

REER. EDUCATION: literate. RELIGIOUS AFFILIATION: Protestant. OCCUPATIONAL PROFILE: planter. **PUBLIC CAREER.** LEGISLATIVE SERVICE: Lower House, Newtown Hundred, St. Mary's County, 1650–1650/51 (Laws 1; Accounts 1). **WEALTH DURING LIFETIME.** LAND AT FIRST ELECTION: 225 acres, which was his half of 550 acres held in partnership with *Robert Henley* (ca. 1617–1684). **WEALTH AT DEATH.** DIED: by 1685. Size of estate unknown.

ROBINS, THOMAS (1640–1700). BORN: in 1640, in England. IMMIGRATED: in 1677, as a free adult with his wife and son from London; returned to England, but resettled in Maryland by 1692. RESIDED: at “Job’s Content” on the north side of the Tred Avon River, Talbot County. **FAMILY BACKGROUND.** FATHER: Thomas Robins (1601–1667) of England. MOTHER: Mary Halhead (1612–1648), daughter of Thomas Halhead (Halbred) of Banbury, England. STEPMOTHER: Mary Eyre. BROTHERS: George (1634–ca. 1677), who immigrated in 1674; John (1637–by 1696/97). MARRIED first, Mary Allison. MARRIED second, (name unknown). CHILDREN. SON: Thomas (1659–1711), who married Jane, daughter of John Stanley of Talbot County, and who resided in England at his death. **PRIVATE CAREER.** EDUCATION: literate. RELIGIOUS AFFILIATION: Anglican, St. Peter’s Parish, Talbot County. SOCIAL STATUS AND ACTIVITIES: Gent., on arrival; usually called “senior,” to distinguish him from *Thomas Robins* (1672–1721), the son of his cousin George Robins (1635–1694). OCCUPATIONAL PROFILE: called a mercer of St. Giles, London, 1670; planter and merchant, 1677; formed a partnership in England with his first cousin George Robins (1635–1694) for a land venture and “trading enterprise” in Talbot County. **PUBLIC CAREER.** LEGISLATIVE SERVICE: Lower House, Talbot County, 1692–1693 (elected to the 1st session of the 1692–1693 Assembly to fill vacancy). LOCAL OFFICES: justice, Talbot County, 1679 (did not qualify), 1692–1694; St. Peter’s Parish Vestry, Talbot County, in office 1693. **WEALTH DURING LIFETIME.** LAND AT FIRST ELECTION: 705 acres in Talbot County. **WEALTH AT DEATH.** DIED: on November 14, 1700, in St. Peter’s Parish, Talbot County. PERSONAL PROPERTY: TEV, £116.9.5 (including 5 books); FB, £91.0.5. LAND: 705 acres in Talbot County.

ROBINS, THOMAS (1672–1721). BORN: in 1672 in St. Peter’s Parish, Talbot County. NATIVE: second generation; eldest son. RESIDED: at “Peach

Blossom,” Talbot County, by 1703/4; in Oxford, Talbot County, by 1719. **FAMILY BACKGROUND.** FATHER: George Robins (1635–1694), who immigrated in 1671 and was a Gent. upon arrival. Robins resided at “Job’s Content” in Talbot County, and was manager of a plantation venture with *Thomas Robins* (1640–1700). An attorney, merchant, and planter, Robins served as a justice of Talbot County from 1685 to 1689, as coroner of Talbot County from 1677 to 1689, and as a vestryman of St. Peter’s Church, Talbot County. He was a strong opponent of the Protestant Associators in 1689. Robins married first, (full name unknown), of England. MOTHER: Margaret, widow of Nicholas Goldsborough (ca. 1640–1670), daughter of Abraham Howes. BROTHERS: George; William (?–1702/3); and Lambert (?–1697). HALF BROTHERS: John Robins, of England; *Robert Goldsborough* (1660–1746); and Nicholas Goldsborough (1662–1705). SISTER: Mary. HALF SISTERS: Jane Robins, who married Edward Chibsey, of England; Judith Goldsborough, who married first, Maj. John Standley, and second, Robert Grundy. HALF NEPHEWS: *Nicholas Goldsborough* (ca. 1689–1766); *John Goldsborough* (1711–1778); *Charles Goldsborough* (1707–1767); and *William Goldsborough* (1709–1760). ADDITIONAL COMMENT: *Thomas Robins* (1672–1721) and *Thomas Robins* (1640–1700) were contemporaries in Talbot County. The former was referred to as “junior” to distinguish him from the latter, who was called “senior.” Their kinship is assumed by local historians, but consensus on the degree of relationship is lacking. It is probable that George Robins (1635–1694), the father of *Thomas Robins* (1672–1721), was first cousin to *Thomas Robins* (1640–1700). MARRIED first, on February 3, 1696, Susanna (?–by 1704), daughter of Thomas Vaughan (?–1684) and wife Susanna (?–1699). Susanna Robins was the granddaughter of *Robert Vaughan* (1597–ca. 1668/69). Her brother was Thomas. Her sister was Jane, who married (first name unknown) Curtis. MARRIED second, on December 6, 1704, Elizabeth (?–1720), widow of William Allen. Elizabeth was the daughter of Maj. John Standley and wife Judith Goldsborough, who was Robins’ half sister. CHILDREN. SONS: *George Robins* (1697–1742); Thomas (1705–1718); William (1709–by 1761); John (1709–ca. 1740), who married on July 9, 1730, Mary Ann, daughter of *Foster Turbutt* (1679–1720/21); Lambert (1712–1718); and Standley (1715–1742), who married on January 21, 1741, Sarah, daughter of *Nicholas Goldsborough* (ca. 1689–1766).