

HISTORY OF WESTERN MARYLAND.

BEING A HISTORY OF
FREDERICK, MONTGOMERY, CARROLL, WASHINGTON, ALLEGANY, AND GARRETT
COUNTIES

FROM THE EARLIEST PERIOD TO THE PRESENT DAY;

INCLUDING

BIOGRAPHICAL SKETCHES

OF THEIR

REPRESENTATIVE MEN.

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Richard, to the present Gott farm, in Montgomery County, in 1792, since which time the property has been in possession of a Gott. Richard Gott the younger was a lieutenant in the war of 1812. He married Sarah Collinson, of Anne Arundel County, and became the father of thirteen children, of whom eleven grew to maturity. The living are Benjamin C., Thomas N., Mary C. White, and Elizabeth Ann Gott. Losing his wife by death, Richard Gott married for his second consort Miss Mackenzie, whose father was an officer in the United States navy. She died before her husband, whose death occurred in 1858 after he had passed his eighty-third birthday. By the second marriage there were no children. Benjamin C. Gott was bred a farmer, and a farmer has continued to be all his days. The tract of seven hundred acres left by his father he has increased to eight hundred and fifty. The stone house his father built in 1812, Benjamin Gott improved and enlarged and still occupies.

Mr. Gott has been married twice. His first wife was Susan E., daughter of George Darby, of Montgomery County. The two surviving of the three children of that marriage are George R. Gott, an attorney-at-law in Baltimore, and the wife of Dr. Stephen Beard, of Prince George's County. Mrs. Gott died May 28, 1855, and May 18, 1858, Mr. Gott married Mary R., daughter of William Cissel, of Montgomery County, where she was born, May 17, 1837. William Cissel lives near Poolesville.

Eight of the ten children born of the second marriage survive, seven of the eight being sons. Benjamin Gott has long enjoyed the distinction of being one of Montgomery County's representative farmers, and in matters appertaining to the field of advanced and profitable agriculture is a practical exponent and recognized authority. In his own quiet way, he makes his influence and example felt in the community to much better purpose perhaps than if he chose to seek a similar effect through the method of public life, for be it understood that his tastes run not in the last-named direction. Early a Whig and now a Democrat, he has always believed in a watchful interest in the government of affairs, local and national, but he is no lover of office. The only office he ever held was that of county commissioner, to which he was chosen, against his will, in 1864.

Another prominent family in this district is that of the Gotts.

Benjamin Collinson Gott resides upon the farm where he was born, May 28, 1814. His father, Richard, was born March 25, 1776, in Anne Arundel County, from which locality he came with his father,