

PAPERS OF J. EDWIN COAD

J. Edwin Coad was a well-educated Saint Mary's County farmer. He was born in 1825 at Cherryfields and educated at Charlotte Hall School and Saint Mary's College in Baltimore. He read law with an uncle, but left that in favor of his home farm. He married Ellen Manning in 1847 and had 9 children with her. She died in 1875 and Coad then married Mary Allan in 1877 and had 3 more children. He lived until 1911, a venerable citizen of the county until the last. He was a voluminous correspondent with people and newspapers; an authority on county history, wrote poetry and stories, and was active in community affairs. While the collection contains many hundreds of letters, stories, news articles, and a few photographs, there appears to be much that has been lost; the transcriptions sheets are numbered and there are many missing pages. [1971.002+ Mr. Coad's material is completely described.]