

AND, WHEREAS, a brief resume of his life is as follows:

FRANK BROWN was born August 8, 1846, in Carroll County, at "Brown's Inheritance," the homestead of several of his ancestors. His father was Stephen T. Cockey Brown, and his mother had been, before her marriage, Miss Susan A. Bennett, both of Carroll County. He was educated in various institutions in Carroll, Howard and Baltimore Counties, and at an early age his natural energy and ambition led him to leave the farm where he was born to seek his fortune in the metropolis of Maryland. Here he was employed for some years by a firm dealing in agricultural implements. In 1870, he secured a clerkship in one of the State Tobacco Warehouses. In 1875 he was elected a member of the House of Delegates from Carroll County, and was re-elected in 1877, thus serving in the session of the General Assembly for the years 1876 and 1878. In 1880 he became President of the Maryland State Agricultural and Mechanical Society. This position afforded him an opportunity to display his extraordinary qualities of organization. Indeed, from this time may be dated the beginning of Governor Brown's state-wide influence in politics. Few public movements were started thereafter in which he did not prominently figure. His interest in the various State and County fairs held under his society's auspices was great, and his interest in agriculture and the fact that he had been born and raised on a farm acquired for him the sobriquet of "Farmer Brown," a name which followed him through life and added something of the picturesque to his career. He was an ardent supporter of Grover Cleveland and his exertions throughout the State in Mr. Cleveland's behalf were rewarded by the President when he appointed Mr. Brown postmaster of Baltimore, in 1886. In 1891 he was elected Governor of Maryland, defeating William J. Vannort, of Chestertown. He succeeded Governor Jackson on January 13, 1892, and continued Governor until January 8, 1896. After leaving the executive mansion he was made president of the Baltimore Traction Company, which position he held for two years. He was prominent in the municipal campaign in 1899, when he selected the late Thomas G. Hayes as the Democratic candidate for Mayor of Baltimore City, and was instrumental in his election. In the same way he stood sponsor for Mr. J. Barry Mahool, in 1907, and managed Mr. Mahool's