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George Little, soldier, county official, and planter, was born in [Chowan County](#) ^[2], the son of [Chief Justice William](#) ^[3] and Penelope Gale Little, daughter of [Chief Justice Christopher](#) ^[4] and Sarah Laker Harvey Gale (the widow of Governor John Harvey). When [Hertford County](#) ^[5] was formed in 1759, Little's home was in that part of Chowan that became a part of the new county. On 19 Apr. 1776 he was appointed to receive, procure, and purchase firearms for the use of troops, and on 2 Sept. 1777 he was appointed by the Council of State at New Bern to recruit men to fill up the regiments from the District of Hertford. He was a major of the [Hertford County](#) ^[5] militia. On 3 Feb. 1781 he resigned his commission as colonel, the rank he apparently attained at some unknown date, and in 1782 he was a member of the [Council of Safety](#) ^[6]. He also served for many years as a justice of the peace for Hertford County. In 1760 Little married Mary Ann Person, of Surry County, Va., the sister of [General Thomas Person](#) ^[7]. They became the parents of William Person and Penelope, who married Sharp Blount.

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