

chant, by 1752; planter, by 1765, 1792; owned a flour mill. Acted as mortgagee, especially during the period from 1765–1782, accepting land and/or personal property. Almost all mortgages were released after a few years. **PUBLIC CAREER.** LEGISLATIVE SERVICE: Lower House, Anne Arundel County, 1756–1757 (elected to the 5th session of the 1754–1757 Assembly), 1757–1758 (Bills of Credit 1, Cv, 2), 1758–1761 (Bills of Credit Cv 1, 1, Cv 2, 2, 3, Cv 3), 1762–1763 (Bills of Credit 1, 2), 1765–1766 (Bills of Credit 2, 4; Public Offices 3, 4; Laws to Expire 4), 1768–1770 (Public Offices 1; Grievances 1–4; Claims 1–4; speaker for three days during the 4th session), 1771 (Grievances; Claims), 1773–1774 (Grievances 1, Cv; Claims 1, Cv); Conventions, Anne Arundel County, 1st, 1774, 2nd–3rd, 1774, 4th, 1775, 5th, 1775, 9th, 1776 (Elections; Claims; Loan Office; resigned on August 27, 1776, because the opinions of his constituents concerning the establishment of a state government were “incompatible with good government and the public peace and happiness”; he was subsequently reelected and seated); Senate, Western Shore. Election of 1776: 1777 (member of Loan Office Committee, first session), 1777–1778, 1778–1779, 1779–1780, 1780–1781; Lower House, Anne Arundel County, 1781–1782 (Grievances 1, 2; Claims 2), 1782–1783 (Grievances 1, 2), 1783 (Elections), 1784, 1785 (Elections; Grievances; Manufactories), 1786–1787, 1787–1788 (Elections 2; Grievances 2), 1789 (Elections; Claims), 1790; Senate, Western Shore, Term of 1791: 1791–1792, 1792, 1793, 1794 (died before Assembly began). **OTHER STATE OFFICE:** 5th Council of Safety, Western Shore, 1776–1777. **LOCAL OFFICES:** churchwarden, St. Anne’s Parish, Anne Arundel County, 1753–1754; St. Anne’s Parish Vestry, Anne Arundel County, 1754–1757, 1760–1763, 1767–1771; member, Committee of Observation, Anne Arundel County, elected 1775. **WEALTH DURING LIFETIME.** **PERSONAL PROPERTY:** assessed value £1,837.0.0, including 45 slaves and 75 oz. plate, 1783; loaned his brother-in-law **Henry Ridgely** (1728–1791) over £2,300.0.0 sterling and £90.0.0 current money by 1770, with slaves, livestock, and land as collateral; received 29 slaves from Ridgely’s estate in 1791. **LAND AT FIRST ELECTION:** 1,564 acres in Anne Arundel and Baltimore counties (all inherited from his father). **SIGNIFICANT CHANGES IN LAND BETWEEN FIRST ELECTION AND DEATH:** His holdings in Anne Arundel County remained stable, but in 1756 Worthington patented over 1,100 acres in Frederick County, and in 1766 about 1,500 acres in

the part of Frederick County that later became Montgomery County. The certificates for these tracts and his later small patents in Montgomery County are listed in the name of Worthington and Joshua Cecil, an illiterate resident of Montgomery County. The Frederick and Montgomery County lands were apparently not purely speculative ventures, since although part was sold, the majority of the land remained in his estate. **WEALTH AT DEATH.** **DIED:** on July 17, 1794, at his plantation near Annapolis. **PERSONAL PROPERTY:** requested that no inventory or account of his estate be made. **LAND:** 3,531 acres in Anne Arundel, Montgomery, and Frederick counties.

WORTHINGTON, JOHN (1650–1701). **BORN:** in 1650, probably near Manchester, England. **IMMIGRATED:** in 1678 or 1679 as a free adult. **RESIDED:** in Anne Arundel County. **FAMILY BACKGROUND.** **FATHER:** Francis Worthington, son of Roger Worthington of Manchester, England. **MOTHER:** Sara, daughter of Ed Byrom of Manchester, England. **ADDITIONAL COMMENT:** Possibly related to **Samuel Worthington** (?–1717). **MARRIED** probably ca. 1688 Sarah (?–1726), daughter of Matthew Howard (ca. 1640–1692/93) and wife Sarah Dorsey. Sarah was the niece of **Cornelius Howard** (?–1680); Elizabeth Howard, who married **Henry Ridgely** (?–1710); and Mary Howard, who married **John Hammond** (1643–1707). Her brothers were **Matthew Howard** (ca. 1675–1750); Samuel; and John. Sarah Howard Worthington subsequently married ca. 1702 **John Brice** (?–1713). **CHILDREN.** **SONS:** John (1689/90–1766), who married first, in 1713/14, Helen, daughter of **Thomas Hammond** (?–ca. 1724/25), and second, Comfort (probably 1701–probably 1741/42), probably the daughter of **John Hammond** (1665–1742/43); **Thomas Worthington** (ca. 1691–1752/53); William (1694–?), who married in 1717 Sarah Homewood; (first name unknown) (1699–died in infancy); and Charles (1701–?), a posthumous child, who married first, Hamutel (by 1713–?), daughter of **Charles Hammond** (ca. 1670–1713), and second, Sarah Chew. **DAUGHTER:** Sarah (1696–1721/22), who married Nicholas Ridgely. **PRIVATE CAREER.** **EDUCATION:** literate. **RELIGIOUS AFFILIATION:** Protestant; called a “halfe churchman” and “very great with the Quakers,” 1700. **SOCIAL STATUS AND ACTIVITIES:** appointed to special committee on relations with the Indians, 1700. **OCCUPATIONAL PROFILE:** planter; merchant, probably the John Worthington of Manchester, Lancaster County, England,