

## DEATH OF COL. WALLACE.

### The End of an Active and Honorable Career.

[Reported for the Baltimore Sun.]

Col. James Wallace, a well-known citizen of Dorchester county, died of a cancer last Saturday evening at 8.30 o'clock, at the residence of his son-in-law, Lieutenant Samuel A. Graham, U. S. N., 1120 Bolton street. He had been in Baltimore for two weeks for treatment. His remains, accompanied by members of his family, were taken yesterday by boat to Cambridge, Md., for burial.

Col. James Wallace was born in Dorchester county March 14, 1818. He was a son of Robert and Susan (Le Compte) Wallace. His mother was a descendant of Monsieur John Le Compte, a Huguenot refugee, who served under the Prince of Conde and William of Orange, and who emigrated to America and settled on the Choptank river, in what is now Dorchester county. Col. Wallace's grandfather emigrated from Scotland and settled in Charles county about 1762. He afterwards enlisted in the revolutionary army and remained until the close of hostilities under Gen. Smallwood.

Colonel Wallace graduated from Dickinson College, Pa., in 1840, and immediately began the study of law at Cambridge, under the late Henry Page. He was admitted to the bar in 1842 and acquired a lucrative practice. In 1854 he was elected to the House of Delegates, and in 1856 was an elector for the State and voted for Millard Fillmore. He was afterwards also elected to the State Senate, where he served from 1856 to 1860. In politics Col. Wallace was an old-line whig, and of late years was identified with the republican party, though not engaging actively in politics. He was a delegate to the last republican presidential convention and a strong supporter of Blaine. He was also a close friend of the late Gov. Hicks, of Maryland, and at his solicitation accepted a commission from the Secretary of War, and raised the First Regiment E. S. volunteers of Maryland in the late war. He was engaged in military duty on the Eastern Shore of Maryland and Virginia from the organization of the regiment to 1863, and also participated in the battle of Gettysburg. In 1863 Col. Wallace resigned his position in the army and resumed the practice of his profession. For a number of years subsequent he was the senior member of the law firm of Wallace & Milbourne, of Cambridge, under whom Hon. Louis E. McComas, member of Congress for the sixth district, graduated, but later abandoned the active practice of his profession and engaged extensively in the more congenial pursuits 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 farmer and fruit-grower in the county. He always resided in Cambridge, but his lands, which consisted of a large acreage, embracing several farms, were principally located within a short distance of town, and were under his daily supervision, kept in the highest state of cultivation, and soon became productive and profitable. He manifested at all times the liveliest interest in the improvement and progress of the town and county, and has been found foremost in many of the leading enterprises, notably the establishment of the Dorchester and Delaware Railroad Company, the enlarging and deepening of Cambridge harbor, and the founding of the large packing-house of Jas. Wallace & Son, of Cambridge, which affords a market for quantities of fruit and vegetables, and also furnishes employment to a large number of laborers. He was also an advocate for the construction of a canal from the Choptank to Fishing bay for the purposes of transportation, and the more important purpose of draining and reclaiming the low lands in the section through which it would pass. The project has never succeeded, although its importance has several times been agitated by a large class of citizens. Col. Wallace has also been a trustee of the Cambridge Female Seminary for many years. He was considered the best authority on the local history of the town and county, and took much pleasure in its study. At the celebration of the bicentennial of Cambridge, on July 4, 1884, Col. Wallace was selected as orator, and delivered an elaborate and interesting address on the subject of the history of the town. His easy and affable disposition and fondness for witnessing the pleasures of the young made his beautiful and hospitable home, "The Hill," at Cambridge, a Liberty Hall for the young society people of Cambridge for many years. Owing to his familiarity with and fondness for military matters, Col. Wallace was induced, notwithstanding his advanced years, to accept a commission as captain of the Lloyd Guards, a militia company at Cambridge, about a year ago. Largely through his efforts and instruction the company has been brought to a good state of proficiency in drill and discipline, and his loss will be deeply felt by the organization. Col. Wallace was married December 12, 1843, to Annie E., daughter of the late Dr. Francis P. Phelps, who survives her husband. He also leaves four children, Jas. Wallace, Jr., of Cambridge, a daughter, who is the wife of Lieut. Samuel A. Graham, U. S. N., another daughter, the wife of D'Arcy P. Bryan, of Baltimore, and Miss Myra Wallace, unmarried.

A special dispatch to THE SUN from Cambridge says: "The announcement this morning of the death of Col. Wallace was received with the deepest regret by all the community. Flags at half-mast were displayed from the Maryland Central Hotel, the National Bank, the old postoffice building and the fire engine house. In the churches tributes were paid to the memory of the deceased. A telegram received this afternoon stated that the remains would arrive by steamer at 9 o'clock tonight, but up to 11 o'clock they had not arrived."