

2nd, 1774 (chairman), 4th, 1775 (chairman), 5th, 1775 (chairman), 6th–8th, 1775–1776 (chairman 6th, 8th; did not attend the 7th Convention), 9th, 1776 (chairman); Senate, Eastern Shore, Term of 1776–1781: 1777, 1777–1778, 1778–1779, 1779–1780 (elected president at the beginning of the 3rd session to serve while *Daniel of St. Thomas Jenifer* (1723–1790) was attending Congress; Jenifer reassumed the presidency on June 15, 1780), 1780–1781; Term of 1781–1786: 1781–1782, 1782–1783 (elected president on December 24, 1782; withdrew as president on May 22, 1783, because of illness), 1783 (did not attend; resigned on November 22, 1783). OTHER PROVINCIAL/STATE OFFICES: 1st Council of Safety, Eastern Shore, 1775; Special Council, Eastern Shore, appointed 1780 (president 1781). LOCAL OFFICES: justice, Talbot County, 1741—at least 1745 (no records 1745/46–1746/47), by 1747—at least 1761, 1769—at least 1772, commissioned 1773 (did not serve), appointed 1778 (quorum 1749—at least 1761, 1769—at least 1772, 1773 did not serve); St. Michael's Parish Vestry, Talbot County, elected 1743, 1762–1765, elected 1767, elected 1779, in office 1784, 1788–1790; trustee, Charity Work School, St. Peter's Parish, Talbot County, in office 1750, 1787; justice, Orphans' Court, Talbot County, appointed 1778; judge, Court of Appeals for Tax Assessments, appointed 1786. MILITARY SERVICE: captain, troop of horse, 1741. OUT OF COLONY/STATE SERVICE: delegate, Continental Congress, 1774–1776 (elected in June 1774, December 1774, April 1775, August 1775, May 1776, July 1776, and November 1776; no evidence of attendance after December 1776). STANDS ON PUBLIC/PRIVATE ISSUES: Tilghman has been referred to as the "Father of the Revolution" in Maryland and is described by a modern historian as both an "aggressive organizer" and a "reasonable man." As chairman of seven of the nine meetings of the Provincial Conventions, 1774–1776, including the last, the Constitutional Convention of 1776, Tilghman may be credited to a large extent for the order with which Maryland made the transition from province to state. His obituary notes that he was "ever considered as one of the finest and most zealous advocates of civil and religious liberties." WEALTH DURING LIFETIME. PERSONAL PROPERTY: bequeathed by *Matthew Tilghman Ward* (ca. 1676–1741) the slaves, livestock, and equipment on Ward's plantations, plus one-third of his personal estate, including the new goods in his store and cash on hand; 104 slaves, Talbot County, 1776; assessed value £6,679.0.0, including 120

slaves and at least 420 oz. plate, Talbot and Queen Anne's counties, 1783. LAND AT FIRST ELECTION: ca. 7,150 acres in Talbot and Queen Anne's counties and 1 lot Ogletown, Queen Anne's County (2,000 acres in Queen Anne's County and the Ogletown lot inherited from his father in 1739; 2,821 acres in Talbot County inherited from *Matthew Tilghman Ward* (ca. 1676–1741); 990 acres in Queen Anne's County by patent; 100 acres in Talbot County and 1,241 acres in Queen Anne's County by purchase). SIGNIFICANT CHANGES IN LAND BETWEEN FIRST ELECTION AND DEATH: purchased 532 acres in Queen Anne's County and 214 acres in Talbot County, 1752–1759; patented 40 acres in Queen Anne's County, 1759, and re-surveyed and patented land adjoining his dwelling plantation for a net gain of 155 acres in Talbot County, 1760; purchased 2,000 acres in Queen Anne's County with *James Tilghman* (1716–1793) and 327 acres in Talbot County and 250 acres in Queen Anne's County, 1762–1769; purchased 410 acres in Talbot County by 1780; sold probably 1,444 acres in Queen Anne's County and 135 acres in Talbot County by 1780, and probably 523 acres in Queen Anne's County by 1783; charged with 3,965 acres in Talbot County and 3,083 acres in Queen Anne's County, 1783; gave his 1,000 acres held with his brother James in Queen Anne's County to his son Richard, 1783; patented 28 acres in 1786 and purchased ca. 850 acres in 1786–1788, all in Talbot County. WEALTH AT DEATH. DIED: on May 4, 1790, at "Rich Neck," Talbot County, of a paralytic stroke; buried in the family cemetery at "Rich Neck." PERSONAL PROPERTY: size of personal estate unknown. LAND: probably ca. 7,900 acres in Talbot and Queen Anne's counties.

TILGHMAN, MATTHEW (1760–1801). BORN: on June 5, 1760, in Queen Anne's County; fourth son of father. NATIVE: fourth generation. RESIDED: in Queen Anne's County; in Kent County by January 1786. FAMILY BACKGROUND. FATHER: *Edward Tilghman* (1713–1785), son of *Richard Tilghman* (1672/73–1738/39). MOTHER: Julianna Cartoll (ca. 1729–?). UNCLES: *William Tilghman* (1711–1782); *James Tilghman* (1716–1793); *Matthew Tilghman* (1717/18–1790). AUNTS: Mary Tilghman (1702–ca. 1736), who married *James Earle, Jr.* (ca. 1694–1739); Henrietta Maria Tilghman (1707–1771), who married first, *George Robins* (1697–1742), and second, *William Goldsborough* (1709–1760); Anna Maria Tilghman (1709–1763), who married first, *William Hemsley*