

although he was probably the 'best rider in the world,' an accomplished gentleman, a heroic officer. It was during the battle of Reseca de la Palma that Capt. May made his famous cavalry charge, capturing the enemies' batteries and their commander, Gen. La Vega, when the smoke was so dense he could not see the enemy. Capt. May's heroism will ever be remembered in the hearts of his countrymen. Gen. Wm. Hemsley Emory served with great distinction in the war with Mexico, and was with General Kearney in the conquest of New Mexico and California. He rose to the rank of brevet major-general, and was on the retired list at the time of his death. Surgeon Stedman R. Tilghman, brother of the late Richard Cook Tilghman, of the 'Hermitage,' distinguished himself, and was greatly beloved. He was a physician of rare promise, but was cut off in the prime of life. He died July 23th, 1848."—*From Scharff's History.*

Another gallant Marylander, Edmund LaFayette Hardcastle, who was educated at West Point and stood high in his class, fought bravely in the Mexican battles. Gen. Hardcastle was a great favorite of Gen. Winfield Scott. He distinguished himself at the battles of Molino-del-rey, Cherabusco, Cerra Gordo and Vera Cruz. For his gallant conduct he was made captain after the battle of Molino-del-rey. I shall ever remember the enthusiasm of his Maryland relatives and friends, myself among them, when the news of his promotion reached us. In a letter dated Washington, May, 1847, great news came to me—that Gen. Scott had killed and wounded 1,500 Mexicans, taken 6,000 prisoners, six generals, Santa Anna's carriage and many valuable papers. The whole city of Washington was illuminated, flags flying for the "great Vera Cruz victory." It was a glorious moment to those who survived the horrors of war, when they entered Santa Anna's palace in triumph and "hoisted the flag of the United States" over the City of Mexico. Maryland contributed 2,500 men to this war. "The chivalrous Ridgley, the gallant Watson, the brave Ringold, Hynson, Howard, Tilghman, Archer, Buchanan, &c., offered their lives to perpetuate the power of their country." When my distinguished cousin, Gen. Hardcastle, left West Point, full of vigor and patriotism, strikingly erect in his bearing, young and hopeful, he visited my sister and myself while we were school-girls at "St. Mary's Hall." His conversation indicated his superior education. His commanding appearance, firm, measured