

1794). FIRST COUSINS: *Samuel Wilson* (1735–1790); and *Henry Waggaman* (1753–1809). MARRIED on May 21, 1771, Sarah Stoughton (1753–?), daughter of Thomas Sloss (?–1797) and wife Mary Stoughton (1724–?). Sarah was the granddaughter of *William Stoughton* (1692–1759). Her sisters were Ann Stoughton (1751–?), who married in 1768 the Rev. Edward Gantt, M.D. (ca. 1741–1837), son of *Thomas Gantt* (ca. 1710–1785); and Mary Stoughton (1765–1822), who married *Levin Winder* (1757–1819). CHILDREN. DAUGHTER: Ann (1773–?). PRIVATE CAREER. EDUCATION: literate. RELIGIOUS AFFILIATION: Presbyterian, Manokin Presbyterian Church, Somerset County, until 1769; membership terminated in 1769; marriage and daughter's birth were recorded in Somerset Parish register (Anglican), 1771, 1773. SOCIAL STATUS AND ACTIVITIES: Gent., by 1773. OCCUPATIONAL PROFILE: probably planter. PUBLIC CAREER. LEGISLATIVE SERVICE: Lower House, Somerset County, 1777–1778. LOCAL OFFICES: elder, Manokin Presbyterian Church, Somerset County, 1762, 1769; justice, Somerset County Court, 1777–1785; justice, Orphans' Court, Somerset County, 1778–1783; commissioner of the tax, Somerset County, appointed 1777, 1779, 1781, 1782. WEALTH DURING LIFETIME. PERSONAL PROPERTY: assessed value £3,208.0.0, including 88 slaves and 102 oz. plate, 1783. LAND AT FIRST ELECTION: 1,696 acres in Somerset County (acquired by inheritance, purchase, and patent). SIGNIFICANT CHANGES IN LAND BETWEEN FIRST ELECTION AND DEATH: inherited 1,086 acres after the deaths of his two brothers, Thomas and George, and purchased 33 acres, all in Somerset County. WEALTH AT DEATH. DIED: between June 12 and November 8, 1791, in Somerset County. PERSONAL PROPERTY: size of estate unknown. LAND: at least 2,815 acres in Somerset County. ADDITIONAL COMMENTS: His principal heirs were his sister Elizabeth, wife of *Henry Jackson* (?–1794), and their children.

WILSON, SAMUEL (1735–1790). BORN: in 1735 in Manokin Hundred, Somerset County. NATIVE: third generation. RESIDED: at "Great Hope," in Manokin Hundred, Somerset County, one-half mile from Washington Academy, which was erected on his plantation. FAMILY BACKGROUND. FATHER: *David Wilson* (1704–1750). MOTHER: Betty (?–by 1747). STEPMOTHER: by 1747, Abigail (?–1764), widow of William Waters (?–1732/33). BROTHERS: Ephraim (1726–1778); David (1737–?); Denwood (1740–1803); and James (?–1810). STEPBROTHER: Richard Waters. SISTERS: Betty;

Ann; and Esther. STEPSISTERS: Elizabeth Waters; Sarah Waters. FIRST COUSIN: *Levin Wilson* (1735–1791). NIECES: Henrietta Wilson (?–1835), who married *Arnold Elzey* (ca. 1758–1818); Esther Wilson, who married *William Morris* (?–ca. 1799). MARRIED first, in 1760, Peggy (Margaret) (?–by 1765), daughter of Col. John Custis V (?–1747) and wife Anne Kendall of Accomack County, Virginia. Her brothers were John (?–by 1760); Hancock (?–by 1760). MARRIED second, ca. 1765, Mary (ca. 1734–by 1790), daughter of *John Gale* (?–ca. 1744) and wife Milcah Hill. Mary was the stepdaughter of the Rev. Thomas Airey and the niece of both *Levin Gale* (ca. 1704–1744) and *George Gale* (?–ca. 1772). Her brothers were Henry (ca. 1740–?); Levin (ca. 1743–?); and George (ca. 1731–1765). Her sister was Betty (ca. 1737–?). Her first cousin was *Levin Gale* (ca. 1730–1791). Her nephew was *John Gale* (1753–1813). Her niece was Milcah Gale (1751–1780), who married *Robert Harrison* (1740–1802). CHILDREN. SONS: John Custis, who married in 1807 Elizabeth, daughter of *Peregrine Tilghman* (ca. 1741–1807); Samuel. DAUGHTER: Milcah Gale. PRIVATE CAREER. EDUCATION: literate. RELIGIOUS AFFILIATION: Presbyterian, Manokin Presbyterian Church, Somerset County. SOCIAL STATUS AND ACTIVITIES: Gent., by 1768; Esq., by 1790. OCCUPATIONAL PROFILE: planter; attorney; owned sawmills by 1790. PUBLIC CAREER. LEGISLATIVE SERVICE: Lower House, Somerset County, 1757–1758, 1758–1761 (Public Offices Cv 1, 1), 1765–1766 (Bills of Credit 2; Public Offices 3, 4; Laws to Expire 4), 1768–1770 (Laws to Expire 2; Claims 2), 1773–1774 (Claims 1); 3rd Convention, Somerset County, 1774; Senate, Eastern Shore, Term of 1776–1781: 1777, 1777–1778, 1778–1779, 1779 (did not attend; resigned from the 1779–1780 Assembly on November 8, 1779). ADDITIONAL COMMENT: During the November–December 1758 session of the 1758–1761 Assembly, Wilson made a bitter verbal attack on Philip Hammond, a fellow House member. After not being allowed to explain or justify his words, Wilson refused to ask the pardon of Hammond, saying that "Mr. Hammond was a Person of so very infamous a Character, and guilty of so many Vices, that he could not suffer his Lips to belie his Heart. . . ." The House, in an act of censure, ordered Wilson committed to the custody of the sergeant at arms on December 12, 1758. The censure was renewed by the House on December 18, 1758, and again on April 6, 1759. A motion to expel Wilson so that "the county may have benefit of being Repre-