

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.

Presbytery of Dublin, Ireland. He immigrated to the American colonies in 1710 and was a Presbyterian minister of Pocomoke Church in Somerset County from 1710 to 1717. **MOTHER:** Mary (1674–1744), widow of *Francis Jenkins* (ca. 1650–1710); daughter of *Robert King* (?–1697). She subsequently married ca. 1718 Rev. John Hampton (?–1721/22), a Presbyterian minister of Snow Hill Church from 1707 to 1718, Pitts Creek Church from 1709 to 1717, and Pocomoke Church from 1717 to 1722, all in Somerset County. **UNCLE:** *Robert King* (1689–1755). **AUNT:** Eleanor King, who married *Charles Ballard* (ca. 1670–ca. 1724/25). **BROTHER:** *John Henry* (ca. 1714–1781). **SISTER:** (first name unknown) (?–1722). **FIRST COUSIN:** Mary Elizabeth King (1715–1739), who married *Abraham Barnes* (?–ca. 1778). **NEPHEWS:** *Francis Jenkins Henry* (?–1796); *John Henry, Jr.* (ca. 1750–1798). **NIECES:** Charlotte Henry, who married *William Winder, Jr.* (?–1808); Dorothy (Dolly) Henry, who married *Isaac Henry* (?–ca. 1802). **MARRIED** in May 1746 Gertrude (?–ca. 1770), daughter of *John Rousby* (1685–1744); granddaughter of both *Thomas Burford* (?–1686/87) and *John Rousby* (?–1685/86); half niece of both *Walter Smith* (ca. 1693–1748) and Barbara Smith (1693–1764), who married first, *Thomas Holdsworth* (ca. 1692–1718), and second, *Benjamin Mackall* (1675–1761). At the time of their marriage, Gertrude was described as “an agreeable young Lady with a handsome Fortune.” Her brother was John (1728–1750/51), who married Ann (1727–1791), daughter of *Peregrine Frisby* (1688–1739). Her stepbrother was *George Plater* (1695–1755). Her sisters were Anne (1721–1769), who married *Edward Lloyd* (1711–1770); Elizabeth, who married *Abraham Barnes* (?–ca. 1778). Her half first cousins were Mary Holdsworth (1713–?), who married *Benson Bond* (1710–1750); Betty Holdsworth 1715–? who married *James Heighe* (?–1757); *Benjamin Mackall* (ca. 1723–1795); and Barbara Mackall, who married *William Wilkinson* (?–1755). Her nephews were *Edward Lloyd* (1744–1796); *John Barnes* (ca. 1743–1800); and *Richard Barnes* (?–1804). Her nieces were Elizabeth Lloyd (1741/42–?), who married *John Cadwalader* (1741/42–1786); Elizabeth Rousby, who married *George Plater* (1735–1792). **CHILDREN. SONS:** Robert Jenkins (ca. 1755–?); Edward. **DAUGHTERS:** Mary King; Ann; Elizabeth; and Gertrude. **PRIVATE CAREER. EDUCATION:** literate. **RELIGIOUS AFFILIATION:** Presbyterian. He donated during his lifetime and in his will, the land which the Presbyterian Meeting House and Retiring House occupied in the town

**HENRY, ROBERT JENKINS (JENCKINS)** (ca. 1712–1766). **BORN:** ca. 1712 in Somerset County; elder son. **NATIVE:** second generation. **RESIDED:** in Somerset County. **FAMILY BACKGROUND. FATHER:** Rev. John Henry (?–1717), a graduate of the University of Edinburgh, who was ordained by the