

a John Ward, of John, was probated in Cecil County in 1787, and a second will for a John Ward, of John, was probated in the same county in 1829. While proof is lacking, the first will was probably for the possible legislator and the second for his son. John, of Peregrine, was the son of Peregrine Ward (1709-?) and wife Mary Chew, who were married on October 11, 1736. John had a brother Peregrine (1744-?) and a sister Mary (1746-?). He was the nephew of *Henry Ward* (?-1760). He owned at least 656 acres in Cecil County at the date of the legislative service in question. John, of William, is the least likely of the four to have sat in the Lower House, with few references to him being found in the records. He owned at least 375 acres in Cecil County at the time of the legislative service in question.

**WARD, MATTHEW TILGHMAN** (ca. 1676-1741). BORN: ca. 1676, in Talbot County; only son. NATIVE: second generation. RESIDED: at "Rich Neck," overlooking the St. Michael's River, Talbot County. **FAMILY BACKGROUND.** FATHER: Matthew Ward (ca. 1635-1677/78), who attended Gray's Inn, London, in 1657, and immigrated to Maryland in the late 1660s; practicing attorney; large landholder with ca. 3,600 acres. STEP-FATHER: Rev. John Lillingston (ca. 1626-1709). MOTHER: Mary (ca. 1655-?), daughter of Richard Tilghman (1626-1675/76). UNCLE: *Richard Tilghman* (1672/73-1738/39). AUNT: Rebecca Tilghman (?-1725), who married *Simon Wilmer* (ca. 1656-1699). HALF BROTHERS: George Lillingston of Sussex County, Delaware. FIRST COUSINS: *William Tilghman* (1711-1782); *Edward Tilghman* (1713-1785); *James Tilghman* (1716-1793); *Matthew Tilghman* (1717/18-1790); Anna Maria Tilghman, who married first, *William Hemsley* (1703-1736), and second, *Robert Lloyd* (ca. 1712-1770); Henrietta Maria Tilghman, who married first, in 1731, *George Robins* (1697-1742), and second, *William Goldsborough* (1709-1760); Mary Tilghman, who married in 1731 *James Earle, Jr.* (ca. 1694-1739); *Lambert Wilmer* (1682-1732); and *Simon Wilmer* (1686-1737). MARRIED first, by 1701, Mabel (1669-1702), probably the widow of Capt. James Murphy (?-1699), a justice of Talbot county 1684-1698, probably the daughter of Capt. Ralph Dawson (?-1706) and wife Mary. Her brothers were probably Ralph (1665-1708), who married Mary, daughter of Bryan Omealy (?-1684/85); John (1672-?), who married Sarah, daughter of Bryan Omealy (?-1684/85); and William (1675-?). Her sisters were probably Mar-

garet (1667-?), who married Laurence Knowles (?-1700); and Elizabeth (1677-?). MARRIED second, Margaret (1683-1747), daughter of *Philemon Lloyd* (1646-1685) and Henrietta Maria Neale Bennett (1647-1697). Mary was the granddaughter of both *Edward Lloyd* (ca. 1620-1696) and *James Neale* (ca. 1615-1684). Her brothers were *Edward Lloyd* (1670-1718/19); *Philemon Lloyd* (ca. 1674-1732/33); and *James Lloyd* (1679/80-1723). Her sisters were Henrietta Maria (1673-1702); Anna Maria (1677-1748); Mary (1680-1690); Alice (1681-1744); Elizabeth; and Jane (1685-1690). Her stepsisters were Susannah Bennett (1666-1714), who married first, *John Darnall* (?-1684), and second, *Henry Lowe* (?-1717). CHILDREN. DAUGHTER: Mary (1702-ca. 1724). ADDITIONAL COMMENTS: In 1733, Ward adopted his first cousin, *Matthew Tilghman* (1717/18-1790), who became his principal heir. PRIVATE CAREER. EDUCATION: literate; had clerical skills. RELIGIOUS AFFILIATION: Protestant. SOCIAL STATUS AND ACTIVITIES: Gent., by 1701; Esq., by 1716; Hon., by 1716; marriage into the Lloyd family brought important social and political connections. OCCUPATIONAL PROFILE: attorney, admitted to the Kent County Court, 1698; planter. PUBLIC CAREER. LEGISLATIVE SERVICE: Lower House, Talbot County, 1712-1714 (Laws 1-4, probably chairman 1-4), 1715 (Laws, chairman), 1716-1718 (speaker, Cv, 1-3); Upper House, 1719-1721/22, 1722-1724, 1725-1727, 1728-1731, 1732-1734, 1734/35-1737, 1738, 1739-1740 (president, Convention 1-2; died before the 3rd session of the 1739-1741 Assembly). OTHER PROVINCIAL OFFICES: Council, 1719-1741; proprietary agent and receiver general, 1729-1733; justice, Provincial Court, 1729-1731. LOCAL OFFICES: deputy clerk, Talbot County, 1698-1699; justice, Talbot County, 1701-1718 (quorum and chief justice, 1707-1718). MILITARY SERVICE: Lt. colonel, by 1712; colonel, by 1721; major general, 1739/40. WEALTH DURING LIFETIME. LAND AT FIRST ELECTION: possibly as much as 3,000 acres in Talbot County (inherited ca. 2,400 acres from his father in Kent, Talbot, and Queen Anne's counties, and acquired 577 acres in Talbot County through his first marriage). SIGNIFICANT CHANGES IN LAND BETWEEN FIRST ELECTION AND DEATH: patented 2,464 acres in Talbot County, 1722-1723; debt books record 1,875 acres in Talbot (later became Queen Anne's) County in 1734, and 3,844 acres in Talbot County in 1738. WEALTH AT DEATH. DIED: will probated on June 22, 1741, in Talbot County. PERSONAL PROPERTY: size of estate unknown, but