

# THE RECORD



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## Spring Meeting & Luncheon at Historic Ellerslie Sunday, May 22, 2016



Please join us for an afternoon at Historic Ellerslie  
the home of Kevin & Denise Grote  
7730 Ann Harbor Drive, Port Tobacco 20677  
*Dedication by the National Society Colonial Dames XVII Century*

12:30 p.m. - Arrival & Tours  
1:00 p.m. - Dedication by the National Society Colonial Dames XVII Century  
1:20 p.m. - Lunch & Program  
2:30 p.m. - Tours continue

### *Menu*

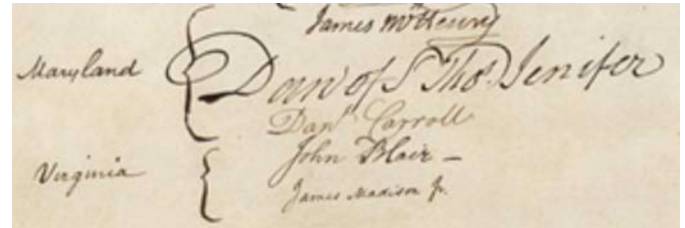
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\*Rain date - Sunday, June 5, 2016

# The Correspondence of an Overlooked Founding Father: Daniel of St. Thomas Jenifer

by Kevin Grote



Daniel of St. Thomas' Signature for Maryland  
on the United States Constitution

## Who was Daniel of St. Thomas Jenifer?

Where did he get his unusual name? How do you understand a man who has been dead for 226 years? How do I introduce Daniel of St. Thomas Jenifer, a product of the 18th century, to a 21st century audience? His world is long gone. Just a few traces remain in Southern Maryland that he would have known and seen still exist.

I struggled to tell his story and, while researching over the last couple of months, which lead me to many sources. I realized that he could do it for me, so I will let him speak, with this small sampling of his exchanges on a variety of issues with the leading lights of his day.

Where do I begin?

I look at the portrait hanging in the front hall of Ellerslie, a copy of the one hanging in the State House in Annapolis, gaze into his eyes, and try to make this image into flesh and bone. What I have found is a man of intellect and humor, dedication and responsibility. A man of wit. A man others wanted to be with. A close friend and intimate of George Washington, James Madison, and Benjamin Franklin.

Daniel of St. Thomas Jenifer was a doer; sought out by his contemporaries because he knew how to get things done. A consummate bureaucrat, he was Intendant/Revenue General for the last two Proprietors of the Province of Maryland.

The details of all of his offices follow in the biography from the Maryland State Archives. He knew that for government to function, any form of government, it required revenue and the ability to collect it. Customs. Taxes. Budgets made and approved. Bills paid. Roads are not built on fine speeches and soaring rhetoric. Armies are not equipped and sustained in the field by good feelings and words on a piece of paper. Somebody has to do something. He continued in that same office for the new State of Maryland. I loved looking at the letters in the State Archives when he is buying Windsor chairs, firewood, repairing the dome, and other necessities for the State House in Annapolis, as well as the other weightier affairs of state.

Intendant's-office, February 23, 1785.  
To be contracted for,  
**T**HE carpenters work of a new roof and cover  
to the governor's house, and also for the ne-  
cessary repairs to be made to the dome and roof of  
the said house, both to be executed under the di-  
rection of Mr. Joseph Clark, architect; the designs  
with the necessary particulars, may be seen with the  
said Clark, or the intendant, from the 25th of  
March next to the 25th of April following, on which  
day proposals will be received, by  
**DAN. OF ST. THO. JENIFER, Intendant.**

## A footnote and odd facts:

The name. I discovered that there are many, many Daniel and Daniel of St. Thomas in the Jenifer family tree. Many. Hence, road markers and biographies often get confused and are in error. With six generations in Maryland from 1637 to 1855, you need a score card! Several times there are three generations of Daniel Jenifers' alive at the same time. In three of the generations there are brothers named Daniel of St. Thomas and Daniel. Namely, in chronological order, from the earliest one who immigrated to St. Mary's County, they are:

- Daniel of St. Thomas Jenifer (1637-92) father of
- Daniel of St. Thomas Jenifer (1672-1730) father of
- Dr. Daniel Jenifer (1699-1729) father of
- **Daniel of St. Thomas Jenifer (1723-90)** no issue – Daniel Jenifer (1729-85) father of
- Daniel of St. Thomas Jenifer (d. infant) – Dr. Daniel Jenifer (1756-1809) father of
- Daniel of St. Thomas Jenifer (1789-1822) no issue – Col. Daniel Jenifer (1791-1855) father of
- Walter Hanson Jenifer (1823-78) – James Craik Jenifer (1825-68) – Ann Ophelia Jenifer (1819-1904)

**Daniel of St. Thomas Jenifer's (1723-90)** brother Daniel (1729-95), and his nephew, Dr. Daniel Jenifer (1756-1809) are also friends of George

Washington, and there are several letters of correspondence to them in the archive as they acted as Washington's agent/factor for his Southern Maryland properties.

**Daniel of St. Thomas Jenifer's** sister Elizabeth is the mother of **Thomas Stone** (1743-87) Signer of the Declaration of Independence, and Colonel John Hoskins Stone (1750-1804) who served with General William Smallwood in the American Revolution and was the 9th Governor of Maryland. Elizabeth Jenifer Stone was married twice and **bore fifteen children.**



**Daniel of St. Thomas Jenifer's** mother Elizabeth Mason was **married four times.** She was a widow of John Rogers, and had birthed three children prior to marrying Dr. Daniel Jenifer. Daniel of St. Thomas Jenifer had two step-fathers: John Theobald and Robert Whythill.

General Walter Hanson Jenifer Mitchell purchased Ellerslie in 1854.

These excerpts are from the U.S. Archives website: America's

Founding Fathers – Delegates to the Constitutional Convention – Maryland – Daniel of St. Thomas Jenifer and other sources.

“Jenifer was born in 1723 of Swedish and English descent at Coates Retirement (now Ellerslie) estate, near Port Tobacco in Charles County, Md.

Little is known about his childhood or education, but as an adult he came into possession of a large estate near Annapolis, called Stepney, where he lived most of his life. He never married. The web of his far-reaching friendships included such illustrious personages as **George Washington.**

As a young man, Jenifer served as agent and receiver-general for the last two proprietors of Maryland. He also filled the post of justice of the peace in Charles County and later for the western circuit of Maryland. In 1760 he sat on a boundary commission that settled disputes between Pennsylvania and Delaware. Six years later, he became a member of the provincial court and from 1773 to 1776 sat on the Maryland royal governor's council.

Despite his association with conservative proprietary politics, Jenifer supported the Revolutionary movement, albeit at first reluctantly. He served as president of the Maryland Council of Safety (1775-77), then, as **President of the first State Senate** (1777-80). He sat in the **Continental Congress** (1778-82) and held the position of State Revenue and Financial Manager (1782-85).

“Despite his close ties with the colonial government, Jenifer strongly resented what he and most of the colonial gentry saw as Parliament's arbitrary interference with the colonies' affairs, especially its laws concerning taxation and trade regulation. Years before the struggle for independence began, he had defended the proprietors of Maryland against those who sought to make Maryland a Royal colony, and when the Revolution came he lent his considerable support as a wealthy landowner to the Patriot cause, despite the fact that many leading Patriots had been his enemies in the proprietorship struggle. He became the president of Maryland's Council of Safety, the Patriot body established to organize Maryland's military forces for the Revolution (1775-77). When, in 1776, a

new constitution was framed for the state of Maryland, Jenifer commented on the document's neglect of popular sovereignty: “The Senate does not appear to me to be a Child of the people at Large, and therefore will not be Supported by them longer than there Subsists the most perfect Union between the different Legislative branches.” He represented his state in the Continental Congress (1778-82) while simultaneously serving as president of the state's first senate (1777-80). As manager of the state's finances between 1782 and 1785, he drew on his experiences as a landholder to help the state survive the critical postwar economic depression.” [www.history.army.mil/books/RevWar/ss/jenifer.htm](http://www.history.army.mil/books/RevWar/ss/jenifer.htm)

“Close friends with George Washington and many other founders including James Madison and John Dickinson, Jenifer sought creative ways to solve political and economic hardships following what he perceived to be a weakened position, and was a part of the Mount Vernon Conference which eventually directly contributed to the later Constitutional Convention.

Although limited in his day-to-day activities in the Philadelphia Convention by his advanced age, Jenifer took strong stands on issues affecting his states and enjoyed the elder statesman status that his age afforded. Throughout his elder years, his central focus remained on the State's Union, resolved to find a permanent and strong position, in addition to his belief that a Central Government was necessary to guarantee financial security. Due to his experience as a successful landowner, he believed that a Congress that represented the people should keep the ability to tax. He also was a strong advocate for a term of only three years for delegates for the House of Representatives, fearing indifference if elections were too frequent, and the exclusion of influential or prominent candidates. On this point, however, he was outvoted. Jenifer was notoriously known for his humor and candor as was his friend Benjamin Franklin and was often able to resolve conflict between delegates and was a continual advocate of compromise between sides to reach a mutually beneficial decision. His humor was often reflected in the quotes that have been saved for long after his death, such as his utterance after his defeat on the term of office for elected delegates to the House of Representatives, which he accepted with grace and gratitude of the decisions of former opponents.” <http://www.constitutionday.com/jenifer-daniel-st-thomas-md.html>

Jenifer lived only 3 more years and never again held public office. He died at the age of 66 or 67 at Annapolis in 1790. The exact location of his grave, possibly at Ellerslie estate, is unknown.”

## BACKGROUND

FATHER: Dr. Daniel Jenifer (?-ca. 1729), surgeon, of Charles County, the son of Daniel of St. Thomas Jenifer (1672-1730), Gent., of St. Mary's County.

STEPFATHERS: John Theobalds; Robert Whythill.

MOTHER: Elizabeth Mason, widow of John Rogers (?-1717), daughter of Robert Mason (1653-1700) of St. Mary's County and wife Susanna (?-ca. 1716).

UNCLE: Matthew Mason (ca. 1689-ca. 1728/29).

BROTHER: Daniel Jenifer (by 1729-1795).

HALF BROTHERS: Richard Rogers; John Rogers; and Rockham Rogers.

SISTERS: Betty (?-1791), who married by 1776 John Eden (ca. 1728-1775); Elizabeth (?-by 1778), who married Col. David Stone (1709-1773); Ann, who married Josias Adams; and Mary, who married by 1734 Robert Christie of London, England.

NEPHEWS: John Hoskins Stone (1750-1804); Michael Jenifer Stone (1747-1812); and Thomas Stone (1743-1787).

MARRIED: never.

CHILDREN: Died without progeny.

## PRIVATE CAREER

EDUCATION: Jenifer bequeathed all of his books in French to his friend, James Madison, and the rest of his library to his nephew, Michael Jenifer Stone (1747-1812), a US Congressman.

RELIGIOUS AFFILIATION: Anglican, All Hallow's Parish, Anne Arundel County.

SOCIAL STATUS AND ACTIVITIES: Gent., by 1745; Esq., by 1765; Hon., by 1790; lottery manager in Annapolis, 1763.

OCCUPATIONAL PROFILE: planter; merchant by 1762. Jenifer held one share, valued at £50.0.0 current money, and was a joint partner with Robert J. Hood and his nephew Frederick Stone in the firm of Hood, Stone & Company. This share was later transferred to his niece Catherine Stone Scott. Periodically during the 1760s and 1770s Jenifer sold slaves with John Ridout (1723-1797) and indentured servants with Robert Christie. He also advertised his own slaves for hire and sale. In 1766 he sold salt from his ship, Jenifer, in Annapolis. In 1784 he purchased one-quarter share of the Baltimore Iron Works, probably for investment purposes only.

## PUBLIC CAREER

LEGISLATIVE SERVICE: Lower House, Charles County, 1756-1757 (elected to the 4th session of the 1754-1757 Assembly to fill vacancy; Bills of Credit 5); Upper House, 1771, 1773- 1774 (Claims 1, Cv, 2, 3); **Senate**, Western Shore, Term of 1776-1781: **1777 (president)**, 1777-1778 (president), 1778-1779 (president), 1779-1780 (president during the 1st and 2nd sessions; attending Congress at beginning of the 3rd session; reelected president on June 15, 1780), 1780-1781 (president during the 1st session; resigned as president on January 29, 1781, because of illness).

OTHER PROVINCIAL/STATE OFFICES: **appointed to a commission to settle the boundary dispute with Pennsylvania and Delaware, which resulted in the Mason-Dixon boundary settlement, 1760**; justice. Provincial Court, 1766-1773; (quorum, 1773); appointed justice, Assize Court, Eastern Shore, August 1767 and March 1768; appointed justice, Assize Court, Western Shore, October 1768; appointed Rent Roll Keeper of the Western Shore, March 1768; commissioner to review decree of the commissary general, 1771, 1772; Council, 1771-1776 (qualified on September 23, 1771); appointed chief agent escheater and receiver general of rents, September 9, 1771; Councils of Safety, Western Shore, 1st, 1775 (president), 2nd, 1776 (president), 3rd, 1776, 4th, 1776 (president), 5th, 1776-1777 (president); unsuccessful candidate for governor of Maryland, 1782, 1785; **served on the joint commission of Maryland and Virginia to settle the question of use and navigation of the Chesapeake Bay, the Potomac River, and the Pocomoke River, with an agreement being reached on March 28, 1785**; appointed intendant of the revenue, February 1, 1782, reappointed 1783-1785; appointed agent for special purposes, April 20, 1786-resigned November 7, 1788 (the "special purposes" were: a. to finish the transactions and sales of the late intendant and commissioner of confiscated British property; b. to treat with the Indians for the purchase of their lands in Dorchester County; c. to procure final settlement on other liquidated securities of the United States by purchase or on contract by certain powers of the governor and Council).

LOCAL OFFICES: justice, Charles County, 1749-1764; appointed justice, Court of Oyer, Terminer and Gaol Delivery, Anne Arundel County, 1766-1770, 1775; common councilman, Annapolis, 1781, resigned to move out of the city.

MILITARY SERVICE: called major in 1765; was said to have rendered valuable service in raising supplies for the Continental Army.

OUT OF STATE SERVICE: **Delegate, Continental Congress**, 1778-1779 (elected in November 1778, but did not attend until April 1779), 1780-1781 (elected on April 7, 1780, to fill vacancy; reelected in November 1780); delegate, **Federal Convention that formed the Constitution, 1787**.

ADDITIONAL COMMENT: Jenifer was nationalistic in his political philosophy and favored a permanent union of the states. His experience with public finance induced him to take a stand against the issuing of paper money; he favored Congress being given the power to tax.

STANDS ON PUBLIC/PRIVATE ISSUES: Contributed £100.0.0 to the founding of St. John's College; contributed money to send John Willson Peale to study painting in London. In his will he left instructions for the manumission of all of his slaves in 1796, six years after his death.

## WEALTH DURING LIFETIME

PERSONAL PROPERTY: assessed Value £1,430.18.4 and possibly as much as £1,835.18.4, including ca. 22 slaves and 235 oz. plate, 1783.

ANNUAL INCOME: from an account of the Baltimore Iron works: £260.0.0, 1785-1787; £81.0.0, 1788; £301.10.0, 1789; £216.0.0, 1790.

LAND AT FIRST ELECTION: 914 acres in Charles County (504 acres inherited from his father, 100 of which he sold in 1745; 510 acres by purchase).

SIGNIFICANT CHANGES IN LAND BETWEEN FIRST ELECTION AND DEATH: purchased 2,238 acres in Charles County between 1757 and 1766, plus at least 2 lot "parcels" in Port Tobacco (Charles Town), Charles County, in 1762, plus 4 additional lots with houses in Port Tobacco in 1764. He sold 575 acres in Charles County in 1764, plus a half interest in each of 2 lots in Port Tobacco in 1762. Between 1774 and ca. 1788 Jenifer purchased 3,609 acres in Anne Arundel County (at least 100 acres of this was leased out). His dwelling plantation of ca. 800 acres, situated close to Annapolis, was part of this purchase. Purchased 8 lots in Annapolis in 1772 and 1773, and one lot with houses on it in Annapolis in 1784. Sold one Annapolis lot in 1774, six in 1783, and the lot with houses in 1788. In 1784 Jenifer purchased part of the confiscated property of loyalist Daniel Dulany consisting of one-fourth of one-tenth of the Baltimore Company, which owned the Baltimore Iron Works. The resulting acreage in Anne Arundel and Baltimore counties added a minimum of 3,697 acres to his already large holdings. In 1787 he held an unpatented certificate of survey for 513 acres in Charles County, land that had originally belonged to his grandfather. He also held an unspecified number of ground rents in Baltimore Town at his death.

## WEALTH AT DEATH

DIED: on November 16, 1790, in Annapolis, Anne Arundel County.

PERSONAL PROPERTY: at least 15 slaves. Although the exact size of his estate is unknown, it was probably worth more than £1,430.18.4.

LAND: at least 6,186 acres in Charles and Anne Arundel counties, and possibly as much as 7,216 acres, possibly including land in Montgomery

County. The land derived from his fractional share of the Baltimore Iron Works totaled a minimum of 3,697 acres in Baltimore and Anne Arundel counties, and brought his total landholdings to ca. 11,000 acres. He also owned two lots in Port Tobacco, plus a half interest in two others, one lot in Annapolis, an unspecified number of ground rents in Baltimore Town, and an unpatented certificate of survey for 513 acres in Charles County. Jenifer died without progeny; his principal heir was his nephew, Dr. Daniel Jenifer. Jenifer made numerous legacies and bequests to all of his nieces and nephews and to many of his friends.

Source: Edward C. Papenfuse, et al. Biographical Dictionary of the Maryland Legislature, 1634-1789. Vol. 2. (Baltimore: The Johns Hopkins University Press, 1985), 485-86. Maryland State Archives. <http://msa.maryland.gov/msa/speccol/sc3500/sc3520/000700/000728/html/msa00728.html>

### In Closing:

Daniel of St. Thomas Jenifer spent a lifetime in service to the people of Maryland, and then took those skills, at the behest of his long-time good friend George Washington, to national issues, as the shortcomings of the Articles of Confederation were threatening the early end of the American Experiment.

Daniel of St. Thomas Jenifer was first President of the Maryland Senate, a four year member of the Continental Congress, and a Signer of the United States Constitution.

Daniel of St. Thomas Jenifer was appointed to a commission to settle the boundary dispute with Pennsylvania and Delaware, which resulted in the Mason-Dixon boundary settlement.

Daniel of St. Thomas Jenifer served on the joint commission of Maryland and Virginia to settle the question of use and navigation of the Chesapeake Bay, the Potomac River, and the Pocomoke River, with an agreement

being reached on March 28, 1785, known as the Mt. Vernon Conference. A prelude to the Constitutional Convention in Philadelphia in 1787.

He was the right man, at the right place, for most of early Maryland and American History. He deserves a much higher recognition, he has earned it.

### Sources:

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National Archives: [http://www.archives.gov/exhibits/charters/constitution\\_founding\\_fathers\\_maryland.html](http://www.archives.gov/exhibits/charters/constitution_founding_fathers_maryland.html)

<http://founders.archives.gov/>

Archives of Maryland: <http://msa.maryland.gov/megafile/msa/speccol/sc3500/sc3520/000700/000728/html/728sources.html>

US Army History of the American Revolution: [www.history.army.mil/books/RevWar/ss/jenifer.htm](http://www.history.army.mil/books/RevWar/ss/jenifer.htm)

Constitution Day: <http://www.constitutionday.com/jenifer-daniel-st-thomas-md.html>

Constitution Society: James Madison's day to day transcribed notes on the Constitutional Convention - <http://www.constitution.org/>

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## Maryland House & Garden Pilgrimage

Saturday, May 28, 2016

featuring...



*Huckleberry House*



*Chandler's Hope*

as well as Maryland Veterans' Museum, Timber Neck, St. Inigoes Youth Center, Loyola Retreat Conference Center, and Burlean Hall and Rosewood Manor (pictured elsewhere in this month's newsletter).

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Dear Society Members,

Spring is in the air! Please see the plans for our meeting in May. Ellerslie is being lovingly restored by Kevin and Denise Grote and you are in for a treat!

Now let's recap the previous season. The Holiday Trail in December was met with beautiful weather this year. Thank you to the wonderful volunteers who helped make Friendship House warm and inviting. Plans are already under way for 2016.

The Friends of Rich Hill steering committee have been hard at work with Dean Krimmel, consultant, to unravel all the stories of Rich Hill and weave that narrative into a cohesive story. He has probed our answers to "What are your visitor experiences?" We are already close to finishing our time with Mr. Krimmel and it has been an eye opening experience.



Our General Membership meeting in January was postponed due to weather and I thank everyone who joined us in February at the La Plata Methodist Church. Sara Rivers-Cofield was entertaining and enlightening with her talk. We honored one of our own at this meeting. Louise Turner has stood at the helm of the Historic Sites Files housed at the Southern Maryland Studies Room for 50 years. She has decided to "retire" though we know Louise will never truly retire from Charles County history. Finding a way to thank her for all the time and effort over the years was not an easy task but I think the HSCC hit upon the best thing possible. The Historic Sites Files has been renamed *The Louise Boone Turner Historic Sites Files*, and a stamp has been made that will imprint any materials that are obtained at the Studies Room. I received a wonderful note from

Louise thanking the HSCC for this honor but it is we who are in her debt.

From time to time, our website receives requests for genealogy or other information. I am passing along a recent one in case one of our members might like to expand upon it. Thomas Garner from Orange County, California has hit a roadblock in his genealogy. He has been able through DNA to discover he has Gardiner connections. He is willing to fund a DNA test to male Gardiner's to see if he can find a link to Charles County. His email is [tgarn703@cox.net](mailto:tgarn703@cox.net) for anyone who might like to follow up.

Thank you for continuing your support of the Historical Society. Please consider joining us for our lawn party at Ellerslie on May 22. I love meeting new faces and hearing your stories.

In history's steps,

Mary Pat Berry, *President,*  
*Historical Society of Charles County*



*Rosewood House*



*Burlean Hall*

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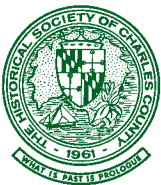
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- **Saturday, May 14, 2016:** 7th Annual Market Day at the Port Tobacco Courthouse, 9:00 am to 2:00 pm (rain date May 21, 2016).
- **Sunday, May 22, 2016:** Spring Luncheon Meeting & Tour at *Historic Ellerslie*, home of Kevin & Denise Grote (rain date June 5th).
- **Saturday, May 28, 2016:** Maryland House & Garden Pilgrimage in Charles County, 10:00 a.m. to 5:00 p.m. Rain or Shine.
- **Saturday, October 22, 2016:** Fall Dinner Meeting at Durham Church. Dr. Charles P. Neimeyer will present “Admiral Raphael Semmes and the C.S.S. Alabama.”
- **Saturday, January 21, 2017:** Winter Meeting at La Plata Methodist Church Hall. Elaine Flynn will portray Alice Roosevelt Longworth.
- **Spring 2017:** “Rediscovering Port Tobacco Village.”



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