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COMMODORE MAYO OF SOUTH RIVER.

Commodore Isaac Mayo, who distinguished himself in the Mexican War, married, in 1835, Sarah Battaile Fitzhugh Bland, daughter of Chancellor Theodoric Bland, Consul to Brazil by his wife, Sarah Glen, widow of Mayor Jacob Davies, of Baltimore. The mother of Chancellor Bland was Sarah Henrietta Thornton, daughter of Admiral Thornton, of the British Navy.

Commodore Mayo's only daughter, Sarah Battaile Mayo, is the wife of Thomas Henry Gaither, of Baltimore, only surviving son of the late George R. Gaither. They have one son, Thomas Henry Gaither, Jr., and one daughter, Georgiana Mayo, wife of Lawrence Bailliere. They are residing in the historic "Peggy Stewart" house in Annapolis.

Commodore Mayo descended from Joshua Mayo, of South River, who, in 1707, married Hannah Learson. One son, Joseph, and four daughters, were all baptized at "All Hallows." Joseph, through his wife, Sarah Mayo, left Thomas and Joseph Mayo, Jr.; Mrs. Sarah Waters was a daughter.

Joseph Mayo, the second, through his wife, Henrietta, had Henry, John, Isaac, Edward and James Mayo. Isaac Mayo and Captain John Mayo and wife, were parishioners of "All Hallows" in 1845 when Isaac Mayo took the oath to "demean himself in the office of vestryman thereof according to the best of my skill and judgment and without Favor affection or Partiality."

Commodore Mayo held a historic tract, once the home estate of Captain Nicholas Gassaway, upon the Neck of South River, now known as "Mayo's Neck." This estate is now held by his daughter, Mrs. Thomas Gaither.

The daughters of the early Mayos of South River, married into the families of Jonathan Waters, John Ridgely, John Wilmott and Francis Linthicum.

HENRY WINTER DAVIS, THE WAR CONGRESSMAN.

Hon. Henry Winter Davis, the war Congressman, was the son of Rev. Henry Lym Davis, Rector of St. Anne's Church and at the same time President of St. John's College. Young Davis was born in Annapolis in 1817. His mother was Jane Winter Davis, a lady of intellectual attainments and elegance of person. Her sister was Henry Winter Davis' first teacher.

Graduating from Kenyon College, Ohio, in 1837 and taking a law course in the University of Virginia, Mr. Davis began practice in Alexandria, Virginia. There he married Constance Gardiner, of Virginia. He came to Baltimore in 1850, and soon became a leader of the new Know-Nothing party. Upon the outbreak of the war he represented the Union party, becoming its Congressional delegate. His chaste, fervid diction always attracted attention. His eloquence and power as an orator soon brought him to the front. Always, when speaking, in full dress, with kid gloves, handsome in person, dignified in manner, he became the shining light of his party. Although dealing in controversial subjects, his addresses showed considerable literary ability.

He married in Baltimore, for the second time, Nancy, daughter of John B. Morris.

He died at the close of the war, in the full vigor of his manhood and fame, December 30, 1865.

C. IRVING DITTY.

C. Irving Ditty, born at West River in 1838, was the son of George T. Ditty, of Virginia, and Harriet, daughter of Benjamin Winterson. His only sister became Mrs. Jacob W. Bird. His father was a descendant of Sir Jeremiah Jacob, one of Lord Baltimore's immigrants.

C. Irving Ditty entered Dickinson College in 1854 and graduated in 1857. He entered the Confederate service with Colonel Ridgely Brown, and rose to Captain, and when the war was ended at Appomattox, his company refused to surrender, but cut through the ranks, and when attacked checked the charge. This was the last firing of of the war.

Mr. Ditty married Sophia, daughter of Henry Swartze, sister of Captain Swartze, of the same Confederate army. Irvington, a suburb of Baltimore, takes its name from Mr. Ditty. He entered into the reform movement of 1875, which ended in his joining the Republican party. He was sent to Louisiana to review the Presidential count of that State and reported that both parties were about equally guilty, but the evidences were in favor of Hayes.

Mr. Ditty died in Baltimore in early manhood.

Dr. MARIUS DUVALL.

Dr. Marius Duvall, Medical Director United States Navy, was born in Annapolis in 1818. He is the son of Lewis and Sarah (Harwood) Duvall, and was the youngest of eleven children. His grandmother was Miss Callahan, from the North of Ireland. His father represented Annapolis in the State Legislature for ten years. His name is among the students of St. John's College.

Dr. Duvall married a sister of Professor Lockwood. After filling many important stations, he was transferred to the Naval Hospital at Annapolis.

HON. MICHAEL BANNON.

Hon. Michael Bannon, was born in the County Tyrone, Ireland, in 1827. His grandfather was an officer in the Rebel Army of 1798.

At eighteen years of age young Bannon set out for America. His own account of his struggle is interesting. Reaching Baltimore, in 1847, with a capital of ten cents, he expended it for his first night's