna Hammond (1697-?). Her half brother George (?-by 1718) was probably the son of Rev. Lillingston and wife Mary Tilghman Ward. Her sisters were Mary; Frances, who married Mordecai Hammond (1695-1746). Jane Lillingston Wells married second, ca. 1715, Thomas Hammond (1693-?). CHILDREN. SON: John (ca. 1704-?). DAUGHTER: Mary Anne (1714-?). PRIVATE CAREER. EDUCATION: literate. RELIGIOUS AFFILI-ATION: Anglican, SOCIAL STATUS AND ACTIVITIES: Gent., by 1713. OCCUPATIONAL PROFILE: planter. PUBLIC CAREER. LEGISLATIVE SERVICE: Lower House, Kent County, 1704-1707 (Aggrievances 1, 2, 4, 5), Queen Anne's County, 1712-1713 (Laws 1, 2; died before the 3rd session of the 1712-1714 Assembly). LOCAL OFFICES: justice. Kent County, sitting 1701-1706; justice, Queen Anne's County, sitting 1708-probably 1714; St. Paul's Parish Vestry, Kent County, 1704-1708. MILITARY SERVICE: captain, by 1705. WEALTH DURING LIFETIME. LAND AT FIRST ELECTION: probably ca. 1,100 acres in Kent County. WEALTH AT DEATH. DIED: by June 22, 1714, in Queen Anne's County. PERSONAL PROPERTY: TEV, £770.18.9 current money (including 3 servants and 5 slaves); FB, £546.6.2. LAND: 2,210 acres, plus one tract of unknown size.

WELLS, RICHARD (?-1667). IMMIGRATED: ca. 1652 as a free adult with his wife and eleven children from Charles City County, Virginia. RE-SIDED: in Herring Creek Hundred, Anne Arundel County. MARRIED Frances White, daughter of Richard White and possibly Lady Katharine Weston. Frances was possibly the granddaughter of Sir Richard Weston, Earl of Portland. Her brother was Jerome White (?-by 1677). CHILDREN. SONS: Richard, who married Sophia (?-1671), daughter of Richard Ewen (?-1660); Benjamin, who married Frances Hanslap; George Wells (?-1696); John; Robert; and William. DAUGHTERS: Anne, who married John Stansby (?-ca. 1682/83); Mary, who married first, Thomas Stockett (?-1671), and second, George Yates; Martha, who married first, ca. 1652, William Ayres, and second, by 1658, Anthony Selway (Salloway); Frances; and Elizabeth. PRIVATE CAREER, EDUCATION: literate. RE-LIGIOUS AFFILIATION: Protestant, SOCIAL STATUS