

*all, Jr.* (ca. 1723–1795), and Barbara Mackall, who married *William Wilkinson* (?–1755). Her nephew was *Edward Lloyd* (1744–1796). Her nieces were Elizabeth Lloyd (1741/42–?), who married *John Cadwalader* (1741/42–1786); Elizabeth Rousby, who married *George Plater* (1735–1792). CHILDREN. SONS: *John Barnes* (ca. 1743–1800); *Richard Barnes* (?–1804). DAUGHTER: Mary King, who married Thomson Mason (1733–1785), of Virginia, a lawyer and the brother of George Mason (1725–1792), of “Gunston Hall,” Virginia. PRIVATE CAREER. EDUCATION: literate. RELIGIOUS AFFILIATION: Anglican, St. Andrew’s Church, St. Mary’s County. SOCIAL STATUS AND ACTIVITIES: Gent., 1747. OCCUPATIONAL PROFILE: merchant, Leonardtown, St. Mary’s County; land speculator. PUBLIC CAREER. LEGISLATIVE SERVICE: Lower House, St. Mary’s County, 1745 (Bills of Credit), 1745/46–1748 (Bills of Credit 1–3, 4), 1749–1751 (election voided on June 10, 1749; reelected to the 2nd session and seated; Bills of Credit Cv–3), 1751–1754 (Bills of Credit 1–6); Convention, St. Mary’s County, 1st, 1774. ADDITIONAL COMMENTS: Barnes, with other St. Mary’s County delegates, was dismissed in 1749 for being improperly elected, having used a great quantity of liquor to influence the electorate. LOCAL OFFICES: justice, St. Mary’s County, 1739—at least 1755 (quorum, 1753—at least 1755); St. Andrew’s Parish Vestry, St. Mary’s County, in office 1753–1761, 1767–1770; churchwarden, St. Andrew’s Parish, St. Mary’s County, elected 1770; trustee, St. Mary’s County Free School, in office 1772; chairman, Committee of Observation, St. Mary’s County, elected ca. 1775; commissioner of tax, St. Mary’s County, appointed 1777. MILITARY SERVICE: major, by 1751; colonel, by 1756. OUT OF COLONY SERVICE: Maryland delegate to the Albany Congress, 1754. STANDS ON PUBLIC/PRIVATE ISSUES: favored the proprietary party from the beginning of his legislative career. WEALTH DURING LIFETIME. LAND AT FIRST ELECTION: 2,446 acres in St. Mary’s County, 1753 (at least 1,086 acres by purchase or patent). SIGNIFICANT CHANGES IN LAND BETWEEN FIRST ELECTION AND DEATH: purchased or patented at least 697 acres in St. Mary’s County between 1758 and 1774; sold 63 acres in St. Mary’s County, 1795; acquired 4,923 acres in Frederick County (later became part of Washington County), by 1773. WEALTH AT DEATH. DIED: probably at Leonardtown, St. Mary’s County; will probated on January 13, 1778, in St. Mary’s County. PERSONAL PROPERTY: size of estate unknown. LAND: 8,702 acres in St. Mary’s and Washington counties, plus

14 lots in Leonardtown, St. Mary’s County, 1774. ADDITIONAL COMMENTS: In 1764 Abraham gave his son *John Barnes* (ca. 1743–1800) enough goods to go into trade. By 1773 John was deeply in debt, caused, according to Abraham, by his being obstinate and rejecting all his father’s advice. Consequently, Barnes left all of his estate to his other son *Richard Barnes* (?–1804).

**BARNES, JOHN** (ca. 1743–1800). BORN: ca. 1743, probably in St. Mary’s County. NATIVE: second generation. RESIDED: in St. Mary’s County; Washington County, 1777; lived at “Mont Pelier,” Washington County, a tract belonging to his brother *Richard Barnes* (?–1804), which Richard formed from land inherited from his father. FAMILY BACKGROUND. FATHER: *Abraham Barnes* (?–ca. 1778), who married first, Mary Elizabeth King (1715–1739). MOTHER: Elizabeth, daughter of *John Rousby* (1685–1744). AUNTS: Anne Rousby (1721–1769), who married *Edward Lloyd* (1711–1770); Gertrude Rousby, who married *Robert Jenkins Henry* (ca. 1712–1766). BROTHER: *Richard Barnes* (?–1804). HALF SISTER: Mary King. FIRST COUSINS: *Edward Lloyd* (1744–1796); Elizabeth Lloyd (1741/42–?), who married *John Cadwalader* (1741/42–1786); Elizabeth Rousby, who married *George Plater* (1735–1792). PRIVATE CAREER. EDUCATION: literate. SOCIAL STATUS AND ACTIVITIES: Esq., 1783. OCCUPATIONAL PROFILE: merchant, in partnership with Thomas Howe Ridgate, of Port Tobacco, Charles County, in the firm of Barnes & Ridgate. PUBLIC CAREER. LEGISLATIVE SERVICE: Convention, St. Mary’s County, 4th, 1775 (elected, but did not attend); Lower House, Washington County, 1777–1778 (Claims 2), 1778–1779 (Laws to Expire 2; Grievances 3), 1779–1780, 1780–1781 (elected to the 1st session to fill vacancy), 1781–1782, 1782–1783, 1795. LOCAL OFFICES: justice, Washington County, 1777–1800 (chief justice, 1791–1800); justice, Orphans’ Court, Washington County, 1778—at least 1785. MILITARY SERVICE: called colonel at time of death. WEALTH DURING LIFETIME. PERSONAL PROPERTY: assessed value £163.6.8, including 20 oz. plate, Washington County, 1783. LAND AT FIRST ELECTION: no evidence of land found. ADDITIONAL COMMENTS: in 1764 his father gave John a sufficient quantity of goods to begin in trade. By 1773 John was in a London jail for insolvency, his firm of Barnes & Ridgate having gone bankrupt, and his partner Thomas Howe Ridgate having fled England. When John’s father wrote his will in June 1773 he left nothing more to John. *Abraham Barnes* (?–ca. 1778) called his son careless and ob-