

HISTORY
OF
ALLEGANY COUNTY
MARYLAND

INCLUDING

ITS ABORIGINAL HISTORY; THE COLONIAL AND REVOLUTIONARY PERIOD; ITS SETTLEMENT BY THE WHITE RACE AND SUBSEQUENT GROWTH; A DESCRIPTION OF ITS VALUABLE MINING, INDUSTRIAL AND AGRICULTURAL INTERESTS; SKETCHES OF ITS CITIES, TOWNS AND DISTRICTS; MASTER SPIRITS; CHARACTER SKETCHES OF FOUNDERS; MILITARY AND PROFESSIONAL MEN, Etc.

BY

JAMES W. THOMAS, LL.D.

AND

JUDGE T. J. C. WILLIAMS

TO THIS IS ADDED A BIOGRAPHICAL AND GENEALOGICAL RECORD OF REPRESENTATIVE FAMILIES, PREPARED FROM DATA OBTAINED FROM ORIGINAL SOURCES OF INFORMATION.

Illustrated

VOLUME I

Baltimore

REGIONAL PUBLISHING COMPANY

1969

JUDGE JOHN N. M. BRANDLER became well-known to his fellow citizens in Cumberland in various associations, all alike creditable, whether of a business, official or social nature. He gained his title in long service as one of the judges of the Orphans' Court of Allegany county, of which he was chief judge for sixteen years. As a business man he was the oldest coal merchant in Western Maryland, and widely acquainted in the trade.

Judge Brandler was born October 16, 1837, in Bavaria, Germany, and came to America in 1843 with his parents, Nicholas and Elizabeth (Speorl) Brandler. When the family settled in Cumberland, it was only a small place, with a population of 2,500, but the father did well as a carpenter and contractor, and made a permanent home here, dying in 1881 at the age of seventy-three years. The mother passed away in 1864 when fifty-seven years old. His family consisted of five children: Henry, John N. M., John, a resident of Cumberland, Margaret and Conrad, deceased.

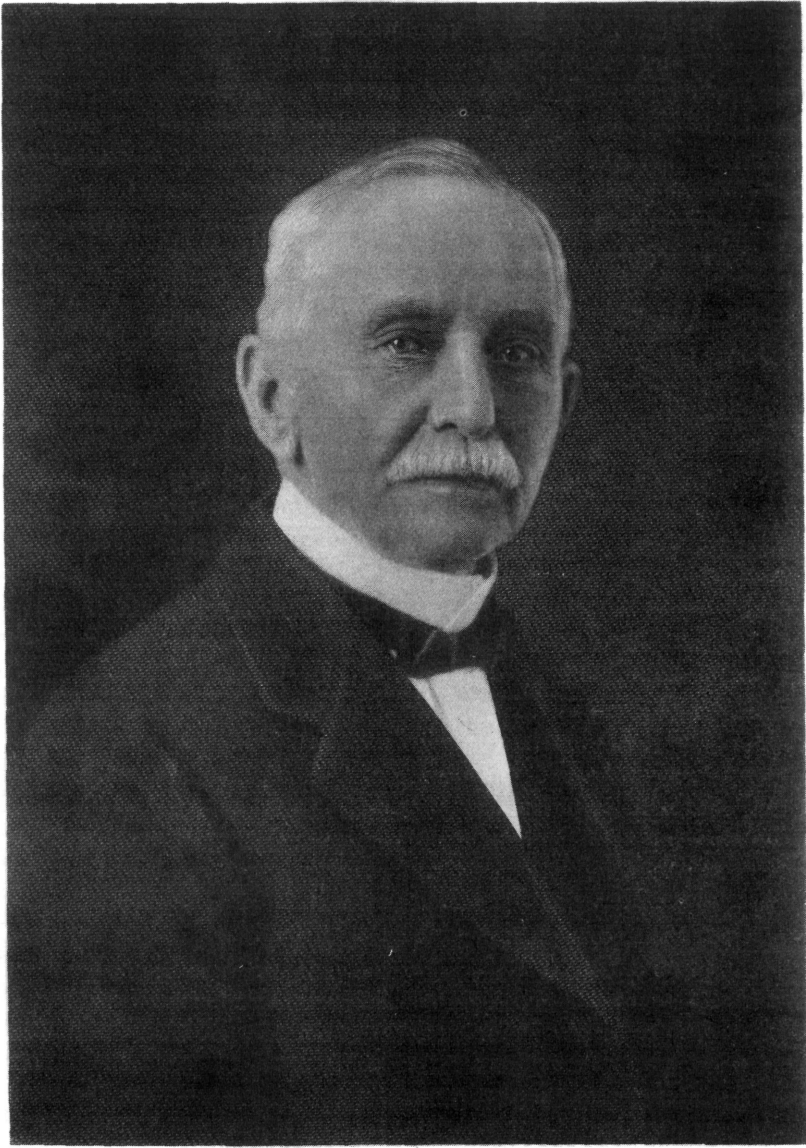
John N. M. Brandler was but a small boy when he was brought to this country, and his life was passed in Cumberland. His education was obtained in the old-fashioned subscription schools, and at the age of 15 years he entered the employ of W. R. Beall & Co., who conducted a tobacco store in the city, and with whom he continued for a period of twenty-four years, engaged as clerk and in other capacities. Subsequently he was on the road for a time in the interest of a Baltimore house, later returning to Cumberland and to his old firm, though he remained only a short time with them before deciding to embark in business on his own account. In 1878 he founded the business which afterward engaged a large share of his attention, opening the coal yard which he conducted for more than forty-five years, and which is the largest and best patronized in the city. Mr. Brandler built up his trade by thoroughly commendable

methods, and held it by giving his patrons irreproachable service and satisfactory accommodations, of which they have shown substantial appreciation. He formed other business connections in the course of a long and prosperous career, having been one of the organizers of the German Savings Bank in 1890, which was renamed Citizens Savings Bank, and serving as a director of that institution, until it was absorbed by the Liberty Trust Co., December, 1919. He was prominent in the organization of the People's Bank, Cumberland, which was organized and began business February 24, 1920, being made a director thereof.

Politically Judge Brandler was a Republican, and as such was elected a judge of the Orphans' Court of Allegany county in 1892, becoming chief judge and presiding in that capacity for the unusual period of sixteen years. His performance of the responsible duties of this office was eminently satisfactory to all concerned. He was well known fraternally, having been a 32nd degree Scottish Rite Mason, a member of Potomac Lodge, No. 100, A. F. & A. M.; Salem Chapter, No. 18, Royal Arch Masons; and Antioch Commandery, No. 6, Knights Templar of which he was treasurer. The Judge was a leading worker in St. Paul's Lutheran Church for sixty-five years.

In October, 1863, Judge Brandler married Miss Isabel Willison, of Cumberland, daughter of Singleton Willison, who is now deceased. Of the four children born to this marriage, Charles H. is mentioned below: Walter W. was with his father in the coal business at Cumberland; Ida B. lives at home; Harry S. died in October, 1899. The mother of this family died in June, 1904. Judge Brandler died July 5, 1923.

CHARLES H. BRANDLER, eldest son of Judge John N. M. Brandler, is a citizen of high standing, like his father, associated with a number of activities repre-



J. M. Braudley

sentative of the community life of Cumberland. He was with his father in the coal business; was elected a member of the Maryland House of Delegates, 1898; is a member of Cumberland Lodge, No. 63, B. P. O. Elks; and belongs to St. Paul's English Lutheran Church. He has never married.

ELIJAH FULLER was born in Salisbury, Somerset County, Pa., in 1821. He was the son of Henry Fuller and his wife Drusilla Shockuy, the daughter of Christian Shockuy of Lancaster, Pa., of revolutionary fame, he having served with distinction in the first, sixth and eleventh Pennsylvania Regiments from April 1777 to the close of the American Revolution. He was in the battles of Trenton and Princeton, served in the Wyoming Valley Campaign in 1779; and throughout the campaign in the South, where at the battle of Cowpens he was severely wounded, through the efforts of a British soldier to sever his head from his body with his sword, but was himself killed by the bayonet of Shockuy. Mr. Fuller received a good practical education, having been taught first by Joshua F. Cox, later a distinguished lawyer of Western Pennsylvania, and later by the noted teacher, J. J. Statzman.

The Fuller family moved to Grantsville, Maryland, then in Allegany county, Maryland, in 1837, where the father died in 1880 when eighty years of age. The subject of this sketch, together with his brother, Harrison Fuller, was engaged in the mercantile business in Grantsville, where for a number of years he was also a justice of the peace.

He moved to Cumberland during the Civil War and became the proprietor of the Barman Hotel. He was elected Register of Wills for Allegany County in 1867, for the term of six years—the first Register of Wills elected under the present constitution for Allegany County. This office he filled with great efficiency, fin-

ishing up a large amount of accumulated work which he found on taking the office. He was always a staunch Democrat, and became a powerful factor in the political life of Allegany county. He was a man of generous impulses and had a bright and perceptive mind, and a strong, unflinching memory, carrying a record of the many occurrences of his long and eventful life, with the power to narrate them intelligently and with profound interest.

He was a rapid and beautiful penman, which art he never lost. Even to the last he was able to record in a day as many as twenty-eight pages in the large court record.

Mr. Fuller married Catherine A. Kemp, daughter of Reuben Kemp and Lydia Brown Kemp, the latter being a lineal descendant of William Brown, who settled in Chester county, Pennsylvania, as early as 1692.

Mr. Fuller had many friends among the most prominent men of the state, one of the closest and of life long duration being the late Governor William Pinckney White.

Mr. Fuller died at his home in Cumberland in August, 1899, his wife having died in 1886. They left four children: James Kemp Fuller, Alice Fuller, Cora Fuller and Howard Mason Fuller, a popular resident of Cumberland, Maryland, where he has filled many offices of trust and confidence, and has filled them most efficiently.

DR. STANLEY HORTON FUNDENBERG was born October 6th, 1844, at Ligonier, Pennsylvania. His parents were Dr. George B. Fundenberg and Ximina (Horton) Fundenberg. He received a college education, and was drilled in the rudiments of medicine from the time of attaining early manhood under the constant care and guidance of his father, who was not only an eminent phy-