

in Harford County (500 acres by deed of gift from his parents in 1766 that were entailed to his male heirs), plus a life estate in one-third of both Fells Point and 400 acres in Baltimore County (through his marriage). SIGNIFICANT CHANGES IN LAND BETWEEN FIRST ELECTION AND DEATH: assessed with 619 acres in Harford County, 1783; his 500-acre home plantation in Harford County was deeded as security for his debts in 1787. His insolvency petition in 1788 listed the 620 acres in Harford County (500 of which were already mortgaged), his life estate in the one-third of both Fells Point and the 400 acres in Baltimore County, and 2 lots on Fells Point held in his own right. WEALTH AT DEATH. DIED: sometime after 1794; size of estate unknown.

GILES, NATHANIEL (1735–1775). BORN: on October 2, 1735, in St. George's Parish, Baltimore County (later became part of Harford County); third son. NATIVE: at least third generation. RESIDED: at Lapidam Mill, Baltimore County (later became part of Harford County). FAMILY BACKGROUND. FATHER: Jacob Giles (1705–1784), of Baltimore County (later became part of Harford County), a Quaker, and a partner in the Bush River Ironworks and Cumberland Forge. MOTHER: Hannah. STEPMOTHER: Johanna (1720–?), widow of George Drew (?–1735/6); daughter of *James Phillips* (?–1720) and wife Johanna Kemp. BROTHERS: John (1729–by 1784); Jacob (1733–?). HALF BROTHERS: *James Giles* (1749/50–?); Jacob (1753–by 1784); Thomas (1754–1798); Aquila (1757–?); and Edward (1759–1783). SISTERS: Sarah (?–by 1784), who married Nathaniel Rigbie, Jr. HALF SISTERS: Elizabeth (1747–by 1784), who married William Smith; Johanna (1751–?). STEPSISTER: Susanna Drew (1736–?), who married (first name unknown) Scott. MARRIED on March 7, 1762, Sarah (1742–1775), daughter of Col. William Hammond (1702–1752) and wife Sarah Sheredine (1721–?); granddaughter of both *Thomas Sheredine* (1699–1752) and *Thomas Hammond* (?–ca. 1724/25); niece of *Upton Sheredine* (1740–1800). Her brothers were William (1743–1810), who married Mary; Thomas (1744–?); Larkin (1746–?); and James (1749–?). Her sisters were Rebecca (1741–?), who married Caleb Dorsey; Elizabeth (1747–?). CHILDREN. DAUGHTERS: Hannah (1762–?), who married (first name unknown) Gover; Sarah (1767–?), who married (first name unknown) Gover; Elizabeth (1770–?); Caroline (1772–?), who married Edward Shoemaker; and Charlotte (?–died young). PRIVATE CAREER. RELIGIOUS AFFILIATION: strong Quaker background;

family records are found in the Deer Creek Meeting registers, Baltimore County. SOCIAL STATUS AND ACTIVITIES: Gent., by 1770. OCCUPATIONAL PROFILE: planter; owned a small gristmill and store and one-third interest in a sloop. PUBLIC CAREER. LEGISLATIVE SERVICE: Convention, Harford County, 1st, 1774 (appointed, but did not attend). STANDS ON PUBLIC/PRIVATE ISSUES: his will provided for the manumission of his slaves and the disinheritance of any of his children who tried to claim them. WEALTH DURING LIFETIME. PERSONAL PROPERTY: 9 slaves, 1775. LAND AT FIRST ELECTION: 1,118 acres in Harford County (at least 712 acres from his father by deed of gift, 1766). WEALTH AT DEATH. DIED: on May 23, 1775, in Harford County. PERSONAL PROPERTY: TEV, at least £1,766.17.0 current money (including 9 slaves, plate, 28 books, and one-third interest in a sloop). LAND: probably 1,118 acres in Harford County.

GILLIS (GILLISS), JOSEPH (ca. 1706–?). BORN: ca. 1706, probably in Somerset County; probably fourth son. NATIVE: third generation. RESIDED: in Somerset County. FAMILY BACKGROUND. FATHER: John Gillis (ca. 1662–1720). MOTHER: Mary. BROTHERS: John; Thomas, who married Anne Lackey; and Ezekial. SISTERS: Rebecca; Sarah; Betty; and Bridget. MARRIED by 1735/36 Eleanor, daughter of William Bozman, Sr. (?–1749), of Somerset County, and wife Sarah. Her brother was Ballard. CHILDREN. SONS: George, of age by 1761; William. PRIVATE CAREER. EDUCATION: literate. RELIGIOUS AFFILIATION: Anglican. SOCIAL STATUS AND ACTIVITIES: Gent., 1749. OCCUPATIONAL PROFILE: probably a planter. PUBLIC CAREER. LEGISLATIVE SERVICE: Lower House, Somerset County, 1751–1754. LOCAL OFFICES: justice, Somerset County, 1754–at least 1774 (quorum, 1758–at least 1774); Somerset Parish Vestry, Somerset County, in office 1767–1770; justice, Court of Oyer and Terminer and Gaol Delivery, Somerset County, commissioned 1771. MILITARY SERVICE: captain, by 1755. WEALTH DURING LIFETIME. PERSONAL PROPERTY: assessed value £992.0.0, including 29 slaves and 48 oz. plate, 1783. LAND AT FIRST ELECTION: 708 acres in Somerset County (550 acres inherited from his father; 158 acres by purchase). SIGNIFICANT CHANGES IN LAND BETWEEN FIRST ELECTION AND DEATH: deeded as gifts to his sons 550 acres in 1761 and 158 acres in 1777, all of which were in Somerset County. WEALTH AT DEATH. DIED: probably in Somerset County; lived until at least 1783; not listed in the 1790 census.