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COL. JAMES WALLACE.

Col. James Wallace was born in Dorchester County, Md., March 17, 1818. His parents were Robert Wallace and Susan Wallace, née LeCompte, great-granddaughter of John LeCompte, a Huguenot refugee, who came to this country after the treaty of Ryswick and settled in Dorchester County. The paternal grandfather of Col. James Wallace served in the Revolutionary War under General Smallwood.

Colonel Wallace was graduated at Dickinson College, Carlisle, Pa., in 1840, and two years later was admitted to the Bar in Cambridge, having studied law under the late Henry Page. In 1854 he was elected to the House of Delegates; he was a Presidential Elector at large in 1856, voting for Millard Fillmore; the same year he was elected to the State Senate, serving until 1858.

In politics he was an old line Whig and in later years was identified with the Republican party. After 1858 he took no active part in politics, although he was several times prominently mentioned for Governor.

At the solicitation of Gov. Hicks, he accepted a commission from the Secretary of War and raised the First Maryland Eastern Shore Volunteer Regiment in the Civil War. He was engaged in military duty on the Eastern Shores of Maryland and Virginia from the organization of the regiment until 1863. His command was with the Army of the Potomac in 1863, under General Lockwood, forming part of his independent brigade of Marylanders.

In his official report of the battle of Gettysburg, General Meade especially commended the Maryland Brigade for gallant service on that occasion. Towards the close of 1863, Colonel

Wallace resigned his position in the Army and resumed the practice of his profession, but subsequently abandoned it to engage extensively in the more congenial pursuit of agriculture. He is said to have planted and cultivated the first large peach orchard in Dorchester County, and up to the time of his death was considered perhaps the most successful horticulturist in the State.

He manifested, at all times, the liveliest interest in the improvements and progress of the town and county and was foremost in all the leading enterprises of the community.

He died February 12, 1887, and no higher eulogy could be pronounced upon any man than to say he possessed this transcendent gift, to impress his ideas upon the age in which he lived.

JAMES WALLACE.

James Wallace, son of Col. James Wallace and Annie E. Wallace (née Phelps), was born January 5, 1850, at Cambridge, Md.

Mr. Wallace, after leaving the Cambridge Academy, entered the Freshman Class of Dickinson College as a member of the now celebrated Class of '70, continued his studies at Dickinson until the Junior Year, when he was compelled to return home on account of the breaking down of his health.

He regained his health in a year or so and entered into the then undeveloped business of packing canned goods and vegetables and oysters in connection with his father, under the firm name of Jas. Wallace & Son.

They were the pioneers of this industry in Dorchester and from their primitive beginning have built up a large and lucrative business, their brands of goods are now sold and recognized the country over as one of the leading brands in this line of industry.

The packing business was under the active management and control of the junior Mr. Wallace, and its success is attributable to his industry and business sagacity.

In 1888 Mr. Wallace married Miss Emma McComas, daughter of F. C. McComas, Esq., of Hagerstown, Md. By this marriage they have two children, Katharine and James Wallace, Jr.

Mr. Wallace, while devoting his time particularly to the