

RELIGIOUS AFFILIATION: Anglican, Stepney Parish, Somerset County. OCCUPATIONAL PROFILE: probably a planter. PUBLIC CAREER. LEGISLATIVE SERVICE: Lower House, Somerset County, 1784, 1785. See statement in Identification Problems section. LOCAL OFFICES: Stepney Parish Vestry, Somerset County, 1803–1808; churchwarden, Stepney Parish, Somerset County, 1810, 1815, 1816. MILITARY SERVICE: captain, by 1798; major, by 1804. WEALTH DURING LIFETIME. PERSONAL PROPERTY: assessed value £250.0.0, including 6 slaves, 1793; 11 slaves, 1798; assessed value \$1,615.00, including 13 slaves and 10 oz. plate, 1817. LAND AT FIRST ELECTION: no evidence of landownership. SIGNIFICANT CHANGES IN LAND BETWEEN FIRST ELECTION AND DEATH: purchased at least 1,045 acres in Somerset County, 1790–1815; sold 100 acres in Somerset County, 1795. WEALTH AT DEATH. DIED: will probated on April 15, 1818, in Somerset County. PERSONAL PROPERTY: size of estate unknown; his will mentioned a grain mill, sawmill, and 12 slaves. LAND: 1,042 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* (ca. 1740–1817) and *John Dashiell* (?–?).

**DASHIELL, JOSEPH** (1736–ca. 1787). BORN: in 1736 in Somerset County; sixth son. NATIVE: fourth generation. RESIDED: in Somerset County; Wicomico Hundred, Worcester County, by 1765. FAMILY BACKGROUND. FATHER: *George Dashiell* (1690/91–1748), son of *Thomas Dashiell* (1666–ca. 1756). MOTHER: Betty (?–1739). STEPMOTHER: Elizabeth (?–ca. 1749), widow of James Fairfax, of Northampton County, Virginia. AUNT: Anne Dashiell (1707–?), who married *Isaac Handy* (?–1762). BROTHERS: Arthur (1715–1741); Clement (1720–1756); Louthier (1722–1765); Isaac (1726–?); *Thomas Dashiell* (1733–1771); and Benjamin (1738/39–ca. 1758). HALF BROTHER: *George Dashiell* (1743–?). FIRST COUSINS: *John Handy* (ca. 1724–1756); *Isaac Handy* (1743–ca. 1774); and *John Dashiell* (ca. 1740–1817), a possible legislator. NEPHEW: *Josiah Dashiell* (1746–1784). OTHER KINSHIP: his great-grandfather was *James Dashiell* (ca. 1634–1697); his second cousin was *William Winder* (1714/15–1792). MARRIED first, on May 18, 1757, Martha, daughter of (first name unknown) Bluett and wife Eleanor (?–1798). MAR-

RIED second, by 1774 Susannah. CHILDREN. SONS: William Pitt; *Benjamin F. A. C. Dashiell* (1763–1820). DAUGHTERS: Martha Bluett (1759–?); Eleanor Matilda, who married (first name unknown) Handy. PRIVATE CAREER. EDUCATION: literate. RELIGIOUS AFFILIATION: Anglican, Stepney Parish, Somerset County. SOCIAL STATUS AND ACTIVITIES: Esq., 1769; fourth generation legislator. OCCUPATIONAL PROFILE: mariner, 1759; planter, 1760; owned mills. PUBLIC CAREER. LEGISLATIVE SERVICE: Lower House, Worcester County, 1768–1770; Conventions, Worcester County, 6th–8th, 1775–1776; Lower House, Worcester County, 1780–1781 (Grievances 1, 2), 1781–1782, 1782–1783 (Elections 1; Manufactories 1), 1783 (elected, but did not attend), 1784 (Elections), 1785 (Grievances; Manufactories). LOCAL OFFICES: justice, Worcester County, 1766–1774, probably 1775–1782 (records missing), 1783–1787; county lieutenant, Worcester County, appointed 1777; commissary for purchases, Worcester County, 1778–1780; justice, Orphans' Court, Worcester County, commissioned 1786 and 1787. MILITARY SERVICE: captain, by 1757; lieutenant colonel, First Battalion, Worcester County Militia, by 1776; colonel, by 1777. STANDS ON PUBLIC/PRIVATE ISSUES: subscriber to Washington College, Chestertown, Kent County. WEALTH DURING LIFETIME. PERSONAL PROPERTY: inherited £310.1.6 from his brother, Benjamin, 1762; assessed value £1,300.10.0, including 32 slaves, 1783. LAND AT FIRST ELECTION: 911 acres in Worcester and Somerset counties (63.5 acres inherited from his father, 847 acres by purchase). SIGNIFICANT CHANGES IN LAND BETWEEN FIRST ELECTION AND DEATH: owned 1,245 acres in Worcester County, 1774; owned 1,841 acres in Worcester County, 1783; charged with an additional 764 acres for Haste Handy and 385 acres for Moses Claywell Smith, all in Worcester County, 1783. WEALTH AT DEATH. DIED: administration bond taken in February 1787 in Worcester County. PERSONAL PROPERTY: TEV, £2,044.2.3 (including 29 slaves, 41 oz. plate, 23 books, and a sloop); FB, £703.7.5. LAND: probably 1,841 acres in Worcester County.

**DASHIELL, JOSIAH** (1746–1784). BORN: on October 12, 1746, in Stepney Parish, Somerset County; elder son. NATIVE: fifth generation. RESIDED: in Wicomico Hundred, Somerset County. FAMILY BACKGROUND. FATHER: Capt. Clement Dashiell (1720–1756), son of *George Dashiell* (1690/91–1748). MOTHER: Sarah, daughter of Capt. William Piper. GUARDIAN: his uncle, Louthier Dashiell (1722–1765). UNCLES: *Thomas*