

SKETCH OF THE GOVERNOR

Governor: HARRY W. NICE (Republican), Baltimore.

Harry W. Nice was born in the City of Washington, District of Columbia, December 5, 1877. He is a member of the Methodist Episcopal Church, and is the son of the late Reverend Henry Nice and Drucilla Arnold Nice. Reverend Henry Nice, whose ancestors settled in Pennsylvania with William Penn, began his active ministerial duties at Snow Hill, Maryland, in 1857, and thereafter assumed various charges elsewhere in the State of Maryland. Drucilla Arnold Nice, the daughter of William A. Arnold, was born in Alexandria, Virginia.

Harry W. Nice received his early education in the public schools of Baltimore City, later attending Baltimore City College and Dickinson College, Carlisle, Pennsylvania.

Graduating from the University of Maryland with the degree of Bachelor of Laws, he was admitted to the Bar in 1899 and practiced his profession, with offices in the City of Baltimore, continuously until elected Governor of the State of Maryland in 1934.

He has received honorary degrees of Doctor of Laws from the University of Maryland, St. John's College, Dickinson College (Carlisle, Pennsylvania), and Washington College.

On June 8, 1905, Mr. Nice married Edna Viola Amos, of Baltimore City, whose ancestors settled in Somerset County early in the Seventeenth Century. Two children, both boys, have been born to this union, one now deceased, the survivor, Harry W. Nice, Jr., now 29 years of age.

Having served as Secretary to the Mayor of Baltimore, Mr. Nice, early in life was elected a member of the Baltimore City Council. He has served also as Supervisor of Elections; Judge of the Appeal Tax Court; Assistant State's Attorney, and State's Attorney for Baltimore City.

His tenure of office as Assistant State's Attorney and later as State's Attorney for Baltimore City was noteworthy for the successful prosecution of many important cases.

In September, 1919, while serving as State's Attorney for Baltimore City, Mr. Nice received the Republican nomination for Governor of Maryland, and in November, 1919, was defeated by the very narrow margin of 165 votes in an election where more than 228,000 votes were cast for the office of Governor. This was considered a remarkable showing because of the tremendous Democratic book majority then obtaining in the State of Maryland.