

GROUND. FATHER: *John Paca* (ca. 1712–1785), son of *Aquila Paca* (ca. 1676–1721). **MOTHER:** Elizabeth Smith (?–ca. 1766). **UNCLES:** *Aquila Paca* (ca. 1703–1743/44); *William Smith* (?–1777). **BROTHER:** *Aquila Paca* (1738–1788). **SISTERS:** Mary (1733–?), Elizabeth (1742–1758); Martha (1743/44–1829), who married James Phillips (?–ca. 1800); Susannah; and Frances (?–ca. 1787), who married *Richard Dallam* (1743–1820). **FIRST COUSIN:** Martha Paca (1732/33–?), who married *Robert Adair* (?–1768). **MARRIED** first, on May 26, 1763, Ann Mary Chew (1736–1774), daughter of Samuel Chew (ca. 1704–1736/37) and wife Henrietta Maria Lloyd (?–1765). Ann was the stepdaughter of *Daniel Dulany* (1685–1753). She was the granddaughter of *Philemon Lloyd* (ca. 1674–1732/33). Her brothers were Philemon Lloyd (?–1770); Bennett (?–1793); and *Samuel Chew* (by 1734–1786). Her half brothers were Lloyd Dulany (1742–1782); Richard Dulany (?–died young). Her stepbrothers were *Daniel Dulany, Jr.* (1722–1797); Dennis Dulany (1730–1779); and *Walter Dulany* (?–1773). Her sisters were Henrietta Maria (1731–1762), who married *Edward Dorsey* (1718–1760); Margaret (?–1773), who married *John Beale Bordley* (1726/27–1804). Her stepsisters were Rebecca Dulany; Rachel Dulany; Mary Dulany; and Margaret Dulany, who married first, *Alexander Hamilton* (1712–1756), and second, *William Murdock* (ca. 1710–1769). Her first cousin was Mary Chew, who married first, *Alexander Hamilton Smith* (ca. 1748–1784), and second, *William Lyles* (?–1790). Her niece was Henrietta Maria Chew (1759–1847), who married *Benjamin Galloway* (1752–1831). **MARRIED** second, on February 28, 1777, Ann (ca. 1758–1780), daughter of Henry Harrison (ca. 1713–1766), Esq., of Philadelphia, a merchant, and wife Mary Aspden. Ann was the granddaughter of Mathias Aspden (?–1765) of Philadelphia, a merchant. Her brothers were Joseph; Mathias; and George. Her sister was Mary (?–1793), who married in 1773 Rev. William White (1748–1836), the first Protestant Episcopal Bishop of Philadelphia. **CHILDREN. SONS:** John Philemon (1771–1840), who married in 1800 Juliana Tilghman (?–1861); William (by 1774–1779); and Henry (1778–1781). **DAUGHTERS:** Henrietta Maria (ca. 1764–died young). **NATURAL DAUGHTERS:** by Levina, Hester (1775–?). The only official mention of Lavina occurs in the baptismal record for Hester in Christ Church Parish, Philadelphia. When Paca was about to return to Maryland in 1781, he left Hester, then in school in Philadelphia, under the medical care of Dr. Benjamin

Rush. By Sarah Joice (?–1803), of Annapolis, Henrietta Maria (ca. 1777–1850), who married, in 1794, Thomas Grafton Addison (ca. 1770–1826) and moved to Kentucky. **PRIVATE CAREER. EDUCATION:** Academy and Charity School of Philadelphia, 1752–1756; College of Philadelphia, 1756–1759, granted Bachelor of Arts degree, 1759; studied law with *Stephen Bordley* (ca. 1710–1764), 1759–1760; Inner Temple, Inns of Court, London, 1761; College of Philadelphia, granted Master of Arts degree, 1762. **RELIGIOUS AFFILIATION:** Anglican. **SOCIAL STATUS AND ACTIVITIES:** Esq., by 1777; Hon., by 1795; one of the founders of the Forensic Club, 1759; member of the Homony Club, 1771–1774; steward of the Jockey Club, Annapolis, 1788; founded club for young lawyers in Annapolis, ca. 1783. **ADDITIONAL COMMENTS:** Paca was described by Charles Willson Peale as “a handsome man, more than six foot high, of portly appearance, being well educated and accustomed to the best company, he was graceful in his movements and complacent to everyone.” John Adams characterized Paca as a “deliberator,” and a modern historian has noted that during pre-Revolutionary conflicts “to a large extent he was the intellect behind Samuel Chase’s rhetoric.” Paca is credited with the carefully designed gardens of his home on Prince George Street in Annapolis, and he employed a professional landscape architect for the gardens on his Wye Island estate. His mansion, “Wye Hall,” built on Wye Island in Queen Anne’s County about 1791, has been termed by a modern historian “almost certainly the most splendid house in America.” **OCCUPATIONAL PROFILE:** lawyer; admitted to the following courts: Mayor’s Court, Annapolis, October 1761; Anne Arundel and Baltimore counties, June 1763; Chancery Court by April 1764; Provincial Court, April 1764; Frederick and Prince George’s counties, June 1764; Queen Anne’s County, June 1765; and Charles County, November 1772. Paca maintained an extensive plantation on his Wye Island property. **PUBLIC CAREER. LEGISLATIVE SERVICE:** Lower House, Annapolis, 1768–1770 (Grievances 3; Laws to Expire 4), 1771 (Grievances), 1773–1774 (Elections 2, 3; Grievances 1, Cv, 2, 3; Laws to Expire 3); Conventions, Anne Arundel County, 1st, 1774, 2nd–3rd, 1774, 5th, 1775, 6th–8th, 1775–1776 (did not attend the 6th and 8th Conventions), Annapolis, 9th, 1776 (Elections); Senate, Western Shore, Term of 1776–1781: 1777, 1777 (resigned on December 19, 1777, during the 1st session of the 1777–1778 Assembly), Eastern Shore, 1778–1779 (elected