

Mr. John P. T. Mathias is from Mechanicstown district, being a resident of Thurmont. He was born in Oreagers town, in 1848. His education was obtained largely in the public schools, except a two years' course at a private academy. When about sixteen years of age Mr. Mathias engaged in commercial pursuits as a clerk in a store in Lewis town, this county. At the expiration of three years he went to Baltimore and secured a position as traveling salesman for Adams, Buck &



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Co., in the wholesale hat business. After seventeen years of faithful service for this firm, he purchased the interest of the senior partner, Mr. William H. Adams, and with Capt. Irvin A. Buck, continued the business successfully as Adams & Mathias until the fall of 1893. He then sold out his interest in the firm and returned to his native county. Mr. Mathias has been largely interested in agriculture for some years, both theoretically and practically, and has been much engaged in experiments of various kinds for the improvement of the land which he owns. He is a member of the Masonic fraternity and a Knight Templar. He is an elder in St. John's Lutheran church, Thurmont. Though staunchly Republican in principle, he has not been a bitter partisan.

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