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**DASHIELL, JOHN** (ca. 1740–1817). BORN: March 24, ca. 1740, probably in Somerset County; only son. NATIVE: fourth generation. RESIDED: in Monie Hundred, Somerset County. FAMILY BACKGROUND. FATHER: Levin Dashiell (1711/12–ca. 1795), son of *Thomas Dashiell* (1666–ca. 1756). MOTHER: Bridget (?–1796). UNCLE: *George Dashiell* (1690/91–1748). AUNT: Ann Dashiell (1707–1762), who married *Isaac Handy* (?–1762). SISTERS: Sarah (1745–?), who married John Evans (1750–?); Anne (1742–?), who married John Jones; Priscilla (1736–?), who married William Jones; and Elizabeth (1738–?), who married first, Thomas Jones, and second, Arnold Ballard. FIRST COUSINS: *John Handy* (ca. 1724–1756); *Isaac Handy* (1743–ca. 1774); Priscilla Handy (?–by 1748/49), who married *Benjamin Handy* (?–ca. 1763); *Thomas Dashiell* (1733–1771); *Joseph Dashiell* (1736–ca. 1787); and *George Dashiell* (1743–?). OTHER KINSHIP: his third cousins were *John Dashiell* (1757–1818), a possible legislator, and *John Dashiell* (?–?), a possible legislator. MARRIED on December 29, 1762, Elizabeth, a minor in 1753, daughter of Rodger Killet (Kellet) (?–1748), and wife Eunice (?–1753). Her guardian after 1753 was Sarah Henry, a cousin of her mother. Her brother was Robert, a minor in 1753. CHILDREN. SONS: Levin (1767–?), who married Priscilla Evans Dashiell; John (1769–ca. 1825), who married Mary; and Robert Killet Washington (1789–1854), who married Eleanor Leatherbury (1792–1831). DAUGHTERS: Eunice (1770–?), who married William Jones; Leah Washington, never married; and Sarah Anne. PRIVATE CAREER. EDUCATION: literate. RELIGIOUS AFFILIATION: Anglican, Manye (Monye) Church, Somerset Parish, Somerset County. He rented a pew with his son John in 1799. OCCUPATIONAL PROFILE: probably a planter. PUBLIC CAREER. LEGISLATIVE SERVICE: Lower House, Somerset County, 1784, 1785. See statement in Identification Problems section. LOCAL OFFICE: collector of tax, Somerset County, 1780; churchwarden, Somerset Parish, Somerset County, 1780, 1800; Somerset Parish Vestry, Somerset County, 1781, 1788–1792, 1795–1797; commissioner of tax, Somerset County, 1788, 1798. MILITARY SERVICE: 1st lieutenant, Monie Company, Princess Anne Battalion, Somerset County

Militia, commissioned 1777. WEALTH DURING LIFETIME. PERSONAL PROPERTY: assessed value £840.0.0, including 27 slaves and 48 oz. plate, 1783; assessed value £1,050.0.0, including 60 slaves and 48 oz. plate, 1793; 48 slaves, 1798; assessed value \$2,675.00, including 33 slaves and 24 oz. plate, 1817. LAND AT FIRST ELECTION: 100 acres in Somerset County (all through marriage). SIGNIFICANT CHANGES IN LAND BETWEEN FIRST ELECTION AND DEATH: inherited 935 acres in Somerset County from his father, 1785; 275 acres of this inherited land was charged to his son John, Jr., in a tax assessment, by 1798; purchased 115.25 acres in Somerset County, by 1817. WEALTH AT DEATH. DIED: will probated on October 6, 1817, in Somerset County. PERSONAL PROPERTY: TEV, \$11,148.55 (including 34 slaves and books); FB, \$4,027.74. LAND: 875.25 acres in Somerset County. IDENTIFICATION PROBLEMS. There were three men named John Dashiell who were eligible to represent Somerset County in the 1784 and 1785 assemblies. It was not possible to positively identify which of these three was the delegate. Therefore, three biographical profiles have been included, and the same legislative service assigned to each. See also *John Dashiell* (1757–1818) and *John Dashiell* (?–?).

**DASHIELL, JOHN** (1757–1818). BORN: on August 11, 1757, in Stepney Parish, Somerset County; fourth son. NATIVE: fifth generation. RESIDED: in Stepney Parish, Somerset County. FAMILY BACKGROUND. FATHER: Jesse Dashiell (1716–1778), son of James Dashiell (1690–1737) and wife Bridget Winder. MOTHER: Susanna Townsend (1722–1785). BROTHERS: James (1740–ca. 1796), who married Sarah Evans; Benjamin (1745/46–?), never married; Jesse (1752–?), died young; and Isaac (1759–?). SISTERS: Sarah (1741/42–before 1778), who married (first name unknown) Purteman; Rebecka (1744–?), who married (first name unknown) Whithier; Susanna (1747/48–?), never married; Bridget (1755–ca. 1781), who married John Shiles; and Elizabeth (1762–?), who married John Jones (1757–?). FIRST COUSIN: *John Dashiell* (?–?), a possible legislator. OTHER KINSHIP: his third cousin was *John Dashiell* (ca. 1740–1817), a possible legislator. MARRIED by 1795 Eleanor (?–1821), daughter of Priscilla Dashiell. CHILDREN. At least three children including SON: George. DAUGHTERS: Eleanor T., who married first, by 1815 (first name unknown) Savage, and second, by 1820 (first name unknown) Wailes; Betsey (Elizabeth), who married (first name unknown) Dashiell. PRIVATE CAREER. EDUCATION: literate.