

Maryland, 1777-79, was his great-great-grandfather. Colonel Robert McPherson took an active part in establishing the independence of the Colonies and in the Revolution.

From the above record it is not difficult to see from whence John M. Dennis derived his love of statesmanship and interest in public affairs.

John M. Dennis was educated in the public schools of Frederick County and for two years attended Milton Academy at Philopolis, Baltimore County, Maryland. At sixteen years of age he left Maryland and was employed by the C. W. & B. Railroad Co. in Cincinnati, Ohio and remained West in different railroad positions until June, 1890, when he returned to Baltimore and formed a connection with the firm of Tate, Muller & Company, grain merchants, which was succeeded by the firm of Louis Muller & Company, of which Mr. Dennis became president and remained president until December 1, 1914, when he was elected president of the Union Trust Company of Maryland, Baltimore, occupying this position until he resigned on May 9, 1933. Mr. Dennis served as director of the Maryland National Bank, of Baltimore, from October 2, 1905, until its merger with the National Bank of Commerce of Baltimore on May 29, 1914. After the merger he served as a director of the National Bank of Commerce until February 17, 1916, when he resigned. He also served as a director of the Continental Trust Company from January 5, 1909, and a member of the Executive Committee from January 4, 1910, until he resigned November 30, 1914, to accept the presidency of the Union Trust Company of Maryland.

In 1899 Mr. Dennis married Mary Chiles of Independence, Jackson County, Missouri. He has two children, John McPherson Dennis, Jr., and Mrs. Theodore Gould.

Mr. Dennis is a large land owner in Frederick County and also in Baltimore County, where he resides on his farm near Riderwood. He was elected president of the Maryland State Dairymen's Association in November, 1915, and is an extensive breeder of Holstein-Friesian cattle. He is also president of the Maryland State Fair and Agricultural Society.

Mr. Dennis is Treasurer and member of the Board of Regents of the University of Maryland, Treasurer and Chairman of the Board of Trustees of the Teachers' Retirement System of the State of Maryland, and an officer and director in a number of financial and other corporations among which are the following: Baltimore Tube Company, Director; Belvedere Hotel Company, Baltimore, Vice-President and Director; Claiborne-Annapolis Ferry Company.