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Notes Illustrative of the Early Records
OF
KENT COUNTY, MARYLAND
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Susan Elizabeth Wilson, daughter of George William and Williamann Ringgold Wilson, married, 2d of June, 1829, Dr. James Heighe and had children, viz: Ann Virginia, Laura Jane, Georgina Louisa, William Handy, Mary Ellen, Evalina Rosamond, Margaret E., (who married, 13th of Nov. 1859, George Wilson Spencer), and Susan Elizabeth Heighe.

Julianna Virginia Wilson, daughter of George William and Williamann Ringgold Wilson, married Thomas Stephens, and had the following children, viz: Olivia Virginia, Henry Rasin, Ann Louisa, Maria Caroline, George W. Wilson, and Genevieve Geraldeen Stephens.

William George Wilson, son of George William and Williamann Ringgold Wilson, married Margaret Travilla and had one child William George Wilson.

Maria Deborah Wilson, daughter of George William and William Ann Ringgold Wilson, married John Dunlap, and had children, viz: Ann Wilson, James Heighe, Edwin Wilmer, Alexander Hart, and Maria Wilson Dunlap.

Milicent Wilson, daughter of George and Susan Holliday Wilson, married Jervis Spencer and had children, viz: Louisa Virginia, Ann Caroline, Alexander Hambleton, George Wilson and William Spencer.

Milicent Wilson Spencer survived her first husband, Jervis Spencer, and married William Reading and had children, viz: Delia and Louisa Reading.

George Wilson Spencer, son of Jervis and Milicent Wilson Spencer, married 19th of May 1836, Miss Margaretta Ringgold, and had the following children, viz: Helen Spencer, Jervis Spencer, Charlotte Spencer and Laura Spencer.

George Wilson Spencer survived his wife, Mrs. Margaretta R. Spencer, and married, 13th of Nov. 1859, Miss Margaret E. Heighe, daughter of Dr. James and Susan E. Wilson Heighe, and had children, viz: George W. Spencer and Lizzie Spencer.

Helen Spencer, daughter of George Wilson and Margaretta Ringgold Spencer, married, 15th of Jan. 1859, Nathaniel W. Comegys, son of John M. Comegys, and had children, viz: George Spencer Comegys and John M. Comegys.

Jervis Spencer, son of George Wilson and Margaretta Ringgold Spencer, married 21st of Jan. 1862, Miss Catharine Staples.

Charlotte Spencer, daughter of George Wilson and Margaretta Ringgold Spencer, married 16th of Jan. 1862, John Lathem Wethered, son of Peregrine Wethered, and had children, viz: Margaretta Spencer, Mary Elizazeth, and John Lathem Wethered.

Mrs. Charlotte Spencer Wethered survived her husband John Lathem Wethered and married 25th of May 1875, Thomas W. Wickes of Chestertown, Md., a son of Capt. Simon Wickes.

Laura Spencer, a daughter of George Wilson and Margaretta Ringgold Spencer, married, October 1867, Addison Emory, son of William Emory of Queen Anne's county, Md., and has a daughter, Laura Spencer Emory.

Susan Wilson, daughter of George and Susan Holliday Wilson, married John Cummins, of Smyrna, Delaware, and had children, viz: Susan Holliday, George Wilson, John Holliday, Alphonsa, Wilham, Daniel, Mary, Martha, David James, Robert Holliday and Alexander G. Cummins.

Susan Holliday Cummins, daughter of John and Susan Wilson Cummins, married Dr. Daniel M. Fisler, and had one child, Mary Caroline Fisler.

George Wilson Cummins, son of John and Susan Wilson Cummins, married Evelina M. Denny, and had children, viz: George Wilson Cummins, Jr., Sarah A., Louisa A. and Walter Cummins.

John Holliday Cummins, son of John and Susan Wilson Cummins, married Martha Ringgold, and had children, viz: Martha R. and Mary J. Cummins. His second wife was Rebecca B. Ringgold and had children, viz: John Ringgold and Thomas Henry Cummins.

Alphonsa Cummins, daughter of John and Susan Wilson Cummins, married Maj. John G. Black, of Fairfields, Kent county, Md., and had children as before mentioned.

Dr. William Cummins, son of John and Susan Wilson Cummins, married Ellen Theresa Lowber, daughter of John and Margaret Wilson Lowber, and had children, viz: Margaret, William A. and Robert L. Cummins.

Daniel Cummins, son of John and Susan Wilson Cummins, married Martha Ann Raymond, and had children, viz: Eliza B. and Alfred L. Cummins.

Mary Cummins, daughter of John and Susan Wilson Cummins, married Daniel B. Cummins, and had a daughter, Mary Ellen Cummins.

Martha Cummins, daughter of John and Susan Wilson Cummins, married Alfred Barratt, and had children, viz: Alfred, Clara and Adele Barratt.

David James Cummins, son of John and Susan Wilson Cummins, married Juliet V. Polk, and had children, viz: William P., Margaret P., Susan F. and Juliet A. Cummins.

Alexander G. Cummins, son of John and Susan Wilson Cummins, married Louisa Hayes.

Rachel Wilson, daughter of George and Susan Holliday Wilson, married Edward Price Wilmer, and had the following children, viz: Henrietta, Susan Elizabeth, William Carmichael and Edwin Wilmer.

Henrietta Wilmer, daughter of Edward Price and Rachel Wilson Wilmer, married Rev. Pennell Coombe, and had children, viz: Cora Eugenia (who married Rev. Thomas Poulson), Pennell Thomas, and Henrietta Wilmer Coombe.

Susan Elizabeth Wilmer, daughter of Edward Price and Rachiel Wilson Wilmer, married Lambson Farrow, and had children, viz: Charles Alfred and Laura Jane Farrow, who married John Megredy McLenahan.

Edwin Wilmer, son of Edwin Price and Rachel Wilson Wilmer, married Hannah Elizabeth Megredy and had children, viz: Mary Rachel, Emma Wilson, Emma Rasin, Laura Freeman, Edwin Megredy, Ellen Moor Reynolds, and Florence Zeilin Kilmer.

Margaret Wilson, daughter of George and Susan Holliday Wilson, married John Lowber, and had children, viz: Charles A., Ellen Theresa, (who married Dr. William Cummins, her cousin), Robert Wilson, Edward S., Rebecca Maria, Jane, John H., Catharine, Margaret and James H. Lowber.

Charles A. Lowber, son of John and Margaret Wilson Lowber, married Catharine Dougherty, who died leaving children, viz: Margaret, Catharine and Martha Lowber. His second wife was Emily Safford, who had a child, Emily Lowber.

Robert Wilson Lowber, son of John and Margaret Wilson Lowber, married Maria Bergen. His second wife was Elizabeth Redfield, who had a daughter, Elizabeth Lowber.

Edward S. Lowber, son of John and Margaret Wilson Lowber, married Elizabeth Ellsworth, and had children, viz: Isabella, Mary and Ida Lowber.

Rachel Maria Lowber, daughter of John and Margaret Wilson Lowber, married David Smith, and had children, viz: Otis, Evans and David L. Smith.

John H. Lowber, son of John and Margaret Wilson Lowber, married Priscilla Strover, and had a child, Elizabeth Lowber.

Catharine Lowber, daughter of John and Margaret Wilson Lowber, married Gov. William Temple, and had children, viz: John C. and Robert L. Temple.

John Wilson, son of George and Margaret Hall Wilson, married, 27th of Feb. 1779, Mary Perkins, daughter of Thomas and Ann Hanson Perkins, and died, leaving his wife and the following children, viz: Frederick Wilson, Willian Wilson, Thomas Wilson and Margaret Wilson.

Capt. Frederick Wilson, son of John and Mary Perkins Wilson, married Sarah L. Stuart, daughter of Dr. Alexander Stuart, by his first wife, Sally Rasin. He commanded the troop of horse at the battle of Caulk's Field.

William Wilson, son of John and Mary Perkins Wilson, fell in a duel with Edward Pearce. The fatal bullet is still in existence, in the possession of the writer.

The following account of the duel is extracted from a letter, dated 14th of August, 1865, written by a friend of one of the parties, and an eye witness, Dr. Peregrine Wroth:

"It was in 1805, when I was a student of medicine under Dr. Browne, William Wilson a student under Dr. Anderson, Jr., and Edward Pearce, a classmate of mine at College, a student of law under Mr. Barroll,—all in Chestertown. One day Pearce called at Dr. Browne's office and asked me to take a walk. During the walk he told me in confidence that Wilson had challenged him to a duel. I was thunderstruck, and begged to be permitted to make an effort to produce a reconciliation between them, as the cause of the quarrel was certainly quite traifling and puerile, viz: a tusseling while in bed together, ending in a fight. He positively refused, as my great intimacy with him would certainly make Wilson think that I did it at his suggestion, and that he did not wish to meet him (Wilson) in a deadly combat. He then engaged me to attend him as a friend and surgeon; though I was utterly ignorant of surgery, than, I submitted. Robert Wright, son of the old Governor, was to be his second."

The day before the intended meeting, just over the Delaware line, above Millington (then called Head of Chester), we started, through Queen Anne's. —Pearce, Wright, Woolman G. Spencer, a tailor of Chestertown, who made the duelling suit and had a strange fondness for dueling, and myself in company,—and before or after us (I don't remember which) Wilson, Alexander Stuart and probably one or two more also started. We all put up at a tavern in Millington that night. Before we went to bed, Wilson through his second, Stuart, made to Wright, Pearce's second, a proposal to fight while either could raise a pistol—which was agreed to. Immeditaely after breakfast, we started for the line, —the seconds measured off the ground and distance, ten paces, and the duelists took their stands. The word was given by Wright and Pearce fired. Wilson did not fire immediately,—but Pearce raising his other pistol and finding it not cocked made half a turn, presenting his back partially to Wilson, the latter fired and then Pearce turned his side resting his pistol on the left hand (Wilson standing in the same position towards him) and fired his second shot. Contrary to the plan agreed upon Wilson then advanced, when Wright made towards Wilson and said he would shoot him down if he did not stop. Wilson then drew down his pistol and threw himself on the ground. Dr. Gordon, his surgeon, ran to him and found his left arm fractured and the main artery divided. As soon as we heard of the wound our party made over the line to the Maryland side and rode rapidly to Millington. On the way, Pearce told me he was also wounded, in the back. We all laughed at him and jocularly told him he must have been running away. He took the joke in good humor, and we were all in high spirits, thinking Wilson was in no danger, and the affair all over without either being killed. Dr. Gordon hurried his patiet off and arriving soon after, called Dr. Geddes, an old army surgeon, in consultation. He advised immediate amputation, to which unfortunately for him, poor Wilson obstinately objected. The bleeding artery was secured, but after a week or two the arm became gangrenous and amputation was then resorted to,—in vain. He died.

The wound on Pearce's back was slight. Every morning he would walk up to Dr. Brown's office and I dressed the wound. In two or three weeks, it was healed. Nobody knew Wilson was wounded until he threw himself on the ground. If his arm had not been held in the position it was the bullet would have entered in or near his heart. I cannot describe my awful feelings, to see two young men, with both of whom I was intimate, one of whom I was greatly attached to as my classmate many years at college, doing their best to kill each other! I then and there resolved never to witness another duel, and never to fight one." (28)

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London-Bound for Love

By KAYE WOODROW

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HELEN HOLMES didn't feel so happy. She had a romantic nature and she longed for a cozy, rose-covered cottage in the suburbs, a flower garden to cultivate, and a tall, broad-shouldered, tanned man to welcome home each night. It so happened that Helen was really what some old maids would call a model young girl—that is, she didn't smoke or drink, nor did she enjoy petting. But every night—at least almost every night—she dreamed some modern specimen of Lochinvar would appear from somewhere and claim her as his bride.

Of course it was only a dream.

Day after day she conscientiously typed away in a Wall Street brokerage firm and calmly refused the dinner invitations tendered her by one of the elder men of the office force.

She felt pretty bitter about life in general when a friend, Blanche Young, returned from a cruise to Bermuda with an engagement ring in the proper place. And to make it worse Blanche informed everyone that the newly-discovered male—one Eddie Williams—and she were to be married within a month.

Here was what she had dreamed of for so long, enacted in real life—but, to somebody else. But after a few days she grew less bitter about it all and decided that if such things did happen, perhaps her time would come before too long. She knew that she was every bit as attractive as Blanche. And she had some money saved, so why not a cruise to Bermuda or some such place for herself?

Blanche Young's luck at catching a good looking and sensible man had exerted a great influence over Helen. She realized that Blanche had really taken the right way. She knew that if she continued working year after year in torrid New York, she would soon lose all hopes of marrying. Her attractiveness and her disposition as well, would be all shot.

So, one day, when she was feeling exceptionally carefree and jubilant, she asked the office manager for a six weeks' leave of absence for a long cruise. As luck would have it, her request was granted. Immediately she withdrew all her savings—six hundred dollars. For two hundred dollars she secured passage to London on a small but respectable merchant steamer.

The first day at sea was ideal. Helen was so happy and relaxed after years of work in an office that she almost forgot the main reason why she had staked her all on the trip to London and back.

Nevertheless, as she watched the deck tennis and shuffle-board games on the deck, Helen took accurate regard of all the young men present. Of the ones she scrutinized there were only two, she decided with a woman's intuition, that would take the place of all the Lochinvars she had dreamed of. And only one of the eligible males, Helen decided, was the type that would want a home with a pretty wife to prepare his meals. He was a serious looking man of about thirty-five, tanned, well built and genial in appearance. The other man who qualified was busy playing deck tennis. He had all the appearance of a college athlete, intent upon having a swell vacation at his father's expense. But the fact must be told, that he alone of all the men on deck, had seemed to notice Helen and be impressed by her appearance.

Then, all of a sudden, the other man whose appearance Helen had admired, turned to her and said, "Shall we take the winners on for a game of deck tennis?"

"I'd love to!" replied Helen, saying to herself that Lady Luck at last was her good friend.

As the trip progressed Helen and her newly found, tanned, thirty-five-year-old male acquaintance played deck tennis together every day. He was always polite and courteous—yes, even friendly. But that was as far as things went. Nights, instead of being with the older man, she danced and walked on deck with the young, sentimental college youth.

Things went along like that until the night before they docked at London. On that night Helen missed her college student-dancer at the farewell dance. Feeling a little disappointed, she retired to the deck where she sat in a deck chair and admired the stars and the moon.

Suddenly from nowhere came "Hello, Helen!" She lifted her glance from the stars to discover who had approached her. And it was her deck tennis partner—the one man who seemed anxious to find a young woman to share his home.

"Helen," he said, as he dragged her out of the deck chair and over to the rail, "I've been looking for you. It's too late for deck tennis—so I thought we might play a game of love. I want you for my partner always."

"Do you like rose-covered cottages with gardens, and with a wife waiting there nights with a home-cooked meal for you?" whispered Helen, as she edged closer to her friend.

"Darned right I do," was his ready response.

"Well, I guess this game of love is all right, then. But let's make it soon."

"Tomorrow we'll be in London, and that's where I'm stationed for a year or so. You won't mind living in London, will you, Helen, darling?"

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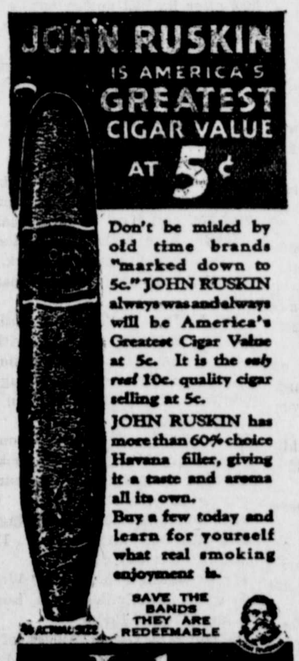
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