

pany,"—*Scharff*. There are other early names whose descendants still live in Maryland. The Cockeys figured in early history. Dr. Charles Cockey, a descendant of the old stock of Cockeys and a popular physican of Queenstown, is sociable, benevolent and ever on the alert to perform an act of kindness. "Tavis De Roch Brune was naturalized when Francis Nicholzen was Governor in 1694. Cornelius and Milleminty Comegys, his wife, and their children—Cornelius, Elizabeth, William and Hannah—were naturalized when Cecilius, Lord Baltimore, was Proprietary Governor of Maryland in 1671." —*Hanson's Old Kent*. These names—Milleminty and Hannah—are still kept in the Comegys family. Thomas Hynson Wright was commissioned to Causeway, the marsh from "Kent Island," to the main land, at a crossing called "The Wading Place," now called Kent Island Narrows. Captain Smith was the first discoverer of this productive and historic spot—Kent Island—and called it "Winston Island." It is not generally known that "our" Kent Island had another name in olden times. At this period of the history of Maryland the mail was conveyed in an old-fashioned "gig" from Haddaway's Ferry to Snow Hill, first being brought across the Chesapeake Bay in an ordinary batteau from Annapolis. Col. Thomas Wright, first son of Thomas Hynson Wright, married Rachel Clayton, daughter of Sarah Clayton, the elder, and was the father of Ann, Thomas, Charlotte, Samuel, Clayton and William. He was the first military commander under the Revolutionary organization, and was register of wills in Queen Anne's County. He was a delegate to the Colonial Convention from his native county, which assembled in Annapolis in 1775; also, a member of the "Association of Freeman," who issued their memorable address to the world in that year. Col. Thomas Wright I. was vestryman at "Old Wye Church" and the builder of the present Reed's Creek house. Most of the material of this old home was imported from England. The mahogany for the stairway, I have been told, was stored away in the garret for years, Col. Wright being prevented from completing this well-planned homestead by the war. He died in 1784. In those days labor was imported. White servants were brought over from England and compelled to serve a number of years. Many of our people sprung from those indented servants and were thrifty and saving. Henry Collister was one of this class, and to quote his-