

James; and John, a minor in 1765. SISTERS: Martha (1727-?); Mary (ca. 1732-?); Sarah (1736-?); (first name unknown) (ca. 1746-?); and Anne. MARRIED first, on January 9, ca. 1750, Sarah (?-ca. 1754), daughter of Jacob Jones (?-1755), Esq., of Kent County and wife Elizabeth. Sarah was the stepdaughter of Charles McDermott. Her sisters were Martha; Priscilla; Hannah; Mary; and Elizabeth. MARRIED second, by 1759, Sarah, widow of Richard Johnson (?-ca. 1754). CHILDREN. SONS: **Jacob Ringgold** (1753-1816); William, Jr. (?-1812), of Bayside, Kent County, a physician, who married Martha, daughter of Hans Hanson; and Peregrine. DAUGHTERS: Mary (1751-?), who married (first name unknown) Blunt; Sarah; Rebecca; Elizabeth; Frances; Hester; Ann, who married (first name unknown) Williamson; Araminta, who married (first name unknown) Miller; and Henrietta, who married (first name unknown) Harris. PRIVATE CAREER. EDUCATION: literate. RELIGIOUS AFFILIATION: Anglican, Chester Parish, Kent County. OCCUPATIONAL PROFILE: planter. PUBLIC CAREER. LEGISLATIVE SERVICE: Lower House, Kent County, 1771 (elected during session to fill vacancy), 1773-1774 (Public Offices 1, 2, 3); Conventions, Kent County, 1st, 1774, 4th, 1775, 5th, 1775, 9th, 1776. LOCAL OFFICES: register, St. Paul's Parish Vestry, Kent County, 1750; Committee of Correspondence, Kent County, 1774; justice, Kent County, 1762, 1763, 1768, 1774, 1777; collector of gold and silver coin, Kent County, appointed 1776; justice, Orphans' Court, Kent County, appointed 1777 (resigned); commissioner of the tax, Kent County, 1777, 1778. MILITARY SERVICE: lieutenant colonel, Thirteenth Battalion, Kent County Militia, commissioned 1777. WEALTH DURING LIFETIME. PERSONAL PROPERTY: assessed value £693.0.0, including 20 slaves and 30 oz. plate, 1783; 21 slaves, 1790. LAND AT FIRST ELECTION: 307 acres in Kent County (all inherited from maternal uncle Samuel Tovey). SIGNIFICANT CHANGES IN LAND BETWEEN FIRST ELECTION AND DEATH: purchased 274 acres between 1801 and 1805; resurveyed the lands he had inherited from his uncle for a net gain of 13 acres, 1803. WEALTH AT DEATH. DIED: will probated on November 1, 1808, in Kent County. PERSONAL PROPERTY: requested no appraisal of estate; administration bond given on his estate for £30,000.0.0 current money. LAND: 594 acres in Kent County. IDENTIFICATION PROBLEMS. Although William Ringgold of Eastern Neck (1729-1808) has definitely been identified as the man who served from Kent County in the 5th and 9th Conventions, it was impossible

to determine if the other Lower House and Convention service belonged to him or to **William Ringgold** (ca. 1723-1789). No identifying titles were used for the questionable service years of 1771, 1773-1774, and the 1st and 4th Conventions. Therefore, this legislative service was assigned to both men.

RISTEAU, GEORGE (?-1792). BORN: in Baltimore County; of age by 1755. NATIVE: second generation. RESIDED: at "RistEAU's Garrison," Baltimore County. FAMILY BACKGROUND. FATHER: Capt. John RistEAU (?-1760), who immigrated, probably from France, by 1718; commander of a militia fort on his plantation in Baltimore County, ca. 1741; justice, Baltimore County, 1736/37-1743; sheriff, Baltimore County, 1743-1746. MOTHER: Katherine (?-1762), widow of **William Talbot** (?-1713), daughter of George Ogg, Sr. BROTHERS: Talbot (?-1753), who married first, in 1745, Mary, widow of Humphrey Wells Stokes (1709-?), and second, Susanna (1718-1806), widow of both George Stokes (?-1741) and Winston Smith (?-ca. 1752), daughter of **James Philips** (?-1720); Isaac (1724-1764), who married ca. 1748 Elizabeth Reaver; and Joseph, who died while studying for the ministry. SISTERS: Catherine (ca. 1728-1795), who married in 1746 Rev. Thomas Cradock (ca. 1718-1770); possibly Mary, who married in 1747 Isaac Sampson. HALF SISTER: Margaret Talbot (by 1713-?), who married in 1735 Benjamin Hammond (1706/7-?), brother of **Thomas Hammond** (1693-?). NEPHEW: **John Cradock** (ca. 1749-1794). MARRIED on August 7, 1757, Frances, daughter of Thomas Todd (?-1739) and wife Elinor Dorsey (1715/16-1760). Frances was the stepdaughter of William Lynch (?-1751). She was the niece of **Edward Dorsey** (1718-1760); Mary Dorsey (1725-ca. 1786), who married **John Ridgely** (by 1724-1771). Her brother was Thomas. Her half brothers were William Lynch; Joshua Lynch. Her sisters were Elizabeth, who married John Cromwell of Anne Arundel County; Elinor, who married John Ensor, Jr.; and Mary, who married John Worthington. Her half sisters were Sarah Lynch; Nelly Lynch; Ann Lynch; and Deborah Lynch (?-1810), who married **Samuel Owings, Jr.** (1733-1803). Her first cousins were **Henry Woodward** (1733-1761); Eleanor Dorsey, who married **Upton Sheredine** (1740-1800); **Thomas Dorsey** (?-1790); **Harry Dorsey Gough** (ca. 1745-1808); Achsah Dorsey (1746-1799), who married **Ephraim Howard** (1745-1788); Rebecca Dorsey (1739-1812), who married **Charles Ridgely** (1733-1790);