

CHAPTER XXII.

THE COX FAMILY.

This gifted family came from England and were members of the Protestant Episcopal Church. The first one of whom we have mention, was Rev. James Cox, rector of St. Paul's Church, (old Chester) from 1729 to 1753. His will is dated April 7, 1752, in which he devises all the landed estate, belonging to him, to his daughter, Lucy Dames, for her life; then to go to grandsons, John and James Dames. Rev. James Cox's legacies were—to grandsons, a number of negroes; to brother, Christopher Cox, clothes; to brother, Thomas Cox, £30; to his nephew, James Cox, son of his brother, Christopher, a gun. His daughter, Lucy Dames, was named executrix; his will being proved February 7, 1754, indicating that he died about that time.

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The old-fashioned brick house at the Centreville wharf, which was no doubt the only one standing there at that time, except Chesterfield, and now in the possession of the Thompsons, this family having owned it for many years, four generations of the Thompsons having lived there, belonged to the Dames family and was probably owned by Rev. James Cox. Christopher Cox, brother to Rev. James Cox, was the father of Mr. Christopher Cox, of "Peace and Plenty," the old Cox homestead near Centreville.

James Cox, nephew of Rev. James Cox, had a son, Christopher, who was the father of Rev. Luther James Cox, a prominent member of the Methodist Church. Luther James Cox was the father of seventeen children. Dr. Christopher Christian Cox, being the oldest to live. Eight of these children arrived at maturity—five sons and three daughters. Christopher, Luther James, Samuel Keener, Jennings Stockton and Francis. The daughters were: Charlotte, Mary and Maria. Christopher Cox graduated at Yale College with high honors. While at college he married Miss Amanda Northrop, of New Haven, Connecticut, who was noted for her intelligence, beauty and great strength of character. "Miss Northrop was the great-granddaughter and