

(at least 370 acres inherited from his father; 254 by patent). SIGNIFICANT CHANGES IN LAND BETWEEN FIRST ELECTION AND DEATH: patented an additional 729 acres in Charles and Prince George's counties in the 1720s; acquired an interest in 290 acres in Prince George's County, plus 1 lot in Nottingham, Prince George's County, as a gift from his father-in-law, *Thomas Brooke* (ca. 1659-1730/31), in 1726. He continued to purchase and patent land in Prince George's County throughout the 1730s and 1750s, and combined several tracts into a 1,294-acre patent in 1753. Gantt secured an interest in 584 acres in Prince George's County upon his marriage to Margery, but released 500 acres to her daughter in 1754. He probably gave 300 acres in Prince George's County to his son *Thomas Gantt* (ca. 1710-1785) by 1760. WEALTH AT DEATH. DIED: between February 19 and August 29, 1765, in Prince George's County. LAND: 2,764 acres in Prince George's and Charles counties, plus 1 lot in Nottingham, Prince George's County.

GANTT (GAUNT), THOMAS (ca. 1710-1785). BORN: ca. 1710 in Prince George's County; eldest son. NATIVE: third generation. RESIDED: in Prince George's County. FAMILY BACKGROUND. FATHER: *Thomas Gantt* (?-1765). MOTHER: Priscilla, daughter of *Thomas Brooke* (ca. 1659-1730/31). STEP-MOTHER: Margery (?-1764), widow of Levin Covington (?-1725); daughter of *Thomas Hollyday* (ca. 1661-1702/3). UNCLE: *Thomas Brooke* (1683-1744). STEPUNCLE: *James Hollyday* (1696-1747). AUNT: Sarah Brooke (?-1724), who married first, *William Dent* (ca. 1660-1704), and second, *Philip Lee* (ca. 1681-1744). HALF AUNT: Jane Brooke, who married *Alexander Contee* (ca. 1691-1740). BROTHERS: George (?-1779); *Fielder Gantt* (?-1807); *Edward Gantt* (?-by 1783). STEPBROTHER: Leonard Covington. SISTERS: Priscilla; Elizabeth; and probably Ann, who married *John Brome* (1703-1748). STEPSISTER: Elizabeth Covington. FIRST COUSINS: *Richard Brooke* (1716-1783); Eleanor Brooke, who married *Samuel Beall* (ca. 1713-ca. 1778); *Richard Lee* (ca. 1707-1787); *Arthur Lee* (?-1760); *Francis Lee* (?-1749); and Hannah Lee, who married *Joseph Sprigg* (1736-1800). HALF FIRST COUSINS: *John Contee* (1722-ca. 1796); *Thomas Contee* (ca. 1729-1811); Jane Contee (1728-1812), who married *John Hanson, Jr.* (1721-1783); *Thomas Beall, of George* (1735-1819); *Thomas Sprigg* (1715-1781); and *Edward Sprigg* (?-?). NEPHEW: *Thomas Gantt* (?-ca. 1802). NIECE: Ann Gantt, who married *Thomas Harwood III* (by 1757-by 1805). MARRIED first, by 1734

Rachel, daughter of *John Smith* (?-1738). Her sisters were Jane; Sarah, who married *Joseph Hall* (ca. 1701-?); and Tabitha (ca. 1690-1769), who married *Thomas Sheredine* (1699-1752). Her nephew was *Upton Sheredine* (1740-1800). MARRIED second, by 1754 Eleanor (?-1787), daughter of Thomas Hillary (?-ca. 1728/29), of Prince George's County. Her brothers were Thomas; John; William; and Henry. Her sisters were Sarah; Elizabeth. CHILDREN. SONS: *Thomas Gantt, Jr.* (?-1808); Edward (ca. 1741-1837), A.B., College of New Jersey (later became Princeton University) in 1762, M.D., University of Leiden, Netherlands, in 1767, a physician, who married in 1768 Ann Houghton (Stoughton) Sloss, of Somerset County, and later moved to Kentucky; John (1740-?), who moved to Berkley County, Virginia by 1778; Levi, who married Harriet Lowndes; *Erasmus Gantt* (?-?); and Fielder (ca. 1764-1824). DAUGHTERS: Rachel (?-1793), who married *Richard Brooke* (1716-1783); Elizabeth; Priscilla (?-ca. 1784); Ann, who married Basil Waring; and Sarah, who married *Osborn Sprigg* (ca. 1741-1815). ADDITIONAL COMMENTS: Sarah may have been Eleanor's child by a previous marriage. PRIVATE CAREER. EDUCATION: literate. RELIGIOUS AFFILIATION: Anglican. SOCIAL STATUS AND ACTIVITIES: Gent., by 1773. OCCUPATIONAL PROFILE: planter. PUBLIC CAREER. LEGISLATIVE SERVICE: Lower House, Prince George's County, 1757 (elected to the 6th session of the 1754-1757 Assembly to fill vacancy), 1757-1758. LOCAL OFFICES: Queen Anne Parish Vestry, Prince George's County, 1735-1738, 1742-1744, 1751-1754, 1761; justice, Prince George's County, 1738-1740, 1748-at least 1751 (quorum, 1748-at least 1751); commissioner to purchase land to lay out Bladensburg, Prince George's County, 1742. MILITARY SERVICE: captain, by 1743. WEALTH DURING LIFETIME. LAND AT FIRST ELECTION: 985 acres in Prince George's County (287 acres received from John Smith as a dower upon his marriage to Rachel; at least 600 acres by purchase). SIGNIFICANT CHANGES IN LAND BETWEEN FIRST ELECTION AND DEATH: obtained about 400 acres in Prince George's County as a gift from his father by 1760, and inherited ca. 1,014 acres in Prince George's County from his father, 1765. Gantt purchased 1,550 acres in Frederick County in 1766, but exchanged it with his son *Thomas Gantt, Jr.* (?-1808) for 452 acres in Prince George's County in 1773. He purchased or patented a few small tracts in Prince George's County during the early 1770s, but sold 4 of these, plus the 452-acre tract, in 1776 and 1777. He gave at least 200 acres to his son John in 1775. WEALTH