

Peter's Parish Vestry, Talbot County, 1722–1725, 1740–1742; justice, Talbot County, 1726–1728, 1730–1742 (quorum, 1732–1742). **WEALTH DURING LIFETIME.** LAND AT FIRST ELECTION: 3,124 acres in Talbot and Queen Anne's counties (possibly inherited 1,350 acres from his father and paternal uncles, acquired 358 acres through patents, and purchased 2,081 acres). **SIGNIFICANT CHANGES IN LAND BETWEEN FIRST ELECTION AND DEATH:** purchased 2,893 acres in Talbot and Queen Anne's counties between 1729 and 1742; charged on debt books with 200 acres in Dorchester County, 1737; charged on rent rolls and debt books with 634 acres in Talbot County, 1738; patented 871 acres between 1729 and 1739; obtained control through marriage of 1,000 acres in Queen Anne's County inherited by his wife in 1737. **WEALTH AT DEATH.** DIED: on December 5, 1742; buried in St. Peter's Parish Churchyard, Talbot County. **PERSONAL PROPERTY:** TEV, at least £16,755.13.7 current money (including 57 slaves, 3 servants, 513 oz. plate, 1 oz. gold, 1 silver watch, and 29 books). **LAND:** 7,972 acres in Talbot, Queen Anne's and Dorchester counties.

ROBINS, JOHN PURNELL (ca. 1742–1780). BORN: ca. 1742 in Worcester County; probably second son. NATIVE: third generation. RESIDED: probably in Boquetenorton Hundred, Worcester County. **FAMILY BACKGROUND.** FATHER: *Thomas Robins* (ca. 1702–1766). MOTHER: Arralantar (?–by 1782), daughter of *John Purnell* (?–1755), granddaughter of *Thomas Purnell* (?–1723). UNCLÉS: *Zadock Purnell* (?–1805); *William Purnell* (?–1777), a possible legislator; and *Thomas Purnell, of John* (?–1796). BROTHERS: Littleton; Bowdoin (?–by 1786). HALF BROTHER: Thomas (1740–1776). SISTERS: Elizabeth; Mary (1743–1809), who married *William Purnell* (1739–1796), a possible legislator; Esther; Andasia; and Arralantar (?–1825), who married *John Selby Purnell* (?–1799). FIRST COUSINS: *William Purnell* (?–1798); Ann Purnell (?–by 1800), who married first, *Henry Dennis* (?–1785), and second, *William Polk* (1752–1812). MARRIED by 1770 Anna (?–1821), daughter of Adam Spence (?–by 1762) of Worcester County and his wife Mary (?–by 1770). Her brothers were Adam; John; and George. Her sisters were Margaret; Betty; Mary; and Sarah. **CHILDREN.** SONS: John Purnell; Littleton; and James Bowdoin (1770–1826), who was educated at the University of Pennsylvania, became a lawyer, and served as an associate judge of the circuit court on the Eastern Shore of Maryland. He was a

member of the House of Delegates from 1794 to 1797 from Worcester County. **DAUGHTERS:** Arralantar; Mary (Polly). **ADDITIONAL COMMENT:** All of Robins' children were minors when he died in 1780. **PRIVATE CAREER.** EDUCATION: literate. **SOCIAL STATUS AND ACTIVITIES:** Gent., by 1771. **OCCUPATIONAL PROFILE:** probably a planter; owned at least 2 mills. **PUBLIC CAREER.** LEGISLATIVE SERVICE: Lower House, Worcester County, 1771, 1773–1774; 9th Convention, Worcester County, 1776 (election voided on August 15, 1776, because voter qualifications had not been ascertained as prescribed by the resolves of the 8th Convention). **LOCAL OFFICES:** justice, Worcester County, 1773, 1777 until death; justice, Orphans' Court, Worcester County, 1777 until death. **WEALTH DURING LIFETIME.** PERSONAL PROPERTY: ca. £185.0.0 through his wife's inheritance, 1768. **LAND AT FIRST ELECTION:** 1,634 acres in Worcester County (200 acres through marriage, 514 acres by purchase, and 920 acres inherited from father). **SIGNIFICANT CHANGES IN LAND BETWEEN FIRST ELECTION AND DEATH:** purchased 122 acres between 1773 and 1778, and sold 138 acres in 1772, all in Worcester County. **WEALTH AT DEATH.** DIED: will probated in Worcester County on December 1, 1780. **PERSONAL PROPERTY:** TEV, at least £1,419.4.5 (including 17 slaves and at least 2 mills). **LAND:** ca. 1,618 acres in Worcester County.

ROBINS, ROBERT (ca. 1621–by 1685). BORN: ca. 1621. IMMIGRATED: in 1648 as a free adult with his wife and child from Virginia. RESIDED: in Newtown Hundred, St. Mary's County. MARRIED first, Elizabeth. In 1659 in actions recorded in the Charles County Court records, each disclaimed the other as man and wife in separate declarations before Gov. *Josias Fendall* (?–by 1688). For two years prior to this date, their marriage had been marked by a succession of appearances in Provincial Court. Robins had charged Elizabeth with adultery and attempted abortion, and had challenged his paternity of the child borne by her. In turn, a deposition filed by Elizabeth attested to her husband's physical mistreatment of her, and Elizabeth was plaintiff in at least one suit filed against her husband. MARRIED second, Margaret, who later married Francis Harrison. **CHILDREN.** SONS: Richard (by 1648–1705), who married Lydia Shuttleworth (?–1744); John (?–1708). DAUGHTER: Elizabeth, who married John Banister (?–1712). **ADDITIONAL COMMENT:** In 1662, Robins was charged with fathering a bastard child born to Elizabeth Weeks. **PRIVATE CA-**