

Easton—lumber, coal, phosphate, steamboating and insurance—which is still conducted under firm name Robert B. Dixon & Co. He also later took an active interest in many local enterprises, and became director in a number in various parts of the State. At the present time he is President of the Easton National Bank, the oldest and largest financial institution on the Eastern Shore, also Treasurer Workingmen's Permanent B. and L. Association, President Easton Furniture Company, Treasurer Easton Water Company, Treasurer Easton Ice Company, Director B. C. A. R. R. Co., Director U. S. Fidelity and Deposit Company, also Mutual Fire Insurance Company of Montgomery County and others.

In politics he is a Republican, but not a partisan, desiring to secure the very best men for office.

He is a member of the Society of Friends, his ancestors on both father's and mother's side for over two centuries being consistent members thereof.

In 1861 he married Miss Amanda Amoss, of near Belair. They have four daughters and two sons—three daughters and one son married.

In 1886 he was elected to the House of Delegates, the only political position he ever held.

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*Washington County*—B. ABNER BETTS, Democrat.

Mr. Betts was born January 8, 1852. After a year and a half of service in the store of Mr. A. B. Barnhart he returned home and entered his father's store, clerking in summer and going to school in winter. At the age of twenty he purchased a half interest in the business, and later engaged in the grain and fertilizer business. In 1889 Mr. Betts was elected a County Commissioner, being the only Democrat elected on the ticket that year. In 1891 he was elected a director of the Western Maryland Railroad, serving four years, and is now a director in the Baltimore and Cumberland Valley Branch. In 1895 he again received the nomination for County Commissioner, but was defeated. In 1897 he was elected a member of the Maryland Legislature. He is a member of the Masonic order.

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*Wicomico County*—MARION VERNON BREWINGTON, Democrat.

Mr. Brewington was born in Salisbury December 26, 1866. His great-grandfather, William Brewington, had the honor of being with Washington at Valley Forge. Mr. Brewington was educated at the public schools at Salisbury, and entered the printing business when he was seventeen years old.