



UPPER MARLBOROUGH HIGH SCHOOL. --Erected on the Site of the old Upper Marlborough Academy, 1836-1908.

ADDRESS
OF
CALEB CLARKE MAGRUDER, SECOND
THURSDAY, MAY 19th, 1921
AT THE DEDICATION OF THE HIGH SCHOOL
ERECTED UPON THE SITE
OF
UPPER MARLBORO ACADEMY
PRINCE GEORGE'S COUNTY
MARYLAND

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Address of Caleb Clarke Magruder, second, May 19, 1921, at the celebration of the new High School erected upon the site of the Upper Marlborough Academy, he being the oldest living President of its Trustees. Its Act of Incorporation, reminiscences; trustees, teachers and students. Upper Marlborough named by him "Sweet Auburn;" some of the men of celebrity of "Sweet Auburn" from 1844, *Bon Voyage* to the High School, as successor to the Academy.

*Mr. Chairman, Trustees of the Upper Marlborough High School,
Ladies and Gentlemen:*

Appearing on this almost sacred spot, I do not feel like "one who treads alone, some Banquet Hall deserted," for I am reminded by the presence of many of you, that the spirits of those of my childhood, who with me gamboled upon this green, are here to greet me. And yet, I must ask myself, who have been here since I left, for surely the old Academy has given way to this fine seat of learning, a new era, so to say, that has survived the past generation. I never thought that one of the old students of the Academy, would be called upon, to fill this function, to be again on "the spot we ne'er forget, though there we be forgot," I am all the more honored by your generous invitation, and to be ever remembered by me.

The Upper Marlboro Academy, by an Act of the General Assembly of Maryland, passed at December Session, 1835, Chapter 204, was incorporated, the following trustees made a body corporate for perpetual succession, and were styled the "Trustees of the Upper Marlboro Academy," namely, John B. Brooke, Thomas Clagett, Thomas Sasser, Walter B. Brooke, William N. Boteler and Horatio C. Scott. Every free male citizen entitled to vote for Delegates to the Legislature, was authorized to vote for the Trustees, provided they should contribute to the support of the Academy Five Dollars, or send a pupil or pupils.

On June 2, 1836, the Board of Trustees organized and elected John B. Brooke, President, Horatio C. Scott, Secretary, and Polydore E. Scott, Treasurer, George H. Marshall, Preceptor until July 4, 1836, who then resigned.

By Chapter 295 of the Act of Assembly, March 18th, 1840, a supplementary law was passed for supplying the place of a Primary School making the Academy a free one, and the Orphans' Court of Prince George's County, was authorized to pay to the said Trustees for it an equal sum for other free schools in said County.

Let me trace some of the descendants of the original trustees who have been connected with the Academy.

John B. Brooke, first President, 1836, second, his son, Hon. John B. Brooke, student, associate Judge of the 7th Judicial Circuit of Maryland, third, William G. Brooke, grandson and last President of the Board.

Thomas Clagett, of Weston, 1836, Robert A. Clagett, son, student, Trustee; Thomas and Gonsalvo, half brothers, Hon. T. Van Clagett, student, Associate Judge of the 7th Judicial Circuit of Maryland, a very Portia in discharge of his official duties.

Thomas Sasscer, wealthy farmer, uncle to Dr. Frederick Sasscer, Student, Trustee, Clerk Circuit Court for Prince George's County, and father of Frederick Sasscer, second.

Thomas Brooke, student, son of Walter B., original Trustee, Captain in Confederate Army, 1861-65.

The proceedings of the Trustees of the Institution show, that Dr. James Harper, Thomas G. Pratt, Thomas F. Bowie, Philemon Chew, Robert W. Bowie and others were Trustees prior to January 6, 1840, when the following were chosen: John B. Brooke, H. C. Scott, Philemon Chew, Robert W. Bowie, Dr. James Harper, C. C. Magruder, first, and Zadok Sasscer, at the Annual Meeting of patrons of the School.

First Academy building erected in 1836, it being the former home of Dr. William Beanes, who had sold it to Nathaniel McGregor. William Trimble, appointed teacher until January 1st, 1837. Indigent children admitted, committee appointed to sell to Vestry of Holy Trinity Church the old school house. Trimble elected principal, May, 1837, Jeremiah Hurley, Assistant. 1838, January, election of Trustees inserted in Marlboro Gazette. A. B. Alvord Assistant, Kelly, Principal for three months. 1838, attendance of pupils from 8 o'clock in morning until 5½ afternoon from April until October, then from 9 until 4 in April. September, vacation month. Dictionary, Geography, Latin, Algebra, Geometry and Cyphering taught. 1839, William H. Tuck, new Trustee; on motion of Thomas F. Bowie, John T. Norris elected Principal and A. B. Alvord, continued as Assistant. At examinations, November 11, 1839, James Bowie, Richard Chew, Polydore Scott, Jr., Frederick Sasscer, Robert Clagett were present. October 6, 1840, James B. Belt security for rent of property to Isaac Stoddard. On Monday,

January 6, 1840, Dr. Henry Brooke, William N. Boteler and Richard J. Scott were present at Annual Meeting to elect Trustees for ensuing year, who were unanimously elected, namely, Messrs. John B. Brooke, H. C. Scott, Philemon Chew, Robert W. Bowie, Dr. James Harper, C. C. Magruder, and Zadok Sasscer. J. B. Brooke, President, H. C. Scott, Secretary, and P. E. Scott, Treasurer. J. T. Norris resigned as Principal, March 2, 1840, William S. Keech elected. August 10, 1841, Alfred Miller, Assistant. September 25, Marcus McGarry, graduate of Dublin College, elected and re-elected February 21, 1842, to June following, April 14, dismissed.

June 21st, 1842, Mr. Eustice Ainsley, Principal for one year, July 8, was notified by Trustees to "use more suitable switches" on the refractory boys; dismissed April 1st, 1843. May 1st, 1843, Hugh C. McLaughlin elected unanimously, Principal, over fifteen competitors and entered upon his duties May 8, 1843. At examinations, in 1840, June 21, Edward W. Belt and George Fowler examined in first Book of History with three girls, Ellen Sherlock, Mary Mulliken, Elizabeth Loveless. The exercises lasted all day, thirty odd students took part and Trustees complimented the teachers. 1843, August 7, examinations in English Grammar, Geography, first and second Latin Class, Greek Grammar, Greek translations and French. 1844, January 5, report of committee to General Assembly of Maryland, on condition of Academy, prepared by C. C. Magruder and Horatio C. Scott, shows, males in attendance, 42; females, 18. 1844, January 6, Mathias Kaldenback elected Assistant to McLaughlin, Principal. August 7, 1844, Exhibition and Distribution of premiums at Court House in Upper Marlboro, large audience; Master Thomas F. Bowie, opening address, speeches by George Fowler, Thomas Brooke, Hawkins Dorsett, Edward W. Belt, Benjamin Chambers, Clarence Baker, Francis Scott, Philemon Chew, Sprigg Brooke, Seaton Belt, Trueman Dorsey, Robert W. Harper, George C. Brooke, Richard B. B. Chew. Reverend Mr. Trapnell distributed the premiums.

This was the first public celebration of the Academy held under Professors McLaughlin and Kaldenback.

McLaughlin had for Assistants, in 1847, Mr. B. McGowan; in 1848, Mr. Thomas I. Wilson.

McLaughlin resigned in May, 1851, leaving Lorenzo Blood, Assistant. He taught my father's brothers and sisters in a Public School, at what is now "Buena Vista," owned by Mr. D. B. Lloyd. He taught me a short time in 1850, also my son, Caleb Clarke Magruder, third, at Rock Hill College in 1885, thus teaching children of three generations of Magruders.

The learned Professor passed away, at Rock Hill, about 1892. During his seven years at the Academy he taught boys from the county, Washington and Baltimore, so flourishing was the school.

He was a first-class linguist, played upon the flute, lectured on temperance and raised a family upon the hill, who were highly respected by the community. He was a typical, chivalrous Irishman, "Order in School" was his slogan, for I often heard him say, "Order is Heaven's first law and I intend to keep it." If ever he showed his ruler, or birch switch, the boys knew what was coming. The professor also held Commencement Exercises of the Academy at the Court House, in 1845, July 31, as follows: Introductory speech, Master Thomas F. Bowie; on knowledge, Robert W. Harper; influence of the Bible, D. Sprigg Hall; Patriotism, Samuel Peach; Learned Languages, Clarence Baker; in reply, Thomas Brooke; Ignorance, Edward W. Belt; Beauty, Francis Scott; On War, Benjamin Hance; Human Mind, Hawkins Dorsett; The Immortality of Mind, Wm. Seaton Belt; On Abolition, Richard Chew; The True Source of Morals, William Peach; Character of Napoleon Bonaparte, Trueman Dorsey; Phrenology, Philemon Chew; Premiums, Thomas Anderson; Address to the Students, George C. Brooke.

After repeated applause by the large audience, Thomas F. Bowie expressed, on behalf of the Trustees, the "great satisfaction derived from the very creditable manner in which both teachers and students had performed their respective duties during the past year." He then distributed the premiums, as follows:—For diligence during the year, to Masters Richard B. B. Chew, Robert W. Harper, Edward W. Belt and Seaton Belt; For deportment, Wm. Seaton Belt, Zachariah Wilburn, William Peach, Richard B. B. Chew; For greatest improvement, William Peach, and Philemon Chew. After this the Principal addressed the students at the Academy and were dismissed. These Commencements were continued by McLaughlin. In one of which a dialogue, "How to tell Bad News" was spoken by George W. Wilson, second, a witty side to the good nature of my lamented friend. I cannot recall the name of the other one to the colloquy. I took part in the exercises and recited.

"My name is Norval, on the Grampian Hills, my father feeds his flock a frugal swain," etc.

1851, January 7, Reverend Robert D. Shindler, Principal. Lorenzo P. Blood, Assistant per report to Legislature of H. C. Scott and Thomas Hodgkins, Committee. 1851, April 19, Robert D. Shindler violated Rules of the Academy in expelling a student and was discharged. 1851, May 10, George W. Gray, Principal, John Johnson, Assistant. Blood left June 17th, following. Gray declined to stand an examination and resigned. Edward Bushell stood the examination for Principal and entered upon his duties, Monday, June 9th, 1851, with John Johnson, June 17, Assistant.

In Bushell's annual report to the Trustees on the condition of affairs of the Academy, he says "I have no doubt that if the Academy is well conducted by its teachers and pupils, sustained by its patrons,

it will occupy a prominent position among the literary institutions of the country." Re-elected as was Johnson for one year. He left November 27, 1852, after a spell of illness. Johnson took his place but resigned January 3, 1853. These two men were devoted to the education of youth. Bushell, as the Honorable William L. Marbury wrote me, when the professor returned to teach at the institution, was "an Irishman and a very delightful and cultivated gentleman." He taught the classics and other higher studies, Johnson, a star teacher in grammar, dictionary and figures and believed thoroughly "that" in the lexicon of youth there is no such word as "fail." This he would often say when encouraging us to study. Bushell was a nervous man, would often appeal to Johnson what to do with refractory boys, Johnson would reply, with all imaginable composure, "put them out," but with a little tact used by both teachers the fuss was soon over.

Johnson had one peculiarity. He could always tell when a chill was approaching by showing the boys the blue in his finger nails, and his absence net day, would prove the assertion to be correct.

March 21, 1853, William E. Waterhouse, Principal. This was the most accommodating of all our teachers. He would "take a recess" at any time and attend with the boys any affair, out of the sight of the trustees down town. Such as skating and other sports. As a teacher he was a regular "rapid transit." because he ran us through half of Virgil in a month or two, and what he could not translate from the text, he would find relief in the English version below, I think it was Davidson's edition of the Classic-Siege of Troy. It is needless to add, that in a short while, he had his thirty days' notice from the Trustees to get out.

February 28, 1854, Joseph Nelson, Principal, and William P. Baird, of York, Pa., Assistant. Nelson taught both Latin and Greek grammar and translations. He was an adept at both. I have often felt proud of his teaching me, especially, Greek grammar. He believed in "sticking to the text." He held his class to the adjective, noun, pronoun or verb, until we thoroughly knew it, and when I went to Georgetown College the Greek adjective *meqas, meizon, megistos*—"great, greater, greatest," proved of much value to me in a class of some twenty-five, when I was the only one that could run the gamut. Father Lynch, the teacher of the Poetry Class, as it was called in 1855-6, exclaimed, to my great delight, "well done, Caleb, well done, my boy." I mention this with pardonable pride.

1854, July 28, the record shows, that the examination of the Greek class, by Professor Nelson, took place in presence of the Trustees, who—"Resolved, That in the opinion of this Board, the examinations held in their presence of the pupils of the Upper Marlboro Academy on the 26th and 28th days of July, 1854, reflected great credit on the Principal and Assistant teachers, and exhibited

marked and manifest improvement and progress in the students. Ordered, on motion of Mr. Hodgkin, that the above resolution be published in the "Marlboro Gazette."

1854, October 24, J. N. Miller, Assistant.

1855, July 20, Academy burned down and school held in the Barry house on Water street. 1855, Nelson left, Miller re-elected, Assistant. Same day John McCarthy, Principal, 1855. Father and son taught in 1856 and part of 1857. On January 4, 1858, both were notified their services were no longer needed.

Let me stop here for a joke on this pair. At Christmas, both overdid the merriment of the season, called upon by the Trustees in secret council to explain and tell who partook with them, the elder McCarthy undertook to count the criminals thus: John McCarthy and son, was one, Jim Chew, another, and Tom Turner, another. "By George, gentlemen, there were four of us," well, count again, said a Trustee, yes, sir, John McCarthy and son, was one, Chew and Turner made three; amazed at his blunder, but overlooking the matter, the Trustees told the old gentleman to go home and learn his arithmetic better.

1858, March 10th, Edward Bushell, Principal again, salary, \$800.00, services to begin to-day.

Upon the elimination of the McCarthys, Edward Bushell took charge as stated above. Aside from his ever faithful services as head of the institution, he was a pleasure and a sorrow at times to the community. War clouds were upon the horizon, and he became deeply impressed with what was ahead. He was a Southern sympathizer, as were nearly all our people; and when hostilities broke out and "Maryland, My Maryland" was in the thickest of the conflict, often on his regular return Sunday nights, from his family in Bladensburg, he would meet the townfolks with his budget of war news at Dr. Harper's drug store, and give us the situation across the Potomac. Many of his students were in General Lee's Army and he shared our weal or woe, on the field of carnage. His news, however, was sometimes discounted, because Col. Clement Hill was as often a Monday morning arrival in town. Many were the reports from the Colonel, to the contrary, so we had to pass on the discrepancies of the rivals. Thus was the town and vicinity agog with the news that pendulum like, swayed our sympathies from elation to despair. The professor was the sole teacher until 1875 having served 17 years and 6 months with distinction in every branch of the academics and primaries also, for he had few if any assistants. He died shortly afterwards. Well may I say, with Edgar Alan Poe, he is "There like a Roman statue; he will stand till death hath made him marble."

From 1875 to 1880 Frederick Sasser, second, was the teacher. A graduate of St. John's College at Annapolis, he proved to be an accomplished, zealous worker, in the field of education. The confidence in one so young, by the Trustees, tested his usefulness in after life, for he became the Superintendent of Public Schools for Prince George's County for many years and his State Reports are among its valuable archives. He is Editor of the Prince George's Enquirer, and was my successor as President of the Board of Trustees.

His one assistant, Louis Fritch, likewise of St. John's, passed away after half a term's service—a very bright young man.

George D. Nicholson, September 14, 1880, was a word analysis teacher, similar to modern phonetic instruction. His first assistant was Hon. William L. Marbury. His second one was Mr. James Harris. Nicholson served until the election of Dr. Henry B. Thomas, 1884-86, who with his first-class assistant, Mr. J. L. D. Clagett, established a classification of studies for the students, as well as wiping out a semi-chaotic condition in the morale of the institution, to the great satisfaction of the Trustees.

The record here passes to George B. Schwearer, Principal, with Mr. Clagett still assistant.

1886, September 4th. George D. Schwearer, Principal; Mr. Clagett assistant, again.

1886: William Macon Coleman, Principal; William S. Hill, Assistant. This first-named was a graduate of Heidleburg, Germany, a good linguist, but poor disciplinarian; the other, Mr. Hill, at the Academy, laid the foundation for the fine citizen and accomplished business man he is, as the Cashier of the First National Bank of Southern Maryland, and again, excelling in all the relations of life.

1887 to 1908. Thomas J. Grant, Principal; William S. Hill, first assistant; Robert B. Harper, second, and Arthur H. S. Ma-gruder, third.

Mr. Grant presided as "master of ceremonies" on the hill until 1908, when the Academy passed under the High School System of Maryland. It is a little curious here to state, that the Act creating the Academy gave it *per petual succession*. Mr. Grant, like his able predecessor, McLaughlin, was a born educator. He was learned in the classics, mathematics, etc. His discipline was mixed with tact and judgment. He could well impart what he knew,—an attribute by the way, that my experience as trustee taught me few of the teachers possessed. Mr. Grant therefore was, modernly speaking, super-human. A public-spirited man, Christian gentleman, he passed to the Great Beyond, bemoaned by us all.

All these personages lived in or near, and the events occurred, in "Upper Marlborough Town," as it was known by its act of creation. But I now christen thee, my native spot, "Sweet Auburn," for in many respects you are alike, regarding my theme:

*"How often have I loitered o'er thy green,
How often have I blessed the coming day,
When toil remitting lent its aid to play."*

And yet we have the laughable words of Goldsmith's "Sweet Auburn! loveliest village of the plain," thus:

*"There in his noisy mansion, skilled to rule,
The village master taught his little school:
A man severe he was, and stern to view,
I knew him well, and every truant knew.
He'll had the boding tremblers learned to trace
The day's disaster in his morning face.
Yet he was kind or if severe in aught,
The love he bore to learning, was his fault,
The village all declared how much he knew;
'Twas certain he could write and cypher too."*

Together with the bright and dark days on the hill, "Sweet Auburn" was not at all alack in other charms. Principally, it had its "May Day." Many a girl said:

*"You must wake and call me early, call me early
mother dear;
For I'm to be Queen o' the May, mother, I'm
to be Queen o' the day."*

Many were the May Poles in the "Federal Spring Woods" that skirted "Sweet Auburn." Many were the lads and lassies, the Hiawathas and lovely Laughing Waters—Minchaha's, "in the land of the Decotahs"—that charmed the elder onlookers. Several of their descendants, I doubt not, are now before me.

Now farewell to the Teachers of the old Academy! May it be with each of you, "Like one who wraps the drapery of his couch about him and lies down to pleasant dreams."

The General Assembly of this State, at its session in 1825, Chapter 162, passed an Act to provide for public instruction of the youth of the State in primary schools, but to take effect only in those counties, which by a majority of their voters at the next election for Delegates to the General Assembly should declare in its favor.

Weisel, Judge, in 26 Md. 513.

Article 8 of the Constitution of 1864 established a system of public school education in Maryland.

By the Act of 1865, Chapter 160, it was enacted that there should be a *uniform* system of public schools in each county and in every incorporated City, and should be regarded by a State Board of Education, a State Superintendent of Public Instruction and in Boards of School Commissioners for Baltimore City and each county.

Article 8 of the Constitution of 1867 continued in force the provisions of Article 8 of the Constitution of 1864.

By subsequent legislation the system has become one of the best in the United States.

The School Fund of Prince George's County was administered by the Orphans' Court of the county, until the Constitution of 1864.

By Acts of 1860, Chapter 365, the sum of \$21,400 was appropriated for colleges, academies and schools of Maryland homes.

The State's annual donation to the Upper Marlborough Academy, as far back as the Acts of 1860 at least, was \$800.00; academic fund, \$400.00, making a total of \$1,200.00 to pay teachers and expenses. This was the entire fund while I was President of the Board of Trustees, and, I believe, of my predecessors.

TO THE STUDENTS.

The Academy grounds having been acquired for the construction of this High School by the Act of 1918, Chapter 322—thus, young men, you see what Maryland, since 1835, has done for the education of us who have preceded you, and will do for you and those who will come after you. Take my advice and apply yourselves diligently to your studies under the guidance of your excellent and faithful teachers. Be ever mindful of one thing, that it is for your own dear selves, you have this opportunity. It has been said that opportunity comes but once to us all. According to James Russell Lowell:

*"Once to every man and nation comes the moment to decide,
In the strife of truth with falsehood for the good or evil side."
Make your mark. David Barker said:*

*"In whatever path you go,
In whatever place you stand,
Moving swift or moving slow,
With a firm and honest hand,
Make your mark."*

Or adopt, as your life's rule, what Charles Mackay has said:
*"Be men of thought. Be up and stirring night and day.
Sow and seed, withdraw the curtain, clear the way."*

remember, wealth is not happiness, even if the millionaire says so. It has no localities, no provincial, no peculiar garb, as Pollok has told us. Go where duty calls you, for your Country, State and Nation will have a call on you, sooner than you expect, "Time and tide wait for no man," our fathers have told us.

TO SWEET AUBURN.

But, Sweet Auburn, the pessimist says thou art a "Deserted Village!" Thou never wast one. Thy Act of Creation in 1706, supplemented by 1744, Ch. 24, designated thee as "Upper Marlborough Town." But even if it were so, behold it now! Fine hotel, another in the prospective, where the original bank for Prince George's County stood; three banks now in operation that challenge competition; real estate quadrupled in value; State road that renders rapid transit a legend; churches holding divine service for almost every creed; two railroads; artesian wells, that long since made malaria a back number, and a civic pride like unto few others in size.

Surely, "Sweet Auburn," thou can'st withstand the pessimist's criticism and will, with the further public spirit of thy good citizens, continue to be the boast of Prince George's (not Prince George) County Seat.

But Sweet Auburn, let us look at thy other charms! How about thy sons who have made and are making history for Maryland?

Reverdy Johnson came from Annapolis at the age of twenty-one, occupied the brick office where now stands the Marlboro Implement Company, a factor in the economic world, that bespeaks a splendid future.

Mr. Johnson became then Nestor of the American Bar, Attorney-General to President Taylor, second time United States Senator, Minister to England 1868-69. In spring of 1875 he argued his last case in the Supreme Court of the United States and on February 16th, 1876 died at the Executive Mansion of John Lee Carroll, in Annapolis. Son of John Johnson, Attorney-General of Maryland, Judge of Court of Appeals and Chancellor of the State. His brother, John Johnson resided in "Sweet Auburn" a short while, and left to become Chancellor of Maryland like his father. He sold to my father the brick office he used, and I, but it, has since been replaced by the one now occupied by George B. Merrick, Esq., Attorney-at-Law.

Now, take a look at these others within thy bounds, "Sweet Auburn."

Thomas G. Pratt, Governor of Maryland, 1844 elected United States Senator, but denied admission on account of being a Southern

sympathyser in the war between the States. President Board of Trustees of the Academy; first-class lawyer, and royal friend.

General Thomas F. Bowie, President Board of Trustees, distinguished lawyer, large remunerative practice, orator of first magnitude and member of United States Congress.

Hon. William H. Tuck, most capable Judge of the Court of Appeals, superb lawyer.

Hon. Richard B. B. Chew, Judge of Seventh Judicial Circuit of Maryland, President of Board of Trustees for a number of years, and almost devout in discharge of its many duties. Gentleman of the old type and preeminently attached to his profession.

Hon. John B. Brooke, President of Maryland Senate, 1860-61, and Judge of same Circuit, student at the Academy, and father of its last President.

Edward W. Belt, very able member of the Constitutional Convention of 1864. State's Attorney for Prince George's County, Academy boy, brilliant man in many respects, early grave and be-moaned by all.

George W. Wilson, manager and founder of the "Marlboro Gazette," arrested for disloyalty 1863 to Mr. Lincoln's Government, State Senator, Judge of the Orphans' Court, Chairman of School Board of the County, under constitution of 1867.

James B. Belt, Trustee of the Academy, Merchant, Justice of the Peace, Chief Judge of the Orphans' Court, highly upright citizen, beloved by rich and poor, passed away lamented by all.

C. C. Magruder, first, would not hold public office, President Board of Trustees, amassed a fortune at the law and most honorably mentioned by Honorable Isaac Lobe Straus, late Attorney-General of Maryland in his address before the American Clan Gregor in 1917, at its annual meeting in Washington, D. C.

Samuel B. Hance, likewise eschewed politics, Trustee, Student; from poor boy, became very wealthy from large practice of law. Came from Calvert County.

Daniel C. Digges, Trustee, State's Attorney, very reputable lawyer, died in 1859.

C. C. Magruder, second, Legislature of 1867, admitted to Bar of Prince George's in December, 1861, Court of Appeals, February 8, 1864, student, President Board of Trustees for many years and at present, Third Term Clerk of Court of Appeals.

Henry and Augustine T. Brooke, Academy pupils, and very efficient Clerks of the Circuit Court for many years.

Dr. Frederick Sasscer, Student and Trustee, Clerk of the Circuit Court and first-class farmer.

Frederick Sasscer, second, fine scholar, conscientious teacher, President of Board of Trustees, &c., as stated before.

George W. Wilson, second, Student at Academy, successful merchant and wit of the town, big hearted, bright man, fine soldier in Confederate States Army.

Ignatius S. Wilson, his brother, successor to the "Marlboro Gazette," known for its worth as a journal the State over. long Chairman of the School Board of the County, big public spirited citizen and true friend, abreast of the times in every respect.

Dr. James Harper, President of the Board, physician, druggist and grandfather of Robert B. Harper, Assistant teacher at the Academy.

His son, William H. Harper, companion of my boyhood, youth and manhood, pupil, Trustee, loyal to me, in my anxious moments for the Academy's success, as President of the Board.

Thomas J. Turner, fine type of a man, founder of the "Prince Georgian," predecessor of "The Enquirer," like the Gazette in 1861 accused of treason to Mr. Lincoln. Paper now successfully managed by the esteemed Frederick Sasscer, second.

Mr. R. Ernest Smith, now holding a responsible position in Comptroller's office at Annapolis, a just tribute to him, as a public official.

Samuel H. Berry, Trustee, in the thickest of legal warfare at the Bar and Judge under the Constitution of 1864 of the Circuit composed of Prince George's and Montgomery Counties.

Caleb Clarke Magruder, third, born and raised in "Sweet Auburn," also contributed to Maryland History, in taking an active part in the memorial services at yon tomb of Dr. William Beanes in 1915. Dr. Beanes' arrest was incidental to the writing of the "Star Spangled Banner." Mr. Magruder has bidden me to tell you of an occurrence that took place on this hill, namely; that Admiral Cochran, who had taken Napoleon a prisoner to Saint Helena in 1812 was a guest of Dr. Beanes in the old mansion that stood where we are. I guess the Admiral little thought at that time, that the "Star Spangled Banner" would soon be flaunted in his face, as the emblem of the United States of America.

William Isaac Hill, my first cousin (I had almost said my brother) and boon companion at Georgetown College, where he distinguished himself. Graduate in 1857, admitted November 11, 1858, to the

Bar of Prince George's and in the Court of Appeals December 6th, 1881. State's Attorney for the County, Delegate to the Legislature, Chairman County-State Central Committee. Fine forceful public speaker, successful with his many law cases, genial, whole-hearted. First lieutenant in Dement's Confederate Battery, with my brother, Edward W. Magruder, George W. Wilson, second, and others. He was beloved by all, married in the family of the Colonial Sasscers, a charming wife, and too early, indeed, let me say, passed on July 17, 1898, to the Other Shore.

Joseph K. Roberts, second, admitted to Court of Appeals May 11, 1869. Soon took high rank as a member of our Bar, most assiduous in behalf of his many clients, member of Maryland Legislature of 1880. Internal Revenue Collector in 1888, engaged with Judge Tuck and myself in the trial of the famous Crawford will case. Upon our failure, after 5 days' trial, to upset the will, I saw his tears come—showing how deeply he felt the wrong verdict of the jury, as we each thought. He passed to his reward and his tomb stone, inscribes him, "Born, March 13, 1841—died, October 1, 1888.

Hon. George C. Merrick, late Judge. 1859 member of our Bar. Joined the "Lost Cause," returned, became State's Attorney upon death of the lamented Edward W. Belt in 1868, fine prosecutor. Legislator in the seventies, appointed Judge by Governor Lowndes in 1895, elected in 1896, served out his term with distinction and died a few years after. Twice elected State's Attorney.

Hon. William L. Marbury, student and teacher at the Academy in 1880. Left to take up law in Baltimore. And what a brilliant one he has made, a national character in juridical strife. In every phase of the law he has excelled. Has the courage of his convictions, few equals, no superiors in the "Jealous Science," and some day should occupy the seat of his great ancestor, John Marshall of Va.

William Stanley passed to the Other Sphere at the age of thirty-five, in 1896. Law partner of Joseph K. Roberts, second, eschewed politics, gave much promise of very decided success in his profession. He sleeps at Holy Trinity Church Cemetery, as do his parents and law partner, in the forest of Prince George's.

Joseph S. Wilson, admitted to the Bar about 1880. Soon gave every evidence that he was a "born lawyer." On the passing of my father he became a member of the firm of Magruder and Wilson. We had "our day in Court," and did our best for our many generous clients. He was State Senator, author of the "Wilson Ballot Law" and much other needed legislation for the State and County. He believed thoroughly in the ethics of the profession. He married Miss Janette Clagett, a beautiful woman, and died leaving two, as equally, beautiful daughters. I became very much attached to my law partner, and felt exceedingly, the severance of our delightful relations.

Richard L. Brandt, twice State's Attorney, unique in manner and taste. He rose rapidly in the law, very popular, fine speaker, a "Roland for an Oliver," in the trial of his cases, and passed to an early grave for one apparently born for a long life.

John W. Belt, Political Chronometer, appointed Clerk Circuit Court, twice elected. Exceedingly popular, most generous impulses, cut down in the prime of life to the great regret of his family and hosts of friends. Student at the Academy and Saint Jame's College, Maryland.

William A. Jarboe, a Warwick in his county politics. Rose rapidly in every walk of life. Register of Wills. Clerk to Circuit Court. County Treasurer.

Dr. Richard J. Scott. Beloved disciple of Aesculapius by many a household. Diagnostic of the Medical Science to perfection. Student on the hill and Trustee.

J. N. W. Wilson, Trustee of Academy. Faithful, honest, strict in all matters. Best Deputy Clerk of the Circuit Court the County ever had. True as steel in every path of life, ripe in usefulness, and finally passed to his rich reward, five years hence.

Richard N. Ryon. Nature did much for him. Clerk of Circuit Court. Register of Wills. County Treasurer. Quick insight into every public question, and unfortunately, as rapidly as he rose, passed from amongst us.

B. Frank Duvall. Nestor in Republican politics. Long service in Internal Revenue. State Tobacco Inspector. Like Alexander Selkirk, on "Trumps Hill," his native heath, he is "monarch of all he surveys." Oldest living student and Trustee to the Academy. Has every right to trace his lineage back to the Colonial Marcen Duvall, large landed grantee and great influence in the Colony in his day.

Thomas F. Bowie, second. Bright student, fine declaimer at Commencements, gallant and intrepid officer on Staff of General Fitzhugh Lee of Confederate States of America, 1861-1865.

Claude H. Owen, co-worker in the First National Bank of Southern Maryland, with its cashier, William S. Hill, and others. No more excellent choice could have been made by the Directors for the responsible position he so faithfully fills.

M. Carey McNabb, newcomer Sweet Auburn, but big acquisition! Admitted to Bar of Maryland May, 1921, by our Court of Appeals on very pleasurable motion by me. Fine bank officer, vim, full of public spirit and "Watch us Grow," for your new motto.

John T. Traband, best application to his studies, Trustee, a regular "Captain of Industry," since manhood, admirable Commissioner for welfare of the old town and its good citizens.

These legal gentlemen and others that I might mention, but time forbids, shed lustre upon the community in which they had their

being, and like their memorable predecessors their achievements in the noble science of the law, are to be found among the many pages of the Maryland Law Reports. And here let me make another note, that the younger lawyer's work of Prince George's Bar, since my position at the Court of Appeals, has enabled me to boast, that they are amply qualified to fill the foot-steps of those distinguished legal disciples who have preceded them at that Seat of Justice—Dulaney, Wirt, Luther Martin, Alexander and others.

The minutes of the Academy, kept by William I. Hill, Secretary, July 7, 1883, among other things, before the Trustees for action, show, the appointment of a committee of B. Frank Duvall and myself for the erection of a belfry for the old Court House bell that I had given the Academy. The work was done by Mr. William H. Wyvill, a master mechanic of the vicinity. This venerable sentinel at the Court house for quite a century, was soon reared aloft on our temple of learning, and its silver tones are still to be heard, I am pleased to learn.

*"Oh, from out the sounding cells
What a gush of euphony voluminously wells!
In the rhyming and the chiming of the bells!"*

The Janitor of the Old School for a number of years, was "Gusty Franklin," who was the very impersonation of a colored gentleman, an out-spoken enthusiast of his church the Methodist. He believed unflinchingly in the daily help to us all, of a Divine Providence. His prayers and hymns were ever ready, even though constantly, he had to put up with the pranks of the boys. Often have I heard him say, he was ready to go any day or hour when the "Master" called him. He sleeps in his bretheren's graveyard in the town where we boys saw the last of him. A good Christian, honest man.—Peace to his ashes!

Another notable Sweet Auburn within thy precincts. W. Tilden Davis, municipal commissioner, Legislator, Register of Wills, surely this bespeaks a bright future.

Lastly, Aviation! One Mr. Hoy, in the long ago, claimed to know how to navigate the air, made his ship, sailed forth in the town, but fell to earth unharmed. "How about flying, Mr. Hoy?" we boys said. "You young people think you know it all" said the wise old man, "flying in the air is all right and you will live to see it." Behold! the grand principle is established by our daily observation. May I not, therefore, Sweet Auburn, place Dr. Beanes of the "Star Spangled Banner" incident and Mr. Hoy, the humble shoemaker, a master mind of over-head travelling, in thy temple of fame?

And now Upper Marlborough High School, I must bid you farewell. *Bon Voyage* to you! May you be the prosperous successor of the blessed old Institution that started on this spot eighty-five years ago, and with the present very efficient teachers, may you gain all the eminence to which you are entitled.

In this paper I have confined myself to excerpts from the records of the Academy and to the men and matters of "Upper Marlborough Town" (or "Sweet Auburn") and its immediate vicinity. To the County-at-large, I leave the work, I hope, to an early historian, who will come forward and trace the splendid character of its men and women, from 1696, when it was established by Francis Nicholson, Esq., Proprietary Governor.

C. C. MAGRUDER, SECOND.

GLENDALE, MD.,
R. F. D., August 1st, 1921.

"THE GOODWIN"

Washington, D. C.
1417 Park Road, N. W.,
May 13, 1921.

C. C. Magruder, Esq.,

My Dear Sir:

Yours of 10th inst. just received. I hasten to reply. I first attended the Marlboro Academy in 1853-4, the teachers were Edward Bushell and Mr. Johnson, who was succeeded by a Mr. Nelson, and the scholars were, Thomas, Edward and C. C. Magruder, Jr., James and W. H. Harper, Henry, Albert and Eugene Brooke, John W. Belt, Geo. W. Wilson, Jr., Samuel and George Cranford, William and Richard Hodges, Benj. H. C. Bowie, T. S. Bowie. In 1855-6 John McCarthy and Mr. Miller, who was succeeded by John McCarthy, Jr. The above named scholars attended the school then and also Thomas and Gansalvo Clagett, W. A. Jarboe, Jr., Walter Jones, Benjamin Cranford, Philip Hogkins, Alexander Hodgkins, Wm. H. Sasscer, Henry C. Bowie, George Wash. Hilleary.

In 1857-8 Edward Bushell was again the Principal, and in addition to the above named scholars, Nelson Jarboe, Lambert Jarboe, Overton and Spencer Boteler, John Walker, James Ridgely, Basil Brown, John and Walter Lowe.

Yours truly,

A. T. BROOKE.

Dear Mr. Magruder:

Your note received this morning. In the absence of positive records I must answer your questions from memory, which I think will prove accurate enough for all practical purposes. Pa went to the Academy in 1887. He succeeded Mr. Coleman, whose Assistant was Mr. W. S. Hill. Mr. Hill remained with the school as Assistant to Pa until about 1901, when Robert B. Harper succeeded him. I cannot recall the years of Robert's service, but his successor was a Miss Robinson. Pa remained with the Academy until the end of

the 1908 scholastic year. He was succeeded by Mr. W. S. Jackson, whose numerous female assistants I cannot recall. You ask me about Mr. "Tip" Harris. My impression is that he antedated Thomas who preceded both Schwaerer and Coleman.

I think I am correct in my data, although some of it goes back to my very young days. Comparison with Hamp, however, will very nearly establish it.

I am truly glad that you will be on hand for I shall use every effort to be at the dedication. With kindest regards,

Sincerely yours,

CHAS. R. GRANT.

Upper Marlboro, Md.

May 20th, 1921.

Hon. Caleb C. Magruder:

My dear Mr. Magruder:

Our people are anxious to have your address yesterday published, which would be fine.

Hoping to have you with us again soon,

Yours very truly,

T. VAN CLAGETT.

159 W. Lanvale Street,

May 13th, 1921.

Hon. C. C. Magruder,

care Hampton Magruder, Esq.,

Upper Marlboro, Md.

My dear Mr. Magruder:

I have your letter of the 12th. I was for a short time an assistant teacher at the Upper Marlboro Academy—it was in the fall of 1880. I left there to take a position in Baltimore. I was beginning the study of the law at the time.

The principal of the Academy at that time was Mr. Bushell, an Irishman and a very delightful and cultivated gentleman. He succeeded Fred Sasscer, but I cannot remember who succeeded him—that was after I left the County.

I had attended the Academy for a year or more as a student before I became a teacher. I was living at Mattaponi at the time, about eight miles distant and used to ride up to the school on horse-back from there.

I wish I had some data that I could give you, but this is about all I know.

Sincerely yours,

W. L. MARBURY,

August 9th, 1921.

C. C. Magruder, Esq.

Mr. C. C. Magruder, Jr., and Mr. Joseph K. Roberts, Jr., signed the official test book, as Attorneys-at-law December 18th, 1861 and April 8th, 1862, respectively.

Very respectfully,

S. D. HALL,

Clerk of Circuit Court for Prince George's Co., Md.

To Mr. C. C. Magruder,

Upper Marlboro, Md.

May 13, 1921.

Baltimore, May 15th, 1921.

Mr. C. C. Magruder,

Annapolis, Md.

Dear Mr. Magruder:

I do not remember the names of any of the Principals who preceded me at Marlboro Academy, but you can get their names from the records of the Board of Trustees. I was at the Academy for two years, from the fall of 1884 to July 1886—a mere lad of 19 when I assumed charge—Judge Chew was president of the Board of Trustees. I will always feel grateful for his great kindness and consideration shown me. I can only give you a short list of the boys attending the Academy from '84 to '86—Three Chew Boys:

Sons of Wm. I. Hill; C. C. Magruder, Jr.; T. Van Claggett; Mr. Roberts; I. S. Wilson; Geo. Wilson; Dr. Sasscer.

There were, of course, many others, but the elapse of 37 years robs me of their names—Judge Claggett wrote me asking me to be present on Thursday, but an engagement prevents me from accepting his invitation. I have written fully on the subject.

Yours truly,

HENRY B. THOMAS.

THOMAS BLADEN, GOVERNOR OF MARYLAND.

1744, Ch. 24. Passed June 4, 1744.

Entitled An Act for the Laying Out of the Town *anew*, Commonly called Upper Marlborough Town, in Prince George's County.

(Liber B. L. C., folio 306.)

By this Act Commissioners were empowered to survey and lay out the same 100 acres which were formerly laid out for a town by Act 1706, Ch. 17, conveniently to the original survey, without incommoding the present settlements and exclusive of the piece of meadow ground drained by Mr. Daniel Carroll, one of the proprietors of said town.

The town to be called Upper Marlborough Town.

The owners of lots already taken up, not built upon, to build on such lots within three years, one house to cover 400 square feet of ground, with one brick or stone chimney. If such owners did not build, the lots to revert to the former Proprietors.

Commissioners to put in writing their proceedings by a Clerk to be appointed, to whom the surveyor shall deliver a plot of said lots, the Clerk to transmit the proceedings and plot to the Clerk of Prince George's County to be lodged among the County records.

All persons to have the liberty of taking up lots within two years after the survey, if not, the same to revert to the former Proprietor.

Each lot to pay one cent sterling per annum to the Lord Proprietor.

The lot for a school not to be taken up by Court proceedings, and the schoolhouse and other houses thereto belonging declared to be vested in the Rev. Mr. John Eversfield, Col. Jos. Belt, Mr. John Magruder, Mr. Richard Keene and Mr. David Crawford, for the use of the said school, etc., etc.

An Act for the division and regulation of several Counties within this Province and constituting a County by the name of Prince George's County within the same. Passed May 22, 1695, Chapter 13. Liber L. L. No. 2, folio 92.

By this Act the land from the upper side of Mattawoman and Swanson's Creek and branches, extending upwards, bounded by Patowmac on the west and by Patuxent River on the East, shall be and is hereby constituted into a County of this Province and shall be denominated, called and known by the name of Prince George's County, and shall from and after the 23rd day of April, next ensuing (1696), being St. George's Day, have and enjoy all other styles, benefits and privileges equal with the other counties of the Province, such as sending Burgesses to Assemblies, having county courts, sheriffs, justices and other officers and ministers requisite and necessary as are used in the other counties of this Province.

Commissioners appointed, who shall, at or before the said 23rd day of April next, cause the said two lines from the head of Budd's Creek Branch to the head of Indian Creek Branch and from the head of Mattawomn Branch to Swanson's Creek Branch, fully to be marked and lined by a double line of marked trees, that the same may be known and perceived by all persons desiring to know the same, and shall return a certificate of the due courses thereof, one to each County concerned and one to the Governor and Council, to be recorded in the Council's Records and each County Court Records as aforesaid, etc.

[Extracts taken from The Laws of Maryland, by Thomas Bacon, Rector of All Saints' Parish in Frederick County, and Domestic Chaplain in Maryland to the Right Honorable Frederick Lord Baltimore. With Seal of the State. *Crescite et multiplicamini*. Annapolis. Printed by Jonas Green, Printer to the Province. MDCCCLXV. (1745).]

Upper Marlboro, Md., July 25th, 1921.

Dear Mr. Magruder:

I enclose a copy of the Order of the School Board as promised. With kind regards,

Sincerely yours,

FREDERICK SASSCER.

"Whereas it has been represented to this board that the trustees and patrons of the Marlboro Academy desire the establishment of a High School at the County Seat for the 3rd Election District and contiguous districts, it is ordered that a committee be appointed to confer with the said trustees with authority to enter into an agreement whereby the property of said Academy, and the State donations to which it is entitled, may be used for said proposed High School to be established under the provisions of the General School Law relating to the opening of High Schools. (Secs. 92 and 93 of Chapter XVII of Art. 9 of Code.)

Order passed March 3, 1908.

CHAS. H. STANLEY,

WM. B. H. BLANDFORD, and

FRANCIS W. HILL,

School Commissioners.

FREDERICK SASSCER,

County Supt. of Education."

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"High School."

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