

Ruth, daughter of *Mordecai Jacob* (1714–1771); Thomas Henry (1744–1788), who married Barbara Bowie, who subsequently married *Ignatius Taylor* (?–1807); and William (1748–?). SISTER: Mary (1724/25–?). STEPSISTERS: Elizabeth (1739–?); Martha (1741–1747); Margaret (1746–?), who married *Richard Harwood* (1738–1826); Mary (1752–1771); and Martha (1755–?). FIRST COUSIN: *Stephen West* (1727–1790). MARRIED on August 23, 1767, Eleanor (ca. 1739–1805), daughter of Richard Dorsey (1714–1760), of Anne Arundel County, and wife Elizabeth (1711–ca. 1776); granddaughter of *John Beale* (?–1734); niece of both *Edward Dorsey* (1718–1760) and Mary Dorsey (1725–ca. 1787), who married *John Ridgely* (?–1771). Her brothers were Caleb, who married Mary Rutland; Richard; and Edward. Her sisters were Mary (?–1816), who married *John Weems* (1727–1794); Anne, who married Benjamin Beall; Elizabeth, who married first, (first name unknown) MacGoway, and second, Elijah Harrison. Her first cousins were *Thomas Dorsey* (?–1790); *Harry Dorsey Gough* (ca. 1745–1808); *Charles Ridgely, of John* (?–ca. 1787); Eleanor Dorsey (ca. 1739–1805), who married *Upton Sherdine* (1740–1800); Achsah Dorsey (1746–1799), who married *Ephraim Howard* (1745–1788); Rebecca Dorsey (1739–1812), who married *Charles Ridgely* (1733–1790); Deborah Ridgely (1749–1817), who married *John Sterett* (1750/51–1787); and Mary Ridgely (?–1804), who married *Benjamin Nicholson* (?–1792). CHILDREN. Died without progeny. PRIVATE CAREER. EDUCATION: received legal training. RELIGIOUS AFFILIATION: Anglican, St. Anne's Parish, Anne Arundel County. SOCIAL STATUS AND ACTIVITIES: Esq., by 1754. OCCUPATIONAL PROFILE: lawyer, admitted to the following courts: Prince George's County in June 1752; Charles County in March 1753; Provincial Court in April 1753; Anne Arundel County in November 1754; Chancery Court by February 1761; Frederick County Court in August 1763. He appeared as an attorney in the Anne Arundel County Court over 300 times between 1754 and 1768. PUBLIC CAREER. LEGISLATIVE SERVICE: Lower House, St. Mary's County, 1762–1763 (Elections 1, 2; Grievances 1, 2; Public Offices 1), Annapolis, 1765–1766 (elected to the 2nd session to fill vacancy; Public Offices 2–4; Grievances 4; Laws to Expire 4), 1768–1770 (Public Offices 2, 3; Elections 3), 1771 (Elections), Anne Arundel County, 1773–1774 (Elections 1, Cv, 2, 3; Public Offices 1, Cv, 2, 3); Conventions, Anne Arundel County, 1st, 1774, 2nd–3rd, 1774 (chairman 3rd), 4th, 1775, 5th, 1775, 9th, 1776 (Elected to fill va-

cancy); Lower House, Anne Arundel County, 1777 (Elections 1; Grievances 1, 2; Laws to Expire 1), 1777–1778 (Elections 1, 2; Grievances 1; Manufactories 1; resigned on June 9, 1778), 1778–1779 (Elections 1; Grievances 1, 3), 1779–1780 (Elections 1; Grievances 1), 1780–1781, 1781–1782 (Grievances 1, 2), 1782–1783 (Grievances 1, 2), 1783 (Grievances), 1784 (Grievances), 1785; Senate, Western Shore, Term of 1786–1791: 1786–1787, 1787–1788, 1788, 1789, 1790, Term of 1791–1796: 1791–1792, 1792, 1793, 1794, 1795. OTHER STATE OFFICE: Council of Safety, Western Shore, 2nd, 1776, 3rd 1776, 4th, 1776, 5th, 1776–1777. LOCAL OFFICES: recorder, Annapolis, in office 1766; St. Anne's Parish Vestry, Anne Arundel County, in office 1769–1772. OUT OF STATE SERVICE: delegate, Continental Congress, 1774 (elected in December 1774, but no meetings of Congress were held), 1775 (elected in April 1775 and August 1775; resigned on December 9, 1775), 1779 (elected in December 1779, but did not attend), 1783 (elected on December 9, 1783, to fill vacancy, but did not attend; resigned by March 8, 1784, because of poor health). STANDS ON PUBLIC/PRIVATE ISSUES: he was allied with *Matthias Hammond* (1740–1786) and *Rezin Hammond* (1745–1809) in a radical coalition of the Popular Party, 1774–1776. He voted to exempt military personnel from the General Assembly in 1777 because of his belief in the complete separation of the legislative and executive branches of government. Because the executive controlled the military, Hall believed that there was the potential for conflict of interest. WEALTH DURING LIFETIME. PERSONAL PROPERTY: assessed value £1,270.0.0, including 27 slaves and 60 oz. plate, 1783. Throughout his career Hall held a number of mortgages on land and personal property. LAND AT FIRST ELECTION: 317 acres in St. Mary's and Anne Arundel counties, plus 3.5 lots in Annapolis (probably all by purchase). SIGNIFICANT CHANGES IN LAND BETWEEN FIRST ELECTION AND DEATH: owned and leased out at least 2 additional lots in Annapolis; increased his home plantation on the south side of the Severn River to over 880 acres (ca. 660 acres of which he acquired through his marriage); bought a 5,400-acre tract in Frederick County from the estate of his brother *Henry Hall* (1727–1770) in 1772, and sold off at least 3,800 acres of it during the next 25 years; acquired 670 acres in Anne Arundel County from a default on a mortgage he held. WEALTH AT DEATH. DIED: on March 8, 1797, at "Vineyard," Anne Arundel County. PERSONAL PROPERTY: TEV, £5,811.19.5 current money (including 31