

FILE: merchant; land speculator. Wilson owned a mercantile house in Baltimore Town with his brother-in-law Gerard Hopkins, which was trading as Wilson & Hopkins by 1780 and as Wilson, Hopkins, & Moore by 1781. With Hopkins he also bought, leased, sold, and sublet lots in Baltimore Town and Fell's Point during the 1780s. By 1787 Wilson owned a brigantine and one-half interest in a schooner, as well as an interest in a wharf and warehouse on Fell's Point. Over-extended financially and unable to cover bonds given in 1786, Wilson and Hopkins petitioned for relief as insolvent debtors in 1787 and subsequently lost their real and personal property. Wilson was jailed for debt in 1796, but by 1800 was again described as being a "merchant of Baltimore." **PUBLIC CAREER.** LEGISLATIVE SERVICE: 9th Convention, Harford County, 1776; Lower House, Harford County, 1777–1778, 1778–1779 (Claims 3, Manufactories 1), Baltimore Town, 1781–1782 (Claims 1, 2; Manufactories 1, 2). LOCAL OFFICES: Committee of Observation, Harford County, September 1775—at least May 1777; justice, Baltimore County, 1782, 1783. MILITARY SERVICE: captain, company of Harford County Militia belonging to the 23rd Battalion, commissioned May 16, 1776. **WEALTH DURING LIFETIME.** PERSONAL PROPERTY: 6 slaves, 1 servant, 1776. **ADDITIONAL COMMENTS:** By 1786 Wilson and his partner, Gerard Hopkins, owed at least £2,645.0.0 current money to *William West* (ca. 1737–1791), William Haxall, and "Charles Carroll Esq. & Co. in Ironworks." **LAND AT FIRST ELECTION:** 238 acres in Harford County, plus 1 lot in Baltimore Town (all by recent purchase). **SIGNIFICANT CHANGES IN LAND BETWEEN FIRST ELECTION AND DEATH:** sold the 238 acres in Harford County by 1779 and began buying lots in Baltimore Town with Gerard Hopkins. By 1787 the two had acquired by purchase or lease 17 lots and 95 acres in and adjoining Baltimore Town and Fell's Point, and subdivided their land near Pitt and Greene streets, Baltimore Town. Although they attempted to cover their debts by mortgaging part of their property in 1787, by early 1788 they were forced to turn all of it over to their trustee for sale under the provisions of the Act for Insolvent Debtors. Wilson's father had given and sold him 636 acres in Harford County in 1782. At least part of this land was deeded to *William West* (ca. 1737–1791) in 1786, and since Wilson owned no land in Harford County in 1798 all of it had probably been sold to pay his creditors. **WEALTH AT DEATH.** DIED: on September 3,

1800, of the "prevailing fever" at Fell's Point, Baltimore City. **LAND:** probably none.

**WILSON, JOSIAH** (?–1717). **BORN:** in Calvert County; probably eldest son. **NATIVE:** second generation. **RESIDED:** in Calvert County; Prince George's County by 1702; Anne Arundel County by 1705; and Prince George's County by 1708. **FAMILY BACKGROUND.** **FATHER:** probably James Wilson, who immigrated in 1652 and was a Calvert County planter. **MARRIED** ca. 1699 Martha, daughter of *George Lingan* (?–1708). Her brother was Thomas. Her sisters were Anne, who married Edward Boteler; Katherine, who married Henry Boteler. **CHILDREN.** **SONS:** Josiah; Lingan; James; Joseph; and Joshua. **DAUGHTER:** Martha. **PRIVATE CAREER.** **EDUCATION:** literate. **RELIGIOUS AFFILIATION:** Protestant. **SOCIAL STATUS AND ACTIVITIES:** no title before 1698; sons sat on St. Paul's Parish Vestry. Prince George's County, but held no other offices. **OCCUPATIONAL PROFILE:** planter; merchant. **PUBLIC CAREER.** LEGISLATIVE SERVICE: Lower House, Prince George's County, 1715 (Elections and Privileges), 1716–1717 (Elections and Privileges 1, 2; died before the 3rd session of the 1716–1718 Assembly). **LOCAL OFFICES:** justice, Calvert County, 1698–1700, Prince George's County, 1714–1716; sheriff, Prince George's County, 1702–1705, 1708–1711, Anne Arundel County, 1705–1708; alderman, Annapolis, 1708. **MILITARY SERVICE:** captain, by 1698; major, by 1703. **STANDS ON PUBLIC/PRIVATE ISSUES:** opposed Revolution of Protestant Associators, 1689. **WEALTH DURING LIFETIME.** **LAND AT FIRST ELECTION:** 1,246 acres in 1706. **WEALTH AT DEATH.** DIED: between November 11 and December 5, 1717. **PERSONAL PROPERTY:** TEV, £1,328.15.1 (including 5 servants and 22 slaves); FB, £250.2.6. **LAND:** 3,268 acres.

**WILSON, LEVIN** (1735–1791). **BORN:** in 1735 in Somerset County; eldest son. **NATIVE:** third generation. **RESIDED:** Great Annessex Hundred, District 4, Somerset County, 1783. **FAMILY BACKGROUND.** **FATHER:** Samuel Wilson (?–1748), a captain and shipowner of Somerset County. **MOTHER:** Martha, daughter of Levin Woolford (1683–1721) and wife Sarah Jones. **UNCLE:** *David Wilson* (1704–1750). **AUNT:** Mary Woolford (?–1780), who married *Henry Waggaman* (?–ca. 1761). **BROTHERS:** Thomas (1737–ca. 1766); George (1739–1779); and Samuel (1747–?). **SISTER:** Elizabeth (1745–?), who married *Henry Jackson* (?–