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Hagerstown, MD 21740

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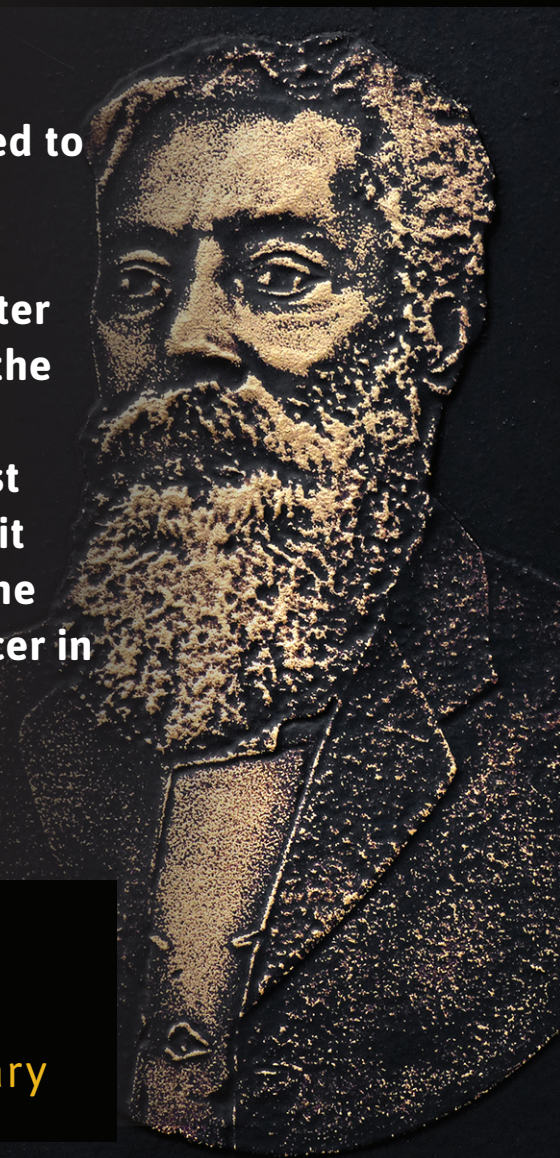
# The Life of **Jacob Francis Wheaton**

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Jacob Wheaton was born in Middletown, Maryland and moved to Hagerstown in the 1850s. He is believed to be the first African-American to vote in Maryland after the civil war, casting his vote in the Hagerstown Mayoral Election of 1868. In 1897, he became the first African-American to sit on a petit jury in the county. He was also the first African-American court officer in Washington county, serving as a bailiff from the 1890s to 1924.



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