

**Charles Ridgely** (by 1705–1772); **Charles Ridgely** (by 1705–1772). Her nephews were **Thomas Dorsey** (?–1790); **Harry Dorsey Gough** (ca. 1745–1808); and **Henry Woodward** (1733–1761). Her nieces were Mary Dorsey (?–1816), who married **John Weems** (1729–1794); Eleanor Dorsey, who married **John Hall** (1729–1797); Rebecca Dorsey (1739–1812), who married **Charles Ridgely** (1733–1790); Achsah Dorsey, who married **Ephraim Howard** (1745–1788); Eleanor Dorsey, who married **Upton Sheredine** (1740–1800); Elizabeth Dorsey (?–ca. 1811), who married **Richard Ridgely** (1755–1824); Frances Todd, who married **George Risteau** (?–1792); and Deborah Lynch (?–1810), who married **Samuel Owings, Jr.** (1733–1803). **CHILDREN. SONS:** eldest, (first name unknown) (ca. 1746–1748); **Charles Ridgely, of John** (ca. 1749–1786); William (?–1797), who married Anne Worthington; John (1764–1814), who married in 1791 Mary Emmitt (1769–1833); and Edward (1771–?). **DAUGHTERS:** Deborah (1749–1817), who married **John Sterett** (1750/51–1787); Rachel, who married in 1774 Thomas Nicholson (?–1783) of Kent County; Eleanor, who married first, Benjamin Laming (?–by 1794), and second, James Dall; Mary (?–1804), who married **Benjamin Nicholson** (?–1792); and Achsah (?–by 1771), who married William Goodwin. **PRIVATE CAREER. EDUCATION:** literate. **RELIGIOUS AFFILIATION:** probably Anglican, St. Paul's Parish, Baltimore County. **SOCIAL STATUS AND ACTIVITIES:** Gent., by 1745. **OCCUPATIONAL PROFILE:** merchant, at least 1745–1771. By 1771 Ridgely owned a store and warehouses in Baltimore Town and had taken as his partner his son, **Charles Ridgely, of John** (ca. 1749–1786). In 1761 John joined his father and brother **Charles Ridgely** (1733–1790) in forming the Northampton Ironworks. Ridgely was also a planter and maintained at least four plantations by the time he died. **PUBLIC CAREER. LEGISLATIVE SERVICE:** Lower House, Baltimore County, 1768–1769 (election of county delegation voided on June 14, 1768, on complaints of treating; re-elected on July 5, 1768, to the 2nd session of the 1768–1770 Assembly; election again voided on November 30, 1769, because of alleged misconduct of the sheriff; Grievances 1). **LOCAL OFFICES:** churchwarden, St. Paul's Parish, Baltimore County, 1747–1748; St. Paul's Parish Vestry, Baltimore County, 1752–1754, 1758–1761; justice, Baltimore County, 1750–1754 (quorum, 1752–1754); justice, Especial Court of Oyer, Terminer, and Gaol Delivery, 1753 (quorum); commissioner, Baltimore Town, in office, 1768.

**WEALTH DURING LIFETIME. ANNUAL INCOME:** Held mortgages on property in Baltimore County and Baltimore Town, 1751 to death (at least 13 recorded mortgages, plus 3 mortgages held with other men). **LAND AT FIRST ELECTION:** ca. 2,647 acres in Baltimore County and 2 lots in Baltimore Town (260 acres in Baltimore County as a gift from his father, 1748; 495 acres in Baltimore County and 2 lots in Baltimore Town by purchase or foreclosure; ca. 1,892 acres in Baltimore County by patent), plus one-third interest in the lands of the Northampton Ironworks and ca. 1,100 acres in Baltimore County and 3 lots in Baltimore Town held alone or in partnership to secure mortgages. **SIGNIFICANT CHANGES IN LAND BETWEEN FIRST ELECTION AND DEATH:** purchased 950 acres in 1769 and 550 acres in 1770, all in Baltimore County; received ca. 2,000 acres in Baltimore and Anne Arundel counties from his father, 1770; sold one lot in Baltimore Town and probably 135 acres in Baltimore County by 1770; shortly before his death, resurveyed over 900 acres in Baltimore County. **WEALTH AT DEATH. DIED:** between March 19 and May 1, 1771, in Baltimore County. **PERSONAL PROPERTY:** TEV, £10,791.3.6 current money adjusted to 1787 (including 31 slaves, 16 servants, books, 30 oz. plate, 3,709 gallons of rum, and a brig of 150 tons with two boats); FB, £1,164.14.5 before payment of legacies; estate overpaid £381.5.7 according to the records. **LAND:** probably 6,658 acres in Baltimore and Anne Arundel counties, plus one and one-half lots in Baltimore Town. **ADDITIONAL COMMENT:** Ridgely's one-third share of the Northampton Ironworks was sold at auction to his brother for £3,600.0.0 sterling, 1772.

**RIDGELY (RIDGELEY), RICHARD** (1755–1824). **BORN:** on August 3, 1755, in Queen Caroline Parish, Anne Arundel County; second son. **NATIVE:** fifth generation. **RESIDED:** in Anne Arundel County until at least 1779; Baltimore County, at least 1782 (probably from 1780) until 1790; Anne Arundel County, 1791–1794 (stated that he intended to move to Georgia in 1792, but did not stay there long if he went at all); Annapolis, 1795 until at least 1803; Baltimore City, at least 1805 until 1807; Elkridge, Anne Arundel County, 1808 until death. **FAMILY BACKGROUND. FATHER:** Greenbury Ridgely (1726–1783) of Anne Arundel County, son of Henry Ridgely (?–1750) and wife Elizabeth Warfield. **MOTHER:** Lucy (?–1815), daughter of Dr. Samuel Stringer (?–1747) and wife Lydia Warfield, who married second,