



The J. M. Clayton Co & the Brooks Family, by Jack Brooks, 7 February 2019

John "Jack" Clayton Brooks Jr having been born in Cambridge in 1951 to John Clayton Brooks and Pamela Weaver Brooks was raised with two brothers, Bill and Joe and a sister Bonnie. While in Dorchester County schools he would work at J M Clayton (JMC) with his father Clayton around the plant and driving trucks. In 1971, after graduating from Goldey Beacom, he went to work full time at JMC. In 1972 he married Diana raising two sons, Clay and Matt. During Jack's time at JMC he served and/or chaired many industry committees, trade groups and has been politically active regarding local, state and federal laws and regulations affecting our seafood industry. Jack continues to work at JMC along with his brothers and son Clay.



Jack presented a history of J M Clayton Company covering where it all began, when and why it moved from Hoopersville to Cambridge and general background of how they got to 2019. He also spoke to the continuing challenges the industry faces over the years and spoke about labor challenges, mechanization and how they have attempted to adapt machines to help augment the laborious job of processing seafood.