

descendants of this family, among them Capt. James Tilghman's sons and daughters, Daniel, James Cook, Frank, Peregrine, Julia, and Harriette. Julia Tilghman married Dr. E. A. Smith, and has a daughter, Anna Tilghman. James Cook Tilghman married Miss Elizabeth Haughton.

To return to Governor Wright. This distinguished gentleman was a private in Captain Kent's company that marched, in February, 1776, to Northampton County, Virginia, to fight Lord Dunmore's Tory force, about Cherry Stone Creek. In the Governor's speech on the bankruptcy bill, in Congress, he said: "If I could enlist your respect thereby, I would tell you that I had fought upon the banks of the 'Cherry Stone' against Dunmore; that as a captain in the Fifth Maryland Regiment, I had fought under the banner of our beloved Washington at Germantown and Paoli, and had always been devoted to the liberties of our country." Governor Wright in this speech referred to the fact that, under resolution of Congress, troops were ordered to be raised in Queen Anne's County, to serve under Colonel Richardson in the continental army, and that on July 7, 1778, he was made captain of one of the companies, which company was added to Col. Richardson's battalion. In 1803 he was one of the two Maryland delegates to the National Farmers' Convention. His best speeches were his reply to John Randolph, of Roanoke, December 11, 1811, and the one in favor of the great turnpike over the Alleghany Mountains, also the one in behalf of Queen Anne's County welcoming the Marquis de LaFayette to Annapolis, January 11, 1825.

Robert Wright was one of the ablest debators in the United States House of Representatives on the question of peace or war, when trouble with England seemed unavoidable. In his powerful speech in reply to Randolph, he asserted it to be the duty of this country to resist the impressment of seamen as a stroke at the vitals of liberty itself. He also defended General Wilkinson, whom Randolph denounced as a felon. The determined efforts of such men as Robert Wright and Joseph Nicholson, both born on Queen Anne's soil, had a great influence in compelling England to confirm the rights won by the war of Independence and which she was now seeking to infringe upon. In our Revolutionary struggle the patriots of Queen Anne's presented a bold, determined and united front, and this should not be forgotten by the descendants of our loyal ancestors. Governor Wright's