

a possible legislator. NIECE: Comfort Purnell, who married *Thomas Purnell, of John* (?-1796). MARRIED by 1720/21 Elizabeth (?-ca. 1754), only daughter and heir of Charles Rackliffe (?-1709) of Somerset County and his wife Hannah. Elizabeth was the granddaughter of Capt. Charles Rackliffe (?-1696) of Somerset County and his wife Elizabeth. CHILDREN. SONS: *Zadock Purnell* (?-1805); *Thomas Purnell, of John* (?-1796); *William Purnell* (?-1777), a possible legislator; and Capt. John (?-ca. 1761), who married Euphame Arbuckle (1734-?). DAUGHTERS: Elizabeth; Zipporah (Zeporah), who married first, John Purnell (?-1758), son of Thomas Purnell (?-1769), and second, John Rackliff; Arralantar (?-1782), who married *Thomas Robins* (ca. 1702-1766); and Levina, who married (first name unknown) Fassitt. PRIVATE CAREER. EDUCATION: literate. RELIGIOUS AFFILIATION: Anglican. OCCUPATIONAL PROFILE: planter. PUBLIC CAREER. LEGISLATIVE SERVICE: Lower House, Worcester County, 1744 (elected to the 2nd session of the 1742-1744 Assembly to represent the newly formed county), 1745, 1745/46-1748, 1751-1754. LOCAL OFFICES: justice, Worcester County, commissioned 1743, 1745, 1747, ca. 1748, 1751, and 1754 (quorum, 1751 and 1754); justice, Court of Oyer, Terminer, and Gaol Delivery, Worcester County, commissioned 1750; Worcester Parish Vestry, Worcester County, in office by 1754. WEALTH DURING LIFETIME. LAND AT FIRST ELECTION: at least 2,995 acres in Worcester County (150 acres was the remainder of 550 acres inherited from his father; 680 acres was the remainder of 1,180 acres acquired through his marriage; at least 2,165 acres through personal acquisition). SIGNIFICANT CHANGES IN LAND BETWEEN FIRST ELECTION AND DEATH: purchased or patented an additional 4,710 acres in Worcester County between 1743 and 1754; made a deed of gift to his grandson, *John Purnell Robins* (ca. 1742-1780), of 430 acres in Worcester County in 1748/49; sold at least 156 acres in Worcester County between 1750 and 1754. WEALTH AT DEATH. DIED: between January 18 and March 6, 1755, probably in Worcester County. PERSONAL PROPERTY: TEV, £2,425.7.6 current money (including 37 slaves and books); FB, £2,335.6.0. LAND: at least 7,119 acres in Worcester County.

PURNELL (PURNALL), JOHN SELBY (?-1799). BORN: probably in Worcester County; of age by 1782. NATIVE: fifth generation. RESIDED: in Worcester County. FAMILY BACKGROUND. FATHER: Lemuel Purnell (?-1772), son of Elisha Purnell

(1706-1767) and wife Mary Ann Selby. MOTHER: Dennis (?-1776), widow of David Johnson (?-1753), daughter of *Nathaniel Hopkins* (?-1739/40), granddaughter of *Matthew Scarborough* (ca. 1649-1724). UNCLE: *William Purnell* (1739-1796), a possible legislator. BROTHER: George (?-ca. 1803). SISTERS: Ann; Sarah; and Henerita (Henrita). OTHER KINSHIP: great-uncle, *John Selby* (?-1754); great-grandfathers, *Matthew Scarborough* (ca. 1649-1724) and *Thomas Purnell* (?-1723). MARRIED Arralantar (Arralanta) (?-1825), also called Lanta, daughter of *Thomas Robins* (ca. 1702-1766) and wife Arralanta Purnell. Her brothers were Thomas (1740-1776); Littleton (?-1816); and Baldwin (?-by 1786). Her sisters were Elizabeth; Mary (1743-1808); Andasia; and Ester, who married George Purnell (?-ca. 1803). Her grandfather was *John Purnell* (?-1755). CHILDREN. SONS: John Selby Purnell (by 1799-1874), who served in the House of Delegates 1823, 1831, and 1838. DAUGHTERS: Mary Ann (Nancy); Andasia R. (?-1864), who married James Bowdoin Robins (1770-1826); and Arralanta R. PRIVATE CAREER. EDUCATION: literate. SOCIAL STATUS AND ACTIVITIES: Esq., by 1789. OCCUPATIONAL PROFILE: probably planter. PUBLIC CAREER. LEGISLATIVE SERVICE: Lower House, Worcester County, 1787-1788, 1788, 1789; Senate, Eastern Shore, Term of 1796-1801: 1796, 1797, 1798, 1799 (did not attend; death reported during the Assembly). LOCAL OFFICES: associate judge, Fourth District, Worcester County, appointed 1791. MILITARY SERVICE: captain, Ninth Regiment, Worcester County Militia, commissioned 1794, resigned by 1796. WEALTH DURING LIFETIME. PERSONAL PROPERTY: assessed value £111.8.0, including 3 slaves, 1783; 20 slaves, 1790. LAND AT FIRST ELECTION: 428 acres in Worcester County. SIGNIFICANT CHANGES IN LAND BETWEEN FIRST ELECTION AND DEATH: purchased at least 138 acres in Worcester County between 1789 and 1794. WEALTH AT DEATH. DIED: probably in Worcester County; his death was reported in the Senate proceedings on November 19, 1799. PERSONAL PROPERTY: TEV, at least \$4,032.52, including 20 slaves and books. LAND: at least 566 acres in Worcester County.

PURNELL (PURNALL), THOMAS (?-1723). BORN: in Somerset County. NATIVE: second generation. RESIDED: in Bogerternorton Hundred, Somerset County. FAMILY BACKGROUND. FATHER: Thomas Purnell (?-1693/94), who immigrated by 1673; Mr., by 1683. MOTHER: Elizabeth Dorman. BROTHER: *John Purnell* (?-ca. 1742). SISTERS: