

did not end here. Just before his death, he purchased a large tract of land in the neighborhood of the little village of Burrissville, recently owned by Mr. Edward Bourke Emory, which Mrs. Spencer named "Folly," because he owned so much "unimproved" land. He was editor of the old *Centreville Times*, now the *Observer*, conducted by Messrs. Busted & Bryan, which was the first newspaper published in Queen Anne's County. Mr. Wm. C. Spencer was associated with his brother John B. in editing the *Times*, and was a man of fine mind and affable manners.

Mr. Samuel Spencer was a pleasant, intelligent gentleman, and was for a long time an officer in the Chestertown Bank, and much respected. He married for his first wife Miss Malvina Chapman. His second wife was Miss Anna Hynson, cousin of Mrs. William B. Tilghman, formerly of Chestertown, and daughter of Thomas Bowers Hynson and Anna Dunn Hynson. His third and last wife was Mrs. Henrietta Everett, sister of Mrs. Tilghman. Mr. Samuel Spencer's first children were Chapman and Lottie. Lottie married Mr. Frank Cosby, paymaster in U. S. Navy. They have three sons—Spencer, Frank and Arthur. Spencer is very talented. Frank and Arthur are intelligent and promising. Frank took the first honors at West Point. His last children were Samuel Wright and Joseph Gordon.

Miss Serena Spencer was widely known as being an intelligent, companionable lady, speaking the French, Spanish and Italian languages fluently. Her conversation was a volley of Italian and French phrases. She was a proficient in music, and never forgot the sweet strains she learned in her young days, among them "Auld Ang Syne," with variations, which she executed with great expression and correctness when over fifty years of age. Her fingers glistened with diamonds, rubies and emeralds as they glided gracefully over the snowy white keys of my sweet-toned piano, at my old home, "Bloomfield." The subdued expression she gave this old-time melody, the "Days of Ang Syne" I have never forgotten. Her *boudoir* was ornamented with old-fashioned jewelry. Articles of virtù filled her writing-table and workstand. Her Rosary and Annunciation pictures were conspicuous in her sleeping apartment.

Miss Serena, in middle life, renounced her Protestant faith and became a member of the Roman Catholic Church, which was a great surprise to her many friends. Her tastes were "gay." She