

WEALTH AT DEATH. DIED: on April 20, 1796, probably in Oxford, Talbot County. **PERSONAL PROPERTY:** TEV, at least £2,181.7.7 current money (including 21 slaves, more than 20 oz. plate, and books). Johns's creditors filed suit in the Chancery Court, alleging that his personal estate would not cover his debts. When the case was settled in 1816, the court had allowed claims of \$12,504.07. **LAND:** 623 acres in Talbot County (including mortgaged land).

JOHNSON, BAKER (1747–1811). BORN: on September 30, 1747, in Calvert County; sixth of seven surviving sons. **NATIVE:** third generation. **RESIDED:** in Annapolis, Anne Arundel County, by 1771; Frederick Town, Frederick County, by 1779. **FAMILY BACKGROUND.** FATHER: Thomas Johnson (1702–1777) of St. Leonard's Creek, Calvert County. MOTHER: Dorcas (1705–1770), daughter of Joshua Sedgwick. **BROTHERS:** Thomas (1725–1725); Benjamin (1727–1786); *Thomas Johnson* (1732–1819); James (1736–1809), who married Margaret Skinner; Joshua (1742–1802), the London partner of the Annapolis mercantile firms Wallace, Davidson & Johnson, 1771–1776, and Wallace, Johnson & Muir, 1781–1790, the American consul in Nantes, France, and agent for Maryland in France during Revolution, American consul in London in the 1790s; John (1745–1811), a physician in Frederick Town; and Roger (1749–1831), who married Elizabeth Thomas. **SISTERS:** Mary (1729–1801), who married Walter Hellen, Esq., of Calvert County; Rebecca (1730–1767), who married Thomas McKenzie, Esq.; Dorcas (1734–1815), who married Josiah Clapham of Virginia; and Elizabeth (1739–1806), who married Capt. George Cook. **FIRST COUSIN:** Margaret Gough (ca. 1742–?), who married *John Mackall* (1738–1813). **MARRIED** on December 9, 1784. Catherine (1761–1814), daughter of *Nicholas Worthington* (1734–1793). Catherine was the granddaughter of *Thomas Worthington* (ca. 1691–1752/53). She was the niece of *Brice T. B. Worthington* (1727–1794). Her brothers were Thomas (1754–1832); Charles (1756–1756); Nicholas (1757–1782); Charles (1759–?); Brice John (1764–1837); and *John Griffith Worthington* (1764–1797). Her sisters were Elizabeth (1752–died young); Elizabeth (1766–1820); Achsah (1768–?); and Sarah (1770–?). Her first cousins were *Thomas Dorsey* (?–1790); Eleanor Dorsey, who married *Upton Sheredine* (1740–1800). **CHILDREN.** SONS: Nicholas (1789–1790); Thomas (1790–1802); Nicholas Worthington (1793–1798); Baker, who

married Hannah Sophia Grundy of Baltimore; William; Worthington; and Charles. **DAUGHTERS:** Catherine (1785–1864), who married William Ross, Esq.; Mathilda (?–1795); Juliana, who married John Jones; Mathilda, who married Alexander McPherson; and Caroline. **PRIVATE CAREER.** EDUCATION: studied law with his brother, *Thomas Johnson* (1732–1819). **RELIGIOUS AFFILIATION:** Anglican, All Saints' Parish, Frederick County. **SOCIAL STATUS AND ACTIVITIES:** Gent., by 1770; Esq., by 1788. **OCCUPATIONAL PROFILE:** lawyer, admitted to the following courts: Charles and Prince George's counties, 1771. Partner with brothers James, Roger, and *Thomas Johnson* (1732–1819) in an ironworks business that owned furnaces, forges, and mills in Western Maryland. In 1793 the family reorganized its holdings, and Baker received one-third of the Catoctin Furnace. In 1803 Baker purchased the remaining two-thirds of this furnace. **PUBLIC CAREER.** LEGISLATIVE SERVICE: Conventions, Frederick County, 1st, 1774, 2nd, 1774, 4th, 1775, 5th, 1775, 6th–8th, 1775–1776. **LOCAL OFFICES:** Clerk of Indictments, Charles County Court, 1773; Committee of Observation, Middle District, Frederick County, elected 1775; county lieutenant, Frederick County, in office 1781; commissioner, Frederick Town, appointed 1789, 1792, 1794, and 1802; Maryland Senate elector, Frederick County, elected 1791; justice, Orphans' Court, Frederick County, appointed 1793; visitor of Frederick County Academy, appointed 1796; All Saints' Parish Vestry, Frederick County, elected 1804, 1807, and 1810. **MILITARY SERVICE:** colonel, 4th Battalion, Frederick County Militia, commissioned 1776; colonel, 34th Battalion, Frederick County Militia, re-commissioned 1777. **STANDS ON PUBLIC/PRIVATE ISSUES:** Federalist. **WEALTH DURING LIFETIME.** **PERSONAL PROPERTY:** assessed value in Frederick Town Hundred £75.0.0, including 18 oz. plate, 1782; owned 38 slaves, 1790. **LAND AT FIRST ELECTION:** in 1774 obtained a warrant and completed the surveys on 6,000 acres in that part of Frederick County that later became Allegany County, but patents were not issued on these tracts until 1789 and 1793. No other evidence of independent land ownership, although he may have been involved in some of the initial land investments made by his brothers. **SIGNIFICANT CHANGES IN LAND BETWEEN FIRST ELECTION AND DEATH:** owned over 10,000 acres by 1798 (7,200 acres in Allegany County obtained through patents; over 2,700 acres in Frederick County and 7 and one-half lots in Frederick Town obtained through pur-