

Gale (?–1801), son of *Levin Gale* (ca. 1730–1791). **PRIVATE CAREER.** EDUCATION: literate. RELIGIOUS AFFILIATION: Anglican, Somerset Parish, Somerset County. SOCIAL STATUS AND ACTIVITIES: Gent., by 1779; Esq., by 1783. OCCUPATIONAL PROFILE: merchant by 1770, in partnership with *Levin Gale* (ca. 1730–1791) and *John Stewart* (?–ca. 1794) between at least 1774 and 1787; part owner of a brig in 1794. **PUBLIC CAREER.** LEGISLATIVE SERVICE: 4th Convention, Somerset County, 1775; Lower House, Somerset County, 1777 (elected on March 19, 1777, after the election of the original county delegation was declared void by the House), 1778–1779 (Claims 1), 1780–1781, 1782–1783 (Claims 2; Manufactories 2), 1783. LOCAL OFFICES: churchwarden, Somerset Parish, Somerset County, in office 1776 and 1785; Somerset Parish Vestry, Somerset County, 1779–1782, 1786–1791; justice, Somerset County, 1778–1794; judge, Court of Appeals, appointed under the Act to Procure Troops for the American Army, Somerset County, appointed 1778; commissioner of the tax, Somerset County, appointed 1779; subscription officer, Continental Loan Office, Somerset County, appointed 1779; commissary for purchases, Somerset County, appointed 1780; justice, Orphans' Court, Somerset County, 1780–at least 1789; judge, Court of Appeals for Tax Assessment, Somerset County, appointed 1786; trustee, Washington Academy, Somerset County, 1779–1794. MILITARY SERVICE: commissioned 1st lieutenant, Back Creek Company, Somerset County, 1777. STANDS ON PUBLIC/PRIVATE ISSUES: subscriber to Washington College. **WEALTH DURING LIFETIME.** PERSONAL PROPERTY: assessed value £1,942.0.0, including 49 slaves and 82 oz. plate, 1783; his wife Elizabeth inherited the entire personal estate of her brother *Levin Wilson* (1735–1791); assessed value £3,655.0.0, including 160 slaves and 172 oz. plate, 1793. LAND AT FIRST ELECTION: 471 acres in Somerset County, 1774. SIGNIFICANT CHANGES IN LAND BETWEEN FIRST ELECTION AND DEATH: wife inherited 897 acres in Somerset County from her brother, George Wilson, in 1779; wife and children inherited the estate of *Levin Wilson* (1735–1791), consisting of ca. 2,730 acres of land in Somerset County, 1791. **WEALTH AT DEATH.** DIED: between January and March 1794, in Somerset County. PERSONAL PROPERTY: requested no appraisal of estate. LAND: ca. 3,775 acres in Somerset County.

JACOB, JOHN JEREMIAH (1757–1839). BORN: in 1757. IMMIGRATED/NATIVE: unknown. RE-

SIDED: with Capt. Michael Cresap (1742–1775) and his family in Washington County, from age 15 in 1772 until his military service was over in 1781; Skipton Hundred, Washington County, 1781 to 1785; Hampshire County, Virginia, 1785 until death. MARRIED first, in 1781, Mary Whitehead, originally from Philadelphia, widow of Capt. Michael Cresap (1742–1775). MARRIED second, on July 4, 1821, Susan McDevot. CHILDREN. SON: John Jeremiah, a minor in 1833. STEPSONS: Michael Cresap, Jr.; James M. Cresap, who married Mary. DAUGHTER: Julia Ann. STEPSAUGHTERS: Mary Cresap, who married *Luther Martin* (1748–1826); Elizabeth, who married Lenox Martin, Esq., a lawyer and justice from Allegany County; and Sarah, who married Osborn Sprigg. **PRIVATE CAREER.** EDUCATION: author of “Biographical Sketch of the Life of the Late Captain Michael Cresap,” written in 1826 as an answer to Thomas Jefferson’s charges that Cresap was infamous as an Indian murderer. RELIGIOUS AFFILIATION: Methodist. OCCUPATIONAL PROFILE: Methodist minister; possibly planter. **PUBLIC CAREER.** LEGISLATIVE SERVICE: Lower House, Washington County, 1783. MILITARY SERVICE: ensign with a company of the Flying Camp from the Skipton District, Washington County, July 1, 1776; commissioned 2nd lieutenant with the 6th Maryland Regiment, regular army, December 10, 1776; commissioned 1st lieutenant, October 10, 1777; captain by January 1781. STANDS ON PUBLIC/PRIVATE ISSUES: provided in his will for the manumission of a slave, giving him the choice of being sent to Liberia at the estate’s expense, or being free in any state; provided in his will for a perpetual annuity to be paid the Methodist itinerant preacher at Skipton. **WEALTH DURING LIFETIME.** PERSONAL PROPERTY: assessed value £422.0.0, including 9 slaves and 80 oz. plate, 1783; wife inherited £738.5.5 from her first husband’s estate, 1790. ANNUAL INCOME: paid \$125.00 annually from a Revolutionary War pension, plus an additional unknown sum, equal to half pay for a 1st lieutenant, from 1811 until death; received extensive rents and profits from his land in Maryland and Virginia. LAND AT FIRST ELECTION: ca. 2,700 acres in Washington County, as well as control of an additional 348 acres belonging to Capt. Michael Cresap’s (1742–1775) estate. SIGNIFICANT CHANGES IN LAND BETWEEN FIRST ELECTION AND DEATH: patented ca. 2,100 acres, most in Allegany County but some in Baltimore, Garrett, and Carroll counties, between 1790 and 1834; purchased a total of 150 acres in Allegany County between 1811 and 1832, and