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PLATT, LANDY BEACH, a prominent Oyster and Fruit Packer of Baltimore, was born in 1812, at Milford, Connecticut, and is a descendant of one of the old Puritan families. Mr. Platt first entered into the oyster trade in the year 1846, at New York city, receiving his oysters from the waters of New Haven Harbor. In 1849 he removed to Chicago, and established himself in business there at the corner of Clark and South Water streets, receiving his oysters part of the route by stage, railroads not then connecting through, and from thence to Milwaukee by sledge, trips only being made from Chicago to Milwaukee during the winter season. In 1852 he made Buffalo his distributing point, on account of that city having railroads and superior lake communication to the West and Southwest at that time. In 1858, the trade having so greatly increased that the supply from New Haven waters became nearly exhausted, he was compelled to find other sources of supply, and therefore went to Seaford, Delaware, at the head of navigation of the Nanticoke, the then famous river for oysters. In the year 1864 he removed to Baltimore city, and added to the fresh oyster business that of canning fruits and vegetables, as well as oysters hermetically sealed, which find a market in all parts of the world. Mr. Platt has continued in business in Baltimore since that time, and has succeeded in building up a very large trade, being recognized throughout the country as one of the pioneers and leaders in the oyster trade. His son, Mr. H. S. Platt, is associated with him in business.

HOPKINS, HENRY POWELL, Farmer, eldest son of Elias and Sallie (Powell) Hopkins, was born March 30, 1817, in Talbot County, to which place his father had removed two years previously. The latter was Captain of Light Cavalry in Kent County, Delaware, during the war of 1812. He died July 29, 1848. Mrs. Hopkins was a relative of Mr. Dickinson, who was killed in the famous duel between himself and Jackson. She was the daughter of Howell and Anna (Dickinson) Powell. The first American ancestor of the family was John Hopkins, an Englishman, who landed at Black Water Point, Sussex County, Delaware, in 1735. He there purchased real estate, which is still in the possession of his descendants. He had two sons, Zebediah and Hooper. The latter had one son, Robert, the father of Elias, who was born September 30, 1792. Henry P. Hopkins had three brothers: Robert D., Elias, and John; and two sisters: Mollie and Eliza Ann. He received the rudiments of an English education at the public school of his native county, and afterwards attended the Academy at Easton for a year. Having been brought up on a farm, his tastes and early habits inclined him to agriculture, in which pursuit he has engaged from the time of leaving

school. He owns a farm of two hundred and forty acres at Rock Cliff, on which he resides. Mr. Hopkins was Captain of a company of Light Infantry in 1846, but was not called into service. In 1864 he was elected Judge of the Orphans' Court for four years on the Union ticket, and School Commissioner from 1865 to 1867. He was again elected in 1870, and has ever since held that office. In May, 1849, he joined the Sons of Temperance, and has filled all the chairs of the society. In 1872 he joined the "Patrons of Husbandry," and occupied prominent positions in the Order. He was a Whig while that party existed, but is now a Democrat. In the fall of 1847 he was converted, and joined the Methodist Episcopal Church. In 1845 he was married to Alexine, daughter of Henry Jump, of Queen Anne's County, a family highly respected. He has had eight children, six of whom are now living: Sallie P., now Mrs. J. Frank Turner, Lizzie F. and Elma Hopkins, Nannie K., now Mrs. J. K. Jarrell, M. Louie, now Mrs. George T. Melvin, and Harry J. Hopkins. The four eldest daughters were educated at the Wesleyan College, Delaware, and the youngest at Pennington Seminary, New Jersey. Harry, the son, took the degree of A.B. at Washington College, Maryland. Mr. Hopkins's Christian character and usefulness are highly appreciated in Talbot County, where he has resided all his life.

WALLACE, HON. JAMES, Lawyer, was born in Dorchester County, where he still resides, March 14, 1818. His parents were Robert and Susan (Lecompte) Wallace. The latter was the daughter of Levin Lecompte, and the great-granddaughter of Monsieur John Lecompte, a Huguenot refugee, who served in the Protestant armies under the Prince of Conde and William of Orange. After the treaty of Ryswick, and the close of the long and bloody war resulting from the Revocation of the Edict of Nantes, he emigrated to America, and settled on the Choptank River, in what is now Dorchester County, where he has numerous descendants. The paternal grandfather of James Wallace emigrated from Scotland about the year 1762, and settled in Charles County. Towards the close of the Revolutionary war he enlisted under General Smallwood, and was with the Maryland troops until the conclusion of hostilities. James Wallace was very active in his boyhood, and fond of the busy, stirring scenes of life, but on entering Dickinson College, Pennsylvania, he became a close student, devoting himself more particularly to belles-lettres and to philosophical studies. He graduated in 1840, and entered the law office of Henry Page, in Cambridge, Maryland. He was admitted to the bar in 1842, and, entering at once upon the active duties of his profession, was from the first unusually successful. In 1854 he was elected to the House

of Delegates, and in 1856 was an Elector for the State and voted for Millard Fillmore. The same year he was sent to the Senate of Maryland, and served until 1868. Mr. Wallace was in politics an old-line Whig. He took part with the Government at the outbreak of the war, and was in command of a well-drilled and spirited company, which, as early as April, 1861, rendered efficient service to Governor Hicks in quelling disturbances and in preserving Maryland to the Union. Soon after this he was summoned to Washington, and induced by Governor Hicks and the Secretary of War to accept a commission to raise a regiment of volunteers for the war. This he undertook in August, and in November, 1861, was mustered into service, and marched with his command to Salisbury, Maryland, where they quartered during the winter. In the spring of 1862 they entered Virginia, and occupied the counties of Accomac and Northampton until the summer of 1863. During this time Colonel Wallace frequently sent detachments into Maryland to preserve order, and into Delaware to disarm her volunteer militia. On the approach of General Lee into Pennsylvania in the summer of 1863, he joined the army of the Potomac under Brigadier-General Lockwood, and with his command formed part of his Independent Brigade of Marylanders. At Gettysburg on Culp's Hill they met and repelled Stewart's Confederate Brigade, and it was their fortune to hurl back the last dash of the Confederate Maryland Regiment. In his official report of the battle of Gettysburg, General Meade especially commended the Maryland Brigade for services rendered on that occasion. In December, 1863, Colonel Wallace resigned his commission and returned to the practice of his profession, which he has continued from that time. He has since taken no active part in politics, not being decidedly in unison with either party. In his boyhood he gave his serious attention to religious matters, and deciding that Christianity was the only safe rule and guide through life, took his stand with the professed people of Christ, uniting with the Methodist Episcopal denomination. His early resolution he has kept, and according to the Scripture promise, it has also kept him. Nothing affords him greater satisfaction than this recollection. Colonel Wallace was married, December 12, 1843, to Annie E., daughter of Dr. F. P. Phelps, of Eldon.

mother of the subject of this sketch was Mary Parker, daughter of a distinguished English gentleman, George W. Parker, who was descended from an old and honored family of England, which ranked among its members the British Naval Commander, Admiral — Parker. Mr. Parker settled in Baltimore toward the close of the last century. At the age of twelve years Joseph entered St. Mary's College, Baltimore, where he continued to pursue his studies for five years, at the expiration of which time he became connected, in a clerical capacity, with the office of Register of Wills, and served with great efficiency for two years under Register David M. Perine, and six years under his successor, the late Nathaniel Hickman. In 1857 Mr. Heuisler resigned his position in the office of Register of Wills, and formed a copartnership with Cornelius M. Cole, for the conducting of a general conveyancing and property agency business, which he prosecuted until 1861, when, having applied himself to the study of law, at intervals, during his clerkship in the Register of Wills office, a portion of the time under the instructions of the late Honorable James M. Buchanan, he commenced the practice of the legal profession in the city of Baltimore. He has served with ability and success as counsel in many noteworthy cases in the various courts. He has particularly distinguished himself as a criminal lawyer, having been engaged in several celebrated murder trials. In 1873 Mr. Heuisler was elected by the Democratic party as a member of the First Branch of the City Council, from the Twelfth Ward, and performed the duties of that position with such acceptability as to cause his re-election the ensuing year. He served as Chairman of the Committees on Claims, City Passenger Railways, and City Property. He was also member of several other important committees, including that on the Harbor; and, as such, vigorously opposed all measures antagonistic to the interests of the city. Mr. Heuisler was an industrious and very efficient member of the City Council. His character for integrity was such that no one dared to approach him with any bill or proposition that had the least savor of corruption. If he made any enemies at all, as a City Councilman, it was because of his uncompromising adherence to right, and honorable principles. In 1875 Mayor Ferdinand C. Latrobe, appreciating Mr. Heuisler, appointed him to the position of Examiner of Titles under the city, the duties of which he faithfully discharged until the expiration of Mr. Latrobe's first term of office. Mr. Heuisler is wedded to his profession, commands the confidence and respect of his professional brethren and the public generally. He is a fluent and forcible speaker, and in addition to his efforts in the court-room, has frequently addressed political and other assemblies. In 1853 he married Miss Catharine McCann, daughter of Henry McCann, a well-known instructor. Mr. Heuisler has eight children living, six sons and two daughters. His oldest son, Charles W. Heuisler, is a promising member of the Baltimore bar, and the second one, Joseph G. Heuisler,

HEUISLER, JOSEPH STANISLAUS, Lawyer, was born in Baltimore, Maryland, February 17, 1832. His father, Joseph Anthony Heuisler, was a native of Munich, capital of Bavaria. He came to America in the latter part of the eighteenth century, and settled in Maryland, where he pursued the vocation of a horticulturist, and died in 1862, universally respected. The