

bold and extensive view of the beautiful Chester River, in back; the pale, blue waters of the little creek whence it derives its name making up on the left side of the capacious house, flowing on silently and slowly, makes this "Home of Homes" a charming, cheerful spot. Although this much respected and ancient family are not allied to me by the ties of consanguinity, I feel very near to them, having lived among them all my life, and have the greatest admiration for their noble principles, and feel *proud* to class them among my friends and connexions, by marriage. This illustrious family were conspicuous among the leading men of Maryland during our Revolution. Not only were they soldiers, but statesmen. The "original" home of the Wright family of Queen Anne's county was called the "Old Building," afterwards changed to "Walnut Grove," within sight of Reed's Creek, and was part of the same tract of land deeded to "Thomas Hynson Wright," in 1724, lying by Matthew Reed's Creek, which remained in the family until the horrors of our civil war changed the whole aspect of the cherished old homes of our forefathers. Reed's Creek was originally called Hynson Town Creek, then Winchester, and, later on, Reed's Creek, from a Kent Island resident, who was one of the justices in 1652 and an ancestor of the present Reed family of Queen Anne's County, who owned an immense tract of land from their present home, the "Tanyard," as far as down as Piney Point.

In a recent history of Queen Anne's County it is chronicled that "Richard Hynson and Hester, his wife, owned a tract of land lying by 'Matthew Reed's Creek,' which had been bequeathed to Richard Hynson by Richard Chase." The stream was then known as Hynson Town Creek, and lands known as Hynson Town and Hynson Town Addition, which lands were conveyed from Thomas Hynson, son and heir of William Hynson, to "Thomas Hynson Wright."

On the 28th of May, 1719, Thomas Hynson, residing in the county of Monmouth, conveyed a tract of land known as Shelvington, on the north side of a creek called Hynson Town Creek, or Reed's Creek, and made his worthy cousin, Edward Wright, who was a brother of Thomas Hynson Wright, his attorney. Thomas Hynson was appointed one of the commissioners to govern Kent Island, and was in the General Assembly of Maryland from Kent County in 1660.