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History of the Oyster & Crab Industry in Dorchester, by Jack Brooks, 2 June 2010

Jack Brooks, President, J. M. Clayton Co. , describes the long tradition of harvesting and processing of crabs and oysters on the eastern shore in preparation for delivery to the major cities in the eastern United States. The J. M. Clayton Company was founded in 1890 by Captain John Morgan Clayton (known as "Captain Johnnie") and has remained in the family for over four generations. The oldest working crab processing plant in the world, it began as a small oyster shucking and packing operation in Hoopersville, Dorchester County, Maryland and in now a landmark facility at the mouth of Cambridge Creek in Cambridge's city center.

