

TERS: Sarah (1700–by 1711); Mary (ca. 1712–by 1734), who married *Thomas Smith* (1710–ca. 1742). PRIVATE CAREER. EDUCATION: literate. RELIGIOUS AFFILIATION: Anglican, St. Paul's Parish, Kent County. SOCIAL STATUS AND ACTIVITIES: third generation officeholder; Mr., by 1694. OCCUPATIONAL PROFILE: planter. PUBLIC CAREER. LEGISLATIVE SERVICE: Lower House, Kent County, 1710 (elected to the 3rd session of the 1708B–1711 Assembly; died before the 4th session of that Assembly). LOCAL OFFICES: justice, Kent County, 1694–1696, 1697–1708, 1710 (quorum, 1701/2–1708, 1710); St. Paul's Parish Vestry, Kent County, 1703, 1709–1710. MILITARY SERVICE: captain, 1697–1705; major, 1705–1711. STANDS ON PUBLIC/PRIVATE ISSUES: opposed Protestant Associators' revolution in 1689. WEALTH DURING LIFETIME. LAND AT FIRST ELECTION: more than 1,100 acres in Kent County. WEALTH AT DEATH. DIED: in October 1711 in Kent County. PERSONAL PROPERTY: TEV, £1,330.2.1 sterling (including 29 slaves and ca. 66 oz. plate); FB, £896.12.1 sterling. LAND: at least 1,100 acres, plus a plantation of unknown size, in Kent County.

**RINGGOLD, THOMAS** (1715–1772). BORN: on December 5, 1715, in Kent County; elder son. NATIVE: fifth generation. RESIDED: in Chestertown, Kent County; also maintained his family's ancestral plantation, "Huntingfield," on Eastern Neck, Kent County, on the Chesapeake Bay. FAMILY BACKGROUND. FATHER: Thomas Ringgold (1693–1728), son of *Thomas Ringgold* (by 1672–1711) and his first wife Sarah (?–1699). MOTHER: Rebecca (1697–1750), of Eastern Neck, daughter of *Simon Wilmer* (ca. 1656–1699). UNCLÉS: *Lambert Wilmer* (1682–1732); *Simon Wilmer* (1686–1737). BROTHER: *William Ringgold* (ca. 1723–1789), a possible legislator. SISTERS: Rebecca (1727–?); Sarah, who married *Alexander Williamson* (ca. 1712–1760). FIRST COUSINS: *Simon Wilmer* (1713–ca. 1768); Rebecca Wilmer (1703/4–?), who married *Marmaduke Tilden* (?–1726). NIECE: Sarah Williamson (1749–1794), who married *William Hemsley* (1736/37–1812). MARRIED on October 24, 1743, Anna Maria (ca. 1725–ca. 1795), daughter of *James Earle, Jr.* (ca. 1694–1739) and wife Mary Tilghman (1702–ca. 1736). Anna Maria was the stepdaughter of Sarah, widow of Edward Chetham (?–1736), daughter of John Crapp of Philadelphia, Pennsylvania, and his wife Susanna Berd. She was the granddaughter of both Michael Earle (?–1709) and *Richard Tilghman* (1672/73–1738/39). She was the niece of *William*

*Tilghman* (1711–1782); *Edward Tilghman* (1713–1785); *James Tilghman* (1716–1793); *Matthew Tilghman* (1717/18–1790); Elizabeth Earle (ca. 1694–?), her father's twin, who married *William Turbutt* (1683/84–1739); Henrietta Maria Tilghman (1707–1771), who married first, *George Robins* (1697–1742), and second, *William Goldsborough* (1709–1760); and Anna Maria Tilghman (1709–1763), who married first, *William Hemsley* (1703–1736), and second, *Robert Lloyd* (ca. 1712–1770). She was the great-niece of *James Earle, Sr.* (?–1734). Her brothers were *Michael Earle* (1722–1787); Richard (1727–1728), who died of pleurisy; *Richard Tilghman Earle* (1728/29–1788); Joseph (1732–1732); and James (1734–1810), who married Eleanor (?–1779), daughter of Dominick Carroll (?–ca. 1737). Her half brother was *Joseph Earle* (1739–1777). Her stepbrothers were James Chetham; Edward Chetham. Her sister was Henrietta Maria (1730–1767), who married *William Hemsley* (1736/37–1812). Her stepsisters were Hannah Chetham, who married in 1752 Edward Clayton; Suzannah Chetham (1736–?). Her first cousins were Anna Maria Turbutt, who married *Edward Tilghman* (1713–1786); Elizabeth Turbutt (?–ca. 1760), who married *Thomas Harris* (?–1760); *William Hemsley* (1736/37–1812); *Richard Tilghman, Jr.* (1740–1809); *Matthew Tilghman* (1760–1801); *James Tilghman* (1743–1809); *Peregrine Tilghman* (ca. 1741–1807); *James Tilghman, Jr.* (ca. 1748–1796); *William Tilghman* (1756–1827); Deborah Lloyd, who married *Peregrine Tilghman* (ca. 1741–1807); Margaret Tilghman (1742–1817), who married *Charles Carroll, Barrister* (1723–1783); Anna Maria Tilghman, who married *William Hemsley* (1736/37–1812); Elizabeth Tilghman, who married *James Lloyd* (ca. 1756–1830); Anna Maria Robins (1732–1806), who married *Henry Hollyday* (ca. 1725–1789); Margaret Robins (1734–1808), who married *William Hayward* (?–1791); and Henrietta Maria Robins (1736–1791), who married *James Lloyd Chamberlaine* (1732–1783). Her nephew was *Samuel Earle* (1756–1790). CHILDREN. SON: *Thomas Ringgold* (1744–1776). PRIVATE CAREER. EDUCATION: literate. RELIGIOUS AFFILIATION: Anglican, St. Paul's Parish, Kent County. SOCIAL STATUS AND ACTIVITIES: Gent., by 1745. OCCUPATIONAL PROFILE: attorney, admitted to the following courts: Queen Anne's County in August 1745; Kent County by March 1745/46; Provincial Court in May 1748; Cecil County before June 1755; he practiced very little after 1757; merchant, in partnership in Chestertown with his brother William,