

tory, owned all the land on which Chestertown is situated. Col. Thomas Wright, son of the above-mentioned Col. Thomas Wright I., was allowed to place a piece of silver under the corner-stone of the Reed's Creek building, which, no doubt, remains in its hiding place to this day. Charlotte, daughter of Col. Thomas Wright I., married John Eaton Spéncer. Samuel Wright, brother of Col. Thomas Wright I., moved to Baltimore and was a successful lawyer in that city. He married Miss Ellen Nicholson, an accomplished and beautiful girl. Unfortunately, their happiness, like the rainbow of the heavens, was soon dispelled. A dark cloud passed over her young life from her husband having fought a duel with Mr. Carroll, brought about by some uncivic remark he (Carroll) made in connection with Mr. Wright's wife. The wife was entirely ignorant of the cause of her husband's absence from home and was heart-broken at seeing him brought to the house in an unconscious, dying condition.

"There is an interesting letter now in the Wright family urging the brothers and sisters, Ann and Charlotte, to continue their love and kindness to his wife, which they did most faithfully." (See Mrs. Margaret Wright's sketch of the family.) Mr. Samuel Moale, grandfather of Miss Ellen Moale Hollingsworth, of Elkton, who, a good many years after this unfortunate tragedy, married into the Wright family, was Mr. Samuel Wright's second wife, and on account of this duel was obliged to leave Baltimore, and moved to Wilmington. He had two very promising sons—Leonard and John. Clayton Wright, son of Col. Thomas Wright I., died in youth. His death is recorded in the *Eastern Shore General Advertiser*, published in Easton, Md., December 21st, 1802—"Died Friday, Dec. 10th, Clayton Wright, a promising young man." There is a Clayton still in the family, being Clayton Wright III. William Wright, brother of Col. Thomas Wright, married Miss Lydia Tilton, of Wilmington, Del. She was known in the Wright family as "Aunt Liddy," and was very much beloved. They had no children. Lydia Wright, nee Tilton, had a sister, Jeannette Tilton. These ladies were sisters of Dr. James Tilton, father of Mrs. Josephine Tilton's husband, of Washington.

Mrs. Josephine Tilton, a charming elderly lady, was Miss Josephine Nicholson Harwood, daughter of Henry Hall and Elizabeth Lloyd Harwood. She married, January 10th, 1833, Edward Gibson Tilton, U. S. N., a native of Delaware, and had children