

beth. **CHILDREN.** Probably died without progeny. **PRIVATE CAREER.** **EDUCATION:** literate. **RELIGIOUS AFFILIATION:** Anglican, Coventry Parish, Somerset County. **SOCIAL STATUS AND ACTIVITIES:** Gent., by 1791; Esq., by 1793. **OCCUPATIONAL PROFILE:** probably planter. **PUBLIC CAREER.** **LEGISLATIVE SERVICE:** Lower House, Somerset County, 1779–1780 (resigned on March 23, 1780, during the 2nd session of the 1779–1780 Assembly). **LOCAL OFFICES:** justice, Somerset County, 1777–1780, 1782–1789, 1791, 1793–1796; justice, Orphans' Court, Somerset County, 1783–1789, 1791, 1794–1795, 1797; commissioner of the tax, Somerset County, appointed 1783, 1785, 1786, 1790, 1792; Coventry Parish Vestry, Somerset County, 1788–1791, 1795–1797. **MILITARY SERVICE:** captain, Watkins Point Company, Princess Anne Battalion, Somerset County Militia, commissioned 1777; captain, company of Select Militia, Somerset County, commissioned 1781. **WEALTH DURING LIFETIME.** **PERSONAL PROPERTY:** assessed value £810.0.0, including 23 slaves and 16 oz. plate, 1783; assessed value £685.0.0, including 24 slaves and 21 oz. plate, 1793. **LAND AT FIRST ELECTION:** 387 acres in Somerset County (353 acres inherited from father; 33 acres purchased). **SIGNIFICANT CHANGES IN LAND BETWEEN FIRST ELECTION AND DEATH:** owned a total of 493 acres in Somerset County, 1793. **WEALTH AT DEATH.** **DIED:** between March 6 and March 21, 1797, in Somerset County. **PERSONAL PROPERTY:** TEV, £2,336.13.7 current money (including 23 slaves, religious and law books, and items of silver); FB, £2,226.15.5. **LAND:** approximately 493 acres in Somerset County. **IDENTIFICATION PROBLEMS.** There was another John Williams in Somerset County during this time period, who died in 1788. He was married in 1736/37, and so would have been in his 60s at the time of the legislative service. He was a merchant as early as 1749, a captain by 1755, and a shipwright by 1768. In 1783 he owned 850 acres in Somerset County and personal property valued at £715.0.0. He could have been the legislator, but his advanced age and lack of any other officeholding make this seem highly improbable.

WILLIAMSON, ALEXANDER (ca. 1712–1760). **BORN:** ca. 1712 in St. Paul's Parish, Kent County. **NATIVE:** second generation. **RESIDED:** in Kent County. **FAMILY BACKGROUND.** **FATHER:** Rev. Alexander Williamson (?–1740), probably an immigrant from England who became rector of St. Paul's Parish, Kent County, on May 11, 1711.

MOTHER: Anne, widow of Rev. Stephen Bordley (ca. 1675–1709), daughter of *John Hynson* (?–1705). **UNCLES OR HALF UNCLES:** *Nathaniel Hynson* (?–ca. 1721/22); *John Hynson* (ca. 1670–1708). **AUNT OR HALF AUNT:** Sarah Hynson, who married *James Smith* (ca. 1683–1760). **BROTHERS:** John (1716–?); James. **HALF BROTHERS:** Thomas Bordley (1704–?), who married in 1727 Mary Smithers; Stephen Bordley (1709–?). **SISTERS:** Ann, who married on August 8, 1733, Charles Scott; Sarah, who married first, in June 1741, Richard Porter, a surgeon, and second, by 1762, James Ringgold. **HALF SISTER:** Mary Bordley (1707–?). **FIRST COUSIN:** Hannah Hynson (1705–?), who married *John Gresham* (ca. 1703–ca. 1752). **HALF NEPHEW:** *Stephen Bordley* (ca. 1734–1771). **OTHER KINSHIP:** great-grandfather, *Thomas Hynson* (1620–ca. 1667/68). **MARRIED** Sarah, daughter of Thomas Ringgold (1693–1728) and wife Rebecca. Sarah was the granddaughter of both *Simon Wilmer* (ca. 1656–1699) and *Thomas Ringgold* (by 1672–1711). She was the niece of *Simon Wilmer* (1686–1737); *Lambert Wilmer* (1682–1732); and Mary Ann Ringgold, who married *Thomas Smith* (ca. 1710–ca. 1741/42). Her brothers were *William Ringgold* (1723–1789), a possible legislator; *Thomas Ringgold* (1715–1772). Her sister was Rebecca. Her first cousins were *Thomas Smyth* (1730–1819); Martha Smith, who married *Emory Sudler* (1725–ca. 1797); *Simon Wilmer* (1713–ca. 1768); and Rebecca Wilmer, who married *Marmaduke Tilden* (?–1726). Her nephew was *Thomas Ringgold* (1744–1776). **CHILDREN.** **SONS:** Alexander (?–1760), who died one week before his father's death; James. **DAUGHTERS:** Ann (1732–?), who married the Rev. William Barroll, rector of St. Stephen's Church, Cecil County; Henrietta; Rebecca; and Sarah, who married *William Hemsley* (1736/37–1812). **PRIVATE CAREER.** **EDUCATION:** literate. **RELIGIOUS AFFILIATION:** probably Anglican, St. Paul's Parish, Kent County. **SOCIAL STATUS AND ACTIVITIES:** Mr. and Esq., by death. **OCCUPATIONAL PROFILE:** probably planter. **PUBLIC CAREER.** **LEGISLATIVE SERVICE:** Lower House, Kent County, 1751–1754 (Elections 3–6), 1754–1757 (Elections 1–6; Bills of Credit 4–6; elected speaker on September 30, 1756; resigned as speaker on April 13, 1757, because of illness), 1757–1758 (Elections 1. Cv, 2; Bills of Credit 1, Cv, 2), 1758–1760 (Elections Cv 1, 1, Cv 2, 2; Bills of Credit Cv 1, 1, Cv 2, 2; died prior to the 3rd session of the 1758–1761 Assembly). **WEALTH DURING LIFETIME.** **LAND AT FIRST ELECTION:** 684 acres in Kent County (220 acres inherited from