

FIRST ELECTION: over 900 acres; patented or bought over 2,000 acres, 1688–1735. WEALTH AT DEATH. DIED: on December 25, 1746; size of estate unknown.

**GOLDSBOROUGH, ROBERT** (1733–1788). BORN: on December 3, 1733, in Cambridge, Dorchester County; elder son. NATIVE: third generation. RESIDED: in Dorchester County, 1733–1752; England, 1752–1759; Dorchester County, 1759; “The Point,” Dorchester County, 1767. FAMILY BACKGROUND. FATHER: *Charles Goldsborough* (1707–1767), son of *Robert Goldsborough* (1660–1746). MOTHER: Elizabeth (?–by 1739), daughter of *Joseph Ennalls* (?–1709) and wife *Mary Brooke*. STEPMOTHER: Elizabeth (1723–?), daughter of *Samuel Dickinson* (ca. 1689–1760) and wife *Judith Troth*. UNCLES: *William Goldsborough* (1709–1760); *John Goldsborough* (1711–1778); *William Ennalls* (?–1731); and *Bartholomew Ennalls* (ca. 1700–1783). AUNT: *Mary Ennalls*, who married *Henry Hooper* (ca. 1687–1767). HALF BROTHER: *Charles Goldsborough* (1740–1769). SISTER: *Elizabeth Greenberry* (ca. 1731–1820), who married *William Ennalls* (?–1785). FIRST COUSINS: *Henry Hooper, Jr.* (ca. 1727–1790); *Robert Goldsborough IV* (1740–1798); *Howes Goldsborough* (1747–1797); *William Goldsborough* (1750/51–1801); *Joseph Ennalls* (ca. 1745–1779); *William Ennalls* (?–1785); *John Ennalls* (by 1746–ca. 1778); *Mary Ennalls*, who married *Ennalls Hooper* (?–ca. 1763); *Ann Ennalls* (ca. 1729–by 1790), who married *Henry Hooper, Jr.* (ca. 1727–1790); *Elizabeth Goldsborough* (ca. 1735–ca. 1786), who married second, *Benson Stainton* (?–ca. 1781); *Mary Goldsborough* (1755–1796), who married first, *Benedict Brice* (1749–1786); and *Elinor Ennalls* (ca. 1738–1793), who married *Joseph Daffin* (?–1796). MARRIED on March 27, 1755, in England, *Sarah*, daughter of *Richard Yerbury* (?–1754), of London, England. Her brother was *Richard*, who married, but died without progeny. Her sister was *Rachel*, who married *Thomas Watson*. CHILDREN. SONS: *Charles* (ca. 1756–ca. 1759), born and died in England; *Charles* (1761–1801), who married *Williamina Elizabeth*, daughter of *Rev. William Smith*, of Philadelphia, Pennsylvania; *John* (by 1766–?), probably died young; *Robert* (ca. 1766–1790), drowned, never married; *William*, who married *Sarah* (1770–?), daughter of *Nicholas Worthington* (1734–1793); *Richard*, who married *Achash* (1768–?), daughter of *Nicholas Worthington* (1734–1793); and *Howes*, died without progeny. DAUGHTERS: *Rebecca* (ca. 1757–?), who married *Howes Goldsborough* (1747–1797);

*Sarah* (ca. 1758–by 1832), who married *Henry Ennalls* (?–ca. 1803); *Elizabeth*, who married *James Sykes*; *Rachel* (?–1811), who married in 1791 *Horatio Ridout*, son of *John Ridout* (1732–1797). PRIVATE CAREER. EDUCATION: entered the Middle Temple, London, England, in December 1752; graduated from the College of Philadelphia, 1760. RELIGIOUS AFFILIATION: Anglican. SOCIAL STATUS AND ACTIVITIES: Esq., 1755. OCCUPATIONAL PROFILE: lawyer, called to the bar in February 1757, London, England; returned to Maryland to practice law in 1759, admitted to the following courts: Queen Anne’s County in March 1760; Provincial Court in April 1760; Dorchester County by November 1772. PUBLIC CAREER. LEGISLATIVE SERVICE: Lower House, Dorchester County, 1765–1766 (Accounts 2, 3; Public Offices 2); Conventions, Dorchester County, 1st, 1774, 4th, 1775, 5th, 1775, 6th–8th, 1775–1776 (did not attend the 6th Convention), 9th, 1776; Senate, Eastern Shore, Term of 1776–1781: 1777, 1777–1778, 1778–1779, 1779–1780, 1780–1781 (did not serve), Term of 1781–1786: 1781–1782, 1782–1783 (resigned on May 29, 1783), 1783 (elected on November 24, 1783, to fill vacancy after giving his assurance that he would attend “whenever his health would permit” ; did not serve), 1784 (declined to serve on November 25, 1784). OTHER PROVINCIAL/STATE OFFICES: attorney general, 1766–1768 (resigned); 1st Council of Safety, Eastern Shore, 1775 (elected, but did not serve); Consitution Ratification Convention, Dorchester County, 1788. LOCAL OFFICES: sheriff, Dorchester County, 1761–1764; judge, Court of Appeals for Tax Assessment, Dorchester County, appointed 1786; Great Choptank Parish Vestry, Dorchester County, in office 1788. OUT OF STATE SERVICE: delegate, Continental Congress, 1774–1776 (elected in June 1774, December 1774, April 1775, August 1775, and May 1776). WEALTH DURING LIFETIME. PERSONAL PROPERTY: 15 slaves, 1775; assessed value £6,103.13.4, including 123 slaves and 376 oz. plate, 1783. LAND AT FIRST ELECTION: 185 acres in Dorchester County (all by patent), plus a large estate in Wiltshire and London, England (acquired through marriage). SIGNIFICANT CHANGES IN LAND BETWEEN FIRST ELECTION AND DEATH: inherited at least 4,608 acres in Dorchester County from his father, 1767; owned a total of 8,631 acres in Dorchester County, 1783; in an exchange of land with his son *Charles*, *Robert* gave him 1,050 acres in Dorchester County, 1783; resurveyed several tracts and added 380 acres of vacant land in Dorchester County to his total acreage, between 1784 and 1788. WEALTH AT DEATH. DIED: on