

TALBOT COUNTY—*Three Members.*

WILLIAM COLLINS, Democrat.

Mr. Collins is a lawyer by profession and a farmer by choice and occupation. He was born at Frankford, the Collins homestead, near Trappe, which is now his residence. He is a graduate of the Trappe High School. At 18 years of age he taught school a year in Dorchester county. He studied law in the office of Charles H. Gibson, and after a few years' practice with the late I. C. W. Powell, he went into agriculture as a business, and is regarded as one of the most progressive and successful farmers in the county. He was elected to the Legislature as a Democrat in 1890, 1892 and 1894. He was on these committees: Judiciary, Chesapeake Bay, Agriculture, Engrossed Bills and others. Mr. Collins was one of the organizers of the Talbot Fair Association, the Farmers' Alliance, the Farmers' Club, is a member of the Sons of the American Revolution, and a director in the Farmers and Merchants' National Bank of Easton.

WILLIAM C. DUDLEY, Democrat.

Mr. Dudley is a farmer and lives at Wye Landing. He was born in Queen Anne's county. He commenced his business career as a mercantile clerk in Centreville and in Baltimore, but returned to Queen Anne's and went to farming when 21 years old. In 1871 he was elected Sheriff of Queen Anne's. Previous to that, in 1866 and 1867, he was Tax Collector. He came to Talbot in 1883. The Wye Landing farm is a fine estate of 400 acres. In 1891 he was elected Judge of the Orphans' Court for Talbot. He was renominated in 1895, but the county went Republican that year. Judge Dudley is a gentleman who, by his consistency of life and uprightness of conduct, adorns alike the private station and public life.

WILLIAM WILLIS, Democrat.

Mr. Willis is a farmer, living in St. Michaels. Mr. Willis was educated in the public schools. He taught school from 1858 to 1865. From 1873 to 1883 he was also engaged in oyster, fruit and vegetable packing. In 1878 Mr. Willis was elected County Commissioner by the Democrats, and was made president of the board. In 1898 he ran for Congress as the candidate of the Chicago platform Democrats against Col. John Walter Smith. Mr. Willis says: