

While on a return trip to his native land Mr. Allner met Miss Adele Beatrice Brock, the daughter of an army officer, who was born in the Tyrol, while her father was stationed there, and they were married within two weeks. They now have one son, Frederick A. Allner, Jr., who is a student in the Gilman Country School for Boys in Baltimore. Both Mr. and Mrs. Allner are members of the Catholic church. Mr. Allner is a modest man, quiet and unassuming, but suave and cultured. He is an aviation enthusiast and enjoys chess, swimming, dancing and the theater, which constitutes a balance for his intense professional activity. He has made several return visits to his native land and in 1914 he was awarded the degree of Doctor of Engineering at the Technical College of Prague. He made his last trip to Europe in 1936. This was of a semi-official character as he was induced by United States Government officials to call on numerous European government representatives to foster interest in the World Power Conference which was held in Washington later that year and of which he was a member. His contemporaries and colleagues in the profession speak of him in terms of high regard and admiration, recognizing what he has accomplished through the exercise of his native talents and the development of his powers through the utilization of the opportunities that have come to him.

JAMES CLARK, A.B., LL.B.

JAMES CLARK, lawyer, of Ellicott City, whose activities feature largely in the development and upbuilding of Howard County, has been a lifelong resident of Maryland. He was born on Fairfield Farm, in this county, October 22, 1884, and is a son of John L. and Mary Corinne (Talbot) Clark, the former a son of James and Jemima (Ward) Clark, farming people of Howard County, where he was born, and the latter a daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Edward Alexander Talbott. Her father, also a native of Howard County, was a merchant of Ellicott City, where he dealt in farm supplies, and he also served as County Sheriff. He had membership in the Protestant Episcopal Church.

John L. Clark was born at "Wheatfield," Howard County, March 19, 1855, and died in August, 1924. He completed his education at Rock Hill College, in Ellicott City, after which he engaged in farming and in handling farm supplies, and he was also a Director of the Patapsco National Bank of Ellicott City for many years. He was a member and vestryman of St. John's Protestant Episcopal Church, and politically was always a Democrat. His wife, who was born in Ellicott City in 1855, passed away February 10, 1918. Their eight children were as follows: Mary, who is the widow of Dr. Charles Carroll Marden, who lectured on Spanish at Johns Hopkins University, and later at Princeton, and who now lives at Princeton; Rebecca, who became the wife of Edwin O. Adams, and is now deceased; James; Edward T., of Ellicott City, owner of "Wheatfield," and now senior member of the firm of Clark & Owings, dealers in farm supplies; Janie R., the wife of John R. Clarke, of Howard County; Corinne, the wife of George E. S. Bayless, living

on "Fairfield Farm" in Howard County; Elinor, the wife of Mahlon Kirk, IV, residing near Sandy Spring, Montgomery County, Maryland; and Martha, wife of Roland Childs, living at Highland, Howard County.

After attending the rural schools of his native county, James Clark continued his education in Rock Hill College for three years, and later was graduated from St. John's College, at Annapolis, where the Bachelor of Arts degree was bestowed on him in 1903. He next enrolled as a law student in the University of Maryland in Baltimore, and was granted the LL.B. degree in 1907. In February of that year, a few months before his graduation, he had been admitted to the bar, and on the completion of his course, he at once began practicing in Ellicott City, where he has since remained. He is well versed in both civil and criminal law, and for thirty-five years has been actively connected with the work of the courts, appearing as counsel for the defense, or the plaintiff, in many important cases, the court records bearing testimony to the many favorable verdicts he has won, due to his careful preparation and his broad knowledge of legal principles. From 1920 until January, 1924, he served as State's Attorney, and in March, 1929, was appointed to that office, to which he was again elected in 1930, remaining in the position until 1935. His private law practice now demands most of his time and effort but he is also interested in farming, owning about six hundred acres of land, which responds readily to his cultivation, and he is also engaged in the breeding of Aberdeen-Angus cattle. He is likewise Vice-President of the Patapsco National Bank in Ellicott City, and his sound judgment and enterprising spirit are strong elements in the success which has attended his efforts in various fields.

On October 30, 1912, Mr. Clark married Alda Tyson Hopkins, daughter of Samuel and Martha Tyson (Smith) Hopkins, her father being a nephew of Johns Hopkins, for whom the university was named. The children of Mr. and Mrs. Clark are John L., who was graduated from the University of Virginia with the Bachelor of Arts degree and from the University of Maryland with the Bachelor of Laws degree, and is now practicing in Ellicott City; James, who is a graduate of the Iowa State College of Agriculture at Ames, Iowa, and is now a member of the United States Army Air Force; and Joseph Hopkins, a high school student in Ellicott City. Mr. Clark is a vestryman of St. John's Protestant Episcopal Church and is President of the Board of Trustees of St. John's Cemetery. He is likewise Chairman of the Board of Managers of the Springfield State Hospital at Sykesville, Maryland, and is Chairman of Local Draft Board No. 1 of Howard County. Fraternally, he is connected with the Masons and the Odd Fellows, is a member of the Rotary Club and finds his diversion from professional and business cares in looking after his farms. His life record proves the worth of diligence and determination when intelligently directed.

Mr. Clark was elected President of the Maryland State Bar Association at its annual meeting in June, 1942.

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