

Parish, Baltimore County; only son. NATIVE: third generation. RESIDED: in Annapolis, Anne Arundel County, at least 1767–ca. 1773; Baltimore County, ca. 1773–1779; Annapolis, 1779 until death. FAMILY BACKGROUND. FATHER: Richard Chase, Gent. (?–1757), son of Rev. Richard Chase (?–ca. 1742), chaplain to *Charles Calvert, 5th Lord Baltimore* (1699–1751), rector of Westminster Parish and All Hallow's Parish in Anne Arundel County and Christ Church in Calvert County; immigrated in 1734. GUARDIAN: his great-uncle Rev. Thomas Chase (1700–1779), rector of St. Paul's Parish, Baltimore County, from 1745 to 1779. MOTHER: Catherine (?–by 1757). UNCLE: *Jeremiah Chase* (?–1755). SISTER: Frances Hatton, who married Richard Moale (1739–1786), son of *John Moale* (?–1740). OTHER KINSHIP: his second cousin was *Samuel Chase* (1741–1811). MARRIED on June 24, 1779, Hester (?–1823), daughter of Thomas Baldwin, Gent., of Anne Arundel County, and wife Agnes. Her sisters were Anne, who married *Samuel Chase* (1741–1811); Rebecca. CHILDREN. SON: Richard Moale (?–ca. 1840), who married Mary Marriott (?–1836). DAUGHTERS: Frances Townly (ca. 1780–1857), who married Richard Loockerman (ca. 1782–1834); Hester Ann (1791–1875); Matilda (ca. 1786–1829), who married Thomas Chase (1774–1826), son of *Samuel Chase* (1741–1811); and Catherine, who married Richard Crabb. PRIVATE CAREER. EDUCATION: his early education was provided by his guardian Rev. Thomas Chase; probably studied law in Annapolis under *Samuel Chase* (1741–1811). RELIGIOUS AFFILIATION: Anglican. SOCIAL STATUS AND ACTIVITIES: Esq., by 1788; Hon., by 1798. OCCUPATIONAL PROFILE: lawyer, admitted to the Anne Arundel County Court in August 1771; prosecutor, Annapolis Mayor's Court, 1772–1773. Appeared as an attorney in Anne Arundel County Court over 500 times between 1772 and 1773, and 1783 and 1791 (no appearances between 1773 and 1783), with the bulk of his cases occurring between 1783 and 1789; his most active year was 1787. He frequently appeared for *Samuel Chase* (1741–1811) in the 1780s. PUBLIC CAREER. LEGISLATIVE SERVICE: Conventions, Baltimore County, 4th 1775, 5th, 1775, 6th–8th, 1775–1776, Baltimore Town, 9th, 1776; Lower House, Baltimore Town, 1777 (Elections 1, 2; Grievances 1; Laws to Expire 1; Manufactories 1), 1777–1778 (Elections 1, 2; Laws to Expire 1), 1778–1779 (Manufactories 1; Elections 2; Tax Commissioners 3), Anne Arundel County, 1788. OTHER STATE OFFICES: Executive Council, 1779–1780, 1780–1781, 1781–1782, 1782–1783, 1783 (resigned on

December 12, 1783), 1785–1786, 1786–1787, 1787–1788; Constitution Ratification Convention, Anne Arundel County, 1788; judge, General Court, 1789–1805; chief judge, Third Judicial District and of the Court of Appeals, 1806–1826 (resigned). LOCAL OFFICES: Committee of Correspondence, Baltimore County, elected 1774; Committee of Observation, Baltimore Town, elected 1774; common councilman, Annapolis, elected 1781; alderman, Annapolis, 1781–1791; mayor, Annapolis, 1783–1784; Maryland Senate elector, Anne Arundel County, elected 1796. OUT OF STATE SERVICE: delegate, Continental Congress, 1783–1784 (elected on December 9, 1783, to fill vacancy). STANDS ON PUBLIC/PRIVATE ISSUES: opposed ratification of the U.S. Constitution, 1788. WEALTH DURING LIFETIME. PERSONAL PROPERTY: assessed value £425.0.0, including 8 slaves and 132 oz. plate, 1783; assessed value of Annapolis property \$2,335.00, including 8 slaves and 500 oz. plate, 1819, and \$1,760.00, including 8 slaves and 500 oz. plate, 1821. He was awarded £576.14.1 current money by the Chancery Court as his father's share of the estate of *Jeremiah Chase* (?–1755), 1787. ADDITIONAL COMMENTS: he held several mortgages, usually on land, as security for bonds signed by *Samuel Chase* (1741–1811), *Luther Martin* (1744–1826), and others. LAND AT FIRST ELECTION: probably none. SIGNIFICANT CHANGES IN LAND BETWEEN FIRST ELECTION AND DEATH: In 1778 Chase began purchasing small tracts of land in or adjacent to Baltimore Town, which would later be subdivided into lots and sold separately. His major holdings were on Whetstone Point; some of this land was confiscated British property that Chase bought in 1781, while other portions of it were obtained by mortgage foreclosures and later by purchase. He bought most of the land in Baltimore County and Baltimore Town before 1790 and sold or leased it by 1815. In the mid-1820s Chase was again active in Baltimore County land transactions, but he sold most of the acreage before his death. The majority of Chase's real property was located in Anne Arundel County, principally on Annapolis Neck and in the northwestern part of the county, which is now Howard County. With *Samuel Chase* (1741–1811), he purchased over 1,600 acres in the latter area, of which 580 acres were patented in 1786. The following year J. T. Chase bought Samuel Chase's interest in this tract. He repented most of the acreage in 1800, and much of it was sold by 1825. In 1798 Chase began buying land on Annapolis Neck with a 690-acre purchase from *Benjamin Ogle* (1748/49–1809). Over the next