

Baltimore County. **PRIVATE CAREER.** EDUCATION: literate; may have entered the College of New Jersey (later Princeton University) in 1774, but was a nongraduate. **RELIGIOUS AFFILIATION:** Anglican. **OCCUPATIONAL PROFILE:** owned 5 mill seats and races and probably a sawmill; his inventory included "2,600 ft. of pine plank for decking vessels"; first president of the Baltimore branch of the Bank of the United States, established in February 1792; stockholder in the Havre de Grace Company, established ca. 1795. **PUBLIC CAREER.** LEGISLATIVE SERVICE: Lower House, Somerset County, 1784 (resigned on December 6, 1784); Senate, Eastern Shore, Term of 1781-1786: 1784 (elected on December 4, 1784, to fill vacancy; qualified on December 6, 1784), 1785, Term of 1786-1791: 1786-1787, 1787-1788, 1788, 1789, 1790. **OTHER STATE OFFICE:** Constitution Ratification Convention, Somerset County, 1788. **LOCAL OFFICES:** justice, Somerset County, commissioned 1785 and 1786; justice, Orphans' Court, Somerset County, commissioned 1785 and 1786, Cecil County, commissioned 1799. **OUT OF STATE SERVICE:** representative, U. S. Congress, 1789-1791; appointed supervisor of distilled liquors for the district of Maryland by President Washington, 1791. **WEALTH DURING LIFETIME.** PERSONAL PROPERTY: 15 slaves, 1783; assessed value £615.0.0, including 25 slaves, 1793-1795. **LAND AT FIRST ELECTION:** at least 799 acres in Somerset County, 1783. **SIGNIFICANT CHANGES IN LAND BETWEEN FIRST ELECTION AND DEATH:** sold all of his land in Somerset County, at least 842 acres, by ca. 1796; purchased 2,831 acres in Cecil County, of which 1,050 acres were mortgaged, plus ca. 55 acres of lots in Havre de Grace, Cecil County, 1795-1800; sold 1,088 acres and mortgaged an additional 625 acres in Cecil County, and sold his lots in Harve de Grace, Cecil County, 1800-1815. **WEALTH AT DEATH.** DIED: on January 2, 1815, in Cecil County; buried in St. Mark's (Episcopal) churchyard, Aiken, Cecil County. **PERSONAL PROPERTY:** TEV, \$8,806.35 (including more than 20 slaves); FB, \$479.78. **LAND:** possibly 1,743 acres in Cecil County, of which 625 acres were mortgaged. **ADDITIONAL COMMENTS:** Gale's estate was not settled until 1840. Some real and personal property was sold to settle debts, and some debts were assumed by his son Levin prior to 1835. A large tract of land that remained as part of the estate was sold in 1838 to settle the combined estates of Gale and his son Levin.

**GALE, JOHN** (?-ca. 1744). BORN: by 1712 in

Somerset County; probably third son. **NATIVE:** second generation. **RESIDED:** in Somerset County (probably in that section that later became part of Wicomico County). **FAMILY BACKGROUND.** FATHER: *George Gale* (1671-1712). MOTHER: Betty (1674-1736). BROTHERS: *Levin Gale* (ca. 1704-1744); *George Gale* (?-ca. 1772); and Matthias (?-1748). NEPHEW: *Levin Gale* (ca. 1730-1791). **OTHER KINSHIP:** his great-nephew was *George Gale* (1756-1815). **ADDITIONAL COMMENTS:** his father's first wife was probably Mildred (?-1701), widow of Lawrence Washington (1650-1698), and the daughter of Col. Augustine Warner, of Gloucester County, Virginia. She was the grandmother of George Washington (1731/32-1799). **MARRIED** his first cousin Milcah (Mileah, Miliiah), daughter of Henry Hill, a mariner of Anne Arundel and Dorchester counties, and wife Mary Denwood; stepdaughter of Sarah; granddaughter of both *Richard Hill* (ca. 1640-1700) and Levin Denwood; niece of *Joseph Hill* (ca. 1670-1724). Milcah subsequently married Rev. Thomas Airey, rector of Christ Church, Cambridge, Dorchester County. Her brothers were Joseph; Richard, who married Deborah; and Levin, who married Elizabeth. Her sisters were Mary Gillespie, who married Ezekiel Gilliss; Priscilla, who married Caleb Dorsey. **CHILDREN.** SONS: George (ca. 1731-1765), who married on January 30, 1750, his step-sister Elizabeth (?-1799), daughter of Rev. Thomas Airey and wife Elizabeth Pitt; Henry (ca. 1740-?); and Levin (ca. 1743-?). **DAUGHTERS:** Mary (ca. 1734-by 1790), who married *Samuel Wilson* (1735-1790); Betty (ca. 1737-?). **PRIVATE CAREER.** EDUCATION: literate. **RELIGIOUS AFFILIATION:** Protestant. His father was an Anglican; his mother and wife were Quakers. He specified in his will that his sons were to be raised as Anglicans. **SOCIAL STATUS AND ACTIVITIES:** Gent., 1733. **OCCUPATIONAL PROFILE:** merchant; probably a planter. **PUBLIC CAREER.** LEGISLATIVE SERVICE: Lower House, Somerset County, 1739-1741 (Bills of Credit 3). **LOCAL OFFICE:** justice, Somerset County, commissioned 1738. **MILITARY SERVICE:** captain, by 1741. **WEALTH DURING LIFETIME.** PERSONAL PROPERTY: his wife's dower was £48.0.0. **LAND AT FIRST ELECTION:** ca. 1,872 acres in Somerset, Queen Anne's, Calvert, and Baltimore counties (ca. 988 acres inherited; ca. 884 acres purchased at public auction). **SIGNIFICANT CHANGES IN LAND BETWEEN FIRST ELECTION AND DEATH:** sold 287 acres in Queen Anne's County in 1740; purchased and patented ca. 566 acres in Somerset County, 1741-1742. **WEALTH AT DEATH.** DIED: in Somerset County; administration