



CHARLES REMOND DOUGLASS

Charles Remond Douglass, shown above, served in the 54th Massachusetts Infantry and 5th Massachusetts Cavalry, during the war of the rebellion, and is the youngest and only surviving son of the late Frederick Douglass. He was born in Lynn, Mass., October 21, 1844, and at the age of 16 years was apprenticed in his father's office to the art of printer. At the age of 22 he married, and was appointed to a first-class clerkship in the War Department, being the second appointment of a colored man to a clerkship in any Department of the Government in its history. His appointment dates from April 9, 1867, and he is still on the job. In 1871 he accompanied the Santo Domingo Commissioners on its mission of annexation of that Island, being detailed from the Treasury Department where he was employed as clerk to the Paymaster of the Commission.

In 1872 he was appointed a Trustee of the Seventh School District, County of Washington, D. C., and was elected by the Board as its Secretary and Treasurer. The Board was composed of seven members, five white and two colored. In 1875 he was appointed United States Consul to Santo Domingo by President Grant, and upon the serious illness of his wife and her death, he resigned that position in November 1878, returning to Washington, and to the Pension Bureau where he is now employed. December 7, 1880, he with Major Fleetwood and Captain Thomas S. Kelly, organized the famous Capital City Guards Battalion, becoming its first Captain, and subsequently Major, until it became part of the First Separate Battalion National Guard, District of Columbia. December 30, 1880, he again married, and has two sons, Joseph H. (violinist of note), by his first wife, and Haley G., a teacher in Dunbar High School, and a graduate of Harvard University, of the Class of 1905. In 1892, he established the summer resort on Chesapeake Bay known as Highland Beach, Maryland. A number of prominent Washingtonians have purchased lots from him and have erected handsome cottages there to the number of eleven. There is also a summer Post Office located there. The tract contains 26 $\frac{3}{4}$ acres of land with a beach frontage of over 1,400 feet.

Mr. Douglass, now in his 75th year, is quite active and very much interested in all efforts in behalf of the advancement of his race. He is a member of the Grand Army of the Republic, being Commander of Post No. 21, Department of the Potomac, and assistant Patriotic Instructor of the Department, having charge of Flag Day Exercises in all of the Colored Schools of the District of Columbia. He is also a member of the National Association for the Advancement of Colored People, District of Columbia Branch.

In the spring of 1859, Douglass then but 15 years old, served old John Brown of Harpers Ferry fame, as his mail messenger. At that time Brown was living at the home of Douglass' father, in Rochester, New York. On the 2nd of December of that year, he was executed at Harpers Ferry, Virginia.