

**Guide to the Oral History of
WATERS, MADELINE V. (1893-1984)
WATERS, HERBERT DORSEY (1904-1991)**

Biographical/Historical Notes

Madeline V. Waters and Herbert Dorsey Waters were descendants of the Horace Waters family, early Maryland settlers. Madeline V. Waters was the daughter of Horace Dorsey Waters. Herbert Dorsey Waters was the son of Madeline's brother, also named Herbert Dorsey Waters. The Waters family lived in Germantown, Maryland.

Interview – Interviewed September 16, 1974 by James Scull for MCHS.

Subject

Germantown (Md.) – History
Horace Dorsey Waters House
Madeline V. Waters House
Tobacco farming

Subject Names

Waters Family

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OUTLINE FOR INTERVIEW WITH
MISS MADELINE V. WATERS AND H. DORSEY WATERS

1. Introduction - Scull.
2. Some history of the Waters family - beginning with Samuel Waters, born 1663.
3. Recollections of immediate family.
 - a. Horace Waters, M.W.'s grandfather - farmer, slave owner, director of Farmers National Trust bank.
 - b. Horace Dorsey Waters, M.W.'s father, storekeeper. Early store burned by General Banks, reopened by Joshua Dorsey, succeeded by Horace D. Waters.
 - c. What the old store was like.
4. Recollections of Civil War (War for Independence).
 - a. Sympathies in Germantown - Germans and others.
 - b. Sheltering Confederate soldier.
 - c. Capture of accomplice in Lincoln assassination.
 - d. Treatment of former slaves.
 - e. Story of James Thrift.
5. Horace Dorsey Waters family - the 10 children.
 - a. Life in Waters household - before 1910 and after, in this house.
 - b. Social activities in Germantown.
 - c. Mother's illness.
6. Vernon Thompson - last man hung in Montgomery County - 1932.
7. Walter Johnson, star pitcher for Washington Senators - as remembered in Germantown.

Outline for Interview (con.)

8. Changes in Germantown.
 - a. What it was like and now.
 - b. Disappearance of old families.
 - c. Old Waters house and original Waters farm.
 - d. Coming of Atomic Energy Commission - its effect.
 - e. Plans for satellite city.
 - f. What happens to this house.