

Monday, December 22, 1788, between 8:00 and 9:00 in the evening in Dorchester County; interred in Cambridge Churchyard, Dorchester County. LAND: 7,961 acres in Dorchester County; possibly still owned the estate in Wiltshire and London, England.

GOLDSBOROUGH, ROBERT, IV (1740–1798). BORN: on Saturday, November 8, 1740, at “Myrtle Grove,” Talbot County; first son. NATIVE: third generation. RESIDED: in Talbot County. FAMILY BACKGROUND. FATHER: Robert Goldsborough (ca. 1704–1777), of “Myrtle Grove,” Talbot County; a justice of Talbot County from 1734 to 1741 and from 1749 to 1766; son of *Robert Goldsborough* (1660–1746). MOTHER: Sarah (?–1740), daughter of Rev. Henry Nicols (1687–ca. 1749), rector of St. Michael’s Parish, Talbot County, and wife Elizabeth Gatchell. STEPMOTHER: Mary Anne (1711–1794), widow of John Robins (?–1739), a lawyer; daughter of *Foster Turbutt* (1679–1720/21). UNCLES: *Charles Goldsborough* (1707–1767); *William Goldsborough* (1709–1760); and *John Goldsborough* (1711–1778). STEPAUNTS: Sarah Turbutt (1706–1773), who married *Nicholas Goldsborough* (ca. 1689–1766); Elizabeth Turbutt (1708–?), who married *Tench Francis* (1701–1758); and Anne Turbutt (1715–1766), who married *John Goldsborough* (1711–1778). HALF BROTHERS: *Hoves Goldsborough* (1747–1797); *William Goldsborough* (1750/51–1801). HALF SISTERS: Elizabeth (1745–1748); Mary Anne Turbutt (1752–1811), who never married. FIRST COUSINS: *Robert Goldsborough* (1733–1788); Elizabeth Greenberry Goldsborough (ca. 1731–1820), who married *William Ennalls* (?–1785); Elizabeth Goldsborough (ca. 1735–ca. 1786), who married second, *Benson Stainton* (?–ca. 1781); Mary Goldsborough (1755–1796), who married *Benedict Brice* (1749–1786); and *Jeremiah Nichols* (1748–ca. 1806). MARRIED on Thursday, September 22, 1768, Mary Emerson (ca. 1739–1811), youngest daughter of *Henry Trippe* (?–1744); granddaughter of *Henry Trippe* (?–ca. 1723/24); niece of both Elizabeth Trippe, who married second, *Bartholomew Ennalls* (ca. 1700–1783) and Mary Trippe (?–1782), who married *Jacob Hindman* (by 1713–1766). Her brother was Henry (?–ca. 1770). Her sisters were Sarah; Ann, who married *John Dickinson* (ca. 1726–1789); and Elizabeth. Her first cousins were *James Hindman* (1741–1830); *William Hindman* (1743–1822); and Elizabeth Hindman (?–by 1788), who married *William Perry* (1746–1799). CHILDREN. SONS: Robert (1771–1771); Robert Henry (1774–1777); Robert Henry (1779–1836), a member of

the House of Delegates from Talbot County in 1804 and 1825, a U.S. senator from 1813 to 1819 and from 1835 to 1836, and a presidential elector (for Jackson) in 1833, he married in 1800 Henrietta Maria, second daughter of Col. Robert Lloyd Nicols, of “Mt. Pleasant,” Talbot County. DAUGHTERS: (first name unknown) (1769–?); Elizabeth (1776–1798), who married in 1793 Charles Goldsborough, Esq. (1765–1834), of Dorchester County, governor of Maryland in 1819, grandson of *Charles Goldsborough* (1707–1767). PRIVATE CAREER. EDUCATION: entered the University of Pennsylvania on August 12, 1757, as a member of the class of 1760. RELIGIOUS AFFILIATION: Anglican; appointed by the St. Michael’s Parish Vestry, Talbot County, to be the deputy at a meeting of the representatives from several parishes in Chestertown, Kent County, to frame a petition to the General Assembly for the better support of ministers, 1781. SOCIAL STATUS AND ACTIVITIES: Esq., 1779; Hon., 1784; a member of the American Philosophical Society, 1791. OCCUPATIONAL PROFILE: lawyer, admitted to the following courts: Talbot County in November 1759; Provincial Court in April 1765; Queen Anne’s County in June 1765; Dorchester County by November 1772. Officeholder; probably also a planter. PUBLIC CAREER. LEGISLATIVE SERVICE: Convention, Talbot County, 1st, 1774; Lower House, Talbot County, 1778 (elected to the 2nd session of the 1777–1778 Assembly to fill vacancy), 1778–1779 (Claims 2). OTHER STATE OFFICES: judge, General Court, 1784–1798; Constitution Ratification Convention, Talbot County, 1788. LOCAL OFFICES: clerk of Indictments, Talbot County, sworn 1759; St. Michael’s Parish Vestry, Talbot County, elected 1779 and 1784; visitor, Talbot County School, in office 1783. STANDS ON PUBLIC/PRIVATE ISSUES: signed a nonimportation resolution at a meeting in Annapolis in June 1769. WEALTH DURING LIFETIME. PERSONAL PROPERTY: 24 slaves, 1776; assessed value £1,769.11.3, including 46 slaves and 134.25 oz. plate, 1783; 41 slaves, 1790; assessed value £2,258.12.6, including 78 slaves and 193.5 oz. plate, Talbot County, 1798; 7 slaves, Queen Anne’s County, 1798. LAND AT FIRST ELECTION: 1,129 acres in Talbot and Queen Anne’s counties (250 acres inherited from his grandfather; 679 acres acquired through his marriage; 200 acres by purchase). SIGNIFICANT CHANGES IN LAND BETWEEN FIRST ELECTION AND DEATH: inherited 965 acres in Talbot County from his father; purchased 111 acres of confiscated British property in Baltimore County, 1783; sold 320 acres in Talbot County, 1784. WEALTH AT