

CHARLES COUNTY GENTRY

A Genealogical History of Six Emigrants — Thomas Dent, John Dent, Richard Edelen, John Hanson, George Newman, Humphrey Warren. All Scions of Armorial Families of Old England who settled in Charles County, Maryland, and their descendants showing migrations to the South and West

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HANSON FAMILY

Few families of Maryland have been the subject of more tradition and myth than the Hansons. And while tradition plays its part in history and genealogy, it means very little to the searcher of the truth unless that tradition can be substantiated by State or private documents.

According to tradition, the Hansons of both the Eastern and Western Shores of Maryland all descend from an English gentleman who settled in Sweden and married a lady of noble birth. The name or house of this distinguished lady, however, has never been cited. Both died young, leaving an orphan boy who in manhood became an officer in the Swedish Army and was killed at the battle of Luttzen in 1632. He left four minor sons who in 1642 were sent by Queen Christiana as her special wards to the Governor of New Sweden in America, afterwards the Colony of Delaware. In 1653 the four Hansons—Andrew, William, Randolph, and John—removed to Kent Island in the Province of Maryland. Andrew became the progenitor of the Hansons of the Eastern Shore, William and Randolph died without male issue, while John became the father of the Hansons of Charles County.

Regarding the truths of the above traditions, the compiler of these chronicles does not wish to enter into any controversy, but the records which have been preserved in Maryland somehow seem to contradict the narrative. In the seventeenth century the family name of Hanson in England was as common as its Swedish equivalent Hansen. Many of the baptismal records of the early seventeenth century parishes of England have been searched and the name of Hanson appears most frequently.

Disregarding the traditions of the Maryland family, a review of the early entries of settlers bearing the surname of Hanson is essential. In September 1658, Andrew Elina demanded land for the transportation of Andrew Hanson, Anibeck Hanson, Margaret Hanson, Hance (Hans) Hanson, Frederick Hanson, and Catherine Hanson into Maryland. His Lordship's clerk therefore ordered the Deputy Surveyor of Kent County to lay out for Andrew Elina 350 acres of land on the east side of Chester River and the north side of Corsica Creek adjoining the land of Henry Coursey.¹

From the above record, it is ascertained that the six Hansons were all in Maryland by the year 1658 and had expressed their intentions to become subjects of Lord Baltimore. Inasmuch as all six were transported by a single person, it can be assumed that they were closely related and probably all arrived in the same vessel. It is also noted that

two had given names not common to most English families. By 1666 it was shown that Margaret Hanson had become the wife of Alexander Waters.

Hans Hanson left quite a distinguished record for his descendants. In 1671 he applied for naturalization and stated that he was "borne in Delaware Bay of Swedish parents". He represented Kent County at the General Assembly in 1692, 1693, 1694, and beginning in 1695 he was referred to as Colonel Hans Hanson. He continued to serve throughout the 1697 session.

In 1659 Randle (Randolph) Hanson appeared at His Lordship's Land Office at St. Mary's City and requested 50 acres of land which was due him as a former redemptioner of Dr. Luke Barber. At this event it was not only shown that Randle Hanson had performed a certain period of service to Dr. Barber but that he had in 1657 on his own volition transported a certain John Davis into the Province to inhabit. It is therefore proved that Randle was a freeholder in 1657 and apparently was in Maryland prior to 1650.

Randle Hanson was sometimes enscribed on the records as Henson and Hinson, and was most likely the first bearing the name of Hanson to settle in Maryland. He was domiciled in Charles County, but after a thorough search there is no suggestion nor fact to indicate that he was of any blood relationship to John Hanson who is the ancestor of the Hanson family with whom these chronicles are directly concerned.

The family of John Hanson gained fame and fortune in Colonial Maryland and ranked among the first families of the Province in culture as well as in society of that period. It was entitled to bear arms, inasmuch as Robert Hanson, presumably the eldest son of the supposed emigrant, in his will bequeathed to a son "my sword, pistols, and silver seal".

Perchance, it would not be wholly impossible to prove some day that John Hanson were of near relationship or even son to Sir Robert Hanson, one-time Lord Mayor of London. It is frankly admitted, however, that in the preparation of this discourse no research was conducted to prove or disprove this point. But it is significant that John Hanson gave the name Robert to his believed-eldest son.

The following is taken from the records of the Prerogative Court of Maryland for 1674 and clearly shows that Sir Robert had official relations with some of the Maryland subjects:²

"To all persons to whom these presents shall come Sir Robert Hanson, Knight, Lord Mayor of the City of London and the alderman of the same city send Greeting at the instance and humble re-

quest of John Keynes of Marleborough in the County of Wilts, Gent., wee the said Lord Mayor and Aldermen doe certify for undoubted truth that the said John Keynes is sole executor of the last will and testament of Joseph Burgess, late of Marleborough, and of Anne Arundel County in the province of Maryland, Merchant, deceased, and . . . have proved his will under the seal of the Prerogative Court of the Archbishop of Canterbury bearing date of 27 November . . . and Thomas Taylor have administered on the estate in the Province to the behalf of the said John Keynes . . . ”

¹ Liber Q, folio 365; Liber 10, folio 312, Land Office.

² Test. Pro., Liber 6, folio 233.

JOHN HANSON¹

(16— - 1714)

The first reference to John Hanson in Charles County was of June 1672, when he witnessed the will of Stephen Montague—though a John Hanson, with no county given, was named as the overseer of the estate of John Pain in 1671. From the former fact, it is concluded that in 1672 John Hanson had attained at least his eighteenth birthday, the required age for witness, consequently his birth occurred prior to the year 1654.

In 1676 John Hanson became the heir to the residuary estate of Richard Midgely, of Charles County, who, besides Hanson, named his wife Elizabeth Midgely and brother-in-law John Lewager. The will was formally proved in the Prerogative Court before John Stone, Gent., when John Wright and Edward Price were ordered to appraise the estate. Although the will failed to name an executor, the instrument was administered by John Hanson and Elizabeth Midgely as “executors” at its initial probation and at a return of the inventory early in 1677. At subsequent accounts, namely, in 1678 and 1679, John Hanson appeared as the sole executor.

In 1675 he purchased land from Thomas Cosker, and in 1677 he bought additional land from William Lowday and Joan his wife, the latter conveyance being witnessed by Thomas Jenkins and Joseph Wolff.¹ These are practically the only knowledge of land ownership. He failed to exercise his rights to 50 acres of land upon his intentions to become a subject. And from the fact that he patented no land may offer the suggestion that he were of the second generation in the Province. Furthermore, if he had been of foreign birth, he would have come under the Act of Naturalization which affected all residing in the

Province after a certain year. While record exists of the naturalization of Hans Hanson, none is found for John.

In January 1678/9, John Hanson was sued in court by Rando Hinson, executor of Zachary Wade, late of Charles County, deceased, for 623 pounds of tobacco. He was represented at court by Nehemiah Blackston, and subsequently lost the suit.²

On August 24, 1680, Elizabeth Maris, the daughter of Thomas Maris, deceased, was placed by the court under John Hanson "until she arrives at 16 or marriage, if not then married, then to 18, she being about 4 years of age".³

His participation in the punitive expedition against the Nanticoke Indians of the Eastern Shore was the occasion for the receipt of 830 pounds of tobacco by His Lordship's Assembly in 1678, and this seems to be the only record of his activity in military affairs—though his two sons both distinguished themselves in that field. In 1682 an additional 60 pounds of tobacco were awarded for public service by vote of the Assembly.⁴

In 1684 John Hanson witnessed the will of Henry Hickson, of Nanjemoy Hundred, and in 1704 he, with his son Robert, likewise witnessed the will of George Britt, of Charles County. In 1697 he and John Addison were appointed by the court to appraise the estate of George Tubman, and in 1704 he and John Theobald were likewise appointed to appraise the estate of John Stone.

These are practically all recorded references to his public or private career which, when compared to those of his immediate descendants, were rather unimportant. It is also significant that in no instance was his name followed by the courtesy title of "Gent.," which after the first generation in Maryland implied affluence rather than birth. He, however, was superior to many of his Maryland compatriots by the fact that he could inscribe his name, but from the absence of civil positions of trust and prominence and the designation of Gentleman somehow lead one to draw the conclusion that it took the stamina of the second generation and their marriages with gentry houses to place the family among the elite of Southern Maryland.

The only reference to his wife is in the County Court record which registers the birth of "Anne, the daughter of John Hanson and Mary his wife, of Portobacco, was born on 18 January 1692".

Children of John and Mary Hanson

1. Robert Hanson married four times. *q.v.*
2. Benjamin Hanson. Died intestate Chas. Co; inventory Aug. 1719; appraised £188; Josh Douglas, executor; George Dent and Douglas Gifford, presumably greatest creditors.

3. Mary Hanson married William Maconchie and Theophilus Swift.
4. Anne Hanson, born 1692.
5. Sarah Hanson.
6. John Hanson married twice. *q.v.*
7. Samuel Hanson married Elizabeth Story. *q.v.*

The will of John Hanson was dated December 12, 1713, and proved in Charles County on July 5, 1714, by Jane Rose, Alexander Contee, and John Cockain. Robert was devised the dwelling-plantation and named as the executor. Other heirs were his children—Benjamin, Mary the wife of the the Rev. William Maconchie, Anne Hanson, Sarah Hanson, John Hanson, and Samuel Hanson—and his grandson Samuel Hanson.⁵

The bond of Robert Hanson in the amount of £300 was filed at the Prerogative Court on July 5, 1714, with John Rogers and Alexander Contee as his sureties. The inventory of the personal estate was appraised at £142/9/4, by Thomas Lewis and Matthew Barnes.

¹ Deeds, Liber F no. 1, folio 165, La Plata.

² Liber H no. 1, folio 120, La Plata.

³ *Ibid.*, folio 325.

⁴ Archives, vol. 7.

⁵ Wills, Liber 13, folio 719.

COLONEL ROBERT HANSON, GENT.²

(16— - 1748)

Robert Hanson, son to John, was born at a date prior to the year 1686 in Port Tobacco Hundred, Charles County, and was probably the eldest son as he was entrusted with the administration of his father's estate. In 1704 he witnessed a will and in 1705 he negotiated his first land patent—"Hanson's Discovery" of 51 acres. No other patents were made until 1719 when "Hanson's Hills" of 136 acres was surveyed. Then several appeared in rapid succession—"Hanson's Plains" of 75 acres in 1725; "Hansonston" of 600 acres in 1726; "Robertus" of 345 acres in 1727; and "Addition to Robertus" of 28 acres in 1728, but the certificate to the latter was issued to George Dent.

Robert Hanson married four times—from his numerous wives and the loss of the parish register, it has been extremely difficult to establish the maternal parent of each child. No issue occurred, however, from the fourth and last union.

His first wife was Mary, daughter of Colonel Philip Hoskins, a neighbor and an important figure of his day in Southern Maryland.¹ Colonel Hoskins negotiated his will on June 20, 1714, and provided for his daughter Mary who was perhaps a maiden at that time. At the probation of the will, however, she had become Mrs. Hanson.

On June 16, 1718, Robert Hanson with Philip Hoskins, II, as next of kin, signed the inventory papers of the personal estate of his father-in-law. Likewise, on August 12, 1720, Robert Hanson and Thomas Stone, both being brothers-in-law to the deceased, signed the inventory of Philip Hoskins, II.

Children of Robert and Mary (Hoskins) Hanson

1. Robert Hanson, *d.s.p.* 1734, willing brother Samuel house—lot in Charles Towne; brother William "Hanson Green"; and personally to mother Violetta* and Mistress Elizabeth Story.
2. William Hanson married Mary Stone. *q.v.*
3. Samuel Hanson married Mary Fendall. *q.v.*

By 1721 the first wife of Robert Hanson was deceased and he had married Dorothy, the widow of John Parry (Perry) with a son Thomas. John Parry died intestate in Charles County during 1719, when on November 11, his widow and administratrix filed the administration bond in common form to the value of £3,000, with Robert Hanson, Daniel Jenifer, Bernard White, and Luke Barber as her sureties. On March 2, 1720/21, at the proceedings of the Prerogative Court George Dent and Daniel Jenifer were ordered to pass the account of "Robert Hanson and Dorothy his wife, administrators of John Parry late of Charles County, deceased".²

The following three children are believed to be of this union: Dorothy was named from her mother, and inasmuch as Benjamin was a minor at the death of his father, he could not possibly be an issue of the first marriage.

Children of Robert and Dorothy Hanson

4. Dorothy Hanson married Richard Harrison.**
5. Benjamin Hanson, *d.s.p.*
6. Mary Hanson married Daniel, son Daniel Jenifer and Elizabeth his wife. Issue: Walter Hanson; Warren Dent; Daniel.†

*Although he named Violetta as his mother, it is believed that it was through affections rather than blood, for if he were the son of Violetta, he would have been too young to have negotiated a will in 1734.

**"Died on 5 of last month (Mar. 5, 1752) Dorothy wife of Col. Richard Harrison, of Charles County, and daughter of Col. Robert Hanson, aged 31 years" (Md. Gazette). "In memory of Dorothy Harrison a sincere christian who was the daughter of Col. Robert Hanson and Dorothy his wife of Port Tobacco and wife of Col. Richard Harrison of Nangemoy who was born September 19, 1721, and died March 5, 1752, aged 30 years, 3 months, and 25 days, had issue Robert Hanson, William, Walter Hanson, . . ." (remainder illegible). Reference: Durham Churchyard.

†Former genealogists, somewhat reliable, have stated that she married John Briscoe. Furthermore, Myers Cary Wilson, well known and careful genealogist of the past generation, stated that Daniel Jenifer married Elizabeth, daughter of Walter Hanson. True it is that Daniel Jenifer named a son Walter Hanson, but he also named a son Warren Dent and no immediate connection with the Dent

By 1727 Robert Hanson had taken upon himself a third wife—Violetta, daughter of Francis and Elizabeth Harrison. On May 5, 1727, Violetta Hoskins, the widow and administratrix of William Hoskins, filed her administration bond in the amount of £800, with Robert Hanson and Richard Harrison as her bondsmen. By August 1727 the widow was Mrs. Hanson and as such she waived dower when her husband Robert Hanson deeded to his son Samuel for natural love and affections the tract "Lampton".³

The court on June 13, 1730, commissioned George Dent to pass the account "on the petition and prayers of Robert Hanson who married Violetta administratrix of William Hoskins and the said Robert Hanson executor of Mary Lenoir, both of Charles County, deceased".⁴

The children of this union are proved absolutely, inasmuch as they were named as the grandchildren of Madame Elizabeth Thorne who died testate in 1756.

Violetta was a widow with two daughters—Elizabeth and Mary. Elizabeth married Walter Hanson, while Mary married John Cunningham and Mungo Muschett.⁵

Children of Robert and Violetta (Harrison) Hanson

7. Sarah Hanson married Gerard Fowke. Issue: Gerard; Sarah; Catherine; Roger.
8. Violetta Hanson, died spinster 1786, naming nephew Gerrard Fowke; James and John sons of John and Catherine Robertson.*
9. Robert Hanson, *d.s.p.* 1770.

The fourth and last wife of Robert Hanson was Anne, the widow of John Maconchie. On April 14, 1747, they signed a marriage agreement by which Robert Hanson renounced all claims in the estate of Anne

family is known. Walter Hanson, Jr., distinctly willed property to his sister Elizabeth Smoot who is identified as the wife of William Barton Smoot. (Wills, Liber A H no. 9, folio 145.) The wife of Daniel Jenifer pre-deceased him, but as Mary Jenifer she waived dower in 1768. (Deeds, Liber O no. 3, folio 366.) Also in 1768. (Deeds, Liber S no. 3, folio 127.)

Furthermore, Mary Hanson by the will of her father inherited "Hanson's Plain" and "Habber Adventure". At that time Mary was unmarried. On December 13, 1770, "Daniel Jenifer, of Charles County, Gent., conveyed to Thomas Stone of the same county Gent. his heirs and assigns forever all that tract or parcel of land lying and being in Charles County aforesaid called Haberventure and Hanson's Plains Enlarged which was heretofore wit on 23 day of September in the year of our Lord God 1768 by patent granted unto the said Daniel Jenifer . . . with all waters, water Courses, woods, underwoods, Houses, Buildings, rails, Hereditaments, Benifts advantages Conveniences and Appurtenances . . . standing on the west side of the main road that leads from Port Tobacco to Piscataway . . . for £400". Mary Jenifer wife of Daniel Jenifer waived dower, while Walter Hanson and Josias Hawkins witnessed. (Deeds, Liber S no. 3, folio 127.) It is thus shown that Mary married Daniel Jenifer and not John Briscoe unless the latter was a first marriage.

Maconchie. The Rev. Theophilus Swift was a party to the prenuptial contract, while the witnesses were Matthew Stone, Jr., Mary Swift, and Margaret Chapman.⁷

Robert Hanson was most active in negotiating bonds for his neighbors and friends which indicated that he was not only a gentleman of wealth but of trust and confidence. In 1711 he and William Hoskins were sureties for Jane Sanders the administratrix of Edward Sanders. In 1713 he was bondsman for Frances Boughton the administratrix of Samuel Boughton; Catherine Thomas the executrix of Benoni Thomas; Joan Elliott the executrix of William Elliott; Thomas Dixon the administrator of Christopher Shadwell; and Mary Theobald the executrix of John Theobald.

In 1716 he was the administrator of the estate of Cornelius Kelly, at which time his brother Samuel Hanson and Thomas Dent were the bondsmen. In 1717 he was named the executor of the estate of Osmond Waple when Samuel Hanson and William Hoskins offered bond.

In 1727 and at other times he was one of the sureties for his brother Samuel Hanson, the Deputy Commissary for Charles County. In the same year he and his son Robert certified to the deposition of Bigger Head as his being the brother and one of the representatives of Kendall Head, deceased, of Prince Georges County.

In 1733 he and Anne Eburnathy were executors of John Eburnathy, at which time Matthew Barnes and Francis Ware were their bondsmen. And in November 1734, citations were issued by the court to show why they had failed to file an account. In 1736 he and John Theobald were bondsmen for Elizabeth Thorne, widow and executrix of Absalom Thorne, who was also the grandmother of his children by Violetta Harrison. The same year he and James Smallwood, Sr., were sureties for Edmund Devine, the administrator of James Proffee. During 1741 he and Benjamin Douglas were bondsmen for Elizabeth, executrix of his brother Samuel Hanson.

His first public office of significance seems to have been as early as 1716, when he was High Sheriff of Charles County. In September 1746, he was referred to as Colonel Robert Hanson. In 1724 he was Justice of the Peace.⁸

Robert Hanson established his seat at "Betty's Delight" which he had inherited from his father. On March 1, 1717, he purchased from William Lampton, of Richmond County, Virginia, "Lampton", lying on Port Tobacco Creek, adjoining the land of Juliana Price, widow, formerly in the possession of Colonel Benjamin Rozier and called "St. Patrick". Matthew Stone acted as attorney for the grantor, with John Beale, William Wills, and Thomas Green as the witnesses.⁹

On April 28, 1717, he purchased from Juliana Price, widow, "St. Patrick's Hill", lying on the west side of Port Tobacco Creek. The witnesses were Thomas Hussey Lockett, Andrew Simpson, and Elizabeth Lockett.⁹

On November 12, 1720, he bought of William Chandler, Gent., "Chandler Hill" of 300 acres, lying at the head of Port Tobacco Creek on the west side, which had been patented to Job Chandler, the grandfather of the grantor. The witnesses were Alexander Contee and Walter Story.⁹

On March 17, 1721, Robert Hanson and Dorothy his wife deeded to Thomas Parry, son of Dorothy Hanson, for natural love and affections "Digges' Baltimore Gift" and "Digges' Addition", which had been conveyed by Thomas Turner to Dorothy Hanson, then the widow of John Parry. Thomas Stone and Charles Somerset Smith witnessed the conveyance.⁹

On June 10, 1724, Robert Hanson purchased from John Lambeth "Haber de Adventure", lying at the head of Port Tobacco Creek, adjoining the lands of John Robinson and also "Simpson's Delight" then in the possession of the heirs of Francis Wine. Sarah Lambeth, wife to John, waived dower, while the conveyance was witnessed by John Briscoe and Charles Somerset Smith.¹⁰

On November 15, 1744, Robert Hanson and Violetta his wife, conveyed for love and natural affections to Elizabeth Hanson and Mary Cunningham, the latter two named in the deed as the daughters of Violetta Hanson, the dower which Violetta Hanson held in the tract "Friendship" which she was entitled as the widow of William Hoskins. At the time of the conveyance, Elizabeth was the wife of Walter Hanson and Mary the wife of John Cunningham. The witnesses were Allen Davis and Richard Harrison.¹¹

The will of Robert Hanson was dated April 5, 1746, and proved in Charles County on September 27, 1748, by Edmond Porteus, Samuel Hanson, Jr., and Daniel of St. Thomas Jenifer. William was devised 100 acres of "Abergane", including the tracts "Robertus Granted" and "Addition to Robertus". Robert, the youngest son, received the dwelling-plantation "Betty's Delight", of 100 acres "which was left me by my father John Hanson". Robert also received 69 acres of land purchased from William Chandler, being a portion of "Chandler's Hill", and other realty. Samuel was bequeathed his sword, pistols, and silver seal.

His daughter Dorothy, the wife of Richard Harrison, was devised "Hansonston", and Mary Hanson, a single daughter, was devised "Hanson's Plain" and "Habber Adventure". Other children named were Benjamin, Robert, Mary, Sarah, and Violetta, and his grandson Robert,

son of Samuel and Mary Hanson. His nephew Walter Hanson was to be placed under the guardianship of the testator's son Robert.¹²

The inventory of his personal estate was not filed until September 9, 1749, with Joseph Hanson Harrison as the executor. The estate was appraised at £878/14, with Mary Swift and William Hanson signing as the kinsmen. William Eilbeck and Walter Hanson were the greatest creditors.

An account was rendered on September 6, 1750, by Joseph Hanson Harrison and Gerard Fowke as the administrators, and Theophilus Swift and Captain William Hanson as the sureties. The balance due the estate was £1,024/6/11. An additional account on February 6, 1752, stated that Violetta Hanson, a daughter of the deceased, was at age, that Benjamin Hanson, another heir of the deceased, had died a minor since the death of his father, and that Robert Hanson was the only minor heir of the deceased, being between the ages of 10 and 11 years. Furthermore, it stated that the "accountants" had each married daughters of the deceased.*

Another account, dated July 22, 1759, showed that all legatees were of age except Robert who was under the guardianship of Walter Hanson.

On May 28, 1751, Madam Anne Hanson and William Hutchison with his wife Jane, all of Charles County, conveyed to Samuel Middleton, planter, for a consideration of £120 "Wheeler's Purchase", that part which was then in the possession of William Eilbeck. Thomas Stone and R. Harrison witnessed the conveyance.¹³ In that year it was also shown that Anne Hanson had not completed the administration on the estate of her husband John Maconchiè.

Her will was dated February 2, 1758, and proved in Charles County ten days later by Theophilus Swift, Mary Stone, and Richard King. She named her sons William and Alexander Macconchie; grandchildren Anne Hutchinson and John Macconchie; and niece Mary Hodgkins.¹⁴

The inventory was not filed with the court until December 2, 1758, when it had an appraised value of £990/19/9½. William Macconchie was the executor, and Peter Contee and Thomas Howard were the kinsmen.

Robert Hanson, the bachelor and youngest son, died in Charles County—his will being dated April 28, 1765, and proved on February 8, 1770, by Gustavus R. Brown, Warren Dent, and Mary Clarke. He devised his sister Violetta Hanson, the dwelling-plantation "Betsy's

*It is proved that Gerard Fowke married a daughter of Robert Hanson, but the marriage of Joseph Hanson Harrison with a daughter can not be placed.

Delight", lying in Port Tobacco Parish and the other tracts left him by their father, and certain lands in Durham Parish to his brother-in-law Captain Gerard Fowke. Other heirs were Gerard, son of Gerard and Sarah Fowke (no relationship stated); nieces Sarah Fowke and Catherine Fowke; nephews Roger Fowke, Walter Hanson, Hoskins Hanson of Walter, William Muschet and Mung Muschet*; sister Sarah Fowke; and friend John Muschet.¹⁵

An account on his estate, dated April 13, 1772, showed a balance of £800/15/4, with Jesse Doyne and Theophilus Hanson the sureties for the executor.

¹ Adm. Accts., Liber 10, folio 5.

² *Ibid.*, Liber 5, folio 102.

³ Deeds, Liber no. 3, folio 692, La Plata.

⁴ Test. Pro., Liber 29, folio 21.

⁵ Deeds, Liber G no. 3, folio 575, La Plata.

⁶ Wills, Liber A H no. 9, folio 277.

⁷ Deeds, Liber Z no. 2, folio 203, La Plata.

⁸ Test. Pro., Liber 32, folio 10; Liber 27, folio 209.

⁹ Deeds, Liber H no. 2, folios 129, 174, 398, 425, 442, La Plata.

¹⁰ Deeds, Liber L no. 2, folio 147, La Plata.

¹¹ Deeds, Liber X no. 2, folios 96, 162, La Plata.

¹² Wills, Liber 25, folio 412.

¹³ Deeds, Liber Z no. 2, folio 496, La Plata.

¹⁴ Wills, Liber 30, folio 527.

¹⁵ Wills, Liber 37, folio 588.

JOHN HANSON, GENT.²

(1681 - 1754)

John Hanson, son of John and Mary Hanson, certified in 1730 that he was 49 years of age, therefore, placing his birth year as about 1681. On November 30, 1705, he married the twice widowed Elizabeth Hussey, a Catholic matron, by whom a Catholic branch of the Hansons developed.¹

Children of John and Elizabeth (Hussey) Hanson

1. John Hanson married Elizabeth Massey. *q.v.*
2. Elizabeth Hanson married Leonard Wheeler.
3. Mary Hanson married William, son of John and Elizabeth Clements. Issue: Bennett Hanson; Oswald; Clothilder; Elizabeth; Henrietta; Edward; Mary; Maryanne; William.²
4. Eleanor Hanson married William Hagan.

In 1730 John Hanson patented "Hanson's Enlargement", and in 1734 "Hanson's Amendment". These were followed in 1737 by "Greenland" of 755 acres.

*The Muschets were half-nephews.

On July 13, 1721, John Hanson and Elizabeth his wife conveyed to William Wells for 20,000 lbs. of tobacco "Newport" which was described as a portion of the land taken up by Thomas Hussey father of the said Elizabeth. The witnesses were W. Hoskins, William Theobald, and Thomas Stone.³

On June 15, 1727, John Hanson purchased from Henry Holland Hawkins "Hussey's Addition", at which time Joan Hawkins waived dower, and Robert Hanson and Gustavus Brown witnessed the deal.⁴ On April 27, 1731, he purchased from James Maddock, Innholder, for 1200 lbs. of tobacco land which Maddock had bought at a sheriff sale. Robert Hanson and Henry Hawkins signed the deed as witnesses.⁵

John Hanson negotiated his will on June 5, 1747, at which time he devised to his wife Elizabeth his entire estate during life. After her decease it was to be divided among his daughter Elizabeth the wife of Leonard Wheeler, his daughter Eleanor the wife of William Hagan, and his son John who was to receive "Hanson's Amendment". The witnesses to the will were Henry Hawkins, Samuel Hanson, and Francis Ware.⁶

His wife, however, died soon afterwards, and John Hanson married secondly Mary, the widow of Francis Goodrick. On July 20, 1749, John Hanson and Mary his wife as the administrators of the estate of Francis Goodrick filed their bond in the Prerogative Court with Edward Goodrick and Francis Goodrick as the sureties.⁷

No changes were made to the will of John Hanson, so consequently at his death in 1754 considerable litigation occurred over the estate which was acquired by the marriage with the Widow Goodrick.

On May 1, 1754, Francis Ware, of Charles County, stated that he found the will among his father's papers after the death of his father—Francis Ware, Sr. At the same time Edward Goodrick, George Goodrick, and Henry Goodrick, step-sons of the late John Hanson, certified to the fact that they believed the will to be in the hand writing of John Hanson.

Walter Hanson likewise made the same statement as well as Dr. Gustavus Brown. Charles Courts identified the signatures of Francis Barnes and Godshall Barnes.

On September 21, 1754, Mrs. Violetta Sewell stated that she first learned of the approaching marriage of John Hanson with her mother through William Hanson about ten days before its occurrence. She became somewhat concerned, but John Hanson assured her that "he did not want anything of my mother's estate". Mrs. Anne McCoy, sister of Mary Goodrick-Hanson, also was a witness at the law suit.

The inventory was taken on August 31, 1754, and filed at court in November 1755, with John Hanson as the executor. It was appraised by John Theobald and William Neale at £903/8/5, and the greatest creditors were George Dent and John Semple. The final account was rendered on January 10, 1757, and showed a balance of £1,058. Godshall Barnes and Charles Courts were the bondsmen.

¹ See, *The Lucketts of Portobacco*; also Test. Pro., Liber 19c, folio 118.

² Test. Pro., Liber 40, folio 1; Wills, Liber 29, folio 241.

³ Deeds, Liber H no. 2, folio 446, La Plata.

⁴ Deeds, Liber L no. 2, folio 365, La Plata.

⁵ Deeds, Liber M no. 2, folio 250, La Plata.

⁶ Wills, Liber 29, folio 241.

⁷ Test. Pro., Liber 32.

JUDGE SAMUEL HANSON, GENT.²

(1684 - 1740)

Samuel Hanson, son of John and Mary Hanson, was born in or about 1684 in Port Tobacco Hundred, Charles County. He married about 1706 Elizabeth, daughter of Walter Story but then the widow of Benjamin Warren. In that year a commission was issued by the Pre-rogative Court to Samuel Hanson and Walter Story, executors of Benjamin Warren, to exhibit an inventory of the latter's estate. On July 19, 1708, Samuel Hanson and his wife "who was the executors of Benjamin Warren, Gent., late of the Province, deceased", were deeded property by John Warren, of Charles County, Gent. The deed stated that the grantor was a brother to the deceased.¹

Some litigation and dissatisfaction arose over the settlement of the estate and as late as 1713 John Warren, brother, forced the sheriff to issue citations against "Elizabeth Warren als Hanson now wife of Samuel Hanson and against Walter Story" to settle the estate.²

Children of Samuel and Elizabeth (Story) Hanson

1. Elizabeth Hanson, born Nov. 9, 1707, married Benjamin Douglas.
2. Mary Hanson, born Feb. 4, 1709.*
3. Walter Hanson married Elizabeth Hoskins. *q.v.*
4. Sarah Hanson, born July 29, 1714.*
5. Samuel Hanson married twice. *q.v.*
6. William Hanson, born Mar. 18, 1718, died 1721.
7. John Hanson married Jane Contee. *q.v.*
8. Jane Hanson, born Feb. 18, 1721/22.

*It is said that David Stone married a daughter of Samuel Hanson—some say Mary others Sarah—no proof has been found by this compiler. See, *The Stones of Poynton Manor*, by Newman.

9. Charity Hanson, born Aug. 15, 1724, married John Howard and Arthur Lee. Issue: Chloe Howard; Sarah Lee.
10. William Hanson, born Sept. 29, 1726.
11. Chloe Hanson married Philip Briscoe. Issue: John Hanson; Samuel Hanson; Hanson; Elizabeth Story.

In 1718 Samuel Hanson and James Cottrell were sureties for Eleanor and John Philpott, the executors of the will of Edward Philpott. In 1719 he was High Sheriff of Charles County, an office which he relinquished the next year to become Deputy Commissary for his county. His bondsmen at various times were Robert Hanson, John Hanson, and William Chandler.³ On April 7, 1719, he and Alexander Contee signed bond for Robert Hanson, the administrator of Benjamin Hanson.

His first land patent was in 1717, when he received "Hanson's Discovery" of 150 acres, followed by "Tryall" of 300 acres in 1719, "Hanson's Plains" of 75 acres in 1725, and "Wilkinson's Throne" of 506 acres in 1736. The latter tract was patented jointly with Eleanor Wilkinson.

About 1730 Daniel Dulany, Commissary General, at the request of Samuel Hanson issued letters of administration to him as the administrator of the estate of Richard Bell, late of Charles County, deceased. Philip Key and John Parnham were ordered to appraise the estate, and Col. Robert Hanson "one of his Lordship's Justices" to swear them.⁴

He died at his estate in Charles County and was buried at "Equality". His gravestone reads: "Here Lyes the body of Mr. Samuel Hanson who departed this life the 26 Day of October 1740 in the 56 year of his age".

His will was dated October 22, 1740, and proved in Charles County on March 5, 1740/1, by Theophilus Swift, Joseph Trines, and Sarah Trines. His wife Elizabeth was devised the dwelling-plantation known as "Littleworth", and 203 acres of "Wilkinson's Throne" during life, then to son William. Samuel received a 140-portion of "Green's Inheritance", and 35 acres of "Addition to Hereford"; John was willed "Hereford", and the residue of "Addition to Hereford". Other heirs were his daughters: Charity, Jane, Chloe, and Elizabeth wife of Benjamin Douglas; and his granddaughter Eleanor Douglas. His son Walter was named as overseer of the estate, and his wife and son-in-law Benjamin Douglas were named as guardian of the minor son William.⁵

The inventory of the personal estate was filed on July 10, 1741, by his executors, with Robert Hanson and Benjamin Douglas as the sureties. The appraisement was £1,049/1/5, with Gustavus Brown and G. Barnes as the greatest creditors, and Samuel Hanson, Jr., and John Hanson as the next of kin.

The will of his widow, Elizabeth Hanson, was dated March 19, 1764, and proved in Charles County, on June 15, 1764, by George Lee and Leonard Marbury, Jr. She named her daughters Jane Hanson and Elizabeth Douglas, and son Samuel.⁶

¹ Deeds, Liber C no. 2, folio 123, La Plata.

² Test. Pro., Liber 22, folios 359, 245.

³ Test. Pro., Liber 23, folio 400; Liber 24, folio 307.

⁴ Test. Pro., Liber 20, folio 462.

⁵ Wills, Liber 22, folio 296.

⁶ Wills, Liber 32, folio 162.

CAPTAIN WILLIAM HANSON³

(1717 - 1766)

William Hanson, son of Colonel Robert Hanson, was born about 1717 in Port Tobacco Parish, Charles County. It is assumed that he was the eldest son, inasmuch as his name appears first in his father's will, and some of his children carried the family name of Hoskins. He, however, married a kinswoman, Mary, daughter of Thomas and Martha (Hoskins) Stone.*

Children of William and Mary (Stone) Hanson

1. Theophilus Hanson. *q.v.*
2. William Hanson, *d.s.p.* 1774, naming sister Jane Hoskins Hanson, and niece Mary Harris Hanson of Theophilus.
3. Samuel Hanson married Margaret Macconchie. *q.v.*
4. Aurelia Hanson.
5. Jane (Jenney) Hoskins Hanson.

In 1735 William Hanson with David Stone was bondsman for Sarah Fowke, the executor of Gerard Fowke. In 1742 he and his father were bondsmen for Mary Maconchie, the executor of the Rev. William Maconchie. In 1745 he was bondsman for John Courts, the administrator of George Love, and in 1751, he with Alexander McPherson was surety for John Theobald, the executor of William Theobald.

On December 14, 1746, William Hanson received from his father a deed to "Robertus" which had originally been granted to James Lindsey, Jr., and escheated to Robert Hanson. S. Hanson and Robert Yates were the witnesses.¹

*For the ancestry of Mary Stone, see, *The Stones of Poynton Manor*, by Newman.

He was active in the colonial militia and at one time commanded a Company of the Horse.* When he was bondsman for the executors of his father's estate, he was styled captain.

His wife predeceased him, but she was living as late as the year 1750 when she was named in the will of her step-mother Catherine Stone. His children—Aurelia, William, Jenny Hoskins, Samuel, and Theophilus—were heirs in the will of their maternal aunt, Anne Fowke, who died in Charles County during 1761.²

The will of William Hanson was dated December 16, 1765, and proved in Charles County on May 14, 1766, by William Lindsey, John Stone, and Anne Lindsey. He devised the dwelling-plantation "Aborgany" and other tracts to his three sons—Theophilus, William, and Samuel—and personalty to his two daughters—Aurelia Hanson and Jenny Hoskins Hanson.³

The final account was not passed by the court until November 19, 1771, when Theophilus Hanson appeared as the executor and Samuel Hanson, Jr., and Robert Hanson were his bondsmen.⁴

¹ Deeds, Liber Z no. 2, folio 156.

² Wills, Liber 28, folio 26.

³ Wills, Liber 34, folio 129.

⁴ Adm. Accts., Liber 67, folio 25.

MAJOR SAMUEL HANSON⁸

(17— - 1749)

Samuel Hanson, son of Colonel Robert Hanson, is believed to be a son of the first wife Mary Hoskins. If he were of the second union, his birth would have occurred after 1720, and inasmuch as he was a major of the Colonial forces and the father of eight children at the time of his death in 1749, it is rather improbable that he could have accomplished all by his twenty-ninth year. He, however, must have been quite young at the time of his mother's death and was raised consequently by his step-mother for whose affections he manifested when he named a daughter in memory of her.

He married before 1730 Mary, daughter of John and Elizabeth (Hanson) Fendall, and the granddaughter of Randolph Hanson. On February 26, 1729/30, John Fendall, Gent., conveyed to Samuel Hanson, son of Robert, and Mary his wife and daughter of the said John Fendall for natural love which he held for his daughter and also for 5 shillings a tract of land called "St. John's" lying on the north side of Piscataway.

* Colonial Muster Rolls, Hall of Records.

Elizabeth Fendall, wife of John, acknowledged the gift, while the witnesses were Robert Hanson and Benjamin Fendall.¹

Samuel Hanson and Richard Marshall in 1734 were bondsmen for Thomas Marshall, the executor of the estate of Elizabeth Fendall who is identified as the mother-in-law.

Children of Samuel and Mary (Fendall) Hanson

1. Elizabeth Hanson.
2. Benedicta Hanson, died 1790, married ——— McPherson. Issue: Samuel Hanson; Henry; Josias Hanson; Alexander; Anne; Mary Hanson.
3. Robert Hanson.
4. Samuel Hanson married Sarah Marshall. *q.v.*
5. Josias Hanson died intestate; acct. Aug. 18, 1764; balance £1019; adm. Samuel Hanson, Jr.
6. Mary Hanson.
7. Dorothy Hanson.
8. Martha Hanson, will dated June 1765; named sisters Dorothy and Mary Hanson; and Elizabeth Fendall Hanson and Mary Hanson McPherson (no stated relationship).

His father Robert Hanson for natural love and affections deeded him "Lampton", at which time Violetta Hanson, wife, waived dower rights. The transfer was witnessed by William Stone and Gustavus Brown.² On February 26, 1725, Samuel Hanson and Bennett Hoskins were sureties for Henry Barnes, the administrator of Henry Evins.

Major Samuel Hanson died intestate in Charles County. His personal estate was appraised on July 28, 1749, and signed by William Hanson and Sarah Fowke as the nearest of kin, with his widow Mary Hanson as the administratrix. John Stoddert and William Dent appraised the estate, while Samuel Hanson and Walter Hanson were the greatest creditors.

The bond for the administratrix was filed on June 17, 1749, by her sureties Thomas Marshall and Thomas Marshall, Jr., and the first account was passed April 6, 1750, by Walter Hanson Deputy Commissary.

The estate was settled on November 17, 1753, when £1,236 were distributed by Mary Hanson the administratrix between herself and the eight named children — Elizabeth, Beneditta, Robert, Samuel, Josias, Mary, Dorothy, and Martha.

The will of his widow Mary Hanson was dated October 22, 1758, and proved in Charles County on January 31, 1759, by W. Hanson, Richard Gambra, and Sarah Alford. She named her sons Samuel and Josias; daughters Benedicta, Mary, Dorothy, Martha; and granddaughter Mary Hanson MacPherson.³

The inventory of the personal effects was filed on February 19, 1759, and appraised at £1,082/16/2, by Joseph M. Semmes and William Neale. Samuel Hanson, Jr., appeared as the executor and the following signed as the next of kin: Josias Hanson and Beneditta Hanson. An account on March 26, 1760, by Samuel Hanson, Jr., showed a balance of £1210/12/1.⁴

¹ Deeds, Liber N no. 2, folio 192, La Plata.

² *Ibid.*, Liber L no. 2, folio 369.

³ Wills, Liber 30, folio 640.

⁴ Adm. Accts., Liber 44, folio 345.

JOHN HANSON, GENT.³

(17— - 1795)

John Hanson, son of John and Elizabeth (Hussey) Hanson, was born in Port Tobacco Parish, Charles County. He married Elizabeth, daughter to Henry and Elizabeth Massey, of Prince Georges County.¹

Children of John and Elizabeth (Massey) Hanson

1. Elizabeth Massey Hanson.
2. Sarah Hanson, bap. Feb. 11, 1753.
3. Henry Massey Hanson. *q.v.*
4. John Hanson.
5. Walter Hanson married Sarah Maddox. *q.v.*
6. Samuel Hanson. *q.v.*

On May 11, 1747, Elizabeth Massey, of Prince Georges County, filed her bond as the administratrix of the estate of Henry Massey, her deceased husband, with her son-in-law John Hanson and William Tyler, of Prince Georges County, as her sureties. On May 20, 1749, John Hanson and Samuel Hanson were bondsmen for Charity Howard, the administratrix of John Howard.²

On September 5, 1754, John Hanson received from William Hagan, planter, and Eleanor his wife, by deed a clear title to a portion of "Hanson's Amendment", lying on the east side of Port Tobacco, inasmuch as some doubt had arisen to his portion.³

John Hanson took the Oath of Allegiance and Fidelity to the State of Maryland in Charles County during 1778. His signature appears among the returns of the "Worshipful Walter Hanson".⁴ In 1783 he was seized of 546 acres of "Second Amendment" in Port Tobacco Lower Hundred, and 172 acres of "Harmonious' Hard Bargain", in Upper East Hundred of Port Tobacco Hundred. He died intestate sometime before 1795.

The will of his widow Elizabeth Hanson was dated May 31, 1795, and proved in Charles County, on November 30, 1795. She bequeathed negroes and other personalty to her daughter Elizabeth Hanson and the residue to her son Henry Massey Hanson whom she named as executor.⁵

¹ Wills, Liber 30, folio 243.

² Test. Pro., Liber 32, folio 273.

³ Deeds, Liber A no. 1½, folio 299.

⁴ Unpub. Md. Rec., vol. 5, p. 1, DAR.

⁵ Wills, Liber A K no. 11, folio 301.

JUDGE WALTER HANSON⁸

(1711 - 1794)

Walter Hanson, son of Samuel and Elizabeth (Story) Hanson, was born "Tuesday the eleventh day of March 1711 about 6 in ye morning at ye head of Portobacco Creek". He married Elizabeth, born 1721, the daughter of William Hoskins and Violetta Harrison his wife.¹

Children of Walter and Elizabeth (Hoskins) Hanson

1. Hoskins Hanson married Catherine Thompson. *q.v.*
2. Samuel Hanson. *q.v.*
3. William Hanson married Sarah Sinnett. *q.v.*
4. Walter Hanson, *d.s.p.*; will named brothers Hoskins, William, and Samuel; sisters Elizabeth Smoot and Violetta Hanson; Elizabeth Hanson Muschett and friend John Muschett.
5. Elizabeth Hoskins Hanson married William Barton Smoot.*
6. Violetta Hanson married Henry Barnes.
7. Anne Hanson married Hugh Mitchell and Samuel Stone.**
8. Heloise Hanson, died spinster 1763; will named sister Elizabeth and father Walter.
9. Margaret Hanson married John Muschett.

Walter Hanson succeeded his father as Judge or Deputy Commissary for Charles County of the Prerogative Court of Maryland. His bond for the said office was exhibited on December 27, 1740, with Robert Hanson and David Stone as his sureties.² In 1744 he passed the account of the Rev. Theophilus Swift and Mary his wife who were the executors of the late Rev. William Maconchie.³

On February 13, 1744, Walter Hanson, Gent., and Elizabeth his wife deeded to their daughter Heloise Hanson for the consideration of natural love the tract "Lindsey" which had been granted by Archibald Wauhob to his daughter Elizabeth, the wife of Philip Hoskins, and

*See, Newman's *The Smoots of Maryland and Virginia*.

**See, Newman's *The Stones of Poynton Manor*.

grandfather to the said Elizabeth Hanson and which was to be delivered to Heloise at the age of sixteen. Robert Hanson and R. Harrison witnessed the conveyance.⁴

On November 6, 1744, Walter Hanson and Elizabeth his wife leased to George Harrie and Anne his wife for a period of 14 years 130 acres of land being a portion of a tract granted to James Lindsey and adjacent to the dwelling-plantation of William Hanson. The rental was 800 pounds of tobacco annually.⁵

On September 10, 1746, Walter Hanson and Elizabeth his wife and John Cunningham and Mary his wife for 10,000 pounds of tobacco purchased from George Geoffrey land on St. Thomas Creek in Port Tobacco. Mary Geoffrey, wife of George, waived dower. In the body of the deed the land was referred to as the land purchased by "George Godfrey's father Clement Theobald by deed of 8 March 1674" and also the "burying place made use of by said Godfrey's father".⁶

In the same year Walter Hanson and Elizabeth his wife "eldest daughter of William Hoskins late of Charles County" conveyed to John Cunningham and Mary his wife "the other daughter of William Hoskins" the tract known as "Friendship" lying on Mattawoman Swamp.⁷

In 1763 Walter Hanson patented "His Excellency's Gift", of 221 acres lying in Charles County.

During March 1778 as one of the magistrates of Charles County he took in his district the Oath of Allegiance and Fidelity to the State of Maryland.⁸

His wife died on May 9, 1773, in her 52 year.⁹ On October 13, 1782, he entered into a marriage agreement with Elizabeth Hanson by which they agreed that whosoever died first the other was to enjoy their respective estate during life. They signed the contract and it was witnessed by Walter Hanson, Yost, and Sarah H. Hanson. It was not recorded, however, until May 26, 1791.¹⁰ The marriage was performed by the rector of Port Tobacco Parish on April 20, 1783.

On June 24, 1780, Walter Hanson, Gent., conveyed to Margaret Muschett wife of John Muschett, Gent., for natural love which he had for his sister and also for £10 a portion of the land then in possession of Walter Hanson, Sr., father of the said grantor called "Lindsey".¹¹

On the same day, Walter Hanson, Sr., Gent., deeded to Margaret Muschett wife of John Muschett, Gent., for natural love for his daughter and also for £10 land lying on the west side of the eastern-most branch of Nanjemoy Creek originally granted to James Lindsey and afterwards

became the right of Archibald Wauhob and granted by the latter to Elizabeth, the wife of Philip Hoskins, grandfather to Elizabeth Hanson, late wife of Walter Hanson, and known by the name of "Lindsey". The witnesses were Richard Barnes and Hoskins Hanson.¹²

According to the tax list of 1783, Walter Hanson was seized of the following tracts all lying in Port Tobacco and Pomonkey Hundreds: "Chandler's Hills" of 100 acres, "Thomason Town" of 100 acres, "Harwood" of 633 acres, "His Excellency's Gift", "Friendship" of 733 acres, and "Improved Friendship" of 733½ acres.

The will of Walter Hanson was dated May 21, 1794, and proved in Charles County on December 1, 1794, with Henry Barnes as the executor. Hoskins was bequeathed all family and other portraits and the wearing apparel. Samuel was devised the dwelling-plantation "Harwood", being a portion of "His Excellency Gift", lying on the north side of the road leading from Port Tobacco Town to Nanjemoy. William was willed 100 acres of "Thomson Town", while his wife Elizabeth received a portion of the personal estate.

The inventory was filed on April 25, 1796, by Henry Barnes, the executor, with William Hanson and Samuel Hanson, his sons, signing as the kinsmen.

¹ Adm. Accts., Liber 23, p. 50.

² Test. Pro., Liber 31, folio 146.

³ *Ibid.*, Liber 31, folio 497.

⁴ Deeds, Liber Z no. 2, folio 8, La Plata.

⁵ Deeds, Liber Z no. 2, folio 13.

⁶ *Ibid.*, Liber Z no. 2, folio 120.

⁷ *Ibid.*, Liber Z no. 2, folio 64.

⁸ Unpub. Md. Records, DAR Library, vol. 5.

⁹ Md. Hist. Mag., vol. 18, p. 279.

¹⁰ Deeds, Liber K no. 4, folio 272, La Plata.

¹¹ *Ibid.*, Liber V no. 3, folio 497.

¹² *Ibid.*, Liber V no. 3, folio 497.

COLONEL SAMUEL HANSON⁸

(1716 - 1794)

Samuel Hanson, son of Samuel and Elizabeth (Story) Hanson, was born Thursday, December 20, 1716, about 2 or 3 in ye morning, perhaps at "Littleworth" in Port Tobacco Parish, Charles County. He first married Anne, daughter to Thomas and Sarah Hawkins. On March 3, 1743, he with Marmduke Semmes was bondsman for his mother-in-law when she administered on the estate of her deceased husband. About 1753, Samuel Hanson administered on her estate.¹

Children of Samuel and Anne (Hawkins) Hanson

1. Chloe Hanson married George Lee.
2. Sarah Hawkins Hanson married William Beane.*
3. Samuel Hanson married Mary Key. *q.v.*
4. Thomas Hanson married Rebecca Dulany. *q.v.*
5. ——— Hanson married John Addison.
6. Mildred Hanson married William Baker.
7. Eleanor Hanson married Henry Hendley Chapman, Lieut. 2d Md. Regt., Rev. War; Soc. of Cincinnati.
8. Anna Hanson married Nicholas Lingan.**
9. Elizabeth Hanson married John Anderson.

He was styled colonel in official papers, and at the beginning of the Revolutionary War was chairman of the Committee of Safety for Charles County.² In 1778 he was one of the magistrates for Charles County and in that capacity during March 1778 he administered the oaths of allegiance and fidelity to the patriots in his district.³

After the death of his first wife, he married Anne Brown, kinswoman to Dr. Gustavus Brown, but the widow successively of Samuel Clagett and Robert Horner. A pre-nuptial agreement was recorded on August 12, 1774, as follows: "Samuel Hanson of Charles County Gent. of the first part and Anne Horner widow, relict of Robert Horner, of the second part, and Dr. Gustavus Brown, her brother, of the third part . . . whereas as a trustee mutually appointed by the said Samuel Hanson and Anne Horner . . . and whereas a marriage is intended by God's permission shortly to be had and celebrated between the said Samuel Hanson and the said Anne Horner . . ."⁴

According to the tax list of 1783, Samuel Hanson was seized of the following tracts of land: "Green's Inheritance" of 52 acres, lying in upper portion of East Port Tobacco Hundred; "Herefordshire" of 150 acres, with a "very good large dwelling house with fine garden"; "Addition to Herefordshire" of 75 acres in upper portion of East Port Tobacco Hundred, "Green Forest" of 82 acres in same hundred, "Hanson's Retreat" of 54 acres, and "Hanson's Trifle" of 48 acres.

*The following are tombstone inscriptions: "William Beanes, son of William and Mary Beanes, was born January 24, 1749, and was married to Sarah Hawkins Hanson, November 25, 1773, died October 12, 1828, in the 80th year of his age".

"Here lies the Body of Sarah Hawkins Beanes, daughter of Samuel and Anne Hanson, born August 12, 1750, married William Beane November 25, 1773, and died July 15, 1822, in the 70th year of her age".

**Anna Hanson daughter of Samuel Hanson married October 15, 1789, at Green Hill, Charles County, Nicholas Lingan, Merchant of Georgetown. (Md. Journal, Oct. 30, 1789.) Her tombstone, very interesting, at Popular Hill, states that she was married Oct. 28: "Anna daughter of Samuel Hanson married 28 October 1789 to Nicholas Lingan, Merchant, of Georgetown died 13 January 1793, aged 27, and an infant daughter".

The will of Samuel Hanson was dated January 24, 1793, and admitted to probate in Charles County on November 25, 1794, with Henry H. Chapman as the executor.⁵ Chloe Lee, his daughter and wife of George Lee, was devised a legacy and was to provide for the testator's "poor sister (unnamed) during her life". Samuel received all wearing apparel and the ring with his mother's name engraved therein. Legacies were left to his son Thomas and the latter's children; to son Samuel and his children; to John Addison and Anne Addison grandchildren of the testator; and to the children of the testator's deceased daughter Mildred Baker. Eleanor Chapman was devised the watch and ring left the testator by his daughter Anna Lingan, then to the former's daughter Anna Hanson Chapman. His granddaughter Chloe Anne Lingan was left £5. He mentioned Nicholas Lingan, but failed to state relationship.

The following bequests of portraits were interesting: Sarah Bean was bequeathed her own picture; Nancy Baker that of her mother's; Nancy Addison her mother's; Sammy and Tony their own pictures; Nelle "shall have her grandmother's mother's miniature"; Chloe Lee her own picture and "poor Anna's picture", but after her death to Anna Hanson Chapman.

The inventory of his estate was filed on December 8, 1794, and appraised at £1,653/19/4, with T. Hanson and William Baker signing as the kinsmen. The first account on August 27, 1796, displayed a balance of £2,678/17/2.

The will of his widow Anne Hanson was dated April 8, 1800, and proved October 3, 1800, in Fauquier County, Virginia, where she made her home after the death of her husband.

She devised to her son Samuel Clagett the tract of land which she purchased from her son, Gustavus Brown Horner, lying in Fauquier County, and other realty because "he sustained much loss by my two marriages". To her grandson, William Edmond Horner, son of William, her house and lot in Fauquier County. She also bequeathed property to her son Gustavus Brown Horner, son of her husband Robert Horner. She also named Mary, the wife of her son William, and Frances, the wife of her son Gustavus, and her granddaughters—Frances Horner, Elizabeth Horner, Catherine Horner, and an unnamed daughter of her son Samuel Clagett.

She bequeathed £50 to Susan W. Harris, granddaughter of her late husband Samuel Hanson for her own use and "not that of her husband". Anne Hanson, daughter of Colonel Samuel Hanson, of Georgetown, was bequeathed her silver shoe buckles.

The universal Bible and a large gold ring with a stone under which "some of my sister Threlheld's hair is set" were bequeathed to her son Gustavus Brown Horner. The residue was willed to her four sons—Samuel Clagett, Gustavus Brown Horner, John Horner, and William Horner.⁶

About 1799 a case developed in the chancery court over the proceeds from the sale of land, instituted by certain heirs against Henry Henley Chapman.⁷ It was shown that Samuel Hamilton, of Prince Georges County, had bought the following tracts: "Green's Inheritance" 140 acres, "Herefordshire" 150 acres, and "Addition to Herefordshire" 70 acres, "Fendell's Neglect" 46 acres, "Hanson's Retreat" 54 acres, "Hanson's Trifle" 48 acres, "Green's Forest" 183 acres, "Addition to Green's Forest" 82 acres, "Coomes Park" 100 acres, "Uncle and Nephew" 90 acres, "Smith's Chance" 11 acres, "Slater's Benefit" 100 acres, and "Poverty" 40 acres.

George Hillary Spalding, of Charles County, had bought 45 acres of "Green's Inheritance", William Penn Ford 57 acres of the same tract, and George Lee 267 acres. Henry Green, of Charles County, bought "Three Brothers" of 160 acres, "Robey's Help" of 118 acres, and "Smallwood's Gore". Thomas H. Hanson, of Prince Georges County, purchased "Robey's Range" of 100 acres, and Charles Mankin, of Charles County, purchased "Middleton's Rich Thickett" of 100 acres.

The case furthermore showed that Chloe A. Lingan, granddaughter to Colonel Samuel Hanson, had married William McKenny (also written McKenna). Also that Ann Hanson Chapman and Eleanor Chapman had died without issue, and that John Addison was the son-in-law of the deceased and the father of John and Ann Addison. At the settlement the grandson John Addison had died and his sister Ann Addison received his portion of the estate.

Dr. William Baker on June 20, 1800, certified that the children by his wife Mildred Hanson were Samuel H., born September 20, 1773; Philip T., born July 29, 1775; Nancy H., born October 6, 1777; William, born March 4, 1782; Chloe L., born January 24, 1784; and Eleanor, born October 28, 1785, and died in 1796. Samuel Hanson and Thomas H. Hanson, both sons of the deceased, also certified to the births of their children.

¹ Test. Proc., Liber 33 pt. 2, folio 116.

² Archives.

³ Unpub. Md. Records, vol. 5, p. 1.

⁴ Deeds, Liber S no. 3, folios 613, 621; G no. 3, folio 28, La Plata.

⁵ Wills, Liber A K no. 11, folio 235.

⁶ Wills, Warrenton, Va.

⁷ Chancery Papers no. 2287.

HON. JOHN HANSON, GENT.³

(1721 - 1783)

John Hanson, son of Samuel and Elizabeth (Story) Hanson, was born April 3, 1721, "about 2 or 3 in ye afternoon" at Mulberry Grove, Port Tobacco Parish, Charles County. His wife was Jane, born about 1727, the daughter of Alexander and Jane Contee, of Prince Georges County.¹

Children of John and Jane (Contee) Hanson

1. Alexander Contee Hanson married Rebecca Howard.
2. Samuel Hanson, born Aug. 25, 1756, died 1781; surgeon on staff of George Washington.
3. Peter Contee Hanson, born Dec. 9, 1758, died at Fort Washington during Revolution. Original Member of Society of Cincinnati.
4. Grace Hanson, born 1762, died 1763.
5. Catherine Contee Hanson, born Nov. 16, 1744, married Philip Alexander.
6. Jane Contee Hanson, born Feb. 23, 1747, died June 17, 1781, married Feb. 18, 1773, Dr. Philip Thomas. Issue: James; Catherine Hanson, born Oct. 15, 1775; Rebecca Bellicum, born Feb. 8, 1777; John Hanson, born May 16, 1779.
7. Elizabeth Hanson, born 1751, died 1753.
8. John Hanson, born 1753, died 1760.
9. _____.

In 1751 as the Sheriff of Charles County, he was summoned by the Prerogative Court as follows: "Attachment issued and order directed to any one of the coroners of Charles County against John Hanson, Sheriff, for his contempt in not bringing Anne Muncaster widow of William Muncaster into court".²

On April 27, 1731, John Hanson purchased from James Maddock, Innholder, of Charles County, for 1200 pounds of tobacco land lying in Charles County containing 300 acres. The conveyance was witnessed by Robert Hanson and Henry Hawkins.

On February 28, 1744/45, he, styled as "the youngest son of Samuel Hanson, Gent., of Charles County", purchased from John Contee, of Prince Georges County, "Rozer's Refugee". The transfer was made in the presence of Thomas Lee and Peter Contee, while Margaret Contee, wife of John, acknowledged the conveyance.³ On March 12, following, he transferred one-half of the tract to Jane Contee, at which time Jane Hanson, his wife, relinquished her third.⁴ On April 12, 1746, he deeded to Samuel Hanson, Jr., Gent., "Herfordshire", beginning at Major Dent's Quarters on the Mattawoman to the head of Port Tobacco. Jane Hanson, wife, waived dower.⁵

In 1747 John Hanson was one of the bondsmen for his sister Elizabeth Douglas, the administratrix of her deceased husband's estate. He and his brother Samuel Hanson were also bondsmen for their sister Charity Howard, when on May 20, 1749, she filed her bond as the administratrix of John Howard, her deceased husband.

At a young age John Hanson entered public service and for nine terms was a delegate from Charles County to the Lower House of the General Assembly. In 1757 he entered the Council and served in that body until 1773 when he moved to Frederick Town. From that place he was a delegate to the General Convention of Annapolis in 1774, and a member of the Maryland Convention of 1775 which issued its famous declaration known as the "Association of Freemen of Maryland". In 1780 he was elected to the Continental Congress and was elected the president of that body on November 5, 1781, an office which sometimes gives him the distinction of being the First President of the United States. While serving in that capacity he tendered George Washington the thanks of Congress for the victory at Yorktown. He also was one of the signers of the Articles of Confederation.

Ill health forced him to retire from public life and he sought seclusion and rest at the home of his nephew at Oxon Hill, Prince Georges County, where he died on November 2, 1783. He was interred in the ancient burying ground of the Addison family at Oxon Hill.

The following obituary appeared in the Maryland Journal of December 2, 1783: "On Saturday last (15 November 1783) departed this life at Oxon Hill, the seat of Mr. Thomas Hanson, in the 63 year of his age, the Hon. John Hanson, Esq: He had long been a servant to his country in a variety of employments, the last of which was that of President of the Congress".

The will of John Hanson was dated September 20, 1781, and proved in Frederick County on April 13, 1784, by John Nelson, Jeffry Magruder, and Richard Butler. He devised his wife Jane the houses and lots in Frederick Town purchased from Adam Koon during life then to his son Alexander Contee. He named his son-in-law Dr. Philip Thomas and his grandchildren—Catherine Thomas, Rebecca Thomas, and John Hanson Thomas.⁵

The following appeared in the *American* of February 25, 1812: "Died this evening in the 85th year Mrs. Jane Hanson relict of John Hanson, esq., a delegate to the old Revolutionary Congress".

¹ Deeds, Liber A no. 3, folio 87, pt. 1.

² Test. Pro., Liber 34, folio 145.

^{3,4,5} Deeds, Liber Z no. 2, folios 14, 34, 99.

⁶ Wills, Liber G M no. 2, folio 75, Frederick.

WILLIAM HANSON, GENT.³

(1726 - 179-)

William Hanson, son of Samuel and Elizabeth (Story) Hanson, was born September 29, 1726, in Charles County. His wife was Rachel —.

Children of William and Rachel Hanson

1. Mary Hanson.
2. William Horner Hanson.
3. Rachel Hanson married George Sibbald. License Pr. Geo. Co., Jan. 5, 1786.
4. Elizabeth Hanson married John Halkerstone. License Chas. Co., Nov. 4, 1779.
5. John Hanson.

According to the terms of his father's will, he was to enjoy the dwelling-plantation "Littleworth" and the tract "Wilkinson's Throne" after the decease of his mother.

Prior to September 22, 1760, he settled in Talbot County and there established a mercantile house, when, on that date as a resident of that county, he conveyed to Walter Hanson, merchant, of Charles County, for the consideration of £205 "Littleworth", where on "my" mother Elizabeth Hanson lived. Rachel Hanson his wife waived dower, while the deed was attested to by Thomas Stone and Daniel Jenifer.¹

On November 20, 1769, still a resident of Talbot County, he purchased from John Hanson, Jr., for £1,291/10 the plantation "Rozet Refuge" where John Hanson was then living. Jane Hanson, the wife of John, acknowledged the sale. Walter Hanson and Josias Hawkins witnessed the transfer.²

This is the approximate time of his returning to Charles County. Two years later, on December 21, 1771, "William Hanson of Charles County Gentleman" sold to Thomas Contee, merchant, of Prince Georges County, for £1,350 "Rozet's Refuge" lying on the east side of Port Tobacco Creek adjoining the land of Jane Contee. His wife Rachel relinquished her third.³

Somehow William Hanson seems to have re-possessed "Rozet's Refuge" (sometimes written Roger's), because on January 16, 1776, as William Hanson, Sr., he conveyed a portion of it to Walter Pye for £5,800/8. At the same time he sold the other portion to Thomas Contee of Prince Georges County for £45. His wife Rachel gave her consent, while the conveyances were witnessed by Walter Hanson Jenifer.⁴

During March 1778, William Hanson took the oath of fidelity and allegiance to the State of Maryland in Charles County.

On September 6, 1798, the heirs of William Hanson filed action against the creditors of their father's estate which had been ordered on May 17, 1796, to be sold for the payment of the deceased's debts. The representatives were the five children—William Hanson, John Hanson, Mary Hanson, Rachel Sibbald, and Elizabeth Halkerson.⁵

William Horner Hanson and John Hanson, both of Charles County, declared that their father, of Annapolis, left a widow who never applied for letters of administration, but who was then deceased, but Mary Hanson, daughter, had been issued letters of administration. The will had provided that the entire estate descend to the widow, but at her death it was to be divided among the children. Among the many papers submitted to the chancery court, was found a note, dated September 10, 1801, from George Sibbald, of Augusta, Georgia, requesting that the share of his wife from the estate of her father be paid to "Mary Hanson my wife's sister".

¹ Deeds, Liber G no. 3, folio 510, La Plata.

² *Ibid.*, Liber O no. 3, folio 685.

³ *Ibid.*, Liber S no. 3, folio 229.

⁴ *Ibid.*, Liber V no. 3, folios 232, 250.

⁵ Chancery Papers no. 2261.

THEOPHILUS HANSON⁴

(1743 - 1808)

Theophilus Hanson, son of William and Mary (Stone) Hanson, was born about 1743 in Port Tobacco Hundred, Charles County. At the probation of the will of Clement Wheeler of Charles County in 1799, Theophilus Hanson declared himself to be about 56 years of age. Research fails to disclose the family of his wife or even her given name, but the names of Harris and Love among his children are perhaps significant.

Children of Theophilus Hanson

1. Robert Hanson married Priscilla ———. *q.v.*
2. Mary Harris Hanson.
3. Pamela Love Hanson married Philip Truman Briscoe.

During the Revolutionary War, Theophilus Hanson served as a private in the militia company of Captain Sinnett.¹ At one time he was the Deputy Surveyor of Charles County, and on July 18, 1768, he purchased from his brother, William Hanson, Gent., one-third of the land

that Major William Hanson had died seized of and which his brother was entitled, that is, 130 acres. In 1772 he had recorded in the land records of Charles County his share of his father's estate including that portion which he had purchased from his brother. It lay on the easternmost branch of the Avon River, adjoining on the north the land of his other brother.²

According to the 1783 tax list of Charles County, Theophilus Hanson was seized of 243 acres of "Abergary Resurveyed" and 67 acres of "Hanson Green", both tracts lying in Port Tobacco and Pomonkey Hundreds.

On December 20, 1783, he purchased from Richard Barnes for £100 "Robertus" and the "Addition to Robertus", both tracts lying in Charles County. Walter Hanson and Samuel Hanson, Jr., witnessed the transfer. No wife of Barnes waived dower. On February 2, 1784, he sold to Henry Barnes 40 acres of "Abergary Resurveyed". No wife waived her third.³

The will of Theophilus Hanson was dated September 13, 1807, and proved in Charles County on March 26, 1808. He left his entire landed estate to his son, Robert, who was to support his two sisters. He also named his daughters, Mary Harris Hanson and Pamela Love Briscoe; granddaughter Jane Love Briscoe; and son-in-law Philip Truman Briscoe.⁴

The final distribution of the estate of Theophilus Hanson was made in Charles County on October 18, 1820, by Thomas Burgess, when one-third of the proceeds was distributed to the children of Robert Hanson deceased, and two-thirds to the children of Pamela Love Briscoe, deceased.

¹ Unpub. Md. Records, vol. 2, p. 280, DAR.

² Deeds, Liber O no. 3, folio 433; S no. 3, folio 311, La Plata.

³ Deeds, Liber Z no. 3, folios 44, 47, La Plata.

⁴ Wills, Liber A L no. 12, folio 512, La Plata.

MAJOR SAMUEL HANSON⁴

(17— - 1806)

Samuel Hanson, son of William and grandson of Robert and Mary Hoskins, was born in Port Tobacco Hundred, Charles County, Maryland. He married Margarey, daughter to William and Theodosia (Stone) McConchie.*

*For the ancestry of Theodosia Stone, see, *The Stones of Poynton Manor*, by Newman.

Children of Samuel and Margarey (McConchie) Hanson

1. Janney Hoskins Hanson.
2. Robert Winder Hanson married twice. *q.v.*
3. Theodosia Stone McConchie Hanson.
4. Elizabeth McConchie Hanson.

On August 1, 1779, Samuel Hanson was commissioned a lieutenant of the Maryland Line and assigned to the Fifth Regiment. He was in service as late as June 1, 1781.¹ At the conclusion of the war, he was elected a charter member of the Society of the Cincinnati.

His seat was at "Hanson Green" of 144 acres lying in Port Tobacco and Pomonkey Hundreds, of Charles County, on which he paid taxes in 1783.

On May 24, 1800, Samuel Hanson of William, planter, and his wife Margarey conveyed to Mary Harris Hanson, the daughter of Theophilus Hanson, a portion of "Poynton Manor" where Barton Stone formerly lived on the east side of Ward's Creek and recently devised by Mary Stone to Margarey Hanson.² On June 7, 1800, Mary Harris Hanson for a consideration of £5 conveyed the above portion of "Poynton Manor" to Samuel Hanson of William.²

His will was dated February 13, 1806, and proved in Charles County on June 18, 1806. He devised his wife Margarey, the dwelling-plantation during life and one-third of the personal estate, then to their only son Robert Winder Hanson. The latter was to provide a comfortable residence for his sister Jenny during her life. Personalty was bequeathed to the three daughters—Jenny, Theodosia, and Elizabeth.³

The inventory of the personal estate was returned by his widow and executrix on July 24, 1806.⁴ Her will was proved in Charles County on November 4, 1815, with Walter McConchie and James Brawner as the executors. She devised negroes to her three unmarried daughters. The inventory of her estate was filed by James Brawner on November 6, 1815.

The final account on the estate of Samuel Hanson was not filed with the court until 1818, when Thomas Rogerson appeared as the executor.

¹ Saffell's Records, p. 237.

² Deeds, Liber I B no. 3, folios 265, 266, La Plata.

³ Wills, Liber A L no. 12, folio 334, La Plata.

⁴ Liber 1806, folio 311, La Plata.

SAMUEL HANSON⁴

(17— - 1817)

Samuel Hanson, son of Samuel and Mary (Fendall) Hanson, was born in Port Tobacco Parish, Charles County. He married Sarah, the

widow of Basil Beall (Beale) and the daughter of Thomas Marshall.¹ She was named as an heir in the will of her father, dated January 15, 1801, and proved in Charles County on April 24, same year.

Children of Samuel Hanson

1. Margaret Beall Hanson married Apr. 10, 1787, John Fendall Beall.
2. Charity Fendall Noble Hanson.
3. Samuel Hanson married Elizabeth Marshall. *q.v.*
4. John Beall Hanson married Elizabeth Marshall. *q.v.*
5. Mary Fendall Hanson married ——— Cawood.
6. Elizabeth B. Hanson married ——— McPherson.

As Samuel Hanson, Jr., in 1783, he paid taxes on 150 acres of "Lampton" and 36 acres of "Spring Plains", both tracts lying in Port Tobacco Upper Hundred.

His will was dated September 29, 1817, and proved on October 15, 1817, in Charles County. He devised his wife Sarah and his daughters—Margaret B. Beall and Charity F. N. Hanson—during their single lives the use of the dwelling, then in fee simple to his son Samuel. He willed his son John B. Hanson a legacy of \$1250. After the death of the widow, the personal property was to be divided among his four daughters—Margaret Beall, Mary Fendall Cawood, Elizabeth B. McPherson, and Charity Hanson. To his grandsons—Samuel Hanson, Thomas Marshall Hanson, and William Hanson he devised land in Nanjemoy on the Potomac. Other grandchildren mentioned were Elizabeth Fendall McConchie, Thomas James Marshall, Elizabeth Marshall, John F. Beall, Samuel Hanson Beall, John Hancock Beans, and Elizabeth B. McPherson.

The inventory of estate was filed on June 9, 1818, in Charles County, with his sons Samuel Hanson and John B. Hanson as the executors.²

His daughter Mrs. Mary Cawood died without issue in Charles County during 1821. By her will she referred to the property left by "father Samuel Hanson to his wife Sarah Hanson during her life."* Her portion of this property she devised to her three sisters—Margaret B. Beall, Elizabeth B. McPherson, and Charity Fendall Noble Hanson. Other heirs were her nephew Dr. William Marshall and his children Elizabeth Fendall Hanson Marshall, John Hancock Barnes Marshall, and the youngest child (daughter) yet unnamed; nephew John Fendall Beall; and nieces Elizabeth Margaret Hanson McPherson (daughter of sister Elizabeth McPherson), Mary Margaret Hanson (daughter of

*She does not refer to Sarah Hanson as her mother. Could she be a step-mother?

brother Samuel Hanson), and Pusy Hanson (daughter of brother John B. Hanson). She named Dr. William Marshall and John Fendall Beall as the executors.

¹ Chancery Papers no. 2638; Deeds, Liber I R M no. 3, folio 558, Marlborough.

² Liber H B no. 13, folio 533, La Plata.

LIEUT. HENRY MASSEY HANSON, GENT.⁴

Henry Massey Hanson, son of John and Elizabeth (Massey) Hanson, was born perhaps in Charles County. On November 14, 1767, his father deeded him for the sum of £50 "Second Amendment" in the presence of Joseph H. Harrison and John Dent. On April 22, 1771, his father again transferred a portion of "Second Amendment" to him. In neither instance did the wife of John Hanson waive dower rights.¹

On February 26, 1776, the Committee of Observation recommended him for First Lieutenant of Captain John Hanson's Company of Charles County militia, and his appointment was approved by the Council on March 7, same year. During March 1778, he took the oath of allegiance and fidelity to the State of Maryland in Charles County, his name appearing among the returns of the Worship Walter Hanson, Magistrate.²

On December 23, 1776, Henry Massey Hanson leased to James Russell Schwester a portion of "Hanson's Second Amendment". The event was witnessed by W. B. Smoot, Walter Morris, and Timothy Carrington.³ On March 17, 1787, he conveyed for the sum of £22/10 a portion of "Second Amendment" to John May, cooper. On March 22, 1790, he deeded another portion of the same tract to Martha Porteus for £33/15. On July 21, 1792, he sold for £226 another portion of the tract to Basil Robey.⁴ No wife waived her third. On May 21, 1794, he bought from his brother "Samuel Hanson of John of Culpeper County, Virginia, but at present in Charles County" for a consideration of £286 a portion of "Greenland".

¹ Deeds, Liber O no. 3, folio 294; S no. 3, folio 149, La Plata.

² Archives, vol. 11, pp. 186, 206.

³ Deeds, Liber V no. 3, folio 234, La Plata.

⁴ Deeds, Libers D no. 4, folio 43; K no. 4, folios 25, 440, La Plata.

CAPTAIN WALTER HANSON⁴

(1760 - 1792)

Walter Hanson, son of John and Elizabeth (Massey) Hanson, was born about 1760 in Charles County. On December 25, 1781, he married Sarah Hatch Maddox.¹

Children of Walter and Sarah (Maddox) Hanson

1. Elizabeth Hanson married ——— Knox.
2. Mary Anne Theobald Tyler Hanson.
3. John Maddox Hanson, born 1787, died 1838, married 1816, Margaret Sophia Hanson, born 1800, died 1891.*
4. Sarah Eleanor Hanson, died young.

During the Revolution Walter Hanson commanded a company of the 12th Battalion of Militia in Charles County. In 1778 he took the oath of allegiance and fidelity to the State of Maryland in Charles County.² At the tax list of 1783 he was seized of 200 acres of "Greenland", lying in Port Tobacco Hundred, which had been patented by his grandfather John Hanson in 1737.

He died intestate in Charles County in 1792, when an inventory was filed of his personal estate appraised at £328/2/8. His widow Sarah Hatch Hanson was issued letters of administration, while his brother John Hanson, Jr., signed the papers as the next of kin and the greatest creditor. At the filing of the inventory with the court his widow had become Mrs. William Morris.

The final account on the estate was rendered on December 21, 1794, by William Morris and Sarah Hatch Morris his wife, at which time the proceeds were divided among the widow and four unnamed children.

In 1795 John Maddox Hanson, Mary Anne Theobalds Tyler Hanson, and Sarah Eleanor Hanson were placed under the guardianship of their stepfather.

At a second distribution of the estate on January 6, 1802 the heirs of Walter Hanson were shown to be Mrs. Sarah H. Morris, Mrs. Elizabeth Knox, Anne T. T. Hanson, and John M. Hanson.

¹ Maryland Marriages 1777-1804, p. 188, Md. His. Soc.

² Militia Lists, Md. Hist. Soc.; Unpub. Md. Rec., vol. 5.

* Liber 1802, folio 79, La Plata.

JOHN HANSON⁴

John Hanson, son of John and Elizabeth (Massey) Hanson, was born in Charles County. He was generally referred to as John Hanson, Jr. In 1783 he paid taxes on 355 acres of "Greenland" and 145 acres of "Fendall's Delight". In 1792 he signed the papers as the kinsman and greatest creditor of his brother Captain Walter Hanson, deceased.

*DAR lineage 150,604, only authority for dates and marriage.

SAMUEL HANSON⁴

Samuel Hanson, son of John and Elizabeth (Massey) Hanson, was born perhaps at "Second Amendment" in Charles County. During March 1778, he took the oath of fidelity and allegiance to the State of Maryland in Charles County before Magistrate Walter Hanson.¹ In 1783 he as Samuel Hanson of John paid taxes on 200 acres of "Greenland". He removed to Culpeper County, Virginia, but while in Charles County on May 21, 1794, as Samuel Hanson of John he deeded to his brother Henry M. Hanson for £286 the tract "Greenland". No wife waived her third.²

¹ Unpub. Md. Rec., vol. 5, p. 2.

² Deeds, Liber N no. 4, folio 264, La Plata.

LIEUT. HOSKINS HANSON, GENT.⁴

(17— - 1796)

Hoskins Hanson, son of Walter and Elizabeth (Hoskins) Hanson, was born at "Harwood", in Port Tobacco Parish, Charles County. His wife was Catherine Queen Thompson, daughter of Richard Matthews and Sarah (Douglas) Thompson.

Children of Hoskins and Catherine (Thompson) Hanson

1. Richard Thompson Hanson married Elizabeth Ray. *q.v.*
2. Catherine Queen Hanson married 1804 Gerard Robertson. Issue: Walter Hanson; Catherine; John Richard; Alexander Hanson; and Hoskins Hanson.
3. Sarah Douglas Hanson married William Penn.

During the Revolutionary War, Hoskins Hanson served as first sergeant of the militia company of Captain Walter Hanson, later he was promoted to second lieutenant of the same company.¹

On April 25, 1782, Hoskins Hanson received from his father for natural love and affections 189 acres of "Littleworth", originally patented in 1689, and whereon Hoskins Hanson was then seated, also 203 acres of "Wilkinson's Throne". On September 18, 1782, he purchased from Catherine Mitchell, spinster, for £262 "Cain's Purchase" of 100 acres, lying on the west side of Port Tobacco Creek which had been willed Catherine by her father Hugh Mitchell.²

According to the 1783 tax list, Hoskins Hanson was seized of 6 acres of "Middle's Branch", 230 acres of "Thompson's Chance", 200

acres of "Wilkinson's Throne", 187 acres of "Littleworth", and 100 acres of "Cain's Purchase".

On May 9, 1788, Hoskins Hanson purchased from William Thompson for £227 "Arelough" lying on the south side of the main fresh of St. Thomas' Creek on the Mattawoman. Those present at the conveyance were Henry Barnes and William D. Briscoe.⁵

On August 20, 1790, Hoskins Hanson sold to Edward Sanders for £262 "Cain's Purchase", at which time his wife Catherine waived dower rights. On September 27, 1791, he conveyed to John Ward for £100 "Arelough", and his wife Catherine likewise waived dower. On March 12, 1795, he deeded to Samuel Hanson, of Charles County, "Harwood", of 1266 acres.⁴

Hoskins Hanson died intestate. Letters of administration upon the estate were issued to his widow, Catherine Hanson, at which time Mungo Muschett and Samuel Hanson of William offered bond. The inventory, appraised at £530/4/0, was filed at court in September 1796, by his widow, with Sarah D. Hanson and William H. Hanson signing as the kinsmen, and Humphrey Barnes and Henry Barnes as the creditors.⁶

On June 10, 1800, Sarah Douglas Penn, Richard Thompson Hanson, and Catherine Hanson, the children of Hoskins Hanson, purchased from Samuel Hanson of Walter, for the sum of £1,000 "Harwood" which had been conveyed by Hoskins Hanson to Samuel Hanson on March 12, 1795. Mary Hanson, wife of Samuel, waived her third, and the conveyance was witnessed by Richard Harrison and Daniel Jenifer.⁶

On the next day William Penn and Sarah his wife sold to Catherine Queen Hanson their interest in "Harwood" for £500. The witnesses were Samuel Hanson of Walter and Daniel Jenifer.⁶

On July 21, 1800, Catherine Hanson sold to Sarah Douglas Penn for £1,000 "Thompson's Chance" lying on road leading from Port Tobacco to Pickawaxon. Witnessed by Samuel Hanson of Walter.⁶

The will of his widow, Catherine Hanson, was proved in Charles County February 14, 1815, by Henry H. Chapman and Gerard Robertson. She named only her granddaughter, Catherine Robertson, whom she placed under the guardianship of her nephew, Dr. Walter Hanson.⁷ The final account upon her estate was rendered on August 21, 1816, by her administrator Josias H. Hanson.

¹ Unpub. Md. Rec., vol. 2, pp. 291, 296, DAR.

² Deeds, Libers Z no. 3, folio 1; V no. 3, folio 616.

³ Deeds, Liber D no. 4, folio 290.

⁴ Deeds, Liber K no. 4, folios 138, 371; N no. 4, folio 381.

⁵ Inventories, Liber 1791-98, folio 401.

⁶ Deeds, Liber I B no. 3, folios 212, 247, 345.

⁷ Wills, Liber H B no. 13, folio 353.

SAMUEL HANSON⁴

(17— - 1810)

Samuel Hanson, son of Walter and Elizabeth (Hoskins) Hanson, was born in Charles County. During the Revolutionary War he served as a private in Capt. Sinnett's Company of Charles County militia.¹ During 1778 he took the oath of allegiance and fidelity to the State, his name appearing among the returns of His Worshipful Walter Hanson.² He died intestate in Charles County, where an inventory of his personal estate was filed at court on February 13, 1810, by Thomas Rogerson as the administrator. The estate was appraised at \$1468. An additional inventory was filed on April 12, same year, but the final account was not filed until December 15, 1818, by Thomas Rogerson, showing no distribution of the balance. All accounts referred to "Samuel Hanson of Walter".³

¹ Unpub. Md. Rec., vol. 2, p. 280, DAR.² *Ibid.*, vol. 5, p. 2.³ Liber 1808-12, folios 197, 275.WILLIAM HANSON⁴

(17— - 1797)

William Hanson, son of Walter and Elizabeth (Hoskins) Hanson, was born in Charles County. It is assumed that Sarah, his wife, was born a Sinnett. His will was dated January 21, 1796, and proved in Charles County on February 5, 1796, by Godfrey Bell, George X Cato, and John Muschett, Jr. He bequeathed his sisters-in-law, Hannah Sinnett and Elizabeth Sinnett, each £25. His wife received one-third of the realty during life and one-third of the personal estate, with the residue going to an unborn child.¹ The inventory of his personalty was taken on January 26, 1797, with his widow Sarah Hanson as the administratrix and Gerard Briscoe and James Franklin as her sureties.² During the Revolutionary War he took the oath of allegiance under Magistrate Walter Hanson.³

¹ Wills, Liber A K no. 11, folio 322, La Plata.² Inventory, Liber 1791-98, folio 423.³ Unpub. Md. Records, vol. 5, p. 1, DAR.COLONEL SAMUEL HANSON⁴

(1752 - 1830)

Samuel Hanson, son of Samuel and Anne (Hawkins) Hanson, was born about 1752 in Port Tobacco Parish, Charles County. On November 20, 1777, he joined the Continental Army of General Washington with

the rank of captain. It was in this capacity and at Philadelphia that he married Mary Key, sometimes spelled Kay, at the Church of Christ and St. Peter's on April 29, 1777, by the Rev. Jacob Duckle. He severed his relations with the Continental Establishment in May 1778, and returned to his father's seat in Maryland. Within a short time he was commissioned a lieutenant-colonel of the militia and served in that capacity for a considerable period.

Children of Samuel and Mary (Key) Hanson

1. Maria Hanson, born Dec. 30, 1781.
2. Samuel Hanson, born May 14, 1786, married Matilda Calloway Hickman.
3. Isaac Kay Hanson, born Jan. 14, 1790, married Maria H. Jones. License D. C. Aug. 22, 1815.
4. Thomas Hanson, born Aug. 10, 1792.
5. Ann Hanson, born Dec. 9, 1793, died spinster D. C. Will proved D. C. 1872, naming niece Serena L. Weightman.
6. John Hanson, born 1795, died 1796.
7. Louisa Serena Hanson, born Feb. 25, 1799, died May 23, 1840, married Roger Chew Weightman. License D. C. May 5, 1812.

After the war Samuel Hanson settled in Alexandria, Virginia, when on August 11, 1787, he conveyed property. A portion of the deed reads as follows: "Samuel Hanson son of Samuel Hanson late of Charles County but at present of Alexandria, Virginia, and Mary his wife of the first part and Henry Rozer of Prince Georges County, Maryland, of the second part" . . . conveyed for 9300 pounds of tobacco "Jockey's Discovery" containing 15 acres "granted by Lord Baltimore to Samuel Hanson father of the said Samuel" and also land in Mattawoman Creek called "Acquinick". The witnesses were Richard Barnes and Hoskins.¹

Later he settled in the National Capital, where he died in 1830 aged 78 years. One reference stated that he died on December 16, 1830, another on December 30, same year.

His widow Mary Hanson, aged 75, of Washington, applied on November 28, 1836, for a pension by rights of her deceased husband's Revolutionary services under the Act of 1836. She stated that her husband commanded a militia regiment at the time the *H. M. S. Roebuck* and other ships were in the Potomac River and when the dwelling of Colonel Lyles was burned by the marauders. As evidence of his services, she submitted a copy of a ledger showing the accounts of Lieutenant-Colonel Samuel Hanson with the militia of Charles County.²

At this time William Horner, aged 71, of Fauquier County, Virginia, certified that the applicant Mary Hanson was the widow of Colonel Samuel Hanson and that he (Horner) was the son of Anne

Hanson who married Samuel Hanson, Sr., of Charles County, the father of Lieutenant-Colonel Hanson. That he lived in the home of Colonel Samuel Hanson, Sr., for sometime, particularly from August 1774 to June 1782, and that about March 1778 Lieutenant Colonel Samuel Hanson, Jr., married Mary Key and brought her to the home of his father in Charles County. He furthermore stated that he remembered when Samuel Hanson left home about 1778 to join the army. In 1837 Horner made an additional deposition in which he certified that Samuel Hanson commanded a militia regiment in Charles County, when the British were in the Potomac above Mt. Vernon, and remembered seeing Hanson paying off the officers who had served with him in the militia.

R. C. Weightman, of Washington, certified that he lived in the home of Colonel Samuel Hanson and that since his death he had continued to remain in the same house which was now the home of his widow.

¹ Deeds, Liber D no. 4, folio 122.

² Pension Claim, U. S. Archives Bldg.

THOMAS HAWKINS HANSON⁴

(1750 - 1810)

Thomas Hawkins Hanson, son of Samuel and Anne (Hawkins) Hanson, was born about 1750 in Port Tobacco Hundred, Charles County. At the beginning of the Revolutionary War, he commanded a company of the Flying Camp composed of men from Charles County and saw active service in the early campaign around New York.¹

On March 2, 1778, he married Rebecca, daughter of Walter and Mary (Grafton) Dulany, of Annapolis, but more recently the wealthy widow of Thomas Addison, of Oxon Hill Manor, Prince Georges County.

Children of Thomas and Rebecca (Dulany) Hanson

1. Grafton Dulany Hanson, born Sept. 17, 1783. *q.v.*
2. Rebecca Hanson, born Nov. 25, 1784.
3. Samuel H. Hanson, born Aug. 4, 1786, married Eleanor Bayly. License D. C., Mar. 13, 1817. *q.v.*
4. Thomas H. Hanson, born Mar. 4, 1792, married Elizabeth Beall. *q.v.*

Thomas Hawkins Hanson died intestate, when letters of administration were issued to his step-son Thomas Grafton Addison on November 10, 1810.

¹ Revolutionary Pension Claim 16783.

ROBERT HANSON⁵

(17— - 1810)

Robert Hanson, son to Theophilus, was born in Charles County. He married Priscilla B. ———.

Children of Robert and Priscilla Hanson

1. William Hanson. Account on his estate filed Jan. 14, 1830, by Joseph Young and Francis R. Hanson, showing a balance of \$1657.32. (Liber 1829-33, folio 56.)
2. Chloe Anne Hanson married Henry A. Moore.
3. Jane Love Hanson married Joseph Young.
4. Francis Robert Hanson.

Robert Hanson died intestate in Charles County. The inventory of his personal estate was filed on February 13, 1810, by Priscilla B. Hanson, his widow and administratrix. She shortly afterwards married Hezekiah Haislep. The final distribution of the estate was made on June 14, 1817, by Hezekiah Haislep to the widow and four named children.¹

On January 29, 1839, Chloe Anne Hanson, Joseph Young and Jane L. his wife, and Francis Robert Hanson, all of Charles County, conveyed to John Barnes, same county, for \$250 the following tracts: "Discovery", "Friendship", "Manning's Discovery", adjacent to "White Haven Dock", and "McConchie Deal". On the same day, Joseph Young and Jane L. his wife deeded to Francis R. Hanson for \$620 a portion of the land formerly laid out for James Lindsey which Jane L. Young inherited from her father, Robert Hanson, and a portion of "McConchie's Deal" purchased by the heirs of Robert Hanson from Captain John Barnes. Also on the same day Chloe Anne Hanson, Joseph Young and Jane his wife, and Francis Robert Hanson, of Charles County, conveyed to Walter Alexander Haislip and Emeline Haislip for love and affection which they bore to them and also for their better support all their interest in tenements of which Priscilla B. Haislip died seized. The conveyance was delivered in the presence of Henry C. Bruce and Charles McCann.²

On April 2, 1829, it was recorded in Charles County, the conveyance of "McConchie's Deal" for \$250 from John Barnes to Henry A. Moore and Chloe A. his wife, Joseph Young and Jane L. his wife, and Francis Robert Hanson. No wife of Barnes waived dower.

¹ Liber 1817, folio 366, La Plata.

² Deeds, Liber I B no. 18, folios 223, 224, 340, 344.

ROBERT WINDER HANSON⁵

(1797 - 1853)

Robert Winder Hanson, son of Samuel and Margarey (McConchie) Hanson, was born about 1797 at "Hanson Green", Charles County. On January 21, 1836, at his father's seat he married Mary H. Ford, of the same county.¹ On April 14, 1840, he took as his second wife Frances Speake, the ceremony being performed at "Woodland Plains".²

The following children composed his household at the 1850 census: Ernest, aged 9; Francis, aged 6; and Mary M., aged 1.

He maintained his seat on a portion of "Poynton Manor" which had come to him through his mother. In 1824 he sold to John Williams for \$515.50 a portion of the manor described as "between the land of the late Gerard Fowke, David Stone, and the said Robert W. Hanson then with the head line of the said David Stone to John Taylor's portion".³ In 1826 he conveyed another portion to Alexander Matthews.⁴ It is said that he died in Charles County during 1853.

¹ Nat. Intelligence, Jan. 29, 1836.

² Somerset Herald, May 5, 1840.

³ Deeds, Liber I B no. 15, folio 555.

⁴ Deeds, Liber I B no. 16, folio 451.

SAMUEL HANSON⁵

(17— - 1824)

Samuel Hanson, son of Samuel, was born in Charles County, where on August 10, 1788, he was married to Elizabeth Fendall Marshall. A daughter Mary Margaret was named in the will of her aunt Mary Cawood.

He died intestate. An inventory of his personalty was filed in Charles County on April 14, 1824, by his widow Elizabeth C. Hanson, with an appraisement of \$2835. An account was rendered by Elizabeth C. Hanson on October 13, 1824, showing a balance of \$1009. The third account was filed on May 18, 1825, by Elizabeth C. Nalley and her husband Uzziel Nalley 'administrators of Samuel Hanson Jr.' They claimed an overpayment of \$379.75.¹ Noble Barnes, however, administrator *ad colligendum bononum*, rendered an account on May 17, 1825, upon the estate of Dr. Samuel Hanson, Sr., and displayed an inventory valued at \$4704.50.²

¹ ² Liber W D N no. 15, folios 3, 8.

JOHN BEALL HANSON⁵

John Beall Hanson, son of Samuel, was born in Charles County. His wife was Elizabeth, daughter to Philip and Priscilla (Marshall) Marshall. Philip Marshall by his will proved in Charles County on May 1, 1815, referred to his daughter Elizabeth Hanson and her children (unnamed). A daughter Pusy Hanson was an heir in the will of her aunt Mary Cawood.

In July 1817, John B. Hanson and his wife Elizabeth, of Charles County, received certain property by deed from Richard Marshall Scott, of Bush Hill, Virginia. The deed specifically stated that Elizabeth Hanson was the daughter of Philip Marshall, deceased, and that James Elgin Marshall, late of Charles County, had died testate and appointed Richard Marshall Scott the guardian of the three children—Anne Douglas, Robert, and Eleanor Douglas. Other grantees in the same deed were Priscilla Price Marshall, widow of Philip Marshall; John Marshall, son of the said Philip; and Druscilla Price Marshall.¹

¹ Deeds, Liber I B no. 12, folio 125, La Plata.

RICHARD THOMPSON HANSON⁵

Richard Thompson Hanson, son of Hoskins and Catherine (Thompson) Hanson, was born at "Littleworth" in Port Tobacco Parish. On April 9, 1808, he conveyed to Catherine Queen Hanson for \$2,000 "Harwood" with all improvements, lying near Port Tobacco Town on the west side of Port Tobacco Creek. Raphael Saxton and David Stone witnessed the transaction, but no wife waived dower.¹

It is said that he married Elizabeth Ray. He migrated to Oglethorpe County, Georgia, where he is found as the head of a family at the 1820 census, with the following schedule: he and his wife were both between the ages of 26 and 45, and in his household were 3 girls and 2 boys all under 10 years of age, 1 girl between 10 and 16, 1 boy between 16 and 18, and 19 slaves.

¹ Deeds, Liber I B no. 8, folio 83.

SAMUEL H. HANSON⁵

(1786 - 1863)

Samuel H. Hanson, son of Thomas and Rebecca (Dulany) Hanson, was born August 4, 1786, at Oxon Hill Manor, Prince Georges County. On March 13, 1817, he secured license in the District of Columbia to marry Eleanor Bayly.

Children of Samuel and Eleanor (Bayly) Hanson

1. Montjoy Hanson, born D. C. 1819.
2. Grafton Hanson, born D. C. 1821.
3. Richard Hanson, born D. C. 1824.
4. Rebecca Hanson, born Md. 1827.

At the 1850 census for Washington City, Samuel Hanson and his wife stated that they were born in Maryland. In addition to the above four children at home in 1850, there were in his household B. Grey (female) aged 44 and born in Maryland; F. E. Hasler (male), aged 32, born in New Jersey; and Betty Hasler, aged 27, born in Washington.

Samuel Hanson and his wife are both buried in Congressional Cemetery, Washington. The head stones read: "Eleanor Hanson, wife of Samuel died July 27, 1864, aged 72"; "Samuel Hanson died April 26, 1863, in the 77th year".

THOMAS HAWKINS HANSON⁵

(1792 - 18—)

Thomas Hawkins Hanson, son of Thomas Hawkins and Rebecca (Dulany) Hanson, was born March 4, 1792, at Oxon Hill Manor, Prince Georges County. On February 10, 1802, he obtained license in Washington to marry Elizabeth Beall. She was the daughter of Captain William Dent Beall, a distinguished officer of the Revolutionary Army and member of the Society of the Cincinnati.

On May 16, 1831, Thomas H. Hanson and Elizabeth his wife, Issac B. Beall, and Mary Beall, the heirs of William Dent Beall, deceased, of Prince Georges County, received from Clement Smith and Daniel Kurtz, of Georgetown, and Richard Smith, of Washington, the tract "Independence", lying partly in Prince Georges and Charles Counties which the late William Dent Beall had conveyed to Clement Smith.¹

It is said that Thomas Hawkins Hanson ultimately settled in Fredericksburg, Virginia, where he died leaving a large issue.

¹ Deeds, Liber I B no. 19, folio 425.

GRAFTON HANSON⁵

Grafton Dulany Hanson, son of Thomas and Rebecca (Dulany) Hanson, was born September 17, 1783, in Maryland. The census of 1850 shows that in that year he was living in the Fifth Ward of Washington, aged 62, his wife Anna, aged 50, born in Maryland, and the following members of his household: Samuel Hanson, aged 23, born D. C.; John McLean, aged 20, born in D. C.; E. Brown, aged 60, born in Maryland; and A. Brown, aged 40, born in D. C.

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Mary Hanson, wife of Samuel Hanson of Samuel, died Sept. 1818 in her 92 year. (Congressional Cemetery, D. C.)

Margaret Hanson. "Died at Georgetown on May 5, 1792, aged about 59 years Margaret Hanson the wife of Major Samuel Hanson of Charles County, Maryland". (Maryland Journal, May 29, 1792.)

Samuel Hanson of Charles County, married Emily M. Barron, of Prince William County, Va., July 25, 1837. (Balto. Sun.)

Walter Warren Hanson. "Died in Charles County, Md., 29 August 1838, Walter Warren Hanson, Sr., long a respectable citizen of that county". (American, 8 Sept. 1838.)

Walter Hanson, Jr., killed September 15, 1791, in the city of Washington by falling of a tree in opening one of the streets. (Maryland Journal, Sept. 23, 1791.)

Sarah Hanson, of Harrison County, Kentucky, dated her will February 5, 1827, it being proved during May, same year, by Benjamin Hodges, Devall Hodges, and A. S. H. Hawkins. She named: brother John Hanson; sister Jane Hawkins; niece Polly Ship; and the following of no expressed relationship: Polly H. Taylor, Fanny Taylor, and Albert Hanson. Thomas Hawkins was appointed executor.

Margaret Hanson was the head of a family in Wilkes County, Georgia, at the 1850 census. She was born about 1795 in Maryland and had realty appraised at \$2,000. In her household were: Walter Hanson, aged 29; John Hanson, aged 27; William Hanson, aged 22; Anne Hanson, aged 19; Mary Hanson, aged 17; Kitty Hanson, aged 14; Henry Hanson, aged 12; and Eugenia Adams, aged 2. All except the head of the house were born in Georgia.