

County, 1773. **WEALTH AT DEATH.** DIED: on November 6, 1775, in Frederick County; killed in an accident at his sawmill; buried in a vault near his house, but later interred in the graveyard of Zion Church in Hagerstown. **LAND:** at least 5,000 acres in Frederick County, plus 5 lots in Hagerstown.

HALL, AQUILA (ACQUILA) (1727–1779). BORN: in 1727 in Baltimore County; younger surviving son. NATIVE: fourth generation. RESIDED: in Baltimore County (later became part of Harford County). **FAMILY BACKGROUND.** FATHER: Aquila Hall (1699–1728), of “Cranberry Hall,” Baltimore County; son of *John Hall* (ca. 1658–1737). GUARDIAN AND UNCLE: *John Hall* (1701–1774). MOTHER: Johanna Kemp (?–1735), widow of *James Phillips* (?–1720). BROTHERS: John (1722–1768), of Swantown, Baltimore County, who married Cordelia Holland; Aquila (1724–1724); and Aquila (1725–1725). SISTER: Martha (1725–1725). FIRST COUSINS: *John Hall, Jr.* (1737–1770); *Josias Carvil Hall* (1746–1814); *Benedict Edward Hall* (ca. 1744–1822); Martha Hall, who married *Walter Tolley* (?–1783); Martha Hall, who married *John Rumsey* (ca. 1742–1828); Mary Hall, who married *Benjamin Rumsey* (1734–1808); and Blanche Hall, who married *John Beale Howard* (by 1739–1799). NIECE: Susannah Hall, who married *James Heath* (?–1766). MARRIED in 1750 his cousin Sophia (?–1780), daughter of Col. Thomas White (1705–1774), of Philadelphia, and wife Sophia Hall (1709/10–?); stepdaughter of Esther Hewlings Newman; granddaughter of *John Hall* (ca. 1658–1737); niece of *John Hall* (1701–1774). Her half brother was William White (1748–1836), first Protestant Episcopal bishop of the diocese of Pennsylvania. Her sisters were Mary (?–1827), who married Robert Morris (1734–1806), a merchant of Philadelphia, financier of the American Revolution, member of the Continental Congress from 1776 to 1778, signer of the Declaration of Independence, member of the Pennsylvania assembly from 1778 to 1780 and from 1785 to 1787, member of the U.S. Senate from 1789 to 1795, founder of the Bank of North America; Sarah Charlotte. Her first cousins were Martha Hall, who married *Walter Tolley* (?–1783); *Aquila Hall* (1727–1779); *John Hall, Jr.* (1737–1770); *Benedict Edward Hall* (ca. 1744–1822); *Josias Carvil Hall* (1746–1814); Martha Hall, who married *John Rumsey* (ca. 1742–1828); Mary Hall, who married *Benjamin Rumsey* (1734–1808); and Blanche Hall, who married *John Beale Howard* (by 1739–1799). CHILDREN. SONS: Thomas (1750–1804), a lawyer, who married Isabella Presbury; James White

(1754–1808); Aquila (1754–1754); William (1756–1818); John (1762–1804), who never married; Edward (1763–?); and Benedict (1771–?). DAUGHTERS: Charlotte (1758–1838), who married *Nathaniel Ramsay* (1741–1817); Mary (1760–?), who married Richard K. Heath; Sophia (1765–?), who married *Philip Key* (1750–1820); Martha (1768–?), who married John McHenry, of Allegany County; and Elizabeth (1770–?). **PRIVATE CAREER.** EDUCATION: literate. RELIGIOUS AFFILIATION: Anglican, St. George’s Parish, Harford County. SOCIAL STATUS AND ACTIVITIES: Mr., 1773; Esq., 1779. OCCUPATIONAL PROFILE: merchant, in partnership with Michael Gilbert in Bushtown, Harford County, 1771–1776; planter; mill owner. **PUBLIC CAREER.** LEGISLATIVE SERVICE: Lower House, Baltimore County, 1770 (elected to the 3rd session to fill vacancy; Accounts 3), 1773, (resigned during or after the 2nd session to become a representative from Harford County); Lower House, Harford County, 1774 (elected to the 3rd session to represent the newly formed county); Conventions, Harford County, 1st, 1774 (appointed, but did not attend), 2nd–3rd, 1774, 6th–8th, 1775–1776; Lower House, Harford County, 1777–1778 (Manufactories 2). LOCAL OFFICES: justice, Baltimore County, 1757–1762, 1769–1773 (quorum, 1769–1773), Harford County, 1774–1779 (quorum, 1774–1779); sheriff, Baltimore County, 1762–1763 (resigned); Committee of Observation, Harford County, elected 1774; county lieutenant, Harford County, appointed 1777. **MILITARY SERVICE:** organized a militia company and was elected captain, 1775; colonel, 1776. STANDS ON PUBLIC/PRIVATE ISSUES: signed the Bush Declaration on March 22, 1775. **WEALTH DURING LIFETIME.** PERSONAL PROPERTY: The firm of Hall & Gilbert was indebted to Christopher Court, a London merchant, for £480.3.10 by 1776. Hall was personally indebted to Court for £1,282.5.9 by 1776, but the amount was contested by Hall’s heirs and remained unpaid until at least 1807. **LAND AT FIRST ELECTION:** 882 acres in Baltimore County. SIGNIFICANT CHANGES IN LAND BETWEEN FIRST ELECTION AND DEATH: purchased 356.5 acres in Baltimore County by 1770; his wife inherited a life estate to more than 3,200 acres in Harford County from her father in 1774, but the land was entailed to her children. **WEALTH AT DEATH.** DIED: will probated on April 10, 1779, in Harford County. PERSONAL PROPERTY: mentioned 32 slaves in his will. **LAND:** 1,233.75 acres in Baltimore and Harford counties, plus land in Frederick County.