

lots in Joppa, Baltimore County, 1783. His insolvency petition in 1792 listed 1 house and lot in Joppa, plus 1,196 acres in Baltimore and Harford counties, but 369 acres of this were already mortgaged, 200 acres had been given to his son, and 250 acres were still technically owned by his father. Howard and his wife deeded the ca. 370 acres in Harford County she had brought with her at their marriage to his trustee in 1794 to satisfy his creditors. **WEALTH AT DEATH. DIED:** buried on July 17, 1799, in St. John's Parish, Harford County; size of estate unknown.

HOWARD, JOHN EAGER (1752–1827). BORN: on June 4, 1752, in Baltimore County; third son. NATIVE: fourth generation. RESIDED: at "Belvedere," Baltimore City. **FAMILY BACKGROUND. FATHER:** Cornelius Howard (ca. 1706–1777). **MOTHER:** Ruth (ca. 1721–1796), daughter of John Eager. **BROTHERS:** George (1740–1766); Joshua (1745–1767); Cornelius (1754–?), a member of the Maryland House of Delegates in 1793; James (1757–1806); and Philip (1762–1764). **SISTERS:** Rachel (1743–1747); Ruth (1747–?), who married Charles Elder; Rachel (1749–1750); Violetta (1759–?), who married Joseph West; and Anne (1765–1770). **FIRST COUSIN:** *John Beale Howard* (by 1739–1799). **MARRIED** on May 18, 1787, Margaret (Peggy) Oswald, daughter of Benjamin Chew (1722–1810), an attorney of Philadelphia, chief justice of the Pennsylvania Supreme Court from 1774 to 1776, a Loyalist, judge, and president of the Pennsylvania High Court of Errors and Appeals from 1791 to 1808. **CHILDREN. SONS:** George (1789–1846), the governor of Maryland from 1831 to 1833, who married Prudence Gough, daughter of Charles Ridgely, of "Hampton" (1760–1829), the governor of Maryland from 1816 to 1819; John Eager, Jr. (?–by 1822), who married Cornelia Reed; Benjamin Chew (1791–1872), a member of the Maryland House of Delegates in 1824 and a representative to the U.S. Congress from 1829 to 1833 and from 1835 to 1839; Charles (1802–?); William; and James, who married Sophia J. Ridgely. **DAUGHTERS:** Juliana Elizabeth (1796–1821), who married John McHenry, son of *James McHenry* (1753–1816); Sophia, who married William George Reed, of South Carolina. **PRIVATE CAREER. EDUCATION:** received his early education from private tutors. **RELIGIOUS AFFILIATION:** Anglican, St. Thomas Parish and St. Paul's Parish, Baltimore County. **SOCIAL STATUS AND ACTIVITIES:** a member of the Jockey Club, Annapolis; a founding member of the Society of Cincinnati. **OCCUPATIONAL PROFILE:** major developer of

Baltimore City; planter; officeholder. **PUBLIC CAREER. LEGISLATIVE SERVICE:** Senate, Western Shore, Term of 1791–1796: 1791–1792, 1792, 1793, 1794 (president), 1795, Term of 1796–1801: 1796 (resigned on December 1, 1796, after his election to the U.S. Senate), Term of 1816–1821: 1816 (declined to serve because of his "delicate state of . . . health"). **OTHER STATE OFFICES:** governor, 1788–1791; associate justice, Third District, appointed by May 1792, resigned by July 1792; commissioner, Maryland Penitentiary, in office 1804. **LOCAL OFFICES:** Committee of Observation, Baltimore County, elected 1774; committee to license suits of law, in office 1775; justice, Baltimore County, 1785–1787; justice, Orphans' Court, Baltimore County, 1786–1787; Maryland Senate elector, Baltimore County and Baltimore Town, elected 1786; commissioner, Baltimore Town, in office 1792; Committee of Supply, Baltimore City, War of 1812, in office 1812. **MILITARY SERVICE:** captain, Second Maryland Battalion, Flying Camp, July 1776; commander of a company at the Battle of White Plains, October 1776; major, Fourth Maryland Regiment, February 1777; lieutenant colonel, Fifth Maryland Regiment, March 1778, transferred to the Second Maryland Regiment, October 1779; fought in the Battle of Cowpens in January 1781 for which he received a medal for heroism from Congress, March 1781; fought in the battles of Guilford Courthouse, Hobkirk's Hill, and Eutaw Springs, 1781; wounded at the Battle of Eutaw Springs, September 1781; colonel, 1781; retired 1783; major general, Third Division, Maryland Militia, commissioned in May 1794, resigned by April 1795. **OUT OF STATE SERVICE:** delegate, Continental Congress, 1787–1788 (elected in December 1787, but did not attend until January 1788); declined the position as U.S. secretary of war, 1795; senator, U.S. Congress, 1796–1797 (elected to fill vacancy; seated on December 27, 1796), 1797–1799, 1799–1801, 1801–1803; defeated as a Federalist party candidate for vice president of the U.S., 1816. **STANDS ON PUBLIC/PRIVATE ISSUES:** His philanthropic endeavors in Baltimore City included a gift of land for the construction of the Washington Monument, as well as land for various churches, a cemetery for the interment of strangers, and a market house. Howard offered land to the State of Maryland if the state would move the capital from Annapolis to Baltimore City. **WEALTH DURING LIFETIME. PERSONAL PROPERTY:** 3 slaves inherited from his father, 1777; 2 slaves inherited from his mother, 1796; 13 slaves on his Anne Arundel County farm, 1798. **LAND AT FIRST ELECTION:** he