

UCATION: literate. RELIGIOUS AFFILIATION: Anglican, Coventry Parish, Somerset County. OCCUPATIONAL PROFILE: planter. PUBLIC CAREER. LEGISLATIVE SERVICE: Conventions, Somerset County, 1st, 1774, 5th, 1775; Lower House, Somerset County, 1777 (did not attend; election voided on March 5, 1777, because at the time of the election thirty men "armed with firearms affixed with sticks and spears" had intimidated the voters). WEALTH DURING LIFETIME. PERSONAL PROPERTY: inherited 1 slave from his father, 1761; assessed value £1,020.16.8, including 26 slaves and 50 oz. plate, 1783. LAND AT FIRST ELECTION: owned ca. 450 acres in Calvert County, probably inherited from wife's family, 1758–1770; ca. 2,108 acres in Somerset and Dorchester counties (533 acres inherited from father, 1,090 acres through purchase, and 485 acres through patent). SIGNIFICANT CHANGES IN LAND BETWEEN FIRST ELECTION AND DEATH: purchased ca. 690 acres in Somerset County, 1774; probably inherited 1,300 acres in Dorchester County from his brother George, 1783; sold 495 acres in Somerset County between 1778 and 1782. WEALTH AT DEATH. DIED: between February 19 and April 19, 1784, in Somerset County; buried in the John Waters family graveyard on the south side of Nutter's Neck Road, just west of its intersection with Cherry Walk (now in Wicomico County). PERSONAL PROPERTY: size of estate unknown. LAND: ca. 3,603 acres of land in Somerset and Dorchester counties.

**WATERS, PETER** (1744/45–1806). BORN: on January 8, 1744/45, in Coventry Parish, Somerset County. NATIVE: third generation. RESIDED: in Somerset Parish, Somerset County. FAMILY BACKGROUND. FATHER: John Waters (ca. 1702–1761) of Somerset County, son of *John Waters* (?–1708). MOTHER: Mary Elizabeth, daughter of Col. Peter Hack of Accomack County, Virginia. UNCLE: *William Waters, Sr.* (?–1781). BROTHERS: *John Waters* (ca. 1727–1784); Spencer Martrum (1730–ca. 1780), Gent., of Dorchester County; *William Waters* (ca. 1736–1815), a possible legislator; George Nicholas Severn (1738–by 1784); Edward (1740–ca. 1772), a merchant; and Littleton (1742–1778), who married in 1765 Esther, daughter of Littleton Waters (?–1750) of Calvert County. FIRST COUSINS: *William Waters* (1740–1804), a possible legislator; *Richard Waters, Jr.* (?–?). PRIVATE CAREER. EDUCATION: literate. RELIGIOUS AFFILIATION: Anglican, Somerset Parish, Somerset County. SOCIAL STATUS AND ACTIVITIES:

Gent., by 1772; Esq., by 1775. OCCUPATIONAL PROFILE: merchant, in partnership with his brother Edward Waters until his death ca. 1772, and then with William Gillis, 1773–1784. Later traded under the name of Robertson, Waters and Bell, ca. 1805, with George Robertson and John Hamilton Bell. PUBLIC CAREER. LEGISLATIVE SERVICE: Lower House, Somerset County, 1773–1774; Conventions, Somerset County, 1st, 1774, 3rd, 1774, 4th, 1775, 6th–8th, 1775–1776. LOCAL OFFICES: Committee of Observation, Somerset County, 1775–1776 (clerk, 1775–1776); justice, Somerset County, 1775–1779, 1799–1806; justice, Orphans' Court, Somerset County, 1778–1779; churchwarden, Somerset Parish, 1801; Somerset Parish Vestry, Somerset County, 1802–1806. MILITARY SERVICE: lieutenant colonel, Princess Anne Battalion, Somerset County Militia, 1776–1780. WEALTH DURING LIFETIME. PERSONAL PROPERTY: inherited 5 slaves from his father, 1761; inherited £100.0.0 specie from his brother *John Waters* (ca. 1727–1784), 1784; owned 5 slaves, 1798. LAND AT FIRST ELECTION: 310 acres in Somerset County (acquired by patent in 1772). SIGNIFICANT CHANGES IN LAND BETWEEN FIRST ELECTION AND DEATH: purchased 4 lots in Princess Anne Town (one owned as tenant-in-common with George Robertson and John Hamilton Bell), and an unknown quantity of land in Somerset County between 1775 and 1804. Sold 310 acres of land in Somerset County, 1777. WEALTH AT DEATH. DIED: between April 26 and October 9, 1806. PERSONAL PROPERTY: size of estate unknown. LAND: 4 lots in Princess Anne Town and an unknown quantity of land in Somerset County.

**WATERS, RICHARD, JR.** (?–?). BORN: probably in Coventry Parish, Somerset County. NATIVE: third generation. RESIDED: in Coventry Parish, Somerset County, to 1787; Dorchester County, 1791–1812; Baltimore City, 1812–1813. FAMILY BACKGROUND. FATHER: *William Waters, Sr.* (?–1781), son of *John Waters* (?–1708). MOTHER: Rose Ann Harmanson. BROTHERS: George (1741/42–1801); Thomas; and *William Waters* (1740–1804), a possible legislator. SISTERS: Margaret; Sarah. FIRST COUSINS: *William Waters* (ca. 1736–1815), a possible legislator; *John Waters* (ca. 1727–1784); and *Peter Waters* (1744/45–1806). NEPHEW: *John Done* (ca. 1747–1831). MARRIED by 1791 Elizabeth (?–ca. 1791), widow of (first name unknown) Maddux, daughter of *John Waters* (ca. 1727–1784) and wife Elizabeth Hutchins (Hutchings) (?–ca. 1786). Elizabeth was the niece of