

Great Annessex Hundred, Somerset County, 1781–1804. **FAMILY BACKGROUND.** FATHER: *William Waters, Sr.* (?–1781), son of *John Waters* (?–1708). MOTHER: Rose Ann Harmanson. BROTHERS: George (1741/42–1801); Thomas; and *Richard Waters, Jr.* (?–?). SISTERS: Margaret; Sarah. FIRST COUSINS: *John Waters* (ca. 1727–1784); *William Waters* (ca. 1736–1815), a possible legislator; and *Peter Waters* (1744/45–1806). NEPHEW: *John Done* (ca. 1747–1831). MARRIED on March 29, 1763, Sarah Hayward. CHILDREN. SONS: Edward Mariot (1773–?); William Hayward (1767–?), who married on July 15, 1790, Ann, daughter of Robert Clark Jacob and wife Ann of Northampton County, Virginia; and Richard (1779–?), who married Mary (Polly) Day, daughter of Dr. Francis Tubman Cheney of Princess Anne Town, Somerset County. DAUGHTERS: Margaret (1769–?), who married (first name unknown) Done; Mary Hayward (1771–?), who married (first name unknown) Reice; and Sarah Harmanson (1774–?), who married in 1801 Jesse Hughes. **PRIVATE CAREER.** EDUCATION: literate. RELIGIOUS AFFILIATION: Anglican, Coventry Parish, Somerset County. LEGISLATIVE SERVICE: 5th Convention, Somerset County, 1775. LOCAL OFFICE: Coventry Parish Vestry, in office 1772–1775, 1779–1784, 1787–1788. MILITARY SERVICE: 2nd major, Lower Battalion, Somerset County, 1776; captain, St. Asaph Company, Princess Anne Battalion of Militia, Somerset County, commissioned 1777; lieutenant colonel, Princess Anne Battalion, Somerset County, commissioned 1780. **WEALTH DURING LIFETIME.** PERSONAL PROPERTY: 5 slaves inherited from father, 1781; assessed value £525.0.0, including 12 slaves and 50 oz. plate, 1783; 17 slaves, 1798. LAND AT FIRST ELECTION: purchased ca. 97 acres in Somerset County, 1766. SIGNIFICANT CHANGES IN LAND BETWEEN FIRST ELECTION AND DEATH: inherited at least 657 acres in Somerset County from his father, 1781; deeded most of his land to his sons in 1803, reserving a life tenancy for himself and his wife Sarah. **WEALTH AT DEATH.** DIED: between April 20 and May 21, 1804, in Somerset County. PERSONAL PROPERTY: size of estate unknown. LAND: an unknown amount of land in Somerset County. **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* (ca. 1736–1815).

**WATERS, WILLIAM, SR.** (?–1781). BORN: probably on a plantation on the north side of the Annessex River, Somerset County; of age by 1729. NATIVE: second generation. RESIDED: probably on “Water’s River” on the north side of Annessex River, Coventry Parish, Somerset County. **FAMILY BACKGROUND.** FATHER: *John Waters* (?–1708). STEPFATHER: John Cottman (?–1728). MOTHER: Mary Maddox. BROTHERS: John (ca. 1702–1761); Edward (1707–1784). SISTER: Sarah. NEPHEWS: *John Waters* (ca. 1727–1784); *Peter Waters* (1744/45–1806); and *William Waters* (ca. 1736–1815), a possible legislator. MARRIED Rose Ann, probably the daughter of George Harmanson of Northampton County, Virginia, and wife Elizabeth Yeardley (Yardley). Her brother was Argall. Her sisters were Isabel; Margot; Bridget; Elisha; and Henrietta. CHILDREN. SONS: *William Waters* (1740–1804), a possible legislator; George (1741/42–1801), who married in 1767 Betty Handy (1749–1786); Thomas, who married Margaret Lucas; and *Richard Waters, Jr.* (?–?). DAUGHTERS: Margaret, who married John Savage of Accomack County, Virginia; Sarah, who married first, Dr. John Done (?–1772), and second, David Wilson (1737–?), son of *David Wilson* (1704–1750). **PRIVATE CAREER.** EDUCATION: literate. RELIGIOUS AFFILIATION: Anglican, Coventry Parish, Somerset County. SOCIAL STATUS AND ACTIVITIES: Gent., by 1739. OCCUPATIONAL PROFILE: planter, 1755. **PUBLIC CAREER.** LEGISLATIVE SERVICE: Lower House, Somerset County, 1758–1761, 1762–1763. **WEALTH DURING LIFETIME.** LAND AT FIRST ELECTION: 683 acres in Somerset County (403 acres inherited from father, 269 acres by purchase, 11 acres by patent). SIGNIFICANT CHANGES IN LAND BETWEEN FIRST ELECTION AND DEATH: patented 308 acres in Somerset County, 1763. **WEALTH AT DEATH.** DIED: between November 1780 and January 16, 1781, in Somerset County. PERSONAL PROPERTY: will included 29 slaves, but size of entire estate is unknown. LAND: 991 acres in Somerset County.

**WATERTON, JOHN** (?–1682). BORN: in Hampshire, England, possibly on the Isle of Wight. IMMIGRATED: ca. 1670, as a free adult. RESIDED: on the Gunpowder River, Baltimore County. **PRIVATE CAREER.** EDUCATION: literate. RELIGIOUS AFFILIATION: Anglican. SOCIAL STATUS AND AC-