

Moale was the daughter of an "English gentleman," Samuel Howard, who settled in Annapolis, and held a "life-long" office in the Court of Appeals. His signature is attached to all the old "law" papers of that period. He took up a great quantity of land and had the privilege of naming the river on which his "immense" estate bordered. This river he called Severn, for his "old English home." He also named one of his domestics "Ennolls," for a river in Africa. His daughter Nancy married Col. Samuel Moale, of Baltimore. His other daughter, Susan Howard, married Mr. John Edmunson, of Easton, Md., a renowned lawyer, and uncle of the Plater family and the late gifted Severn Teackle Wallis. Mrs. Ellin Wright's great-grandmother was Ellin North, who married John Moale. John Moale, in 1752, drew a map of Baltimore town, which is now in the possession of the Maryland Historical Society of Baltimore City. In this society there is a subscription paper for keeping up the fence around Baltimore town. Among the subscribers were Robert North, an ancestor of the Moale family, of Baltimore, and Capt. Darby Lux, two very influential gentlemen. Imagine the Monumental City "fenced in."

Miss North was a daughter of Robert North, of England, and was named for an old bachelor friend, Mr. Ellin, also of England, who promised her his large fortune for her name. Ellin North is "historical," being the "first" white infant born in "Baltimore town." From the time of her marriage to John Moale, one daughter in each family of the Moales was called Ellin, in expectation of "that" fortune. Mrs. Ellin Wright's daughter was an exception, being named "Flora," for her aunt, Mrs. Henderson, of Elkton, a charming, handsome lady. There were "red-haired Ellin," "black-haired Ellin," "freckled Ellin," and the "beautiful Ellin." Mrs. Wright's mother was the "beautiful Ellin," not only in feature, but in character. Her maiden name was Ellin Moale, daughter of Col. Samuel Moale, of Baltimore. Her sister Susan became Mrs. John Travers, a wealthy wine merchant, living for years in Spain, where her beautiful daughter Ellin was born, afterwards Mrs. William Henry Hoffman. Mrs. Hoffman was celebrated for her beauty, and was one of the belles of Baltimore society. Her elegant home was at the corner of Charles and Franklin streets, an imposing drab stone structure, afterwards occupied by the "Maryland Club," until within the last few years. Mrs. Travers' daughter Mary became Mrs. Prince, of Lowell,