

Hill (?–1762). UNCLE: **James Weems** (ca. 1707–1781). BROTHERS: William (1725–1751); David (1729–1745); James (1731–1784); Loch (1733–1734); Loch (1735–1764); and Thomas Lane (1737–1779). HALF BROTHERS: Richard (1740–1780), who married first, Sarah (?–1767), and second, Mary Ward; David (1747–died young); David (1748–1750); David (1750–died young); David (1751–1820), who married in 1777 Margaret Harrison; William (1758–?); and Mason Loch (1759–1825). HALF SISTERS: Ann (1742–1744); Williamina (1744–died young); Susannah (1745–1805), who married in 1776 Thomas Morton; Williamina (1754–1783), who married in 1783 Dr. Thomas Mudd; and Ester (1756–1856). FIRST COUSINS: **John Weems** (1737–1813); Sarah Weems (?–1763), who married **Samuel Chew** (1737–1790); and Margaret Weems (?–1783), who married second, **Joseph Sprigg** (1736–1800). MARRIED first, name unknown. MARRIED second, on December 18, 1781, Mary (?–1816), daughter of Richard Dorsey (1714–1760) and wife Elizabeth Beale Nicholson (1711–ca. 1776). Mary was the granddaughter of **John Beale** (?–1734). 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 Mary Rutland; Richard; and Edward. Her sisters were Eleanor (ca. 1739–1805), who married **John Hall** (1729–1797); Anne, who married Benjamin Beale; and Elizabeth, who married first, (first name unknown) MacGowan, and second, Elijah Harrison. Her first cousins were **Harry Dorsey Gough** (ca. 1745–1808); **Thomas Dorsey** (?–1790); **Charles Ridgely, of John** (ca. 1749–1786); Achsah Dorsey, who married **Ephraim Howard** (1745–1788); Rebecca Dorsey, who married **Charles Ridgely** (1733–1790); Eleanor Dorsey, who married **Upton Sheredine** (1740–1800); Deborah Ridgely (1749–1817), who married **John Sterett** (1750/51–1787); Mary Ridgely (?–1804), who married **Benjamin Nicholson** (?–1792); Elizabeth Dorsey (?–ca. 1811), who married **Richard Ridgely** (1755–1824); **Henry Woodward** (1733–1761); Frances Todd, who married **George Risteau** (?–1792); and Deborah Lynch (?–1810), who married **Samuel Owings, Jr.** (1733–1803). CHILDREN. SONS: William (ca. 1789–1829); Richard Dorsey (1790–died young); and John Beale (?–1814), who married in 1806 Priscilla, daughter of **Richard Harwood** (1738–1826). DAUGHTERS: Mary, who married in 1776 **Alexander McPherson** (1738–1805); Sarah (?–possibly 1795), who married in 1774 Richard Johns (possibly 1744–1806); Eleanor

(1791–by 1794); Elizabeth (?–1796); and Ann, who married in 1812 Horatio Ridout, Esq., son of **John Ridout** (1732–1797). PRIVATE CAREER. EDUCATION: literate. RELIGIOUS AFFILIATION: Anglican, St. James' Parish, Anne Arundel County. SOCIAL STATUS AND ACTIVITIES: Gent., by 1764. OCCUPATIONAL PROFILE: merchant, 1757; planter. PUBLIC CAREER. LEGISLATIVE SERVICE: Conventions, Anne Arundel County, 1st, 1774, 2nd–3rd, 1774. LOCAL OFFICES: justice, Anne Arundel County, 1757–1770, 1773, 1777 (quorum 1768–1770, 1773); commissioner of the tax, Anne Arundel County, 1777–1779, 1781–1783, 1785, 1786, 1790; subscription officer of the Continental Loan Office for Anne Arundel County, 1779; St. James' Parish Vestry, Anne Arundel County, 1751–1754, 1757–1764, 1767–1770, 1770, 1778, 1779–1783, 1783–1794. MILITARY SERVICE: colonel, South River Battalion, Anne Arundel County Militia, appointed January 6, 1776, served until at least May 1779. WEALTH DURING LIFETIME. PERSONAL PROPERTY: inherited 3 slaves from brother Loch, 1764. Assessed value £2,551.15.0, including 52 slaves and 94 oz. plate, 1783. Gave over 30 slaves to daughters Mary and Sarah before his death. LAND AT FIRST ELECTION: probably 801 acres in Anne Arundel County (500 acres as gift from father in 1757, 301 acres by purchase). SIGNIFICANT CHANGES IN LAND BETWEEN FIRST ELECTION AND DEATH: inherited 482 acres in Anne Arundel County from his brother Loch after the death of their father in 1779. This land had descended to David and **James Weems** (ca. 1707–1781) from their uncle Dr. William Loch (?–1732), but their ownership of it was disputed by Dr. Loch's son William Loch (?–1750) and his heirs. After litigation for many years, a compromise was reached and John Weems (of Anne Arundel County) finally received title to 357 acres in 1785. He also controlled 600 acres in Anne Arundel County from 1787 to 1794 that had been devised to his son John Beale by Mary Weem's sister Ann Beale. WEALTH AT DEATH. DIED: on November 28, 1794, in St. James' Parish, Anne Arundel County. PERSONAL PROPERTY: TEV, £3,908.18.0 current money (including money received from sales of property as authorized by the Orphans' Court in order to pay Weems's creditors; about £1,077 of the total was from the sale of real property); FB, estate overpaid £82.10.6 in 1803, but remained in litigation until 1816. Inventory included 79 slaves and 126 oz. plate. LAND: 1,158 acres and ca. 2 acres in unpatented certificates in Anne Arundel County. All of his land except 500 acres of his