

**BACKGROUND.** FATHER: Charles Jones. MOTHER: Elizabeth, daughter of *John Courts* (1691/92–1747/48) and wife Charity Henley (?–by 1703). Charity subsequently married *John Contee* (?–1708). UNCLE: *Robert Hendley Courts* (?–1774). AUNT: Charity Courts (1680–1711), who married first, Bayne, son of *James Smallwood* (ca. 1639–ca. 1714/15), and second, *Daniel Dulany* (1685–1753). FIRST COUSIN: *William Courts* (ca. 1753–1792). OTHER KINSHIP: great-grandfather, *Robert Henley* (ca. 1617–1684). MARRIED Dorothy Hanson, daughter of Robert Hanson Harrison (?–ca. 1795), who was military secretary to George Washington and a chief judge of the Maryland General Court, and wife (first name unknown) Johnston. Dorothy was the stepdaughter of Grace Dent. She was the granddaughter of both *Richard Harrison* (?–1780) and George Johnston, of Virginia. She was the niece of *William Harrison* (?–1789). Her sister was Sarah, who married first, (first name unknown) Craik (?–1795), married second, David Easton, and married third, Capt. John Jordan (?–by 1786). OTHER KINSHIP: Dorothy's great-grandfather was *Joseph Harrison* (1687–1727); her great-uncle was *Joseph Hanson Harrison* (?–1785). CHILDREN. SONS: John C.; Robert Charles (?–by 1820). Both sons were minors in 1806. DAUGHTERS: Susanna (?–by 1819); Maria H. (?–after 1820), who married John Hanson, son of Samuel. Both daughters were minors in 1806. PRIVATE CAREER. EDUCATION: literate. RELIGIOUS AFFILIATION: probably Anglican; owed money at death to vestry of William and Mary Parish, St. Mary's County. SOCIAL STATUS AND ACTIVITIES: Esq., by 1802; original member of the Society of the Cincinnati. OCCUPATIONAL PROFILE: planter. PUBLIC CAREER. LEGISLATIVE SERVICE: Lower House, Charles County, 1785. OTHER STATE OFFICE: naval officer, First District, appointed 1786. LOCAL OFFICE: Maryland Senate elector, Charles County, elected 1786. MILITARY SERVICE: 2nd lieutenant, First Maryland Battalion of the Flying Camp, June–December 1776; 1st lieutenant, 7th Maryland Regiment, December 1776; captain, 1777; transferred to 4th Maryland Regiment, 1781; transferred to 1st Maryland Regiment in January 1783, served until April 1783; served as aide-de-camp to Maj. Gen. *William Smallwood* (1732–1792), 1779–1783. WEALTH DURING LIFETIME. PERSONAL PROPERTY: 5 slaves, 1790. LAND AT FIRST ELECTION: 284 acres in Charles and Frederick counties (218 acres inherited from his father, 66 acres purchased as confiscated British property). SIGNIFICANT CHANGES IN LAND BETWEEN

FIRST ELECTION AND DEATH: purchased ca. 30 acres in Charles County, 1790–1791; redeemed 400 acres of officer's bounty land in Allegany County, 1793; inherited 674 acres in Charles County through his wife, 1795; sold 263 acres in Charles County to his son Robert in 1802, plus an additional 100-acre tract the same year. WEALTH AT DEATH. DIED: between May 18 and October 8, 1802; inventory and accounts proven in Charles County. PERSONAL PROPERTY: TEV, £704.8.9 current money (including 10 slaves, books, and plate); FB, estate overpaid £93.3.1. LAND: ca. 1,000 acres in Charles, Frederick, and Allegany counties.

**JONES, RICHARD** (ca. 1671–1714). BORN: ca. 1671, probably in Anne Arundel County. NATIVE: probably second generation. RESIDED: in West River Hundred, Anne Arundel County. FAMILY BACKGROUND. FATHER: Richard Jones, of Severn River, Anne Arundel County, an innholder, 1701–1704. SISTER: called herself Alice Dixon, spinster, of Londontowne, Anne Arundel County. MARRIED by 1699 Anne (ca. 1670–1742), widow of both John Watkins (?–1697) and William Burgess (?–1698), daughter of *Nicholas Gassaway* (1634–1691/92). Anne's brothers were Nicholas (ca. 1668–1699); John. Her half brother was *Thomas Gassaway* (1683/84–1739). Her sisters or half sisters were Hester; Jane (?–1736); and Margaret. CHILDREN. STEPSONS: Gassaway Watkins (?–1746); Nicholas Watkins; and John Watkins (?–1743), who married Mary (?–1768). DAUGHTERS: Ann (1700/1–by 1721), who married *Turner Wootten* (ca. 1695–1760); Jane (1702/3–1704). STEPDAUGHTER: Elizabeth Watkins, who married *Samuel Smith* (1695–1748). PRIVATE CAREER. EDUCATION: literate. RELIGIOUS AFFILIATION: Anglican; father possibly a Quaker. SOCIAL STATUS AND ACTIVITIES: Mr., by 1704; Gent., by 1713. OCCUPATIONAL PROFILE: merchant, planter. PUBLIC CAREER. LEGISLATIVE SERVICE: Lower House, Anne Arundel County, 1704–1707 (elected to the 1st session of the 1704–1707 Assembly to fill vacancy), 1708A (Elections), 1708B–1711 (Elections 1, 2, 4; chairman 4), 1712–1713 (Elections 1–2; died before the 3rd session of the 1712–1714 Assembly). LOCAL OFFICES: justice, Anne Arundel County, 1701–1705, 1708–1714 (quorum, 1704–1705, 1708–1714; chief justice, 1709–1714); coroner, Anne Arundel County, 1704; All Hallows's Parish Vestry, Anne Arundel County, 1704. MILITARY SERVICE: captain, by 1700–1714. STANDS ON PUBLIC/PRIVATE ISSUES: refused to take oath as justice in 1705 after being lowered in rank on