

moved to Talbot county and purchased the property known as "Mount's Mill." Jacobus Seth died in 1694 and by his will bequeathed 5,000 pounds of tobacco to the five fathers to say masses for the repose of his soul, which proves that he was a Catholic in faith.

Mr. Seth's first maternal ancestor was Thomas Impey, who was the first Clerk of the Court of Talbot county, serving from the organization of the county, in 1660, until his death, in 1684, when he was accidentally killed. Thomas Impey resided on his estate in Bay Hundred district, called "Cromwell," which he purchased from one Richard Cromwell, who had first taken patent for the said land. There were three Seths in the Revolutionary War, Jacob and Charles, who served in the Fifth Maryland Regiment, and William, who went through the war in the "Armand Legion," having enlisted in August, 1777, and being discharged March 23, 1783. At the time of his discharge the Legion was reduced to a handful of men, he, as sergeant, being the ranking officer. This was the only cavalry force that went into the Southern campaign, and they fought regularly from Camden to Yorktown.

Mr. Joseph Bruff Seth in his early years attended public school. In 1860 he went to a boarding school, but in 1861 he was brought home on account of war and put under a private tutor, Mr. Daniel Hahn. In 1865 he went with his uncle, Robert L. Seth, in the oyster and fruit packing business at Baltimore. His uncle died in November of that year, and the settlement of his business devolved upon Mr. Joseph Bruff Seth. He then entered the law office of John M. Frazier, of Baltimore, and was admitted to the Bar in December, 1867. Mr. Frazier died in 1870, and Mr. Seth, in company with his brother, the late T. Alexander Seth, and Harry E. Mann, conducted a law firm until 1871, when Mr. Joseph B. Seth returned to Talbot county, and has since practiced law in the courts of said county.

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By appointment of Governor Robert M. McLane, in 1884, Mr. Seth served as Judge Advocate General, with the rank of brigadier, and was reappointed by Governor Lloyd, and again commissioned by Governor Jackson. In 1890 he was appointed Commander of the State Fishery Force, and held