

DAUGHTER: Elizabeth (1710–1746), who married on January 23, 1734/35, *William Goldsborough* (1709–1760). **PRIVATE CAREER.** EDUCATION: literate. **RELIGIOUS AFFILIATION:** Anglican, St. Peter's Parish, Talbot County. **SOCIAL STATUS AND ACTIVITIES:** Mr., by 1695/96; Gent., by 1699. The Robins family were wealthy merchant-planters during the 18th century. **OCCUPATIONAL PROFILE:** planter; probably merchant. **PUBLIC CAREER.** LEGISLATIVE SERVICE: Lower House, Talbot County, 1708A, 1708B–1711, 1712–1714 (Laws 1, 3, 4), 1715 (Laws), 1716–1718 (Laws 1–3). **LOCAL OFFICES:** justice, Talbot County, 1695/96–1721 (quorum, 1701–1721); St. Peter's Parish Vestry, Talbot County, in office 1709, 1718, 1719. **MILITARY SERVICE:** major, 1717. **WEALTH DURING LIFETIME.** LAND AT FIRST ELECTION: 1,213 acres in Talbot, Dorchester and Queen Anne's counties (1,100 acres by inheritance from father and probably from his brothers, 100 acres through his second marriage, and 100 acres by purchase). **SIGNIFICANT CHANGES IN LAND BETWEEN FIRST ELECTION AND DEATH:** purchased 1,114 acres between 1710 and 1720 in Talbot and Queen Anne counties; sold a lot in Oxford, Talbot County. **WEALTH AT DEATH.** DIED: on December 29, 1721, in St. Peter's Parish, Talbot County. **PERSONAL PROPERTY:** TEV, £1,429.12.11 current money (including 8 servants, 16 slaves, a significant inventory of cloth, leather goods, and shoes); FB, £1,077.2.0 current money. **LAND:** 2,327 acres in Talbot, Dorchester, and Queen Anne's counties, plus a house and lot in Oxford, Talbot County.

ROBINS, THOMAS (ca. 1702–1766). BORN: ca. 1702. **NATIVE:** second generation. **RESIDED:** in Worcester County. **FAMILY BACKGROUND.** FATHER: Thomas Robins (1677–by 1731) of Somerset County, the son of Col. John Robins of "Salt Grove," Accomack County, Virginia, who was a member of the Virginia House of Burgesses. **MOTHER:** Elizabeth (1683–?), daughter of Pierre Bowdoin, a Huguenot immigrant. **BROTHERS:** John; James; and Bowdoin. **SISTERS:** Mary; Elizabeth; Esther; and Susannah. **OTHER KINSHIP:** His great-grandfather was Col. Obedience Robins (?–1662), of Northampton County, Virginia. An illustrious Virginia pioneer, Obedience Robins served as first commander of the Eastern Shore for that colony and as a member of the House of Burgesses. **MARRIED** first, ca. 1737, Leah Whaley (Whalley, Wale, Waley), daughter of Elias Whaley of "South Point," Somerset County, and his wife Sarah Peale. **MARRIED** second, Arralantar Purnell

(?–by 1782), daughter of *John Purnell* (?–1755) and his wife Elizabeth Rackliffe (?–ca. 1754). Arralantar was the granddaughter of *Thomas Purnell* (?–1723). Her brothers were *Zadock Purnell* (?–1805); *William Purnell* (?–1777), a possible legislator; *Thomas Purnell, of John* (?–1796); and Capt. John (?–ca. 1761). Her sisters were Elizabeth; Zipporah; and Levina. Her first cousins were *Thomas Purnell, of Thomas* (?–1790); *William Purnell* (1739–1796), a possible legislator. Her nephew was *William Purnell* (?–1798). Her niece was Ann Purnell, who married first, *Henry Dennis* (?–1785), and second, *William Polk* (1752–1812). **CHILDREN.** SONS: Thomas (1740–1776), who married in 1768 Isabel McClenahan; *John Purnell Robins* (ca. 1742–1780); Littleton; and Bowdoin (?–by 1786). **DAUGHTERS:** Mary (1743–1809), who married *William Purnell* (1739–1796), a possible legislator; Andasia, who married (first name unknown) Spence; Esther; Arralantar (?–1825), who married *John Selby Purnell* (?–1799); and Elizabeth. **PRIVATE CAREER.** EDUCATION: literate. **RELIGIOUS AFFILIATION:** Protestant. **OCCUPATIONAL PROFILE:** probably planter. **PUBLIC CAREER.** LEGISLATIVE SERVICE: Lower House, Worcester County, 1744 (elected to the 2nd session of the 1742–1744 Assembly to represent the newly formed county), 1745/46–1748, 1749–1751. **MILITARY SERVICE:** called captain by 1749. **WEALTH DURING LIFETIME.** LAND AT FIRST ELECTION: 625 acres in Worcester County (375 acres through first marriage and 250 acres by purchase), plus unknown acreage in Virginia inherited from his father. **SIGNIFICANT CHANGES IN LAND BETWEEN FIRST ELECTION AND DEATH:** purchased 1,813 acres between 1748 and 1765, patented 1,746 acres between 1743 and 1764, and acquired 430 acres through his second marriage, all in Worcester County. **WEALTH AT DEATH.** DIED: between December 3, 1765, and June 20, 1766; will probated in Worcester County. **PERSONAL PROPERTY:** TEV, at least £2,237.6.2 (including 47 slaves and a gristmill and sawmill). **LAND:** 4,117 acres in Worcester County, plus an unknown amount in Virginia.

ROBOTHAM, GEORGE (?–1698). BORN: in England. **IMMIGRATED:** by 1669, as a free adult from England. **RESIDED:** in Calvert and Dorchester counties; in Talbot County, probably by 1674. **FAMILY BACKGROUND.** **SISTERS:** Anne, who married (first name unknown) Wilson, of Darby, England; Mary, who married (first name unknown) Keeling, of Stafford County, England. **CHILDREN.** Died without progeny. **PRIVATE CA-**