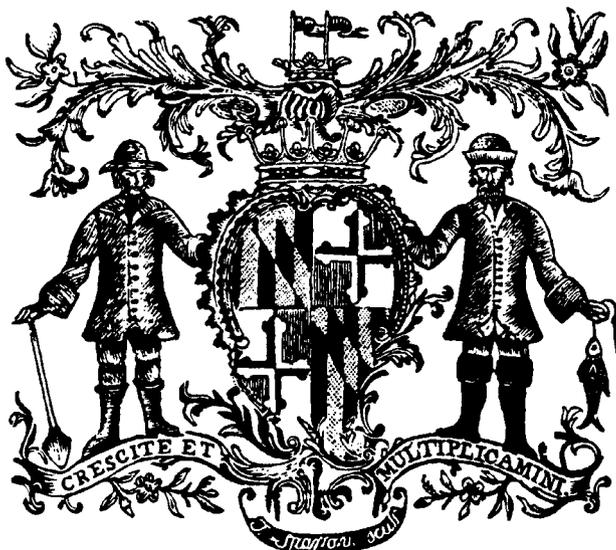


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CHASE, JEREMIAH TOWNLY (TOWNLEY)

(1748–1828). BORN: on May 23, 1748, in St. Paul's Parish, Baltimore County; only son. NATIVE: third generation. RESIDED: in Annapolis, Anne Arundel County, at least 1767–ca. 1773; Baltimore County, ca. 1773–1779; Annapolis, 1779 until death. FAMILY BACKGROUND. FATHER: Richard Chase, Gent. (?–1757), son of Rev. Richard Chase (?–ca. 1742), chaplain to *Charles Calvert, 5th Lord Baltimore* (1699–1751), rector of Westminster Parish and All Hallows's Parish in Anne Arundel County and Christ Church in Calvert County; immigrated in 1734. GUARDIAN: his great-uncle Rev. Thomas Chase (1700–1779), rector of St. Paul's Parish, Baltimore County, from 1745 to 1779. MOTHER: Catherine (?–by 1757). UNCLE: *Jeremiah Chase* (?–1755). SISTER: Frances Hatton, who married Richard Moale (1739–1786), son of *John Moale* (?–1740). OTHER KINSHIP: his second cousin was *Samuel Chase* (1741–1811). MARRIED on June 24, 1779, Hester (?–1823), daughter of Thomas Baldwin, Gent., of Anne Arundel County, and wife Agnes. Her sisters were Anne, who married *Samuel Chase* (1741–1811); Rebecca. CHILDREN. SON: Richard Moale (?–ca. 1840), who married Mary Marriott (?–1836). DAUGHTERS: Frances Townly (ca. 1780–1857), who married Richard Loockerman (ca. 1782–1834); Hester Ann (1791–1875); Matilda (ca. 1786–1829), who married Thomas Chase (1774–1826), son of *Samuel Chase* (1741–1811); and Catherine, who married Richard Crabb. PRIVATE CAREER. EDUCATION: his early education was provided by his guardian Rev. Thomas Chase; probably studied law in Annapolis under *Samuel Chase* (1741–1811). RELIGIOUS AFFILIATION: Anglican. SOCIAL STATUS AND ACTIVITIES: Esq., by 1788; Hon., by 1798. OCCUPATIONAL PROFILE: lawyer, admitted to the Anne Arundel County Court in August 1771; prosecutor, Annapolis Mayor's Court, 1772–1773. Appeared as an attorney in Anne Arundel County Court over 500 times between 1772 and 1773, and 1783 and 1791 (no appearances between 1773 and 1783), with the bulk of his cases occurring between 1783 and 1789; his most active year was 1787. He frequently appeared for *Samuel Chase* (1741–1811) in the 1780s. PUBLIC CAREER. LEGISLATIVE SERVICE: Conventions, Baltimore County, 4th 1775, 5th, 1775, 6th–8th, 1775–1776, Baltimore Town, 9th, 1776; Lower House, Baltimore Town, 1777 (Elections 1, 2; Grievances 1; Laws to Expire 1; Manufactories 1), 1777–1778 (Elections 1, 2; Laws to Expire 1), 1778–1779 (Manufactories 1; Elections 2; Tax Commissioners 3), Anne Arundel County, 1788. OTHER STATE OFFICES: Executive Council, 1779–1780, 1780–1781, 1781–1782, 1782–1783, 1783 (resigned on

December 12, 1783), 1785–1786, 1786–1787, 1787–1788; Constitution Ratification Convention, Anne Arundel County, 1788; judge, General Court, 1789–1805; chief judge, Third Judicial District and of the Court of Appeals, 1806–1826 (resigned). LOCAL OFFICES: Committee of Correspondence, Baltimore County, elected 1774; Committee of Observation, Baltimore Town, elected 1774; common councilman, Annapolis, elected 1781; alderman, Annapolis, 1781–1791; mayor, Annapolis, 1783–1784; Maryland Senate elector, Anne Arundel County, elected 1796. OUT OF STATE SERVICE: delegate, Continental Congress, 1783–1784 (elected on December 9, 1783, to fill vacancy). STANDS ON PUBLIC/PRIVATE ISSUES: opposed ratification of the U.S. Constitution, 1788. WEALTH DURING LIFETIME. PERSONAL PROPERTY: assessed value £425.0.0, including 8 slaves and 132 oz. plate, 1783; assessed value of Annapolis property \$2,335.00, including 8 slaves and 500 oz. plate, 1819, and \$1,760.00, including 8 slaves and 500 oz. plate, 1821. He was awarded £576.14.1 current money by the Chancery Court as his father's share of the estate of *Jeremiah Chase* (?–1755), 1787. ADDITIONAL COMMENTS: he held several mortgages, usually on land, as security for bonds signed by *Samuel Chase* (1741–1811), *Luther Martin* (1744–1826), and others. LAND AT FIRST ELECTION: probably none. SIGNIFICANT CHANGES IN LAND BETWEEN FIRST ELECTION AND DEATH: In 1778 Chase began purchasing small tracts of land in or adjacent to Baltimore Town, which would later be subdivided into lots and sold separately. His major holdings were on Whetstone Point; some of this land was confiscated British property that Chase bought in 1781, while other portions of it were obtained by mortgage foreclosures and later by purchase. He bought most of the land in Baltimore County and Baltimore Town before 1790 and sold or leased it by 1815. In the mid-1820s Chase was again active in Baltimore County land transactions, but he sold most of the acreage before his death. The majority of Chase's real property was located in Anne Arundel County, principally on Annapolis Neck and in the northwestern part of the county, which is now Howard County. With *Samuel Chase* (1741–1811), he purchased over 1,600 acres in the latter area, of which 580 acres were patented in 1786. The following year J. T. Chase bought Samuel Chase's interest in this tract. He repatented most of the acreage in 1800, and much of it was sold by 1825. In 1798 Chase began buying land on Annapolis Neck with a 690-acre purchase from *Benjamin Ogle* (1748/49–1809). Over the next

three decades he enlarged his holdings there to almost 1,100 acres, 795 acres of which he patented into "Bellemont" in 1817. In 1815 he bought 542 acres in Anne Arundel County as a gift for his daughter Catherine Crabb and her husband. The Crabbs deeded 235 acres of this property back to Chase in 1824. From at least 1789 until his death, Chase lived in the "elegant" house of *Matthias Hammond* (1740–1786) in Annapolis. He rented the house and its 4 accompanying lots until he purchased the property in 1811. Chase also bought 2 Annapolis lots in 1795 and had a one-third interest in a 15-acre tract within that city, 1815–1822. WEALTH AT DEATH. DIED: on May 11, 1828, in Annapolis. PERSONAL PROPERTY: TEV, \$20,754.19 current money (including 9 slaves, 530 oz. plate, 144 law titles and other books at his Annapolis residence, and 38 shares valued at \$100 per share in the Bank of Columbia); FB, \$1,468.92, insufficient to pay debts and legacies. LAND: at least 21 acres in Baltimore County and 12 lots on Whetstone Point, Baltimore City, plus a one-third interest in 2 lots in Baltimore City. Probably 1,700 acres in Anne Arundel County, plus at least 6 lots in Annapolis, plus a mortgage on 1,000 acres in Caroline County owned by Richard Loockerman.

CHASE, SAMUEL (1741–1811). BORN: on April 17, 1741, at his mother's home near Princess Anne, Somerset County; eldest son. NATIVE: second generation. RESIDED: in Baltimore County, 1745–1759; Annapolis, 1759–ca. 1786; as state agent for the recovery of Maryland bank stock, Chase lived in London, England, from September 1783 until August 1784; in Baltimore City in his house at the corner of Eutaw and Lexington streets, ca. 1786 until death. FAMILY BACKGROUND. FATHER: Rev. Thomas Chase (ca. 1703–1779), born in England, educated at St. John's and Sidney Sussex colleges, Cambridge University. Immigrated to the West Indies to practice medicine. Returned to England and was ordained as an Anglican priest in February 1739. Immigrated in 1739 to become rector of Somerset Parish, Somerset County, from May 1739 to February 1744/45. Rector of St. Paul's Parish, Baltimore County, from 1745 to 1779. MOTHER: Matilda (?–by 1744), daughter of Thomas Walker (?–1744), of Somerset County, a planter and innkeeper, and wife Sarah Maddox. STEPMOTHER: Ann (?–1772), daughter of Thomas Birch, surgeon and male midwife of England. HALF BROTHERS: Thomas (ca. 1765–1773); George; Russell Birch; and Richard. HALF SISTERS: Anne; Elizabeth. FIRST COUSIN: *Jeremiah*

Chase (?–1755). OTHER KINSHIP: his second cousin was *Jeremiah Townly Chase* (1748–1828). MARRIED first, on May 2, 1762, Ann (?–1776), daughter of Thomas Baldwin, Gent., (?–1762), of Anne Arundel County, who died soon after his imprisonment for debt, and wife Agnes. Her sisters were Hester (?–1823), who married *Jeremiah Townly Chase* (1748–1828); Rebecca. MARRIED second, in 1784 Hannah Kitty Giles (?–1848). CHILDREN, SONS: Thomas (1764–1765); Samuel (1773–1841); and Thomas (1774–1826), who married in 1816 Matilda (ca. 1786–1829), daughter of *Jeremiah Townly Chase* (1748–1828). DAUGHTERS: Matilda (1763–?), who married in 1787 Henry Ridgely (1753–1811), lawyer and judge; Nancy (1768–1770); Fanny (1770–1771); Ann (Nancy) (1771–1852); Elizabeth (after 1784–?), who married first, George Dugan, and second, (first name unknown) Cole; and Mary (after 1784–?), who married in 1808 William B. Barney. ADDITIONAL COMMENTS: Chase was guardian to his young half brothers and half sisters after his father's death. His move to Baltimore County in 1786 was said to have been caused by the need for greater income to support his family. PRIVATE CAREER. EDUCATION: received a classical education from his father; studied law in Annapolis under *John Hall* (1729–1797). RELIGIOUS AFFILIATION: Anglican, St. Anne's Parish, Anne Arundel County and St. Paul's Parish, Baltimore County. Delegate to diocesan convention, 1794, 1801. SOCIAL STATUS AND ACTIVITIES: Esq., 1769; Gent., 1779; member of the Forensic Club, Annapolis, 1761, expelled in 1762 for "extremely irregular and indecent" behavior. ADDITIONAL COMMENTS: in 1790 *Alexander Contee Hanson* (1749–1806) said "that vile as Chase has been held by most of the better kind of his fellow citizens, he has been the mover of almost every thing this state has to boast of—Strange, inconsistent man!" Late in life, Chase wrote "A Course of Law and Literary Study," a five-year course of training for his law students. OCCUPATIONAL PROFILE: lawyer, admitted to the following courts: Annapolis Mayor's Court in 1761; Anne Arundel, Baltimore, Frederick, and Prince George's counties in 1763; Provincial Court in 1765; Chancery Court by 1768; Charles County in 1772. Chase was involved with *Allen Quynn* (ca. 1726–1803) and others in a saltworks on the West River, Anne Arundel County, 1777–1778. Quynn was a close associate with Chase in several ventures and handled Chase's business affairs when he was away from Annapolis in the 1770s and 1780s. Partner with *Thomas Dorsey* (?–1790) in the mercantile firm of John Dorsey & Co. from May 1778