

included, among other things, 8 slaves. **LAND AT FIRST ELECTION:** 29,067 acres in Frederick, Dorchester, Queen Anne's, and Kent counties, plus 8 lots in Chestertown and 173 acres held jointly with his uncle William (25,252 acres inherited from father; 2,014 acres by patent). **WEALTH AT DEATH.** **DIED:** on October 26, 1776; will probated in Kent County. **PERSONAL PROPERTY:** 2 wharves with large granaries; 12 slaves and 3 servants, plus 8 slaves belonging to his business partnership; a sloop, schooner, dry goods store, counting house, and coopers shop. **LAND:** 29,067 acres in Frederick, Washington, Dorchester, Queen Anne's, and Kent counties, plus 8 lots in Chestertown and 173 acres held jointly with his uncle William.

**RINGGOLD, WILLIAM** (ca. 1723–1789). **BORN:** on February 23, ca. 1723, in Kent County; second son. **NATIVE:** fifth generation. **RESIDED:** in Chestertown, Kent County. **FAMILY BACKGROUND.** **FATHER:** Thomas Ringgold (1693–1728), who resided in Kent County, a merchant, son of *Thomas Ringgold* (by 1672–1711) and his first wife Sarah. **MOTHER:** Rebecca (1697–1750), daughter of *Simon Wilmer* (ca. 1656–1699). **UNCLES:** *Simon Wilmer* (1686–1737); *Lambert Wilmer* (1682–1732). **BROTHER:** *Thomas Ringgold* (1715–1772). **SISTERS:** Rebecca (1727–?); Sarah, who married *Alexander Williamson* (ca. 1712–1760). **FIRST COUSINS:** *Simon Wilmer* (1713–ca. 1768); *Rebecca Wilmer* (1703/4–?), who married *Marmaduke Tilden* (?–1726). **NEPHEW:** *Thomas Ringgold* (1744–1776). **NIECE:** Sarah Williamson (1749–1794), who married *William Hemsley* (1736/37–1812). **MARRIED** first, by 1761, his cousin Mary, daughter of William Wilmer and wife Rose Blackiston. Mary was the granddaughter of *Simon Wilmer* (1686–1737). Her brothers were Lambert; William. Her sisters were Margaret, who married James Frisby; Frances, who married Richard Miller; and Martha, who married (first name unknown) Bond. **MARRIED** second, (first name unknown) probably Jackson. Her sisters were Mary Jackson; Perpetua Jackson. **CHILDREN.** **SONS:** James; John; and William Tilghman of Kent County, a merchant, who married Ann. **PRIVATE CAREER.** **EDUCATION:** literate. **RELIGIOUS AFFILIATION:** Anglican; purchased a pew in Chester Parish, Kent County, 1768. **SOCIAL STATUS AND ACTIVITIES:** Gent., by 1755; Esq., by 1766. **OCCUPATIONAL PROFILE:** merchant. His father was a merchant in partnership with Matthew Dockey, and William and his brother Thomas may have been partners in their father's business. **PUBLIC**

**CAREER.** **LEGISLATIVE SERVICE:** Lower House, Kent County, 1771 (elected during session to fill vacancy), 1773–1774 (Public Offices 1, 2, 3); Conventions, Kent County, 1st, 1774, 4th, 1775. **LOCAL OFFICES:** justice, Kent County, appointed by April 1754; Committee of Correspondence, Kent County, elected 1774. **WEALTH DURING LIFETIME.** **PERSONAL PROPERTY:** assessed value £1,636.0.0., including 40 slaves and 167 oz. plate. **LAND AT FIRST ELECTION:** 2,617 acres in Kent and Queen Anne's counties, plus 2 town lots and 1 water lot in Chestertown, Kent County (all by purchase). **SIGNIFICANT CHANGES IN LAND BETWEEN FIRST ELECTION AND DEATH:** purchased 180 acres in Kent County, 1775; inherited at least 945 acres in Queen Anne's County from his uncle James Ringgold, 1783; sold 300 acres in Queen Anne's County, 1784; purchased 3 lots in Chestertown, 1785 and 1789; patented an additional 1,176 acres in Queen Anne's County in 1787, some of which may have been part of his inherited land. **WEALTH AT DEATH.** **DIED:** will probated on December 8, 1789, in Kent County. **PERSONAL PROPERTY:** requested no appraisal of estate. Slaves were mentioned in his will, although only two were itemized; 1 dozen silver spoons were mentioned in his will. **LAND:** ca. 3,500 acres in Kent and Queen Anne's counties; will does not mention his town lots. **IDENTIFICATION PROBLEMS.** There were at least two men named William Ringgold who were eligible to represent Kent County in the Assemblies of 1771 and 1773–1774, and in the 1st and 4th Conventions. It is certain that *William Ringgold, of Eastern Neck* (1729–1808) held the service for the 5th and 9th Conventions, but it was not possible to positively identify which of these two was responsible for the other terms of service. Therefore, two biographical profiles have been included for all but the 5th and 9th Conventions, and the same legislative service assigned to each. See also *William Ringgold, of Eastern Neck* (1729–1808).

**RINGGOLD, WILLIAM, OF EASTERN NECK** (1729–1808). **BORN:** on July 19, 1729, in Kent County; eldest son. **NATIVE:** fifth generation. **RESIDED:** on Eastern Neck, Kent County. **FAMILY BACKGROUND.** **FATHER:** James Ringgold, Jr. (?–1766), son of William Ringgold (1677–1754), Gent., and wife Martha, grandson of Maj. James Ringgold (ca. 1637–1686) and his second wife Mary Vaughan Burton. **MOTHER:** Mary, daughter of Samuel Tovey (?–1716). **BROTHERS:** James (1734–1735); (first name unknown) (1740–?);