

Raymond G. Ford,

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RAYMOND G. FORD, senior member of the firm of Markell & Ford, dealers in coal and wood, owning one of the largest coal yards in Frederick City, son of William F. and Alice (Pembroke) Ford, was born in St. Mary's County, Md, January 23, 1868.

Mr. Ford's paternal ancestors were Scotch-Irish, his maternal ancestors were English. His grandfather, Washington Ford, one of the prominent farmers of St. Mary's County, was one of the early settlers of the southern part of Maryland. He owned a large number of slave and spent his whole life in the cultivation of his land. Washington Ford was married to Pricilla Greenwell. Their children are: 1, Ignatius, a merchant of St. Mary's County, Md., deceased; 2, William F.; 3, Alice, died unmarried. Mr Ford and his wife were active members of the Roman Catholic Church.

William F. Ford, father of Raymond G. Ford, son of Washington and Priscilla Greenwell Ford, was born in St. Mary's County, Md., in 1839. He received his education in the public schools of his native county, and remained on the homestead of his parents. After his father's death, he took charge of the place for his mother, and at her death the farm became his own. After cultivating this land for some years, Mr. Ford sold it and purchased his present home, known as the Pembroke homestead, containing 268 acres of excellent farm land, situated in the southern part of the county, on the Chesapeake Bay. He is a progressive and enterprising farmer, and has improved his property until it ranks as one of the most desirable farms in St. Mary's County. Mr. Ford is one of the most active Republicans in the county, and has a wide circle of friends. In 1879, he was his party's nominee for sheriff of St. Mary's County, and carried the county by a good majority. He was an able officer, discharging the duties of his office promptly and faithfully. In business, Mr. Ford was a successful merchant. He was Chief State Tobacco Inspector of the State under Lloyd Lowndes' administration and made a good record, saving money for the State.

William F. Ford was married to Alice, daughter of George W. Pembroke who is one of the most prominent farmers of St. Mary's County. Their children are: 1. Ignatius P., of Baltimore City, Md., 2, Raymond G.; 3, Joseph C., a farmer of St. Mary's County, Md.; 4, Parran B., lawyer and farmer, of St. Mary's County; 5. Mary E. (Mrs. Raymond M. Burch), of St. Mary's County; 6, Alice L., married to Dr. McClane Carwood, of West River, of Anne Arundel County, Md.; 7, Sister Mary Cloud, at the convent in Frederick City; 8, Laura M., at

home; 9, Paul W., at home. Mr. Ford, his wife and family, are active members of St. Nicholas Roman Catholic Church of St. Mary's County.

Raymond G. Ford attended the public schools of his native county, and completed his education at Charlotte Hall, St. Mary's County, graduating in 1886. After teaching for three years, Mr. Ford excepted a position under President Harrison, in the Internal Revenue Department in Baltimore, Md. Four years later, he resigned his position and removed to Frederick, Frederick County, Md., where he began dealing in wood and coal, and afterwards formed a partnership with the late John U. Markell. The firm of Markell and Ford were very successful in business and had one of the largest coal yards in Frederick City. After the death of Mr. Markell, his widow, Mrs. Mary G. Markell, took her husband's share in the business which is very large, as the firm is the oldest and one of the largest in the city. Mr. Ford, who is one of the progressive business men of Frederick, is the active member of the firm. He attributes his financial success to close application to business. He is a Republican in all that concerns the progress of the county, where he is highly esteemed as a citizen.

Raymond G. Ford was married to Mattie J B., daughter of the late O. J. and Margaret (Burnett) Keller, whose father was one of the most prominent business men of the county. They have one child, Margaret S., at home. Mr. Ford and his family reside in their comfortable modern dwelling on West Church St., Frederick. Mr. Ford is an active member of St. John's Roman Catholic Church in Frederick City. Mrs. Ford is an active member of All Saints' Episcopal Church of Frederick City.