

garetta, who married Nicholas King, of Washington County. PRIVATE CAREER. EDUCATION: literate. RELIGIOUS AFFILIATION: Anglican. SOCIAL STATUS AND ACTIVITIES: Gent., 1765; Esq., 1766. OCCUPATIONAL PROFILE: ironmaster, Fielderia Furnace, Frederick County. Gantt testified in the Chancery Court in 1804 concerning alleged illegal and unethical practices by his business partner, James Hunter, of Virginia, in the Fielderia Furnace between ca. 1767 and ca. 1791. He stated that his life had been ruined by Hunter, and that his credit and reputation had never recovered. PUBLIC CAREER. LEGISLATIVE SERVICE: Lower House, Frederick County, 1765–1766, 1779–1780 (Grievances 1, 2; Tax Commissioners 1; Manufactories 2), 1780–1781 (Grievances 1, 2). LOCAL OFFICES: justice, Frederick County, 1779–1785, 1786 (did not qualify); overseer of roads, Frederick County, in office in 1788. WEALTH DURING LIFETIME. PERSONAL PROPERTY: assessed value £2,038.11.8, including 16 slaves and plate, 1778; 6 slaves, 1790. LAND AT FIRST ELECTION: 13,081 acres in Prince George's and Frederick counties (inherited 400 acres from his father, 1765; purchased and patented 12,681 acres). SIGNIFICANT CHANGES IN LAND BETWEEN FIRST ELECTION AND DEATH: mortgaged at least 9,179 acres in 1766 and 1767 to help pay business debts of the Fielderia Furnace, incurred in part by his business partner, James Hunter. By 1779 he contemplated selling off his land in divided sections, but waited until the 1780s for the price he wanted. WEALTH AT DEATH. DIED: on November 14, 1807, on his farm near Frederick Town, Frederick County. PERSONAL PROPERTY: TEV, \$1,223.00 current money (including 3 slaves and 30 books); FB, estate overpaid \$5.72. LAND: at least 600 acres in Frederick County.

**GANTT, THOMAS** (?–1765). BORN: by 1691 in Prince George's County; elder son. NATIVE: second generation. RESIDED: in Prince George's County. FAMILY BACKGROUND. FATHER: Thomas Gantt (Gaunt) (?–ca. 1691), of Calvert County, immigrated as an indentured servant in 1654. STEPFATHER: *John Wight* (?–1705). MOTHER: Ann (?–1726). BROTHER: Edward. STEPBROTHER: John Wight, who married Ann, daughter of *Thomas Greenfield* (ca. 1649–1715). SISTERS: Ann; Elizabeth (?–1718). HALF SISTERS: Margery Wight, who married first, Thomas Sprigg, son of *Thomas Sprigg* (ca. 1670–by 1739), and second, *Joseph Belt* (ca. 1680–1761); Mary Wight, who married Jeremiah Belt; and Feilder Wight, who married John Powell. HALF NEPHEWS: *Edward*

*Sprigg* (?–?); *Thomas Sprigg* (1715–1781). MARRIED first, by 1726 Priscilla, daughter of *Thomas Brooke* (ca. 1659–1730/31). Her brother was *Thomas Brooke* (1683–1744). Her sisters were Sarah (?–1724), who married first, *William Dent* (ca. 1660–1704), and second, *Philip Lee* (ca. 1681–1744); Eleanor. Her half sister was Jane, who married *Alexander Contee* (ca. 1691–1740). Her nephews were *Richard Brooke* (1716–1783); *Richard Lee* (ca. 1707–1787); *Arthur Lee* (?–1760); and *Francis Lee* (?–1749). Her half nephews were *Thomas Beall, of George* (1735–1819); *John Contee* (1722–ca. 1796); and *Thomas Contee* (ca. 1729–1811). Her nieces were Hannah Lee, who married *Joseph Sprigg* (1736–1800); Eleanor Brooke, who married *Samuel Beall* (ca. 1713–ca. 1778). Her half niece was Jane Contee (1728–1812), who married *John Hanson, Jr.* (1721–1783). MARRIED second, in 1737 Margery (?–1764), widow of Levin Covington (?–1725); daughter of *Thomas Hollyday* (ca. 1661–1702/3); niece of both Martha Trueman, who married *Thomas Greenfield* (ca. 1649–1715), and Ann Trueman, who married *John Bigger* (ca. 1654–1714); half niece of *Adderton Skinner* (ca. 1677–1756); stepniece of *Robert Skinner* (?–1713). Her brothers were Leonard (1692–1741); *James Hollyday* (1696–1747). Her first cousins were *Thomas Trueman Greenfield* (1682–1733); Jane Greenfield, who married *Henry Holland Hawkins* (1683–1751). Her nephews were *James Hollyday* (1722–1786); *Henry Hollyday* (ca. 1725–1789). Her nieces were Elizabeth Hollyday, who married *Francis Lee* (?–1749); Mary Hollyday, who married *Francis Waring* (1715–1769). CHILDREN. SONS: *Thomas Gantt* (ca. 1710–1785); George (?–1779), who married Hannah; *Feilder Gantt* (?–1807); and *Edward Gantt* (?–by 1783). STEPSON: Leonard Covington. DAUGHTERS: Elizabeth, who married Rev. Samuel Clagget; Priscilla; and probably Ann, who married *John Brome* (1703–1748). STEPDAUGHTER: Elizabeth Covington. PRIVATE CAREER. EDUCATION: literate. RELIGIOUS AFFILIATION: Anglican, St. Paul's Parish, Prince George's County. SOCIAL STATUS AND ACTIVITIES: Gent., by 1726. OCCUPATIONAL PROFILE: planter; owned a storehouse in Nottingham, Prince George's County. PUBLIC CAREER. LEGISLATIVE SERVICE: Lower House, Prince George's County, 1722–1724 (Accounts 1–3), 1725–1727. LOCAL OFFICES: justice, Prince George's County, 1719—at least 1732 (chief justice, by 1729); St. Paul's Parish Vestry, Prince George's County, 1732–1733, 1735–1738, 1744–1746. WEALTH DURING LIFETIME. LAND AT FIRST ELECTION: at least 784 acres in Prince George's and Charles counties