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established the Swindell Brothers glass factory, which is now one of the largest concerns of the kind, manufacturing both machine and hand-made ware, in the United States and which has always enjoyed a high reputation by reason of the excellence of its products.

Walter B. Swindell, Jr., grandson of William E. and father of Robert Haldane Swindell, was a graduate of Johns Hopkins University, where he won his Bachelor of Arts degree as a member of the class of 1901, and in 1904 he was graduated from the Harvard Law School. He became a member of the firm of Swindell Brothers and was thus of the third generation of the family connected with glass manufacturing in Baltimore. Joining the army during the first World War, he served with the rank of Major. He married Gertrude Haldane Fernandez de Velasco and his death occurred in Baltimore, April 6, 1939.

Their son, Robert Haldane Swindell, who was born in Baltimore January 6, 1907, completed a course in the Gilman Country School with the class of 1925 and then entered the University of Virginia, where he gained his A.B. degree at his graduation in 1930. While a student there he was a leading member of the swimming team and was also a member of the golf team, thus taking an active part in college sports. At the conclusion of his course, he entered the business with his father, taking a position in the factory in order to thoroughly acquaint himself with every phase of the work in all of its practical details. As he mastered the work, he took over official duties, becoming Assistant Secretary in 1934, while in 1939 he was advanced to the position of Secretary and transferred to the sales department, which he now heads. He is regarded as one of Baltimore's representative and promising young business men, whose pronounced traits of character promise well for continued advancement in the future.

On the 9th of November, 1932, Mr. Swindell was united in marriage to Miss Rachael Morton Parran, daughter of James Franklin and Margaret (Bowen) Parran, members of a prominent family of Southern Maryland. Mr. and Mrs. Swindell are now parents of three children: Robert Haldane, Jr., Thomas Parran and Sarah Morton. Politically Mr. Swindell is a Republican and he and his wife are Episcopalians, with membership in St. David's church, in the work of which she takes quite an active part. Mr. Swindell is much interested in civic affairs and his aid and cooperation can always be counted upon to support any progressive measure for the public good. He is a member of the Baltimore Country Club and plays a good game of golf. His interests—business, civic and social—are such as cause him to be numbered among the representative young business men of the city, belonging to this class who constitute a stable foundation for the city's further growth and progress.

#### JOHN F. MUDD, A.B., LL.B.

**H**ON. JOHN F. MUDD, lawyer and legislator, makes his home at Bryantown, Charles County, and maintains his office in La Plata. His record as an attorney and as a public official is one which reflects credit and honor upon the history of Maryland and he comes of a family that through many generations has taken active and prominent part in the upbuilding of the state along material,

political and moral lines. His great-grandfather, Theodore Mudd, was a native of Charles County, where he took up the occupation of farming, and in 1832 he was elected to the State Legislature and aided in framing the laws that were added to the statute books more than a century ago. His religious faith was that of the Catholic church.

Dr. George D. Mudd, son of Theodore Mudd and grandfather of John F. Mudd, was born in Charles County, Maryland, November 20, 1826, and was graduated from the medical department of the University of Maryland in 1848, when twenty-one years of age. He then opened an office in his native county and built up a large practice in Charles, Prince Georges and St. Mary's Counties. During the Civil War, though his property consisted largely of slaves and he was a sympathizer with the South, he did not advocate secession but remained true to the Union, taking no part in hostilities. Instead he gave his attention to his medical practice and did much good in this connection in his part of the state. In 1873 he was elected on the Republican ticket to the State Senate, where he served for two terms and in 1890 he was prevailed upon to again accept nomination for the Legislature and was elected to the House of Delegates, of which he was a member one term. During the administration of President Benjamin Harrison he went to Baltimore, where he filled the position of Deputy Surveyor of Customs. On the 25th of October, 1853, he married Rosalie Boone of Charles County.

Francis De Sales Mudd, son of Dr. George D. and Rosalie (Boone) Mudd, was born in Charles County, in September, 1853, and in young manhood engaged in teaching school while later he filled the position of Clerk of the Board of Court Commissioners and afterward became Clerk of the Circuit Court of Charles County. He also filled the office of State Immigration Commissioner under Governor Goldsborough. He was a member of St. Mary's Catholic Church at Bryantown. His wife, Catherine Lee Bowling Mudd, was born in Charles County in 1862, a daughter of Benjamin F. and Mary E. (Morton) Bowling, also natives of Charles County. The Bowlings were direct descendants of Pocahontas and Benjamin F. Bowling became a planter and slave owner of his native county. He was one of a family of twelve children and he and his wife had a family of twelve, all of whom reached years of maturity. This number included Catherine Lee Bowling, who became Mrs. Mudd and died in May, 1896, while Mr. Mudd survived until 1916. Their family numbered two sons and three daughters: John F.; Richard E., a resident of Towson, Maryland; Margaret Louise, the deceased wife of Dr. James J. Edelen; Catherine Gertrude, the wife of Milton Aker of Boston, Massachusetts; and Mary Inogene, who after the death of her sister Margaret Louise became the second wife of Dr. James J. Edelen and lives in East Orange, New Jersey.

If one could turn back the hourglass of time, John F. Mudd would be found trudging off to the public schools of Charles County, while later he enrolled as a student in St. John's College at Annapolis, where he was graduated with the A.B. degree in 1904. He studied law at Georgetown University for a year and then spent two years in the Law School of the University of Maryland at Baltimore, where the Bachelor of Laws degree was conferred on him in 1907. He began practicing in La Plata, where he has since remained, and his analytical mind, his clear reasoning and logical deductions soon won him success at the bar. Appreciation of his ability

on the part of his fellow townsmen led to his election to the House of Delegates in 1912 and to the State Senate in 1914, remaining a member of the Upper House of the General Assembly for two terms. In 1916 he was appointed a member of the State Roads Commission by Governor Harrington and filled that position for two years. Under appointment of Governor Albert C. Ritchie in 1924 he became a member of the Maryland Racing Commission and served for eleven years or until 1936 and he was people's counsel for the Public Service Commission of Maryland under appointment of Governor Nice, his record in all these offices being characterized by marked devotion to duty.

In 1908 Mr. Mudd married Amy R. Turner, daughter of Henry A. and Amelia (Jameson) Turner. The children, seven in number, are as follows: Francis De Sales pursued a pre-legal course in the Catholic University, then attended the Georgetown University Law School, where he won his LL.B. degree. He is now practicing in association with his father and he is the United States Commissioner for Southern Maryland. He married Louise Finan and their three children are Judith, Patricia and Thomas Finan. The younger members of the Mudd family are: John T., who married Jane Fawcett and is a merchant at Bryantown, Maryland; Dorothy A., a teacher in the Hughesville, Maryland High School; Mary Anne, who holds a secretarial position in the United States Department of Agriculture; Patrick C., a member of the United States Cavalry, now stationed at Fort Myer; Louise, a Federal Government employe in Utica, New York; and Mary Helen, a pupil in Notre Dame High School at Bryantown.

The family residence is in Bryantown and they are members of the Catholic church, while Mr. Mudd is connected with the Knights of Columbus. He has always taken a helpful interest in local welfare and formerly served as Chairman of the local Relief Board for a number of years. He was also a member of the Building Committee of the Physicians Memorial Hospital of La Plata. He enjoys hunting when leisure permits but has led a very busy and useful life, connecting him with the professional and public interests of his community and the commonwealth, and is widely known as one of the outstanding political leaders of Maryland. He is of the third generation of the family to serve in the State Legislature and like his forebears has striven earnestly to secure the enactment of laws that have been beneficial and have promoted the best interests of the majority.

### W. HOLLYDAY HAMMOND

**W.** HOLLYDAY HAMMOND, Second Vice-President of Callis & Hammond, Inc., engaged in the wholesale liquor business in Baltimore, in which city he was born August 12, 1911, is a son of William Franklin and Susan (Hollyday) Hammond. The father was born in Baltimore County, January 10, 1874. The mother was a daughter of Henry and Sarah (Hughlett) Hollyday and a direct descendant of Colonel James Hollyday, who built "Readbourne" and of Henry Hollyday, who built "Ratcliff Manor."

W. Hollyday Hammond passed through consecutive grades in the public schools of Baltimore, pursued a course in Baltimore City College, which he completed in 1928, and then entered Johns Hopkins University, where he won his Master of