

1783, 1786–1788. LAND AT FIRST ELECTION: 1,577 acres in Queen Anne's and Kent counties, plus a lot in Chestertown (821 acres through inheritance, 626 acres by patent, 130 acres through marriage). SIGNIFICANT CHANGES IN LAND BETWEEN FIRST ELECTION AND DEATH: acquired 1,309 acres in Queen Anne's County by purchase and patent between 1771 and 1785; sold 393 acres in Queen Anne's County, 1774–1780. ADDITIONAL COMMENTS: During the Revolutionary War, Wright leased "Blakeford," the estate of the Blake family in Queen Anne's County. An early advocate of independence from Britain, Wright was appointed one of the four commissioners, headquartered at Queenstown, empowered to try persons on the Eastern Shore suspected of treason against the State. "Blakeford" was a convenient residence. WEALTH AT DEATH. DIED: between April 21 and May 4, 1792, probably at "Guilford," Queen Anne's County. PERSONAL PROPERTY: TEV, at least £1,135.3.10 current money (including 23 slaves, 93 oz. plate, and books). LAND: at least 2,493 acres in Queen Anne's, Kent, and Caroline counties, plus 1 lot in Chestertown and lands in Kent and New Castle counties, Delaware.

**WRIGHT, THOMAS** (?–ca. 1784). BORN: in St. Luke's Parish, Queen Anne's County; eldest son. NATIVE: third generation. RESIDED: at "Reeds Creek," St. Paul's Parish, Queen Anne's County. FAMILY BACKGROUND. FATHER: Thomas Hynson Wright (1687/88–1747), son of *Solomon Wright* (ca. 1655–1717). MOTHER: Mary, widow of John Coursey (?–1713), daughter of Michael Turbutt (?–1696), of Talbot County, and his wife Sarah Foster. UNCLES: *Charles Wright* (?–1720); *Foster Turbutt* (1679–1720/21); *William Turbutt* (1683/84–1739). BROTHER: Nathan Samuel Turbutt (?–1792), who married first, Dorcas (last name unknown), and second, Francis (last name unknown). HALF BROTHERS: John Coursey (1709–?); Thomas Coursey. SISTERS: Mary Ann (?–1747), who married *William Hopper* (1707–1772); Anne (?–by 1754), who married *Edward Oldham* (1709–1773), and Sarah. HALF SISTERS: Mary Coursey, who married *Solomon Wright* (?–1729); Elizabeth Coursey, who married *Thomas Wilkinson* (1700/1–ca. 1758). FIRST COUSINS: *Robert Norrest Wright* (?–ca. 1746/47); Anna Maria Turbutt, who married *Edward Tilghman* (1713–1785); Elizabeth Turbutt (?–ca. 1760), who married *Thomas Harris* (?–1760); Sarah Turbutt (1706–1773), who married *Nicholas Goldsborough* (ca. 1689–1766); Elizabeth Turbutt (ca. 1708–?), who married *Tench*

*Francis* (1701–1758); Anne Turbutt (1715–1766), who married *John Goldsborough* (1711–1778); and Mary Lowe (?–by 1739), who married *Edward Oldham* (1709–1773). NEPHEWS: *William Hopper* (by 1747–1806); *Samuel Turbutt Wright* (ca. 1749–1810). HALF NEPHEWS: *Solomon Wright* (?–1792); *Nathaniel Wright* (?–1770), a possible legislator. NIECES: Ann Oldham (?–by 1794), who married *Joshua Clarke* (?–1781); Elizabeth Oldham (?–by 1776), who married *William Hopper* (by 1747–1806); Elizabeth Hopper (1739–1806), who married *Joseph Nicholson, Jr.* (?–1786); Mary Ann Hopper (1742–?), who married second, *James Bordley* (?–ca. 1793). MARRIED by 1769 Rachel (?–1810), daughter of William Clayton of Queen Anne's County, a merchant, and his wife Sarah. Rachel was the granddaughter of *Solomon Clayton* (1685–1739). She was the niece of Rachel Clayton, who married first, William Coursey (1703–1769), son of *Henry Coursey* (1662–1707), and second, *Clement Sewell* (ca. 1737–1795). Her sisters were Mary, who married William Bordley, of Queen Anne's County, a merchant; Sarah. Her cousins were *Edward DeCoursey* (ca. 1759–1827); Sarah DeCoursey, who married *Robert Wright* (1752–1826); and Mary (Polly) Sewell, who married *Samuel Turbutt Wright* (ca. 1749–1810). CHILDREN. SONS: Thomas Wright, who married in 1795 Margaret, daughter of Stephen Lowrey and wife Sarah Spencer; Clayton Wright (?–1802); Samuel Wright, who married Ellen Nicholson; and William (1784–?), who married Lydia Tilton of Wilmington, Delaware. DAUGHTERS: Ann (?–1848), who married in 1792 her cousin *Samuel Turbutt Wright* (ca. 1749–1810); Charlotte, who married John Eaton Spencer. PRIVATE CAREER. EDUCATION: literate. RELIGIOUS AFFILIATION: Anglican, Chester Church, St. Paul's Parish, Queen Anne's County. SOCIAL STATUS AND ACTIVITIES: Gent., by 1749; Esq., by 1769; owned thoroughbred horses. OCCUPATIONAL PROFILE: probably planter. PUBLIC CAREER. LEGISLATIVE SERVICE: Lower House, Queen Anne's County, 1762–1763, 1765–1766 (Elections 4; Accounts 2–4), 1768–1770 (Accounts 1–3; Grievances 3), 1771 (Accounts); Conventions, Queen Anne's County, 1st, 1774, 3rd, 1774, 4th, 1775, 5th, 1775, 6th–8th, 1775–1776. LOCAL OFFICES: St. Paul's Parish Vestry, Queen Anne's County, in office 1752–1755, 1761–1764, 1768–1771, 1773–1774, 1779–1784; churchwarden, St. Paul's Parish, Queen Anne's County, 1771–1772; tobacco inspector, St. Paul's Parish, Queen Anne's County, 1753–1754; deputy commissary, Queen Anne's County,