

CAREER. EDUCATION: literate. **OCCUPATIONAL PROFILE:** a physician, who practiced near Elk Ridge, Anne Arundel County; planter; also owned an artillery forge and mill. Involved in the manufacture of saltpeter and munitions, 1775. **PUBLIC CAREER. LEGISLATIVE SERVICE:** Convention, Anne Arundel County, 5th, 1775. **LOCAL OFFICES:** justice, Anne Arundel County, 1755—at least 1764. **MILITARY SERVICE:** surgeon to a battalion of marching militia under Col. Thomas Dorsey, appointed 1777. **STANDS ON PUBLIC/PRIVATE ISSUES:** a leader of those citizens who forced Anthony Stewart to set fire to his ship, the *Peggy Stewart*, in the Annapolis harbor in October 1774, because Stewart had paid the required tax on tea imported in his vessel. **WEALTH DURING LIFETIME. PERSONAL PROPERTY:** assessed value £1,823.0.0, including 33 slaves and 20 oz. plate, 1783. Borrowed £5,191.0.0 sterling from *Charles Carroll of Carrollton* (1737–1832), 1785. **LAND AT FIRST ELECTION:** 768 acres in Anne Arundel County (156 acres from his mother by deed of gift, 1760; 250 acres inherited from his father, 1773). **SIGNIFICANT CHANGES IN LAND BETWEEN FIRST ELECTION AND DEATH:** purchased 200 acres in Anne Arundel County, 1780; assessed for 1,153 acres, 1783. Mortgaged 406 acres to *Charles Carroll of Carrollton* (1737–1832) as security for debts owed to him, 1787. Purchased over 2,000 acres in Kentucky. **WEALTH AT DEATH. DIED:** will probated on December 6, 1788, in Anne Arundel County. **PERSONAL PROPERTY:** TEV, £2,500.0.3 current money (including 25 slaves, one-third interest in 1 other slave, 1 servant, medical and other books, and a microscope); FB, £68.2.4, not including proceeds from sale of land. His executor stated that Howard's personal estate was insufficient to pay the debts owed. At least 431.5 acres of Howard's land was sold after his death to pay his debts. **LAND:** ca. 1,000 acres in Anne Arundel County (including 406 acres still mortgaged at the time of his death), plus land in Kentucky.

HOWARD, JOHN BEALE (by 1739–1799). **BORN:** by September 7, 1739, probably in Baltimore County; elder son. **NATIVE:** fourth generation. **RESIDED:** probably in Baltimore County (later became part of Harford County); Gunpowder Hundred, Baltimore County, by 1781; Baltimore Town, by 1792. **FAMILY BACKGROUND. FATHER:** Capt. John Howard (ca. 1709–1805), son of Cornelius Howard (1670–1717) and wife Mary Hammond; ward of *John Beale* (?–1734). **MOTHER:** Elizabeth, daughter of *Thomas Gassaway* (1683/84–1739). **UNCLE:** *John Gassaway* (1707–

1762). **BROTHER:** Thomas Gassaway (ca. 1745–1803), who married Frances (ca. 1747–?), sister of *Francis Holland* (ca. 1745–1795). **FIRST COUSIN:** *John Eager Howard* (1752–1827). **MARRIED** on April 18, 1765, Blanche (ca. 1742–1800), daughter of Parker Hall (?–ca. 1756) and wife Blanche Carvile; granddaughter of both *John Hall* (ca. 1658–1737) and *John Carvile* (ca. 1670–1709); niece of *John Hall* (1701–1774). Her brother was Edward. Her sister was Mary. 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); and Mary Hall, who married *Benjamin Rumsey* (1734–1808). **CHILDREN. SONS:** Parker (?–died in infancy); John Beal (1770–?), who married Margaret, daughter of Rev. *William West* (1739–1791); Edward Aquilla (1775–1854), who married first, in 1798 Charlotte Rumsey, and second, in 1809 Agnes; and Mathias (1777–1781). **DAUGHTER:** Elizabeth (1767–1848), who married Benjamin Richardson. **PRIVATE CAREER. EDUCATION:** literate. **RELIGIOUS AFFILIATION:** Anglican, St. John's Parish, Baltimore County (later became part of Harford County). **SOCIAL STATUS AND ACTIVITIES:** Esq., by 1777. **OCCUPATIONAL PROFILE:** planter; merchant, in partnership with James Osborne (?–1793) with connections in London. **PUBLIC CAREER. LEGISLATIVE SERVICE:** Convention, Harford County, 5th, 1775; Lower House, Baltimore County, 1781–1782. **LOCAL OFFICES:** St. John's Parish Vestry, Baltimore County (later became part of Harford County), in office 1764—at least 1781; justice Baltimore County, 1768–1773 (quorum, 1772–1773), Harford County, appointed 1774 (quorum, 1774), Baltimore County, 1777—at least 1782; deputy commissary, Harford County, 1774–1777; justice, Orphans' Court, Baltimore County, appointed 1777; subscription officer, Continental Loan Office, Baltimore County, appointed 1779. **MILITARY SERVICE:** 1st lieutenant, Harford County Militia, 1776. **WEALTH DURING LIFETIME. PERSONAL PROPERTY:** assessed value £663.7.0, including 13 slaves and 50 oz. plate, 1783; 3 slaves, 1792. Filed a petition of insolvency in April 1792 listing the debts owed by the firm of Howard & Osborne. **LAND AT FIRST ELECTION:** 939 acres in Baltimore and Harford counties (125 acres in Baltimore County inherited from his mother's family; ca. 370 acres in Harford County by marriage). **SIGNIFICANT CHANGES IN LAND BETWEEN FIRST ELECTION AND DEATH:** owned at least 845 acres in Baltimore and Harford counties, plus 2