

John F. Mudd Dies; Political Figure in Md.

Bryantown, Md., Feb. 17 (Spl.).

John F. Mudd, 65, former member of the State Legislature and holder of several State positions, died yesterday of a heart attack at his home after an illness of several months.

Mr. Mudd was in the House of Delegates from 1910 to 1914, when he was elevated to the State Senate for a six-year term. Later he was a member of the State Roads Commission, the State Racing Commission and People's Counsel to the State Public Service Commission.

He was a first cousin of Thomas B. R. Mudd of La Plata, who has been mentioned as a Republican nominee for Governor. He also was a distant relative of Dr. Samuel Mudd, who treated John Wilkes Booth, President Lincoln's assassin.

A native of Charles County, Mr. Mudd had resided in the county nearly all his life. He was a graduate of St. John's College, Annapolis, and the University of Maryland Law School.

His legal career began as a member of the law firm headed by Chief Judge Walter J. Mitchell of the Seventh Judicial Circuit. In recent years, he practiced with his son, F. De Sales Mudd with offices in La Plata.

Surviving are his wife, Mrs. Amy Turner Mudd; four daughters, Miss Dorothy A. Mudd, supervisor of Harford County, Md., schools; Mrs. Merlin J. Stem, Orange, N. J.; Miss Mary Helen Mudd and Mrs. George W. Gibson, both of Bryantown; three sons, F. De Sales Mudd, John T. Mudd, a Bryantown merchant, and Patrick C. Mudd, Circuit Court clerk for Charles County; two sisters, Mrs. James J. Edelen, East Orange, N. J., and Mrs. Milton Aker of Boston.

Funeral services will be held at 11 a. m. tomorrow at St. Mary's Catholic Church. Burial will be in the church cemetery.