



Mr. Charles Grandoson Hoes, Jr., was born of slave parents at Hampdon, Baltimore County, Md., now known as Roland Park, in the year 1841. His father, Mr. Charles Grandoson Hoes, was born a slave in Charles County, where he married Miss Mary Myers of Baltimore County. Being a very ambitious man, Mr. Hoes' father, became quite a prosperous farmer and bought his freedom many years before the Civil War. He purchased a large track of land situated on the south side of Roland Park, on a beautiful hill directly in front of the water tower. He died at his home when he was fifty-five years of age.

Much like his father, Mr. Charles Hoes, Jr., was also an ambitious man. He was married to Miss Rachel Ann Woods at old Sharp Street Church by Rev. Benjamin Brown, and he is the father of eight children: Miss Mary Hoes, deceased; Mrs. Laura V. Hawkins, deceased; Mrs. Annie E. Bishop; Miss Lulu Smith; Mrs. Clarence Johnson; Mrs. Chas. G. Hoes, third; Mr. Jessie Hoes, deceased; and Mr. Richard Hoes.

His early life was spent as a coachman for some of the best of Baltimore's aristocracy, such as Mr. J. Hall Pleasant, and Mr. C. R. O'Donnell, President of the Gas Company at that time, he was also sexton of Mt. Vernon Church at Monument and Charles Streets, which is the most wealthy congregation in Maryland. Desiring something still better than this, he went into the Furniture-Moving Business on little Monument Street near Orchard, in which he remained for fifteen years. He is an old member of Sharp Street church.

Mr. Hoes has a very interesting nephew who is Mr. Albert Peters, one of the oldest and most trustworthy employees of the American Ice Company. Mr. Peters bought a large tract of land from Mr. Hoes and on it has built one of the prettiest homes in Baltimore, colored or white.

Mr. Hoes has for a number of years retired from active business, and is living with his daughter, Mrs. Clarence Johnson, of Roland Park, in a house he built a few years ago, where frequent visitors may be seen on their beautiful front porch, and made to feel happy to behold the beautiful scenery there about. Much credit should be given to this conspicuous character as he is a self-educated man, who did not have the opportunities that are afforded today; but through thrift, economy and industry educated his children and assisted them all to begin life.