

AT DEATH. DIED: will probated on March 28, 1785, in Prince George's County. PERSONAL PROPERTY: TEV, at least £1,907.9.8 current money (including 26 slaves and old books). LAND: 2,296 acres in Prince George's County.

GANTT, THOMAS (?-ca. 1802). BORN: in Calvert County; probably elder son. NATIVE: fourth generation. RESIDED: in the First District, Calvert County. FAMILY BACKGROUND. FATHER: *Edward Gantt* (?-by 1783), son of *Thomas Gantt* (?-1765). MOTHER: Elizabeth Wheeler. UNCLES: *Fielder Gantt* (?-1807); *Thomas Gantt* (ca. 1710-1785). AUNT: probably Ann Gantt, who married *John Brome* (1703-1748). BROTHER: Edward (?-ca. 1811). SISTER: Mary, who married Bishop Thomas John Claggett (1742-1816). FIRST COUSINS: *Thomas Gantt, Jr.* (?-1808); *Erasmus Gantt* (?-?); Rachel Gantt (?-1793), who married *Richard Brooke* (1716-1783); Sarah Gantt, who married *Osborn Sprigg* (ca. 1741-1815); and Ann Gantt, who married *Thomas Harwood III* (by 1757-by 1805). MARRIED Barbara, who subsequently married George F. Janny, a Quaker. CHILDREN. SONS: Edward (?-ca. 1812); Thomas; and John (?-1818). PRIVATE CAREER. EDUCATION: literate. OCCUPATIONAL PROFILE: physician. PUBLIC CAREER. LEGISLATIVE SERVICE: Lower House, Calvert County, 1780-1781, 1785, 1786-1787, 1787-1788, 1788, 1789, 1790, 1791-1792. LOCAL OFFICE: Maryland Senate elector, Calvert County, elected 1791, 1801. WEALTH DURING LIFETIME. PERSONAL PROPERTY: assessed value £797.3.4, including 20 slaves and 22 oz. plate, 1783. LAND AT FIRST ELECTION: possibly 67 acres in Calvert County. SIGNIFICANT CHANGES IN LAND BETWEEN FIRST ELECTION AND DEATH: inherited 826 acres in Calvert County from his father by 1783. In return for acting as security for *Fielder Gantt* (?-1807), he accepted a mortgage on Fielder's land and personal property in Frederick County, which was later sold to pay himself and Fielder's other creditors. He purchased 259 acres in Calvert County in 1795 and sold 40 acres in Calvert County in 1801. Gantt acquired 178 acres in Prince George's County by 1796 and 45 acres in Anne Arundel County prior to his death. WEALTH AT DEATH. DIED: ca. 1802 in Calvert County. LAND: at least 3,070 acres in Calvert, Anne Arundel, and Prince George's counties. IDENTIFICATION PROBLEMS. Dr. Thomas Gantt, son of *Edward Gantt* (?-by 1783), has been assigned the legislative service from Calvert County in the name of Thomas Gantt, Jr., because he was consistently described as being "of Calvert County" in the Frederick

County land records during the 1780s and he termed himself "Dr. Thomas Gantt" or "Dr. Thomas Gantt, Jr." in deeds recorded in those land records. There was no other Thomas Gantt of the appropriate age in Calvert County during his period of service in the legislature.

GANTT, THOMAS, JR. (?-1808). BORN: in Prince George's County, of age by 1758; probably eldest son. NATIVE: fourth generation. RESIDED: in Prince George's County until at least March, 1781; probably moved to Frederick County before October 1781 where he remained until shortly after his father's death in 1785; moved back to Prince George's County by July 1786 and lived there until his death. FAMILY BACKGROUND. FATHER: *Thomas Gantt* (ca. 1710-1785), son of *Thomas Gantt* (?-1765). MOTHER: Rachel Smith. STEPMOTHER: Eleanor Hillary (?-1787). UNCLES: *Fielder Gantt* (?-1807); *Edward Gantt* (?-by 1783). AUNTS: probably Ann Gantt, who married *John Brome* (1703-1748); Sarah Smith, who married *Joseph Hall* (ca. 1701-?); Tabitha Smith (ca. 1690-1769), who married *Thomas Sheredine* (1699-1752). BROTHERS: Edward (ca. 1741-1837); John (1740-?). HALF BROTHERS: Levi; *Erasmus Gantt* (?-?); and *Fielder* (ca. 1764-1824). SISTER: Rachel (?-1793), who married *Richard Brooke* (1716-1783). HALF SISTERS: Elizabeth; Ann; Priscilla (?-ca. 1784); and Sarah, who married *Osborn Sprigg* (ca. 1741-1815). FIRST COUSINS: *Thomas Gantt* (?-ca. 1802); Ann Gantt, who married *Thomas Harwood III* (by 1757-by 1805); and *Upton Sheredine* (1740-1800). MARRIED first, Susanna (1737-by 1782), daughter of *James John Mackall* (1717-1772); niece of *Samuel Hance* (by 1732-?). Her brothers were *John Mackall* (1740-1799); *Benjamin Mackall IV* (1745-by 1810); James (1747-1837); Richard (1749-?); and *Thomas Mackall* (1751-1799). Her sisters were Priscilla, who married *Robert Bowie* (ca. 1750-1818); Mary, who married *Edward Reynolds* (?-?); Elizabeth; Sarah; Barbara; Ann; and Margaret. MARRIED second, on November 7, 1782, Sarah Eleanor, daughter of William Potts (1718-1761), of Barbados, and wife Sarah; granddaughter of *Philip Lee* (ca. 1681-1744); niece of *Richard Lee* (ca. 1707-1787), *Arthur Lee* (?-1760), *Francis Lee* (?-1749), and Hannah Lee, who married *Joseph Sprigg* (1736-1800). Her brothers were *Richard Potts* (1753-1808); William (?-by 1817), a merchant. Her sister was Rebecca (?-by 1810), who married *Benjamin Mackall IV* (1745-?). Her first cousins were *Philip Thomas Lee* (1738-1778); *Thomas Sim Lee* (1745-1819); Sarah Lee, who married *Philip Richard*