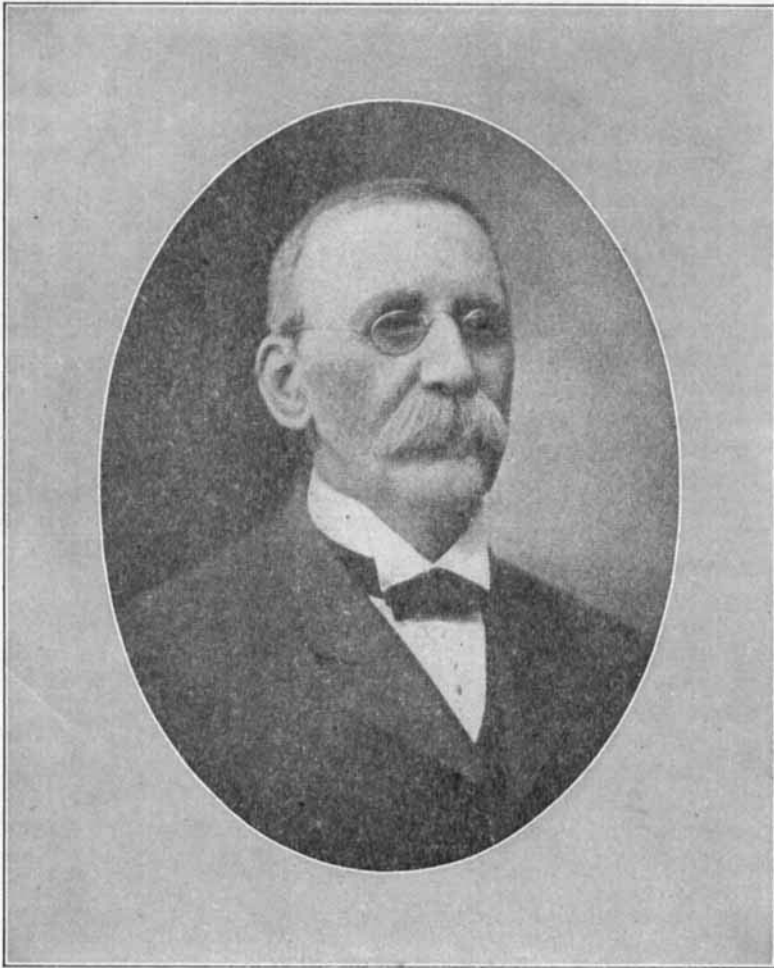


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The subject of this friendly, personal sketch dates his lineage back to 1664, when his ancestor, Stephen Hancock, came to St. Mary's, the first settlement in Maryland. The possessions obtained at that time have been in the Hancock family to the present generation; good stock it must have been, and has been well preserved in the person occupying our thought at this writing.

We do not desire to genealogize, but rather pay a tribute to one who is among the most distinguished members of our Pharmaceutical family. He commenced his career in a one-story log school-house, but unfortunately lost his father by death at the early age of fifteen years, and conditions prevented his attaining the educational ambition along the lines of classical education, as hoped for. He was early constrained to work his way as many others have had to do—possessed of the right sort of grit, availing every possible help for self-culture, of genial disposition and courage undaunted, a fixed purpose, a well balanced mind and sterling integrity. He won friends at every turn and in course landed in the Apothecary Shop of that day, and at the age of twenty-one became a partner in a business—since then, the name of Hancock in Pharmacy has had an unbroken line, from Landis & Hancock, John F. Hancock, and now John F. Hancock & Son.

He matriculated in the Maryland College of Pharmacy in 1857, and devoted his first opportunity to special study of chemistry. The next two years he was able to attend all the lectures in the three branches taught, and graduated in 1860. He became a member of the College in 1861, and soon thereafter was elected a member of the Board of Examiners. The degree of Master in Pharmacy was awarded by his College, and he served as president in 1872-1874. In 1907 the University of Maryland honored him with the degree of Doctor of Pharmacy, and in 1908 the Philadelphia College of Pharmacy awarded the degree of Master in Pharmacy. He became affiliated with the American Pharmaceutical Association in 1863, and was its president in 1873-1874. The records of this Association indicate valuable service. His life and career up to date are full of good work. His service in the interest of the Memorial Monument to William Procter, Jr., which, when finally placed, will also be a monument to his fidelity to the cause he has fathered and labored for with such persevering efficiency for over sixteen years.

He is a member of the Maryland Pharmaceutical Association, an honorary member of the Pennsylvania Pharmaceutical Association and a frequent visitor at its annual meetings, where he is at all times a welcome guest. He is a most genial, hospitable and affectionate friend.

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