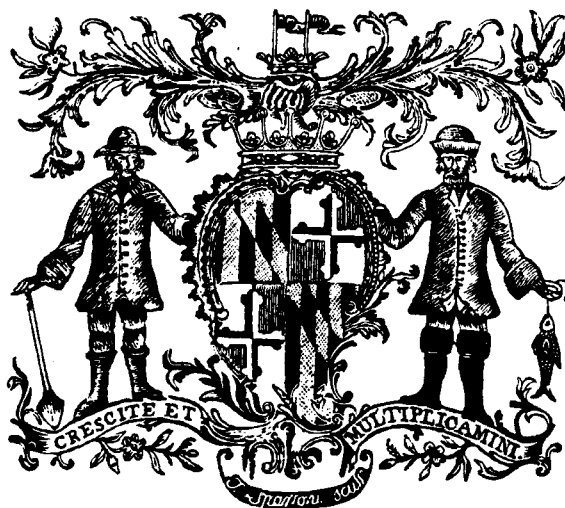


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WINDER, LEVIN (1757–1819). BORN: on September 4, 1757, in Somerset County. NATIVE: fourth generation. RESIDED: near Rewastico Creek, Rewastico Hundred, Somerset County, until 1790; Little Monie Creek near Princess Anne, Somerset County, 1790–1819. **FAMILY BACKGROUND.** FATHER: *William Winder* (1714/15–1792). MOTHER: Esther Gillis (1724–by 1770). STEPMOTHER: by 1770, Mary (?–1799), widow of Thomas Denwood (?–ca. 1760). AUNT: Leah Gillis (1726–?), who married *William Adams* (?–1795). BROTHERS: *John Winder* (1745–1822); *William Winder, Jr.* (?–1808); and possibly Thomas, who was lost at sea early in life. SISTERS: Jane; Leah (ca. 1760–?); Priscilla (ca. 1740–by 1779); and Esther (?–ca. 1790). NIECE: Esther Wilson (?–by 1792), who married *William Morris* (?–ca. 1799). MARRIED on May 13, 1790, Mary Stoughton (1765–1822), daughter of Thomas Sloss (?–1797) and wife Mary Stoughton (1724–?). Mary was the granddaughter of *William Stoughton* (1692–1759). Her sisters were Ann Stoughton (1751–?), who married the Rev. Edward Gantt, M.D. (ca. 1741–1837), son of *Thomas Gantt* (ca. 1710–1785); and Sarah Stoughton (1753–?), who married *Levin Wilson* (1735–1791). **CHILDREN.** SONS: William Sidney (?–1844), who married in 1825 Araminta (?–1845), daughter of Henry E. Bailey and wife Sarah Rogers of Baltimore; Edward Stoughton (1798–1840), who married on June 1, 1820, Elizabeth Tayloe (1800–1880), eldest daughter of Hon. Edward Lloyd (1779–1834) and wife Sally Scott Murray (1775–1854) of Talbot County. DAUGHTER: Mary Ann. **PRIVATE CAREER.** EDUCATION: literate; law student prior to service in the Revolutionary War. RELIGIOUS AFFILIATION: Presbyterian. SOCIAL STATUS AND ACTIVITIES: member of Masonic Lodge No. 37 in Princess Anne from 1782, and represented his lodge at the conventions in 1783 and 1787 that organized the Grand Lodge of Maryland; grand master of Grand Lodge of Maryland, 1814–1815. OCCUPATIONAL PROFILE: planter. **PUBLIC CAREER.** LEGISLATIVE SERVICE: Lower House, Somerset County, 1789, 1790, 1791–1792 (speaker), 1792 (speaker), 1793 (speaker), 1806, 1807, 1808–1809 (speaker), 1809. OTHER STATE OFFICE: governor, 1812–1816. LOCAL OFFICES: trustee of Washington Academy, Somerset County, 1797–1819; Senate elector, Somerset County, 1796, 1801, 1806, 1811. MILITARY SERVICE: 1st lieutenant, Fifth

Company, Smallwood's Battalion, January 1776; captain, 1st Maryland Regiment, December 1776; major, 4th Maryland Regiment, 1777; wounded and taken prisoner at the Battle of Camden in 1780, exchanged in 1781; lieutenant-colonel, 2nd Maryland Regiment, 1781; subsequently transferred to 1st Maryland Regiment; discharged, 1783; major-general, 2nd Division, Maryland Militia, commissioned 1794. OUT OF STATE SERVICE: presidential elector (for George Washington), 1792. STANDS ON PUBLIC/PRIVATE ISSUES: subscriber to Washington Academy, Somerset County; favored the adoption of a system of general education for all people. While opposed to war with the British in 1812, Winder pushed for legislation to outfit the militia to protect Maryland. When he realized the national government would not provide these funds, he noted that "if the expenses of a war waged by the national authorities are to be borne by the States, it is not difficult to foresee that the state treasury will soon be exhausted, and the annihilation of the state governments must soon follow." **WEALTH DURING LIFETIME.** PERSONAL PROPERTY: wife received her father's house on Little Monie Creek, 3 slaves, one-third of his livestock, and one-third of his crops at his death, 1797; 37 slaves, 1798; 43 slaves, 1800; 53 slaves, 1810. LAND AT FIRST ELECTION: 112 acres in Somerset County, 2 lots in the Town of Vienna, Dorchester County, purchased as confiscated British property, and 4 lots (400 acres) in Washington (later Allegany) County received for his service in the war. SIGNIFICANT CHANGES IN LAND BETWEEN FIRST ELECTION AND DEATH: wife probably received ca. 500 acres in Somerset County from her father at his death, 1797; held 409 acres in Monie Hundred and 995 acres in Rewastico Hundred, both in Somerset County, 1798; purchased an additional 511 acres in Somerset County by 1808. **WEALTH AT DEATH.** DIED: between July 1 and August 3, 1819, of a liver complaint, in Baltimore, where he had been taken on medical advice; buried in the First Presbyterian Church graveyard on the corner of Fayette and Green streets in Baltimore. Later his remains were removed to the family burying ground on his estate on Monie Creek near Princess Anne, Somerset County. PERSONAL PROPERTY: TEV, \$17,266.01 current money (including 53 slaves, 84 oz. plate, 26 books, and "the late Gen. Washington's campaign chest"); FB, \$8,715.23. LAND: at least 2,027 acres in Somerset County, 2 lots in Vienna Town, Dorchester County, and 4 lots in Washington (now Allegany) County.