

WEALTH AT DEATH. DIED: in January 1770 at "Salisbury," Tuckahoe District, Queen Anne's County. **PERSONAL PROPERTY:** TEV, £315.1.1 current money (including 5 slaves and some books); FB, £189.9.4. **LAND:** 392 acres in Queen Anne's County. **IDENTIFICATION PROBLEMS.** There were two men named Nathaniel Wright who were eligible to represent Queen Anne's County in the 1749–1751 Assembly. The only identifying characteristic given for the legislator was that he was serving as tobacco inspector in Queen Anne's County in 1750. An extensive search of the records has failed to identify which of these men served as tobacco inspector. Therefore, two biographical profiles have been included and the same legislative service assigned to each. See also *Nathaniel Wright* (?–1794).

WRIGHT, NATHANIEL (?–1794). **BORN:** probably at "Tully's Reserve," St. Luke's Parish, Queen Anne's County. **NATIVE:** third generation. **RESIDED:** in Tuckahoe District, Queen Anne's County, 1783. **FAMILY BACKGROUND. FATHER:** *Edward Wright* (?–1740/41). **MOTHER:** Alice Clayton. **UNCLES:** *Solomon Wright* (?–1729); *William Clayton* (ca. 1682–1728/29); and *Solomon Clayton* (1685–1739). **BROTHERS:** Nathan (?–1758); Edward (?–1787). **SISTERS:** Mary Ann; Sarah; Ann; Rachel; and Dorothy Fairclough (1739–ca. 1797). **FIRST COUSINS:** *Solomon Wright* (?–1792); Margaret Finney (?–by 1767), who married first *John Edmondson* (1692–1743), and second *William Thomas* (1705–1767); and *Nathaniel Wright* (?–1770), a possible legislator. **MARRIED** Margaret (last name unknown) (?–by 1794). **PRIVATE CAREER. EDUCATION:** literate. **RELIGIOUS AFFILIATION:** Anglican, St. Paul's Parish, Queen Anne's County. **OCCUPATIONAL PROFILE:** planter, 1764. **PUBLIC CAREER. LEGISLATIVE SERVICE:** Lower House, Queen Anne's County, 1750 (elected to the 2nd session of the 1749–1751 Assembly to fill vacancy; did not attend; disqualified from serving on June 1, 1750, because he continued to act as inspector of tobacco after his election). **LOCAL OFFICES:** justice, Queen Anne's County, appointed 1746, 1749, 1751; tobacco inspector, Queen Anne's County, in office by 1750, appointed 1751 and 1753; St. Paul's Parish Vestry, Queen Anne's County, in office, 1789–1793. **WEALTH DURING LIFETIME. PERSONAL PROPERTY:** assessed value £2,205.0.0, including 23 slaves and 32 oz. plate, 1783. **LAND AT FIRST ELECTION:** 450 acres in Queen Anne's County inherited from his father. **SIGNIFICANT CHANGES IN LAND BETWEEN FIRST ELEC-**

TION AND DEATH: inherited 350 acres from brother Nathan and purchased 501 acres in Queen Anne's County, 1758–1770. **WEALTH AT DEATH. DIED:** in February 1794 in Queen Anne's County. **PERSONAL PROPERTY:** TEV, £2,036.18.10 current money (including 10 slaves, 31 oz. plate, and a parcel of books); FB, £2,012.17.8 current money. **LAND:** 1,301 acres in Queen Anne's County. **IDENTIFICATION PROBLEMS.** There were two men named Nathaniel Wright who were eligible to represent Queen Anne's County in the 1749–1751 Assembly. The only identifying characteristic given for the legislator was that he was serving as tobacco inspector in Queen Anne's County in 1750. An extensive search of the records has failed to identify which of these men served as tobacco inspector. Therefore, two biographical profiles have been included and the same legislative service assigned to each. See also *Nathaniel Wright* (?–1770).

WRIGHT, ROBERT (1752–1826). **BORN:** on November 20, 1752, probably at "Guilford," near Centreville, St. Luke's Parish, Queen Anne's County. **NATIVE:** fourth generation. **RESIDED:** at "Narborough," Corsica District, Island Hundred, Queen Anne's County, until 1801; "Blakeford," Worrell Hundred, Queen Anne's County, 1801–1826; owned a house in Chestertown, Kent County, which he used in conjunction with his other residences, from ca. 1780–1826. **FAMILY BACKGROUND. FATHER:** *Solomon Wright* (?–1792). **MOTHER:** Mary Tidmarsh. **UNCLE:** *Nathaniel Wright* (?–1770), a possible legislator. **BROTHERS:** William (1751–1783); Thomas; and Solomon (?–1832). **SISTERS:** Mary (1755–?); Ann (1757–?); and Martha (1759–?). **MARRIED** first, in 1780, Sarah DeCoursey, daughter of Col. William Coursey (1703–1769) and wife Rachel Clayton. Sarah was the stepdaughter of *Clement Sewell* (ca. 1737–1795); granddaughter of both *Henry Coursey* (1662–1707) and *Solomon Clayton* (1685–1739); niece of Elizabeth Coursey, who married *William Cumming* (ca. 1696–1752). Her brothers were *Edward DeCoursey* (ca. 1759–1827); Henry (?–ca. 1815). Her sisters were Mary; Rachel. Her half sister was Mary (Polly) Sewell, who married *Samuel Turbutt Wright* (ca. 1749–1810). **ADDITIONAL COMMENTS:** Sarah's father had a previous wife (name unknown). **MARRIED** second, (first name unknown) Ringgold, of Kent County. **CHILDREN. SONS:** Robert Theodore DeCoursey (1781–?), who married first, Deborah Thomas of Chestertown, Kent County, and second, Mary Earle, daughter