

settled in Somerset County. Colonel George Robertson Dennis in early life was engaged in farming and in later years was elected President of the Central National Bank of Frederick. In protecting the property of the Baltimore and Ohio Railroad he became a warm personal friend of the late John W. Garrett and was a director in the Baltimore and Ohio Railroad Company from 1862 until his death in 1902. The mother of John M. Dennis is Fanny McPherson Dennis, whose mother was a granddaughter of the late Governor Thomas Johnson, the first Governor of Maryland in the year 1877.

John M. Dennis was educated in the public schools of Frederick County and for two years attended Milton Academy at Philopolis, Baltimore County, Maryland. At sixteen years of age he left Maryland and was employed by the C. W. & B. Railroad Company in Cincinnati, Ohio, and remained West in different railroad positions until June, 1890, when he returned to Baltimore and formed a connection with the firm of Tate, Muller & Company, grain merchants, which was succeeded by the firm of Louis Muller & Company, of which Mr. Dennis became President and remained President until December 1st, 1914, when he was elected President of the Union Trust Company of Maryland, Baltimore.

In 1899 Mr. Dennis married Mary Chiles, of Independence, Jackson County, Missouri. He has two children—John McPherson Dennis, Jr., and Mary Frances Dennis.

Mr. Dennis is a large land owner in Frederick County and also in Baltimore County, where he resides on his farm near Lutherville. He was elected President of the Maryland State Dairymen's Association in November, 1915, and is an extensive breeder of Holstein-Friesian cattle.

At the 1916 session of the General Assembly of Maryland, Mr. Dennis was elected Treasurer of Maryland, serving for two years. He was elected for the second time in 1920, succeeding William P. Jackson.