

constitutional amendments, the oyster cull law, and other excellent reforms, all of which had the Governor's active support. At the Executive Mansion in Annapolis the Governor and Mrs. Jackson practiced a generous hospitality, and both of them endeared themselves to a large circle of friends. The delights of these entertainments still cling in rich memories around the Executive Mansion. Senator Jackson married Miss Annie Rider, the accomplished daughter of Dr. W. H. Rider, a prominent merchant of Salisbury, in 1869. In 1885, he built a large mansion in a beautiful situation at a cost of \$35,000, where, with his wife and family, he entertains his friends with true Eastern Shore hospitality. The Senator, among his other business enterprises, numbers the presidency of the Salisbury National Bank and of the Sussex Bank, of Seaford, Del. Senator Jackson in his private life is full of good deeds, and is greatly beloved in the community in which he lives. In January session, 1896, Governor Jackson was chairman of the committee on finance, and member of the committees on executive nominations and contingent expenses of the Senate. Governor Jackson is a man of conviction, performing his duty with a conscientious regard to his position. As chairman of the finance committee, he was painstaking, careful, watching all improper attempts on the State treasury, but just and liberal towards those matters that commend themselves to his ripened judgment. A marked characteristic of Governor Jackson is his unwavering fidelity to his friends—if he believes in a man and his cause, he is untiring in his efforts on his behalf, immovable in his friendship.

Worcester County.—JOHN WALTER SMITH.

Col. John Walter Smith was born in Snow Hill, on the 5th of February, 1845. His father's name was also John Walter Smith. His mother's name was Charlotte Whittington Smith, the daughter of Judge William Whittington. Col. Smith's father belonged to a family which for many years was among the most prominent in his county. He moved from Snow Hill to Baltimore, and there engaged largely in the wholesale grocery business, but owing to reverses caused by a financial panic, whereby he lost large sums of money in the South, he returned to