

1759–1777; register of wills, Queen Anne's County, 1777–1779; visitor, Queen Anne's School, 1775, 1781–1784; Committee of Correspondence, Queen Anne's County, elected 1774; justice, Queen Anne's County, 1768–1769, 1772–1773, 1777 (quorum, 1772, 1773); justice, Court of Oyer, Terminer and Gaol Delivery, commissioned 1770, 1774 (quorum 1770, 1774); judge, Court of Appeals, appointed under the Act to procure Troops, Queen Anne's County, appointed 1778. Commissioner of the tax, Queen Anne's County, appointed January 1782 and January 1783. MILITARY SERVICE: captain, Queen Anne's County militia; colonel, 20th Battalion of Militia, Queen Anne's County, 1776. STANDS ON PUBLIC/PRIVATE ISSUES: donated one acre of land for a schoolhouse and schoolmaster's house, 1779. WEALTH DURING LIFETIME. PERSONAL PROPERTY: assessed value £4,505.0.0, including 32 slaves and 14 oz. plate, 1783. LAND AT FIRST ELECTION: 1,963 acres in Queen Anne's County (including 1,275 acres inherited from his father and 688 acres acquired by purchase). SIGNIFICANT CHANGES IN LAND BETWEEN FIRST ELECTION AND DEATH: acquired 1,976 acres in Queen Anne's County through purchase, patent, and his wife's dower between 1765 and 1772. WEALTH AT DEATH. DIED: by January 8, 1784, in Queen Anne's County. PERSONAL PROPERTY: TEV, at least £2,475.10.9 (including 33 slaves, 33 horses, and books). LAND: 3,245 acres in Queen Anne's County.

WRIGHT, TURBUTT (ca. 1741–1790). BORN: ca. 1741, probably at "White Marsh," Queen Anne's County; eldest son. NATIVE: fourth generation. RESIDED: Wye Hundred, Queen Anne's County, 1776; 5th District, Kent County, 1783; Kent County at death. FAMILY BACKGROUND. FATHER: Maj. Nathan Wright (?–1767), of "White Marsh," Queen Anne's County, son of *Charles Wright* (?–1720). STEPFATHER: Thomas Bruff (?–ca. 1772). MOTHER: Mary (?–1773), daughter of *William Turbutt* (1683/84–1739). UNCLE: *Robert Norrest Wright* (?–ca. 1746/47). AUNTS: Anna Maria Turbutt, who married *Edward Tilghman* (1713–1785); Elizabeth Turbutt, who married *Thomas Harris* (?–1760). BROTHER: Robert (1756–?). SISTERS: Catherine (1743–?), who married by 1765 *William Bruff* (ca. 1741–1802); Mary (1746–1754). MARRIED by 1762, Elizabeth, daughter of Joseph Evans (?–1751), of Queen Anne's County, and his wife Elizabeth. Elizabeth was the stepdaughter of William Horn. PRIVATE CAREER. EDUCATION: literate. RELIGIOUS

AFFILIATION: Anglican, St. Luke's Parish, Queen Anne's County. SOCIAL STATUS AND ACTIVITIES: Gent., by 1767; Esq., at death. OCCUPATIONAL PROFILE: planter by 1767; attorney-at-law, 1785–until death. PUBLIC CAREER. LEGISLATIVE SERVICE: Lower House, Queen Anne's County, 1773–1774 (Elections 1, Cv, 2, 3; Laws to Expire 2; Claims 1, Cv, 2); Conventions, Queen Anne's County, 1st, 1774, 3rd, 1774, 4th, 1775, 5th, 1775, 6th–8th, 1775–1776, 9th, 1776 (election voided on August 16, 1776, because the freemen of Queen Anne's County appointed the election judges contrary to the resolves of the 8th Convention; reelected and seated); Senate, Eastern Shore, Term of 1776–1781: 1777 (Loan Office 1), 1777–1778, 1778 (did not attend; resigned on November 7, 1778); Lower House, Queen Anne's County, 1781 (elected to the 2nd session of the 1780–1781 Assembly to fill vacancy; speaker 2; elected speaker on June 11, 1781, to replace William Bruff; resigned as speaker on June 14, 1781, when Bruff returned; Elections 2; Public Taxes 2), 1781–1782. OTHER STATE OFFICES: clerk, Lower House, May 20, 1768, to December 20, 1769; 5th Council of Safety, Eastern Shore, 1777 (appointed on February 3, 1777, to fill vacancy). LOCAL OFFICES: register of Queen Anne's School, 1764–1773; St. Luke's Parish Vestry, in office, 1770–1772; Committee of Correspondence, Queen Anne's County, elected 1774; chairman, Committee of Observation, Queen Anne's County, elected 1776; justice, Queen Anne's County, by 1771 to ca. 1778 (quorum, by 1771–1775); justice, Court of Oyer, Terminer, and Gaol Delivery, commissioned 1770, 1771, 1774 (quorum 1770, 1771, 1774); justice, Orphans' Court, Queen Anne's County, 1777. OUT OF STATE SERVICE: delegate, Continental Congress, 1781–1782 (elected in November 1781, but did not attend until April 1782). STANDS ON PUBLIC/PRIVATE ISSUES: subscribed to a fund for establishing Washington College at Chestertown, Kent County. WEALTH DURING LIFETIME. PERSONAL PROPERTY: assessed value £1,714.0.0, including 19 slaves, 1783. LAND AT FIRST ELECTION: 2,279 acres in Queen Anne's County (bought 471 acres, inherited 798 acres from his father, and patented 1,010 acres). SIGNIFICANT CHANGES IN LAND BETWEEN FIRST ELECTION AND DEATH: sold 1,400 acres in Queen Anne's County; bought 504 acres in Kent County in 1779, but sold this acreage in 1788. ADDITIONAL COMMENTS: after 1778 Wright had no other recorded land transactions in Queen Anne's County, but he continued to serve in the Lower House from that county until 1782. After