

William Waters (ca. 1736–1815), a possible legislator; **Peter Waters** (1744/45–1806). Her brother was Frances Hutchings (?–1826). Her sisters were Mary; Sarah. **PRIVATE CAREER.** EDUCATION: literate. RELIGIOUS AFFILIATION: Anglican, Coventry Parish, Somerset County, ca. 1785. SOCIAL STATUS AND ACTIVITIES: original member, Society of the Cincinnati. OCCUPATIONAL PROFILE: probably planter. **PUBLIC CAREER.** LEGISLATIVE SERVICE: Lower House, Somerset County, 1784, 1785. LOCAL OFFICES: Coventry Parish Vestry, Somerset County, in office 1785–1787; justice, Somerset County Court, in office 1785–1786. MILITARY SERVICE: 2nd lieutenant, First Maryland Regiment, 1777; 1st lieutenant, First Maryland Regiment, 1778; captain, First Maryland Regiment, 1779; transferred to Third Maryland Regiment, 1781; retired 1783. **WEALTH DURING LIFETIME.** PERSONAL PROPERTY: inherited 6 slaves from his father, 1781. LAND AT FIRST ELECTION: no evidence of land ownership. SIGNIFICANT CHANGES IN LAND BETWEEN FIRST ELECTION AND DEATH: received 4 lots (400 acres) in Washington (now Allegany) County, 1788, for his Revolutionary War service; purchased 650 acres of confiscated British property in Harford County, 1781–1785; purchased 650 acres of Indian lands in Dorchester County, 1785; probably inherited at least 800 acres in Dorchester County upon the death of his wife, ca. 1791; sold at least 580 acres in Dorchester County, 1812–1813. **WEALTH AT DEATH.** DIED: alive in 1813. PERSONAL PROPERTY: size of estate unknown. LAND: probably 400 acres in Allegany County; 650 acres in Harford County; and ca. 870 acres in Dorchester County.

WATERS, WILLIAM (ca. 1736–1815). BORN: ca. 1736, probably in Coventry Parish, Somerset County. NATIVE: third generation. RESIDED: in Great Annessex Hundred, Somerset County; Baltimore, 1780; “Deer Park,” Dividing Creek Hundred, Somerset County, 1798. **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; George Nicholas Severn (1738–by 1784); Edward (1740–ca. 1772), a merchant; Littleton (1742–1778), who married in 1765 Esther, daughter of Littleton Waters (?–1750) of Calvert County; and **Peter Waters** (1744/45–1806). FIRST COUSINS: **William**

Waters (1740–1804), a possible legislator; **Richard Waters, Jr.** (?–?). MARRIED Sarah, granddaughter of Richard Waters (?–1720) and wife Elizabeth Littleton (?–1754). CHILDREN. SONS: Levin Denwood (1781–1796); William Gillis (1776–1815), who married in 1799 Ann Glasgo Elzey. DAUGHTER: Ann Hack (1779–?), who married first, Robert Robertson (?–1803), and second, Josiah Bayly, Esq., attorney general of Maryland, 1831–1846. **PRIVATE CAREER.** EDUCATION: literate. RELIGIOUS AFFILIATION: probably Anglican. OCCUPATIONAL PROFILE: probably planter. **PUBLIC CAREER.** LEGISLATIVE SERVICE: 5th Convention, Somerset County, 1775. MILITARY SERVICE: captain, Great Annessex Company, Princess Anne Battalion of Militia, Somerset County, 1777; colonel, Princess Anne Battalion of Militia, Somerset County, 1780 (resigned his commission due to his residence in Baltimore). **WEALTH DURING LIFETIME.** PERSONAL PROPERTY: 4 slaves inherited from his father, 1761; 25 slaves, 1798. LAND AT FIRST ELECTION: lived with his mother on a ca. 533-acre plantation near the Great Annessex River, Great Annessex Hundred, Somerset County. This land was owned by his brother **John Waters** (ca. 1727–1784). SIGNIFICANT CHANGES IN LAND BETWEEN FIRST ELECTION AND DEATH: inherited 698 acres in Somerset County and ca. 516 acres in Dorchester County from his brother **John Waters** (ca. 1727–1784), 1784; patented 1,111 acres in Somerset County, ca. 988 acres of which he inherited from his uncle Edward Waters (?–1784), 1784–1791; purchased at least 637 acres in Somerset County, 1787–1806; sold 1,211 acres in Somerset and Dorchester counties, 1787–1809. **WEALTH AT DEATH.** DIED: will probated on April 15, 1815, in Somerset County. PERSONAL PROPERTY: TEV, \$7,448.75 current money (including 27 slaves and a parcel of books); FB, \$6,654.98. LAND: at least 1,771 acres in Somerset and Dorchester counties. **IDENTIFICATION PROBLEMS.** There were two William Waters of age and from legislator families who were eligible to serve in the Conventions from Somerset County, 1774–1776. An extensive search of the records has failed to produce positive identification of which man actually served in 1775. Therefore, two profiles are included and the same service is assigned to both. See also **William Waters** (1740–1804).

WATERS, WILLIAM (1740–1804). BORN: on February 11, 1740, in Coventry Parish, Somerset County. NATIVE: third generation. RESIDED: at “Water’s River,” on the Great Annessex River,