

ca. 1,559 acres in Baltimore County, and 1 lot and a house in Baltimore City.

WORTHINGTON, THOMAS (ca. 1691–1752/53). BORN: on January 8, ca. 1691, in Westminster Parish, Anne Arundel County; second son. NATIVE: second generation. RESIDED: about 5 miles outside of Annapolis, Anne Arundel County. FAMILY BACKGROUND. FATHER: *John Worthington* (1650–1701). STEPFATHER: *John Brice* (?–1713). MOTHER: Sarah (?–1726), daughter of Matthew Howard (ca. 1640–1692/93) and wife Sarah Dorsey. UNCLE: *Matthew Howard* (ca. 1675–1750). BROTHERS: John (1689/90–1766); William (1694–?); (first name unknown) (1699–died in infancy); and Charles (1701–?). HALF BROTHER: John Brice (1705–1766). SISTERS: Sarah (1696–1721/22). HALF SISTERS: Ann Brice (1708–1765), who married *Vachel Denton* (ca. 1696–1752); Rachel Brice (1711–1786), who married *Philip Hammond* (1697–1760). NEPHEW: *Samuel Worthington* (1734–1815). HALF NEPHEWS: *John Brice* (1738–1820); *James Brice* (1746–1801); *Benedict Brice* (1749–1786); *John Hammond* (1735–1784); *Rezin Hammond* (1745–1809); and *Matthias Hammond* (1740–1786). MARRIED on July 23, 1711, Elizabeth (?–1734), daughter of Henry Ridgely and wife Katherine Greenberry. Elizabeth was the granddaughter of both *Henry Ridgely* (?–1710) and *Nicholas Greenberry* (1627–1697). She was the niece of *Charles Greenberry* (1672–1713); Elizabeth Greenberry (1678–1719/20), who married *Robert Goldsborough* (1660–1746); and Ann Greenberry (1676–1723), who married *John Hammond* (1665–1742/43). Her brother was Henry (?–1750), who married Elizabeth Warfield (?–1762). Her sister was Anne, who married Joshua Dorsey (?–1747). Her nephew was *Henry Ridgely* (1728–1791). Her nieces were Anne Ridgely (1725–?), who married *Brice T. B. Worthington* (1727–1794); Elizabeth Ridgely (1737–by 1761), who married *Thomas Dorsey* (?–1790); and Sarah Ridgely (1745–?), who married *Charles Greenbury Griffith* (1744–1792). Her first cousins were *Charles Goldsborough* (1707–1767); *William Goldsborough* (1709–1760); *John Goldsborough* (1711–1778); and Rachel Hammond (1708–ca. 1749), who married *John Moale* (?–1740). CHILDREN. SONS: *Brice T. B. Worthington* (1727–1794); Thomas (1731–died young); and *Nicholas Worthington* (1734–1793). DAUGHTERS: Ann (1713–died young); Sarah (1715/16–?), who married Basil Dorsey (1704–1763); Elizabeth (1717–?), who married in 1735 Henry Dorsey; Katherine (1720–1788), who married Nicholas

Gassaway, son of *Thomas Gassaway* (1683/84–1739); Rachel Ridgely (1722–?), who married Cornelius Howard; Thomasine (1724–?), who married Alexander Warfield; and Ariana (1729–?), who married first, Nicholas Watkins, Jr., and second, John Ijams. PRIVATE CAREER. EDUCATION: literate. RELIGIOUS AFFILIATION: Anglican, St. Anne's Parish, Anne Arundel County. SOCIAL STATUS AND ACTIVITIES: Mr., by 1745; Gent., by 1747. ADDITIONAL COMMENT: His obituary in the *Maryland Gazette* stated that Worthington had "served his country with a steady and disinterested fidelity, was strictly honest in Principal and practice, and therefore had the esteem of all that knew him; he was a good father and a sincere friend, was frugal and industrious, and was possessed of many other good qualities, which constitute the character of a good and sincere Christian." OCCUPATIONAL PROFILE: merchant, planter; owned a "storehouse" adjoining his dwelling, by 1748. PUBLIC CAREER. LEGISLATIVE SERVICE: Lower House, Anne Arundel County, 1725–1727 (Accounts 1–4), 1728–1731 (Accounts 1–5), 1742–1744 (Elections 1, 2; Accounts 1, 2), 1745 (Elections; Accounts), 1745/46–1748 (Elections Cv 1, 1–3, 4; Accounts Cv 1, 1–3, 4), 1749–1751 (Elections Cv–3; Accounts Cv–3), 1751–1752 (Elections 1, 2; Accounts 1, 2; died before the 3rd session of the 1751–1754 Assembly). LOCAL OFFICES: St. Anne's Parish Vestry, Anne Arundel County, 1726–1729, 1734–1737, 1742–1745, 1749–1752; churchwarden, St. Anne's Parish, Anne Arundel County, 1748–1749. WEALTH DURING LIFETIME. PERSONAL PROPERTY: inherited 2 slaves from his father's estate when he came of age; often acted as mortgagee in the 1730s, accepting crops, livestock, and other personal property as security for loans. LAND AT FIRST ELECTION: probably 3,329 acres in Anne Arundel County (775 acres inherited from his father), including lands surveyed, but not yet patented. SIGNIFICANT CHANGES IN LAND BETWEEN FIRST ELECTION AND DEATH: purchased additional acreage in Anne Arundel County, including tracts in the area of Elkridge, and ca. 100 acres in Baltimore County; several of his acquisitions were held in partnership with his brother-in-law Henry Ridgely. Between 1728 and 1749, Worthington patented 1,746 acres in his own name, much of it already surveyed by others, and 2,200 acres, which had been surveyed with Ridgely in 1719. WEALTH AT DEATH. DIED: on March 12, 1752/53, at his plantation outside Annapolis. PERSONAL PROPERTY: TEV, £28.19.1 sterling, £2,372.13.8 current money (in-