

" *Rome* had its Cæsar, great and brave, but stain was on his wreath;  
 He lived the heartless conqueror and died the Tyrant's death;  
 'France' had its Eagle, but his wings, though lofty they might  
 soar,  
 Were spread in false ambition's flight and dipped in 'murder's'  
 gore;  
 Those hero Gods whose 'mighty' sway would fain have chained  
 the waves,  
 Who flashed their blades with 'Tiger' zeal to make a world of  
 slaves,  
 Who, though their kindred barred the path, still fiercely waded on;  
 Oh! where shall be 'their' glory by the side of 'Washington?'

"He 'fought,' but not with 'love of strife;' he 'struck,' but to defend,  
 And ere he turned a 'people's foe' he sought to be a 'friend ;'  
 He strove to keep his country' right by 'reason's' gentle word.  
 And 'sighed' when fell injustice threw the challenge 'sword to  
 sword ;'  
 He stood for liberty and truth, and dauntlessly led on,  
 Till shouts of 'Victory' gave forth the name of 'Washington.'

"England, my heart is truly thine, my 'loved,' my 'native' earth ;  
 The land that holds a mother's grave and gave that mother 'birth ;'  
 Oh ! 'keenly sad' would be the fate that thrust me from thy shore,  
 And faltering my breath that sighed Farewell for 'ever more.'  
 But did I meet such adverse lot, I would not seek to dwell  
 Where 'olden heroes' wrought the deeds for Homer's songs to  
 tell ;  
 'Away !' thou gallant ship, I'd cry, and bear me 'swiftly' on,  
 But 'take me' from my 'own' fair land to that of 'Washington.' "

It was a privilege the Wrights enjoyed to be of the band of Washington's favored soldiers. Like him, they renounced the comforts of "peaceful, happy" homes to assist in relieving their country from the harassments of injustice, and were true patriotic soldiers. Not only did the Wright family resemble our immortal Washington in their ardent love for their country, but their private life, like his, was crowned with justice, unselfishness, purity and *truthfulness*. "Happy thought" for the present generation of Wrights that their ancestors fought so valiantly under the same "glorious" flag that inspired Washington to liberate his country. It is truly a bright sun-beam that should illuminate their lives and mark them as descendants of a noble stock.