

HISTORY
OF
WESTERN MARYLAND.

BEING A HISTORY OF
FREDERICK, MONTGOMERY, CARROLL, WASHINGTON, ALLEGANY, AND GARRETT
COUNTIES

FROM THE EARLIEST PERIOD TO THE PRESENT DAY;

INCLUDING

BIOGRAPHICAL SKETCHES

OF THEIR

REPRESENTATIVE MEN.

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PHILADELPHIA:
LOUIS H. EVERTS.
1882.

Supervisor: John D. Powder 176, Elijah Wooden 113, A. Taylor 12.

1855.—For Justices: M. G. Cockey 228, N. Gorsuch 199, E. Woolery 184, J. D. Powder 121, S. Wilderson 38; Constables: S. Flater 165, Jesse Magee 146, D. D. Byers 198; Road Supervisor: Lewis Taylor 200, Amon Allgire 123.

1857.—For Justices: S. A. Lauver 188, Daniel Stull 184, L. Lamott 186, M. G. Cockey 208, Nathan Gorsuch 206, Elijah Woolery 191; Constables: J. Shilling 178, J. H. Uhler 172, Samuel Flater 204, D. D. Byers 204; Road Supervisor: G. Mummaugh 193, H. T. Bartholow 198.

1859.—For Justices: Joseph Poole 187, James Lockard 208, S. A. Lauver 198, M. G. Cockey 203, Azariah Oursler 188, Nathan Gorsuch 186; Constables: William Crusey 192, Lewis Taylor 170, Jesse Magee 203, William Gorsuch 212; Road Supervisors: Henry Taylor 203, Joseph Bromwell 214.

1861.—For Justices: William Lockard 240, M. G. Cockey 232, N. Gorsuch 213, N. Burgett 48, Azariah Oursler 166, J. W. Steele 182, L. A. J. Lamott 187; Constables: P. Gorsuch 271, Jesse Magee 272, Jer. Taylor 161, D. D. Byers 163; Road Supervisor: Peter Flater 268, John Uhler 180.

One of the best-known farmers in this district is Col. James Fenner Lee, who was born in Providence, R. I., July 9, 1843. He is the eldest living son of Stephen S. and Sarah F. (Mallett) Lee, who removed to Baltimore the year of his birth. In that city he was placed under the instruction of the best masters, and in 1855 sent to Europe, where he was for several years in one of the first schools of Switzerland. He completed his collegiate studies in Paris, at the Lycée St. Louis, and after having traveled over the continent returned to Baltimore. There he entered as a law student the office of Brown & Brune, and before applying for admission to the bar spent a term at the Law School of Harvard University. In 1866 he married Mrs. Albert Carroll, daughter of Hon. William George Read, and granddaughter of Col. John Eager Howard. On this occasion his parents presented him with a farm in this district, and he decided to devote himself to agricultural pursuits as soon as he could dispose of his law business and complete the third volume of the "Maryland Digest," which he had, in conjunction with his friend, Jacob I. Cohen, undertaken to publish. Having in time accomplished this and settled upon his farm, he soon became identified with, and earnest in the promotion of, every material interest of the county. In a short time, such was his popularity, he was constantly chosen to represent the interests of his district in the Democratic County Conventions, and frequently in the State councils of that party. In 1874 he was appointed by Governor Groome one of his aide-de-camps, with the rank of colonel. He was nominated in 1875 for State senator by the Democratic party, and elected after a most active and exciting campaign. In the Senate he was chairman of the joint Committee on Printing, and did good service to the State by reducing the expendi-

tures of the same twenty thousand dollars. This position he retained in the second session of the Legislature, in which he was equally successful in his efforts to secure economy in that department. At the assembling of the Senate he was unanimously chosen president of the temporary organization, and was very often called to the chair during the absence of Col. Lloyd, the permanent president. It was mainly through the efforts of Col. Lee that the endowment of twenty-six free scholarships was obtained from the State for the Western Maryland College at Westminster. His children are Arthur F., Sarah J. Fenner, and Stephen Howard Lee.

FREEDOM DISTRICT, No. 5.

Freedom District, or District No. 5, of Carroll County, is bounded on the north by Woolery District, on the east by Baltimore County, on the south by Howard County, and on the west by Franklin District. It is intersected by Piney Run, Big and Little Morgan's Runs, Owings' Run, and their tributaries, and the North and West Branches of the Patapsco form the eastern and southern boundary lines of the district respectively. In addition to a number of turnpikes and excellent public roads, the Baltimore and Ohio Railroad skirts the southern portion of the district, affording the most ample facilities for traffic with points of commercial importance. Freedom District in 1880 had a population of 3154. The following are the metes and bounds of the district as originally laid out by the commission appointed in 1837:

"Beginning at the mouth of Gillis' Falls where it enters in the Western Falls; thence running with said falls to its junction with the Northern Branch; thence with the Northern Branch to Beasman's bridge; thence with the Deer Park road to the road leading from Philip Nicodemus's mill to the Calico House; thence with said road at Pool's school-house; thence to Morgan's Run, near Thomas Beasman's barn; thence up Morgan's Run to District No. 9; thence with District No. 9 to the place of beginning."

Freedom was made the place for holding the polls. The above lines were somewhat changed by an act passed May 3, 1853, readjusting the bounds of the Fifth, Ninth, and Fourth Districts. This is the largest district in the county in area, and was the first settled. Its pioneers were mostly of English descent, with some of Welsh and Scotch-Irish extraction. Among the first to make their homes in the district were John Welch, Abel Brown, Robert Twis, Edward Dorsey, John Elder, Joshua Glover, Samuel Sewell, Grove Shipley, the Littles, Mr. O'Donald, the Steeles, Dorseys, Wadlows, Scriveners, Gores, Lees, Bingham, Ritters, Parishes, Bennetts, Gardners, Buckingham, Enoch Baker, Joseph Willis, John Beard, Lindsays, and Hoods. The Shipley family, embracing several