

ICE: Lower House, Calvert County, 1773–1774; Conventions, Calvert County, 1st, 1774 (appointed, but did not attend), 3rd, 1774, 5th, 1775, 6th–8th, 1775–1776; Lower House, Calvert County, 1777 (elected to the 1st session of the 1777 Assembly to fill vacancy), 1777–1778 (resigned during the 3rd session of the 1777–1778 Assembly). LOCAL OFFICES: sheriff, Calvert County, 1769–1772; justice, Calvert County, commissioned 1773; collector of gold and silver coin, Calvert County, appointed 1776; commissioner of the tax, Calvert County, commissioned 1779, 1781, 1782, and 1783; Christ Church Parish Vestry, by 1781–1782. MILITARY SERVICE: ensign, by November 11, 1757; lieutenant colonel, Calvert County Militia, elected January 6, 1776, resigned December 19, 1776. In 1765 Somervell received £20.0.0 currency from the Lower House for his services in the French and Indian War. **WEALTH DURING LIFETIME.** PERSONAL PROPERTY: assessed value £879.7.6, including 28 slaves and 3 oz. plate, Lower Cliffs and St. Leonard Creek Hundreds, Calvert County, 1782. LAND AT FIRST ELECTION: 394 acres and a half of a lot and warehouse in St. Leonard's Creek Town, Calvert County (inherited 294 acres and the half interest in a lot and warehouse). SIGNIFICANT CHANGES IN LAND BETWEEN FIRST ELECTION AND DEATH: acquired 96 acres in Calvert County and the other half of the lot and warehouse in St. Leonard's Creek Town. **WEALTH AT DEATH.** DIED: in 1783 in Calvert County; size of estate unknown. ADDITIONAL COMMENTS: in the tax assessment of 1783, Somervell's widow was charged with 490 acres in Calvert County and 1 lot and warehouse in St. Leonard's Creek Town. Her personal property had an assessed value of £1,018.50 (including 27 slaves and 3 oz. plate).

**SOMERVELL (SOMERVILLE), JOHN** (1756–by 1830). BORN: on May 15, 1756, in Christ Church Parish, Calvert County; eldest son. NATIVE: third generation. RESIDED: in Christ Church Parish (later became the 2nd District), Calvert County. **FAMILY BACKGROUND.** FATHER: James Somervell (1731–1773), a merchant of Calvert County. MOTHER: Susannah, daughter of Gideon Dare and wife Susanna Parrott Parker. UNCLE: *Alexander Somervell* (1734–1783). BROTHERS: Howe (1762–?); Capt. James (1758–1815) of Prince George's County, who married in 1783 Ann Magruder, daughter of Thomas Truman (?–1777) of Prince George's County. SISTERS: Susannah; Sarah (1760–?). **PRIVATE CAREER.** EDUCATION: literate. RELI-

GIOUS AFFILIATION: Anglican, Christ Church Parish, Calvert County. SOCIAL STATUS AND ACTIVITIES: Esq., by 1790. OCCUPATIONAL PROFILE: probably planter. **PUBLIC CAREER.** LEGISLATIVE SERVICE: Lower House, Calvert County, 1789, 1802. LOCAL OFFICES: assessor, Hunting Creek Hundred, Calvert County, 1782; justice, Calvert County, commissioned 1787 (did not qualify), 1798, and 1799; churchwarden, Christ Church Parish, Calvert County, 1781–1782, 1797; Christ Church Parish Vestry, Calvert County, 1782–1787, 1798–1799, 1801–1807, 1810–1813, 1816–1818. **WEALTH DURING LIFETIME.** PERSONAL PROPERTY: assessed value £217.0.0, including 2 slaves, 1783; 11 slaves, 1800; 26 slaves, 1810; 27 slaves, 1820. LAND AT FIRST ELECTION: ca. 200 acres in Calvert County (inherited from his father). SIGNIFICANT CHANGES IN LAND BETWEEN FIRST ELECTION AND DEATH: acquired ca. 300 acres in Calvert County. **WEALTH AT DEATH.** DIED: by 1830, probably in Calvert County. PERSONAL PROPERTY: size of estate unknown. LAND: ca. 500 acres in Calvert County.

**SOMERVILLE, WILLIAM** (1755–1806). BORN: on December 25, 1755, in St. Mary's County. NATIVE: second generation. RESIDED: in St. Mary's County. **FAMILY BACKGROUND.** FATHER: John Somerville (?–1788), a merchant who immigrated from Kennox in Ayreshire, England. After his marriage he became a planter. MOTHER: Susanna, daughter of *George Clarke* (ca. 1692–1753) and wife Susanna Attaway. BROTHERS: John (1754–1806), moved to North Carolina, who married in 1773 Mary, daughter of John Goodloe; *George Clarke* (?–1791) of St. Mary's County, a physician, who never married. **MARRIED** first, in 1779, his first cousin Elizabeth, daughter of William Chesley and wife Anne Clarke. **MARRIED** second, in 1788, Elizabeth (1770–1792), daughter of Col. Vernon Hebb of St. Mary's County and wife Ann Hopewell. Elizabeth was the granddaughter of Hugh Hopewell of St. Mary's County and wife Elizabeth. She was the niece of *James Hopewell* (?–1817). Her brother was William. **CHILDREN.** SONS: William Clarke (1790–1826), never married; Henry Vernon (1792–1837), who married in 1815 Rebecca Tiernan (1795–1863). DAUGHTER: Elizabeth (?–1802), who married in 1798 George Plater (?–1802), son of *George Plater* (1735–1792) and wife Hannah Lee (?–1763). **PRIVATE CAREER.** EDUCATION: literate. RELIGIOUS AFFILIATION: Anglican, St. Andrew's Parish, St. Mary's County. OCCUPATIONAL PROFILE: planter. **PUBLIC CAREER.** LEGISLATIVE SERVICE: Lower