

Wright family owned handsome water situations and, as they expressed it, lived "in" the world.

Chesapeake Bay and the beautiful rivers that empty into this grand body of water were a means of subsistence to the early settlers, as well as of social intercourse, for they traveled, traded and lived on the water and visited in canoes. There were as yet no country roads. Scharff says that the bay and its tributaries gave tide-water Maryland a facility of communication with one another and the outside world not possessed by any other agricultural community on the face of the globe. The forests in "Back Woods" were unsettled, and to this day families who live distant from the water are called "Foresters." Some members of the Wright family sought homes in what was then and is still called the "Wild Cat" region. Mr. Robert Theodore DeCourcy Wright, as I have stated, settled in this part of the county, and was always called "Forest Bob."

Gustavus William Tidmarsh Wright, second son of Governor Wright, was born September 7, 1784, and was educated at Washington College, where he had the degree of A. M. conferred upon him. He married Eliza Clayland, by whom he had several children: First, Robert Clinton; second, Alphonso Eloisa, who married Hugo Fiddes; their daughter Selina married Judge Bond, of Carroll County, Md. A son named Hugo, for his father, lives in Carroll County. Third, John Skinner Wright, who married Miss Olefield, a charming lady and daughter of the English consul at Baltimore; fourth, Louisa Ellen Wright, who married Edward Hamilton Gowland, an English gentleman, lately deceased and a former resident of Monte Video, South America.

Gustavus William Tidmarsh Wright owned "Wyoming," a beautiful spot, situated on Wye River, which was the residence of the late Charles H. Tilghman, who married a daughter of Judge Richard Bennett Carmichael. Robert Clinton Wright and John Skinner Wright were merchants in Rio, Brazil, and were indebted to their uncle, Mr. William H. DeCourcy Wright, for their success in life. Robert Clinton Wright was at one time a merchant of prominence in Baltimore, and was a candidate for mayor of the city, but was defeated by Mayor Swann. Mr. Wright was the Democratic candidate and Mayor Swann a "Know-nothing." Swann was elected October 8, 1856. On September 11th of this year