

Eleanor Dorsey (ca. 1739–1805), who married **John Hall** (1729–1797); Mary Dorsey (?–1816), who married **John Weems** (1727–1794); Elizabeth Dorsey (?–ca. 1811), who married **Richard Ridgely** (1755–1824); **Charles Ridgely, of John** (ca. 1749–1786); Deborah Ridgely (1749–1807), who married **John Sterett** (1750/51–1787); and Mary Ridgely (?–1804), who married **Benjamin Nicholson** (?–1792). Her niece was Ann Worthington (1760–1809), who married **John Cradock** (ca. 1749–1794). **CHILDREN. SONS:** Thomas (1763–1796); John (1765–?). **DAUGHTERS:** Katherine (1758–1803), who married Robert North Carnan (1756–1836); Eleanor (1760–?); Frances (1767–?), who married in 1786 Nicholas Owings; and Rebecca (1770–?), who married in 1795 Bazabel Wells. **PRIVATE CAREER. EDUCATION:** literate. **RELIGIOUS AFFILIATION:** Anglican. **OCCUPATIONAL PROFILE:** planter by 1757; farmer at death. **PUBLIC CAREER. LEGISLATIVE SERVICE:** Lower House, Baltimore County, 1769 (elected to the 2nd session of the 1768–1770 Assembly, did not attend; election of county delegation declared void November 30, 1769, because of misconduct of sheriff), 1771; Conventions, Baltimore County, 1st, 1774, 4th, 1775 (elected, but did not attend). **LOCAL OFFICES:** churchwarden, St. Thomas' Parish, Baltimore County, 1758; St. Thomas' Parish Vestry, Baltimore County, 1763–1765; Committee of Observation, Soldier's Delight Hundred, Baltimore County, elected 1774; Committee of Correspondence, Baltimore County, by 1774—in office 1776. **WEALTH DURING LIFETIME. PERSONAL PROPERTY:** assessed value £393.0.0, including 9 slaves, Back River Upper Hundred only, 1783; 9 slaves, Back River Upper Hundred only, 1790. **LAND AT FIRST ELECTION:** 844 acres in Baltimore County (504 acres from father and Talbot heirs; 340 acres acquired through marriage). **SIGNIFICANT CHANGES IN LAND BETWEEN FIRST ELECTION AND DEATH:** leased 116 acres in Baltimore County, by 1783. **WEALTH AT DEATH. DIED:** will probated April 14, 1792, in Baltimore County. **LAND:** 844 acres, plus 116 acres held on lease, all in Baltimore County.

ROBERTS, JOHN, JR. (1754–1801). **BORN:** in 1754 in Talbot County; third son of father. **NATIVE:** at least second generation. **RESIDED:** in District 2, Talbot County. **FAMILY BACKGROUND. FATHER:** Thomas Roberts (?–1769) of Talbot County, a planter. **MOTHER:** Rebeckah (Rebecca). **BROTHERS:** James (?–by 1768); Thomas; and Edward (ca. 1758–1810), who married first,

Anne, and second, Mary. **SISTERS:** Susannah, who married in 1750 Solomon Armstrong; Rebeckah (?–by 1768), who married (first name unknown) Blake; Elizabeth, who married Jacob Kirby; Mary, who married Nathan Besswick; and Nancy (ca. 1763–ca. 1770). **ADDITIONAL COMMENT:** Some of Robert's brothers and sisters may have been his half siblings by a previous marriage of his father. **MARRIED** first, by 1785, Mary (?–by 1797). **MARRIED** second, ca. 1798, Sarah (?–1826), widow of John Turner (?–1797) of Talbot County. **CHILDREN. SONS:** George (?–1806), who married Sarah; William. **STEPSON:** John Turner, who probably married by 1803, Ann Oldham. **ADDITIONAL COMMENT:** Roberts may have had other children. **PRIVATE CAREER. EDUCATION:** literate. **SOCIAL STATUS AND ACTIVITIES:** Gent., by 1783; Esq., by 1791. **OCCUPATIONAL PROFILE:** planter. **PUBLIC CAREER. LEGISLATIVE SERVICE:** Lower House, Talbot County, 1782–1783, 1783, 1784, 1785, 1786–1787, 1787–1788, probably 1795. **OTHER STATE OFFICE:** Maryland Senate elector, Talbot County, 1796. **LOCAL OFFICES:** justice, Talbot County, 1785–1787, 1791–1795; sheriff, Talbot County, 1788–1791; collector of the tax, Talbot County, in office 1790; associate justice, Talbot County, in office 1798, 1801; commissioner to divide Talbot County into election districts, appointed 1800; trustee of Easton Academy, in office 1800. **OUT OF STATE SERVICE:** presidential elector, 1796. **WEALTH DURING LIFETIME. PERSONAL PROPERTY:** assessed value £330.0.0, including 6 slaves and 12 oz. plate, 1783; 20 slaves, 1790; assessed value £1,463.13.4, including 21 slaves and 7 oz. plate, 1798. **ADDITIONAL COMMENT:** By his marriage to Sarah Turner, Roberts gained control of John Turner's personal estate, which in 1798 had an assessed value of £841.6.8 and included 29 slaves and 17 oz. plate. Sarah's share of this property was £280.8.11, with the rest being held by Roberts as guardian of Sarah's son, John. **LAND AT FIRST ELECTION:** probably 594 acres in Talbot County (probably 240 acres inherited from his father, 250 by purchase, and 104 by certificate of survey). **SIGNIFICANT CHANGES IN LAND BETWEEN FIRST ELECTION AND DEATH:** purchased 482 acres in Talbot County with his brother Edward in 1784, sold 148 acres of it in 1785, and then divided the remainder and some of his father's land with Edward for a net loss of ca. 36 acres; resurveyed and patented the lands received in the division with Edward, plus some vacant land, for a net gain of 143 acres in 1787, but sold 133 acres of this new tract in the same year; acquired ca. 600