

merchant, who purchased a 15-acre tract in England with Mark Cordea of St. Mary's County on February 1, 1676/77. **PUBLIC CAREER.** LEGISLATIVE SERVICE: Lower House, Anne Arundel County, 1699–1700 (elected to the 3rd session of the 1697/98–1700 Assembly; Elections and Privileges 4). **LOCAL OFFICES:** justice, Anne Arundel County, 1692–1697; coroner, Anne Arundel County, 1694. **MILITARY SERVICE:** captain, 1694–1701. **WEALTH DURING LIFETIME.** **PERSONAL PROPERTY:** gave 12 slaves to his wife and children by deed of gift a week before his death. **LAND AT FIRST ELECTION:** ca. 1,900 acres (including over 700 acres inherited by his wife from her father). **WEALTH AT DEATH.** **DIED:** on April 9, 1701; buried at his plantation on the north side of the Severn River, Anne Arundel County. His remains were later removed to St. Anne's churchyard, Annapolis. **PERSONAL PROPERTY:** TEV, £638.18.8 (including 48 oz. plate); FB, £624.3.3. **LAND:** ca. 1,900 acres, probably all in Anne Arundel County.

WORTHINGTON, JOHN GRIFFITH (1764–1797). **BORN:** on February 1, 1764, in Anne Arundel County; he and his twin brother were his father's youngest sons. **NATIVE:** fourth generation. **RESIDED:** in Annapolis, Anne Arundel County. **FAMILY BACKGROUND.** **FATHER:** *Nicholas Worthington* (1734–1793). **MOTHER:** Catherine Griffith (1732–1793). **UNCLE:** *Brice T. B. Worthington* (1727–1794). **BROTHERS:** Thomas (1754–1823); Charles (1756–died in infancy); Nicholas (1757–1782); Charles (1759–?); and Brice John (1764–1837). **SISTERS:** Elizabeth (1752–died young); Catherine (1761–1814), who married in 1784 *Baker Johnson* (1747–1811); Elizabeth (1766–1820); Achsah (1768–?); and Sarah (1770–?). **FIRST COUSINS:** *Thomas Dorsey* (?–1790); Eleanor Dorsey, who married *Upton Sheredine* (1740–1800). **CHILDREN.** Probably none; principal heirs were his brothers and sisters. **PRIVATE CAREER.** **EDUCATION:** literate. **SOCIAL STATUS AND ACTIVITIES:** Esq., by death; fourth generation legislator. **OCCUPATIONAL PROFILE:** lawyer. **PUBLIC CAREER.** **LEGISLATIVE SERVICE:** Lower House, Anne Arundel County, 1789, 1790, 1791–1792, 1792, 1793, 1794, 1795. **LOCAL OFFICES:** justice, Orphans' Court, Anne Arundel County, commissioned February 1791, resigned December 1791; common councilman, Annapolis, 1790–1792. **WEALTH DURING LIFETIME.** **PERSONAL PROPERTY:** inherited 3 slaves from his uncle John Griffith, 1774. **LAND AT FIRST ELECTION:** at least 160 acres

in Anne Arundel County and 1 lot and house in Annapolis (also inherited from his uncle John Griffith, 1774). **SIGNIFICANT CHANGES IN LAND BETWEEN FIRST ELECTION AND DEATH:** purchased 100 acres in Anne Arundel County, 1794. After their father's death in 1793, John G. and his brothers and sisters divided the estate of *Nicholas Worthington* (1734–1793) and the land devised to them by their grandfather Capt. Charles Griffith, with John G. receiving title to about 400 acres in Anne Arundel County. Before his death, he apparently gave his share of the Griffith property, perhaps 300 acres, to his sister Elizabeth. **WEALTH AT DEATH.** **DIED:** on February 14, 1797, at "Summer Hill," Anne Arundel County, the home of his brother Brice John Worthington. Buried in the family graveyard at "Summer Hill." **PERSONAL PROPERTY:** requested that no inventory or accounts be made. **LAND:** probably ca. 200 acres in Anne Arundel County (mentioned in his will).

WORTHINGTON, NICHOLAS (1734–1793). **BORN:** on March 29, 1734, in St. Anne's Parish, Anne Arundel County; youngest son. **NATIVE:** third generation. **RESIDED:** at "Summer Hill," near Annapolis, Severn Hundred, Anne Arundel County. **FAMILY BACKGROUND.** **FATHER:** *Thomas Worthington* (ca. 1691–1752/53). **MOTHER:** Elizabeth Ridgely (?–1734). **BROTHERS:** *Brice T. B. Worthington* (1727–1794); Thomas (1731–died young). **SISTERS:** Ann (1713–died young); Sarah (1715/16–?); Elizabeth (1717–?); Katherine (1720–1788); Rachel Ridgely (1722–?); Thomasine (1724–?); and Ariana (1729–?). **FIRST COUSINS:** *Henry Ridgely* (1728–1791); Elizabeth Ridgely, (1737–by 1761), who married *Thomas Dorsey* (?–1790); Sarah Ridgely (1745–?), who married *Charles Greenbury Griffith* (1744–1792); and *Samuel Worthington* (1734–1815). **NEPHEW:** *Thomas Dorsey* (?–1790). **NIECE:** Eleanor Dorsey, who married *Upton Sheredine* (1740–1800). **MARRIED** on October 1, 1751, Catherine (1732–1793), daughter of Capt. Charles Griffith (1693–1771) and his second wife Catherine Baldwin (1705–1733), of Anne Arundel County. Charles Griffith married first, Mary Wolden Mercer (?–1721). Catherine was the niece of *John Baldwin* (?–1752). Her brother was John (1728–1774), who died without progeny. Her half brothers were William (1718–1793), who married Priscilla Ridgely; Charles (1719/20–1803), who married Ann Davidge. Her sister was Sarah (1730–?), who married in 1751 Azel Warfield. Her half sister was Mary