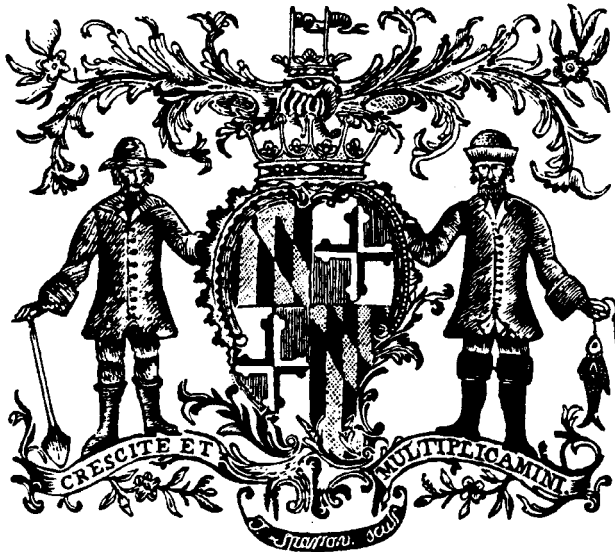


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ther's estate, "Weston"; third son. NATIVE: third generation. RESIDED: at "Weston," near Vienna, Dorchester County. FAMILY BACKGROUND. FATHER: *John Henry* (ca. 1714–1781). MOTHER: *Dorothy* (1725–?), daughter of *John Rider* (1686–1739/40) and wife *Ann Hicks* (ca. 1684–ca. 1733); stepdaughter of *Mary Hooper Hicks Rider* (?–ca. 1757). UNCLE: *Robert Jenkins Henry* (ca. 1712–1766). BROTHERS: *Charles Rider*; *Francis Jenkins Henry* (?–1796); *Robert*; and possibly also *Rider* (?–by 1787), but he and *Charles Rider* are probably the same person. SISTERS: *Charlotte*, who married *William Winder, Jr.* (?–1808); *Niturah*; *Dolly*, who married *Isaac Henry* (?–ca. 1802); *Nancy*; and *Sarah*. FIRST COUSIN: *Ann Billings*, who married *Henry Steele* (ca. 1718–1782). OTHER KINSHIP: his stepaunt was *Ann Hicks*, who married *Henry Travers* (?–1765); his great-grandfather was *Thomas Hicks* (1659–1722); and his great-stepgrandfather was *Henry Hooper* (ca. 1643–1720). MARRIED on March 6, 1787, *Margaret* (ca. 1766–1789), daughter of *John Campbell* (?–ca. 1766), of Dorchester County, a merchant, and wife *Elizabeth Goldsborough* (ca. 1735–ca. 1786); stepdaughter of both *Benson Stainton* (?–ca. 1781) and *Richard Kinnard* (?–1796); granddaughter of *John Goldsborough* (1711–1778); niece of *Mary Goldsborough* (1755–1796), who married *Benedict Brice* (1749–1786). Her sister was *Ann* (?–died young). CHILDREN. SONS: *John Campbell* (1787–1857), of *Hambrooks*, Dorchester County, who married in 1808 *Mary Nevett* (1789–1873), daughter of *James Steele* (ca. 1760–1816); *Francis Jenkins* (1789–?), who never married. After *John Henry* died in 1798, the boys' guardian, *Levin H. Campbell*, sent them to the College of New Jersey (later became Princeton University) to be educated. PRIVATE CAREER. EDUCATION: sent to *West Nottingham Academy*, Cecil County, under the tutelage of *Rev. Samuel Finley, D.D.*; graduated from the College of New Jersey (later became Princeton University) ca. 1769; studied law at *Middle Temple*, London, England, ca. 1769–ca. 1775. RELIGIOUS AFFILIATION: Anglican; his father's family was Presbyterian. SOCIAL STATUS AND ACTIVITIES: Gent., by 1776; Esq. and Hon., by 1789; member of the *Robin Hood Club*, London, England, which debated the issues of the separation of America and Great Britain, ca. 1769–1775. ADDITIONAL COMMENTS: The *Henry* estate in Dorchester County, "Weston," was burned by the British in 1780, but it was probably still in the possession of his father, *John Henry* (ca. 1714–1781) at that time. OCCUPATIONAL PROFILE: lawyer, practiced law in Dorchester County and was

HENRY, JOHN, JR. (ca. 1750–1798). BORN: ca. 1750 in Dorchester County, probably at his fa-

admitted to the Caroline County Court in September 1775. **PUBLIC CAREER. LEGISLATIVE SERVICE:** Lower House, Dorchester County, 1777 (Elections 1; Grievances 1, 2), 1777–1778 (Grievances 3), 1778–1779 (elected, but did not attend), 1779–1780 (Grievances 1, 2; Tax Commissioners 1, 2; Elections 2), 1780 (elected to the 1780–1781 Assembly, but did not attend; resigned on December 11, 1780, following his election to the Senate); Senate, Eastern Shore, Term of 1776–1781: 1780 (elected on May 16, 1780 to fill vacancy in the 1779–1780 Assembly; did not serve), 1780–1781 (qualified on December 11, 1780), Term of 1781–1786: 1781–1782, 1782–1783, 1783, 1784, 1785, Term of 1786–1791: 1786–1787, 1787–1788, 1788, 1789 (did not serve), 1790. **OTHER STATE OFFICE:** governor, 1797–1798 (resigned due to ill health). **LOCAL OFFICES:** judge, court of appeals, appointed under the Act to Procure Troops for the American Army, Dorchester County, appointed 1778. **OUT OF STATE SERVICE:** delegate, Continental Congress, 1777–1779 (elected on December 22, 1777, to fill vacancy, but did not attend until January 1778; reelected in November 1778), 1780 (elected on March 31, 1780, to fill vacancy), 1784–1786 (elected on December 17, 1784, to fill vacancy, but did not attend until March 1785; reelected in November 1785); senator, U.S. Congress, 1789–1791, 1791–1793, 1793–1795, 1795–1797, 1797 (resigned on December 10, 1797 to become governor). **WEALTH DURING LIFETIME. LAND AT FIRST ELECTION:** no acreage found, but father had been a member of the legislature and was land wealthy. **SIGNIFICANT CHANGES IN LAND BETWEEN FIRST ELECTION AND DEATH:** at least 694 acres in Somerset County inherited from his father, 1781; approximately 1,960 acres in Dorchester and Caroline counties through marriage, 1787; after the deaths of his elder brothers, John inherited at least 1,546 acres in Dorchester County that his father had entailed to his sons. **WEALTH AT DEATH. DIED:** on December 16, 1798, at “Weston,” Dorchester County; retired from governorship one month earlier “due to ill health”; his body was moved to Christ Church Graveyard, Cambridge, Dorchester County, 1908. **PERSONAL PROPERTY:** size of estate unknown. **LAND:** at least 4,226 acres in Somerset, Dorchester, and Caroline counties.