

County. He is a son of the late Lawrason Riggs, and a direct descendant of Francis Riggs, who settled in Calvert County in 1663, members of this family having afterwards spread through Anne Arundel, Frederick and Montgomery Counties. His maternal grandfather was the Hon. Jesse D. Bright, who was for four terms United States Senator from Indiana.

At the age of eleven he entered St. Paul's School, Concord, N. H. He graduated as a civil engineer from Princeton University in 1887, standing second in his class. After practicing this profession a short time in Iowa he returned to enter the machine shop of Robert Poole & Son Company; went to Detrick & Harvey Machine Company on February 9, 1891, and retired from business as vice-president of that company on January 15, 1903; entered the services of the Maryland National Guard as Second Lieutenant of Company E, Fifth Infantry, on April 29, 1890; elected Captain of Company F, same regiment, on February 23, 1891, and Major on November 12, 1895; was mustered into the service of the United States on May 14, 1898, as Major, Fifth Maryland United States Volunteers, and mustered out with his regiment at close of Spanish-American War on October 22, 1898; resigned from the Maryland National Guard on January 26, 1899; appointed Adjutant-General of the State of Maryland on January, 1904.

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Clerk of the Court of Appeals: THOMAS PARRAN (Republican).

Thomas Parran was born in Calvert County, February 12, 1860. He was educated at Charlotte Hall Academy. He was elected to the House of Delegates in 1883 and re-elected in 1885. He was Chief Deputy in the Internal Revenue Service at Baltimore from 1889 to 1893, which year he was elected to the State Senate. He was appointed Assistant Enrolling Clerk in 1895 and Index Clerk in 1897 in the House of Representatives of the United States. The latter position he held at the time of his election, November 5, 1901, as Clerk of the Court of Appeals of Maryland.