

**EDUCATION:** College, Academy, and Charitable School of Philadelphia: entered in 1763, entered college department in 1769, graduated 1772; studied law with Benjamin Chew of Philadelphia, 1772–1776. **SOCIAL STATUS AND ACTIVITIES:** Esq., by 1799; Hon., by 1809; member, Philadelphia Society for Promoting Agriculture; American Philosophical Society (president, 1824–death); trustee, University of Pennsylvania, 1802–death. **OCCUPATIONAL PROFILE:** lawyer, judge, planter. Tilghman was admitted to the Maryland bar in 1783, and the Pennsylvania bar in 1794. **PUBLIC CAREER.** **LEGISLATIVE SERVICE:** Lower House, Kent County, 1788, 1789, 1790; Senate, Eastern Shore, Term of 1791–1796: 1791–1792, 1792, 1793, 1794 (did not attend; resigned on November 17, 1794, after moving to Philadelphia). **OTHER STATE OFFICE:** Constitution Ratification Convention, Kent County, 1788. **OUT OF STATE SERVICE:** chief judge, Third Judicial Circuit, Pennsylvania, appointed 1801, office abolished 1802; judge, Court of Common Pleas for Philadelphia and surrounding counties, appointed 1805; chief judge, Supreme Court of Pennsylvania, 1806–death. **STANDS ON PUBLIC/PRIVATE ISSUES:** early advocate of canal between Susquehanna and Allegheny rivers; in 1811, manumitted thirteen adult slaves and specified that his minor slaves were to be free at age 28; strong supporter of American manufacturing. **WEALTH DURING LIFETIME.** **PERSONAL PROPERTY:** taxed for 23 slaves, Queen Anne's County, 1798; owned at least 38 slaves, Kent and Queen Anne's counties, 1811. **LAND AT FIRST ELECTION:** no evidence of land ownership prior to the death of his father. **SIGNIFICANT CHANGES IN LAND BETWEEN FIRST ELECTION AND DEATH:** inherited ca. 1,200 acres in Queen Anne's County and ca. 720 acres in Kent County from his father, 1793. As the surviving executor of his father's estate by 1797, Tilghman managed all his father's land. He purchased 28 acres in Queen Anne's County in 1799, and sold it along with 852 acres of his father's land adjoining it in 1805; released control of ca. 521 acres of his Kent County land in 1805 and conveyed title to that acreage in 1810; sold his remaining 184 acres in Kent County in 1813. **WEALTH AT DEATH.** **DIED:** on April 29, 1827, in Philadelphia. **LAND:** at least ca. 1,180 acres in Queen Anne's County.

**TILLARD, THOMAS** (1742–1806). **BORN:** on December 22, 1742, in St. James' Parish, Anne Arundel County; eldest child. **NATIVE:** at least third generation. **RESIDED:** near Pig Point, Lyon's

Creek Hundred, Anne Arundel County. **FAMILY BACKGROUND.** **FATHER:** William Tillard (Taylard) (?–1753) of Anne Arundel County. **MOTHER:** Martha (1720–1773), who called herself a planter, and patented 192 acres in Anne Arundel County in 1769; daughter of Abraham Simmons (?–1750) and wife Martha. **BROTHERS:** William (1744–?), who married in 1776 Martha Hall (1747–?); Edward (?–1830), an officer in the Continental Army, 1776–1781, and a prisoner of the British, 1777–1780, who married in 1782 Ann Lyles. **SISTERS:** Sarah (1745/46–?), who probably married Isaac Simmons; Mary (1748–?), who married (first name unknown) Shekell; and Susanna (1752–by 1762). **MARRIED** on February 20, 1776, Janet (Jennett), daughter of Thomas Hamilton (?–1784) of Prince George's County, a surgeon, and wife Leonora. Janet's brother was probably John (?–ca. 1777). Her sisters were Agnes, who married John Brown; Martha, who married (first name unknown) Morgan. **CHILDREN.** **SONS:** Thomas Hamilton (1777–1806); William Smallwood (1781–by 1824); and John Hamilton (1785–1825), who married in 1817 Emeline Pindell. **DAUGHTERS:** Matilda (1778–1850), who married first, in 1804, William Simmons, and second, Samuel Drury; Sarah (1783–?), who married in 1824 Rinaldo Pindell; and Ann (1787–?). **PRIVATE CAREER.** **EDUCATION:** literate. **RELIGIOUS AFFILIATION:** Anglican, St. James' Parish, Anne Arundel County. **SOCIAL STATUS AND ACTIVITIES:** Mr., by 1770; Esq., by 1776. **OCCUPATIONAL PROFILE:** merchant by 1774, with a store at Pig Point on the Patuxent River through at least the 1780s; agent for Wallace, Johnson & Muir, to whom Tillard owed over £3,275.0.0 sterling from 1778, with a large balance still outstanding at the time of his death. In 1784–1785, Tillard purchased tobacco and consigned it to Wallace, Johnson & Muir to be sold in London, but he lost one-third of his investment because of low tobacco prices in England. Tillard owned a mill, where state taxes paid in wheat were delivered, but in 1781 the mill was described as leaking badly and therefore an unfit collection point. Throughout his career, Tillard accepted mortgages from his neighbors on their real and personal property; twelve such mortgages, securing substantial loans, were recorded between 1769 and 1801. Tillard also maintained at least one plantation. **PUBLIC CAREER.** **LEGISLATIVE SERVICE:** 5th Convention, Anne Arundel County, 1775; Lower House, Anne Arundel County, 1777, 1777–1778 (Claims 1, 2). **LOCAL OFFICE:** St. James' Parish Vestry, Anne Arundel County, 1770–1773,