

Charles Ridgely (by 1705–1772). UNCLE: **Henry Ridgely** (1728–1791). AUNTS: Elizabeth Ridgely, who married **Thomas Dorsey** (?–1790); Anne Ridgely, who married **Brice T. B. Worthington** (1727–1794); and Sarah Ridgely, who married **Charles Greenbury Griffith** (1744–1792). BROTHERS: Henry (1753–died young); Frederick (1757–?); Henry (1763–?); Greenbury (1764–?); and Nicholas Greenbury. SISTERS: Anne (1759–?); Lydia (1762–?); Elizabeth (1766–?); and Sarah. FIRST COUSINS: Anne Dorsey, who married **John Dorsey** (1734–1779). MARRIED on October 3, 1778, Elizabeth (?–ca. 1811), daughter of Ely Dorsey (?–1794) and his second wife Deborah Dorsey (1722–1807). Elizabeth was the granddaughter of John Dorsey (?–1761) and Caleb Dorsey (1685–1742). She was the niece of **Edward Dorsey** (1718–1760); Mary Dorsey (1725–ca. 1786), who married **John Ridgely** (by 1724–1771). Her brothers were Caleb, who married Dinah Warfield; Ely, Jr. (?–1821), who married first, Sarah Worthington (?–1798), and second, Araminta Cumming (?–1824); and Amos, who married Mary Dorsey. Her half brother was John Crockett Dorsey (?–1785), who married Elizabeth. Her sister was Eleanor, who married Daniel Dorsey. Her half sister was Mary Dorsey. Her first cousins were Eleanor Dorsey, who married **Upton Sheredine** (1740–1800); **Thomas Dorsey** (?–1790); **Harry Dorsey Gough** (ca. 1745–1808); Achsah Dorsey, who married **Ephraim Howard** (1745–1788); Rebecca Dorsey (1739–1812), who married **Charles Ridgely** (1733–1790); Eleanor Dorsey, who married **John Hall** (1729–1797); Mary Dorsey (?–1816), who married **John Weems** (1727–1794); **Charles Ridgely, of John** (ca. 1749–1786); Deborah Ridgely (1749–1817), who married **John Sterett** (1750/51–1787); Mary Ridgely (?–1804), who married **Benjamin Nicholson** (?–1792); **Ephraim Howard** (1745–1788); **Henry Woodward** (1733–1761); Frances Todd, who married **George Risteau** (?–1792); and Deborah Lynch (?–1810), who married **Samuel Owings, Jr.** (1733–1803). CHILDREN. SONS: Edward D. (?–1832); Richard, Jr. (?–by 1824); and Daniel (?–by 1824), who married Mary. DAUGHTERS: Deborah, who married Robert Neilson; Sophia, who married Richard H. Battee; Ann, who married Alfred H. Dashiell; Elizabeth, who married Nathaniel Dare; and Mathilda, who married Michael Baer. PRIVATE CAREER. EDUCATION: literate. RELIGIOUS AFFILIATION: Anglican, St. Paul's Parish, Baltimore County, and Queen Caroline Parish, Anne Arundel County. SOCIAL STATUS AND ACTIVITIES:

Esq., by 1780; Hon., by death. OCCUPATIONAL PROFILE: lawyer, admitted to the bar by 1779, practiced in Baltimore and Anne Arundel counties, Baltimore City, and Annapolis; land developer and speculator, Baltimore Town, 1782–1792; co-owner of Guilford Mills, Anne Arundel County; judge. PUBLIC CAREER. LEGISLATIVE SERVICE: Senate, Western Shore, Term of 1776–1781: 1780 (elected on December 19, 1780, to fill vacancy in 1780–1781 Assembly; declined to serve on December 23, 1780), Term of 1786–1791: 1786–1787, 1787–1788, 1788, 1789, 1790; Term of 1801–1806: 1806 (elected on November 19, 1806, to fill vacancy, declined to serve November 22, 1806); Lower House, Annapolis, 1801, 1802. OTHER STATE OFFICES: assistant clerk, Council of Safety, 1776; clerk, Council of Safety, 1776–March 20, 1777; clerk, Executive Council, March 20–June 20, 1777; clerk, Maryland Senate, appointed February 1777, resigned April 1777, appointed March 1778, resigned March 1779; Maryland Senate elector, Baltimore Town, 1786. LOCAL OFFICES: St. Paul's Parish Vestry, Baltimore County, 1779–1783, 1784–1785; commissioner, Baltimore Town, at least 1781–1788; warden, Port of Baltimore, appointed 1783; common councilman, Annapolis, qualified 1796; associate judge, 3rd District of Maryland, 1811 to death. MILITARY SERVICE: captain, Baltimore Town Battalion, Baltimore County Militia, commissioned April 18, 1781. OUT OF STATE SERVICE: delegate, Continental Congress, 1784 (elected in December 1784, but declined to serve), 1785 (elected in November 1785, but did not attend). STANDS ON PUBLIC/PRIVATE ISSUES: served on Baltimore committee to promote and “encourage and improve agriculture and other branches of rural economy,” 1786; member of committee to receive plans for building St. John's College, Annapolis, appointed 1786. WEALTH DURING LIFETIME. PERSONAL PROPERTY: devisee of one-third of the real and personal estate of **Thomas Harrison** (?–1782), whose total estate was estimated to be worth over £150,000; owned 31 slaves on Anne Arundel County land, 1798. In January 1792 Ridgely petitioned for relief as an insolvent debtor. As security for his brother Frederick and Jacob Aldridge, he was liable for their debts of more than £12,700, as well as his share of the debts of Guilford Mills, which totaled £2,100.0.0, and his own debts. His assets included £12,800 owed him, a one-half share in the Susquehanna Canal valued at £500.0.0, and land, most of which had already been mortgaged or assigned. Ridgely assigned all of his property,