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JUMP, ROBERT JOHN, was born, December 7, 1833, near Oakland, Caroline County, Maryland. His parents were John Jump, of Purnell, and Elizabeth, his wife, formerly Elizabeth Clements. Their educational advantages were slight, but these were compensated for by great mental vigor. His father was a farmer in humble circumstances. He filled the position of Collector of Taxes for the county; was elected Sheriff in 1840, and proved a faithful officer. He died in 1847, and his wife in 1858. The former was of Irish and the latter of Scottish descent, and were both natives of Delaware, where they lived until after their marriage. The subject of this sketch received his education at a country school and the academy at Denton, though assisting his father on the farm during the busy seasons. At the early age of thirteen years he entered the office of the Clerk of the Circuit Court for Caroline County as one of the deputies, which position he held until May, 1857, devoting much of his time to study. In May, 1857, he was admitted to the bar as an attorney-at-

law. In the fall of that year Mr. Jump was elected Clerk of the Circuit Court by a large majority over his opponent, the duties of which office he discharged for six years to the satisfaction of all parties. He declined a renomination, and resumed the practice of his profession. In 1864 he was nominated by the Union party as a candidate for Comptroller of Maryland. He was elected, and discharged the duties of the office for one term, and then declined a renomination. On his retirement he was highly complimented by Governor Swann in his message to the Legislature in 1867 for his zealous, honest, and faithful discharge of the duties of the Comptrollership. After holding the Clerkship of the Circuit Court for Caroline County to fill a vacancy from April to December, 1857, Mr. Jump again resumed the practice of law, and has declined since then further political honors. From 1867 he has been connected with the Masonic fraternity, and is a Past Grand Master therein. Mr. Jump is a Republican in political sentiment, and was an earnest supporter of the Union cause through the civil war. He is a member of the Methodist Episcopal Church, and was a Delegate to and President of the Lay Conference held in Wilmington, Delaware, in March, 1876. He was married, November, 1855, to Laura Corkran, of Cambridge, Maryland.
