

William Moore, (d. 1797) of Little Creek Hundred was a member of the House of Assembly in 1785, 1786, and 1790. In 1787 he was a member of the Delaware convention that ratified the federal constitution, and four years later, he was a member of the convention that framed a new constitution for the state. During the Revolutionary War he served as a Captain for the militia in 1780. He was a planter and slave owner. He would in time befriend Richard Bassett and convert to Methodism, which forbade the owning of slaves. At the death of his wealthy neighbor, Isaac Horsey, in 1790, he was appointed one of the executors. During the settlement process, he would marry Isaac's widow and come into possession of a considerable sum of money. This led to his beginning to free some of his slaves and his eventual relocation of his family in 1794 to Bohemia Manor in Cecil County, Maryland. In 1797, he died in that county. (Cecil County, Maryland Probate Records; Scharf, *History of Delaware*, 1: 270; 2: 1207; Henry C. Conrad, *History of the State of Delaware* [Wilmington, Del.: privately printed, 1908], 1: 155; 2: 685.)