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of
Accomack County, Virginia

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Foreword

Several factors have made tracing the Wrights in Accomack County, Virginia, difficult, especially in the early records. The spelling of the name itself has caused problems. The spelling of the family name was at times given as Right, Rite, and Ryte, necessitating a double search of the indices. Several errors have been found in secondary sources, due to these spellings, when Ryte was transcribed as Ryle (Wills and Adm., p. 5) and Rite as Rice (p. 84).

Other errors, in a secondary source, occurs in Mr. Ralph T. Whitelaw's Virginia's Eastern Shore. On page 1126, he states that the land of Mary Wright, which descended to her son Henry, was left by this Henry Wright in 1785 to five children. Mr. Whitelaw has not only skipped an entire generation here, but he has named the wrong Henry Wright. The Henry who died testate in 1785 was a son of Mackwilliams Wright and not connected to this line. Mary Wright's land went to her grandson, Henry Wright, who died intestate in 1793, leaving seven children, as proved by the survey of his land. Mr. Whitelaw continues by saying the land was bought up by a son Henry, who died testate in 1848, naming his wife as Rebekah. The deeds show conclusively that Henry Wright's land was bought up by son Thomas, who did die testate in 1848, naming his wife as Rebekah.

A last error was found in Worcester County, Maryland, marriage records, when this Thomas Wright married Rebecca Hickman in 1802. Her name was given as "Zebina (?)" Hickman. This is in a typed copy of the original marriage records, which are no longer available at the courthouse in Snow Hill, and the question mark after her name indicates the typist has having trouble transcribing the original recording.

In addition to the various spellings of the name, which was written at times as Write, and errors in secondary sources, a third problem developed when it was

found that only one of the Wrights of this direct line had a recorded will before 1954. This necessitated following the line through land records. Searching deeds to prove a line is more complicated and time-consuming.

All documentation in the following report refers to Accomack County records unless otherwise stated. A list of these records and secondary sources is included at the end as references.

It should be added that Thomas Wright was called "Thomas, Sen^r" in some records to distinguish him from his nephew, Thomas Wright, son of brother Henry. It was not until later that "Senior" and "Junior" came to be used exclusively for father and son.

Mr. Edward M. Baker, of Rew, has helped in locating the Wright land. He is a Wright descendant of this line, through his great-grandfather, Samuel Baker, who married Hester Ann/Esther Wright, daughter of Thomas Wright of Henry, in 1848. The Wrights of New Church go back to James B. Wright (1824-1891) and his wife, Margaret A. Hope Wright (1828-1904). They are buried in a family plot, on the seaside road, north of Modest Town. James B. Wright was a descendant of Mackwilliams Wright. Mr. Lewis Wright, of Wright's Seafood Restaurant, near Atlantic, reports that he was born in the Valley of Virginia, near Harrisonburg, and came to the Eastern Shore as a young man.

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Early Wrights

Robert Wright of James City was named "an old planter" on 1 September 1627, when he was granted 12 acres to the eastward of James City, part of 100 acres due him for his personal adventure (Nugent I, p. 8). Robert Wright was apparently the first Wright to immigrate to the Colony of Virginia. His name is included in the Muster of Inhabitants in Virginia, taken in 1624 (Hooten, p. 261). He came to the new country in 1608, on the Swan, at 45 years of age. His wife was Joane Wright and they had two children born in Virginia by 1624.

A number of Wright names appeared as headrights in other parts of Virginia before 1666. Some of these men married and had families on the Western Shore.

The earliest Wrights on the Eastern Shore appear to have been a Nathan Wright, who witnessed the will of Thomas Savage in 1637 (Wills and Administrations of Northampton County, p. 288), and a Symon Wright, who was a headright for Phillipp Taylor in 1637 (Nugent I, p. 74). Both Richard Wright and George Wright, with wife Anna, were named as headrights here in 1640 (Bio. Dict.). Richard Wright had died by 11 November 1645 (Wills and Adm. of North. Co., p. 17). A William Wright was a servant in Northampton County in 1652 and a Thomas Wright was named as a headright in the same year (Bio. Dict.). Francis Wright was a headright in 1653 and Robert Wright in 1654 (Bio. Dict.).

Apparently Francis Wright moved northward into Somerset County, Maryland, by 1662, where he was a trader in skins and furs (Old Somerset, p. 17). Other early Somerset County Wrights were: William, who married in 1669 (p. 400); Christopher, who married in 1673 (p. 400); John, who married in 1677 (p. 402); and Edward, who married in 1681 (p. 439).

It seems that the only Wrights who settled on the Eastern Shore of Virginia were those whose names appeared on the early tax lists. These were: Henry Wright, William Wright, and Edward Wright, all of Accomack County.

Henry Wright
The First Generation

Henry Wright first appeared in Accomack County records in 1667. His name was given twice on 18 March of that year, when patents for land were granted to John Walter and to Miles Gray. Henry Wright was named as a headright for both of these men (Orders 1666-1670, p. 20).

Apparently Henry Wright was unmarried in 1667, but married soon thereafter, for his name appears on Accomack County tax lists for 1668, 1669, and 1670 (Acco. Tithables, 1663-1697, p.6, p.7 and p.9).

On 24 November 1669, Henry Wright "aged about twenty four^e years", gave a deposition in Accomack County Court (Orders 1666-1670, p. 161) and, on 16 December 1669, "Ann ye wife of Henry Wright" appeared in Court on a charge, "the Sheriff to take ye said Ann into his cufody and y^t she their remain until farther order" (p. 166).

Henry Wright had died intestate by 16 August 1671, for on that date there appeared another Court Order: "Whereas Ann Write hath peticoned to be discharged of her husbands Estate the Court hath Ordered that the Sheriff take possession.... of what he can find of the said Estate: delivering to the Widdow what doth belong to herself and her child and the remainder to answer the payments of ye just Credits as farr as itt goe"(Orders Wills & C 1671-1673, p. 17).

These early records show that Henry Wright came to Accomack County circa 1667 at 22 years of age, married here by 1668, had an only child, and died by August 1671, circa 26 years of age. His wife was Ann Fowkes, sister to Thomas Fowkes, and she married (2) Roger Miles. This is shown by the will of Thomas Fowkes in 1673 (Wills 1673-1676, p. 152), and by the nuncupative will of his widow, Amy Fowkes, in 1678 (Wills & Deeds 1676-1690, p. 177). Amy Fowkes directed that her son and executor, William Anderson, raise 1000 pounds of tobacco "out of my

estate to be laid out" for the best advantage of Mary Right, daughter of Ann Myles and of Henry Right, deceased. Thomas Fowkes had left "cousin" (niece) Mary RYTE, daughter of his sister, Ann Miles, all his cattle and their increase that had been "formerly in the occupation" of Henry RYTE, deceased. He directed that William Anderson "take care and look after said cattle" until Mary's marriage or "attaining legal age". This was the same Thomas Fowkes, of Pungoteague, in those tavern the first Accomack County courts had been held, and who purchased land in Parkers Neck from Richard Bundick in 1666, moving his family there circa 1671 (Whitelaw, p. 1132). William Anderson was a son of Amy Fowkes by a former marriage. He became the father of Naomi Anderson, who married Rev. Francis Makemie.

The only child of Henry Wright and his wife, Ann Fowkes Wright, was:

1. Mary Wright, born circa 1670. See next section.

Mary Wright
The Second Generation

Mary Wright, daughter of Henry Wright and his wife Ann Fowkes Wright, was born circa 1670. On 3 August 1680, William Anderson signed a certificate that "Mrs. Amy ffookes, deceased, did by her last will and testament give unto Mary Right the daughter of Ann Myles and of Henry Right, deceased, the value of 1000 pounds of tobacco" (Wills & Deeds 1676-1690, p. 219). Anderson was here turning over to Roger Myles, Mary's step-father, the value of the tobacco in livestock.

On 18 March 1693, Mary Wright bought 200 acres of land "in the wood between Gargaphia and Gilford", from Roger Miles and his wife Ann, for 1800 pounds "Tobacco and Cask" (Wills & Etc 1692-1715, part 1, p. 88). Mary Wright had apparently sold her livestock inheritances and was here putting their value in land.

No record of a marriage for Mary Wright has been found. That she had at least two sons, both Wrights, is proved by the land records. She could have married an Edward Wright, who was named as a servant by Amy Fowkes in her will of 1678. Edward Right's name first appeared as a headright for Devereau Brown in 1670 (Cert. and Rights, p. 42). He had apparently married by 1676, when his name appeared on the tax list (Tithables, p. 18). He, or another Edward Right, was given as a headright by William Anderson in 1680 (Cert. and Rights, p. 54). His name was on the tax lists two other times, in 1688 and in 1692 (Tithables, p. 43 and p. 54). On 1 June 1703, Edward Write was discharged from paying taxes "this present year" (Orders 1703-1709, p. 1). This record says he was "by the hand of God visited with a greivous Sickness for Eleven months past and was wholly incapable to maintain himself and family by his Labor". If he were Mary Wright's husband, he was deceased by 5 October 1708, when she was presented by the Grand Jury for having had a bastard child (Orders 1703-1709, p. 123).

Mary Wright could also have married a William Wright, who was named as a headright for Richard Bundick, when the latter patented 1400 acres in Parkers Neck in 1664 (Nugent I, p. 524). This William Wright had apparently married by 1676, when his name first appeared on the Accomack County tax lists (Tithables, p. 17). He registered his cattle mark on 28 February 1689 as: "a swallow forked on y^e right eare and cropt on y^e left (Wills & Deeds 1676-1690, p. 519).

No record has been found of the death of either Edward Wright, William Wright, or Mary Wright. Edward Wright likely died soon after the records show he was ill in June 1703. When the Grand Jury summoned Mary Wright to appear in October 1708, her mother informed the Court she was ill and not able to come to court. Mary Wright likely died circa 1710, leaving 200 acres of land and three underaged sons:

1. Henry Wright, born circa 1700. See next section.
2. William Wright, born circa 1703. Henry Wright deeded one-half his land, "which is 200 acres" to his brother, William Wright, on 30 December 1726, for "Brotherly Love and affection" (Deeds, Wills & Etc 1715-1729, part 2, p. 123 and Whitelaw, p. 1125). William Rite had died intestate by 6 March 1733, when his estate was to be administered by his widow, Mary Rite (Orders 1731-1736, p. 70). On 27 November 1745, Mary Wright, widow, sold 50 acres to Edward Hickman and his wife Elizabeth for 5 pounds (Deeds 1737-1746, p. 490). Apparently William Wright and his wife Mary had no children, or she could not have sold his land. Elizabeth Hickman was likely their daughter, however.

3. ? Mackwilliams Wright, born circa 1706. While no record has been found showing Mary Wright had a third son, Mackwilliams Wright bought 112 $\frac{1}{2}$ acres from William Baker and wife Elizabeth and John Shepherd and wife Esther on 1 June 1731, for 4000 pounds of tobacco (Deeds and Wills 1729-1737, part 1, p. 150), land located west of Mary Wright's land (Whitelaw, p. 1118). Mackwilliams Wright bought an additional 100 acres on 14 July 1756 from John Dix, Jun^r and wife Leah

for 29 pounds (Deeds 1746-1757, p. 689 and Whitelaw, p. 1089). Mackwilliams Wright had married Mary Dix, sister to William Dix, by 4 February 1733, when William Dix wrote his will naming their son, William Wright, as a heir (Deeds & Wills 1729-1737, p. 272). Mackwilliams Wright wrote his will on 15 October 1766 (Wills 1784-1786, p. 215). His son, William Wright, had died intestate by 30 July 1759, when MCWilliam Wright returned his inventory (Wills 1757-1761, p. 151). Mack Williams Wright's will was probated on 28 February 1786, almost twenty years after it was written. He named his wife as Elizabeth and made her and son Elijah executors. Other sons were: Abel Wright, Jacob Wright, George Wright and Henry Wright. He named his daughters as: Elizabeth Wright, Rachel Wright, Sinah Wright and Leah Wright. Son George Wright married Sally Dix in 1789 (MLB 1774-1806, p. 34) and became Accomack County Constable in 1804 (Orders 1804-1805). One of George Wright's children was James Wright (Land Causes 1727-1826, p. 94). James Wright married (1) Ann Bundick in 1816, (2) Mary Ann Finney in 1827 (MLB 1806-1832, p. 148), and died testate in 1831 (Wills 1828-1846, p. 93), naming his children as: Sarah Ann Wright, William Abbott Wright, Betsy Wright, James Wright and George L. (F.?) Wright.

Henry Wright
The Third Generation

Henry Wright, the eldest son of Mary Wright and an unknown father, was born circa 1700. He was of age by 1726, when he deeded his brother William part of their mother's land, but apparently unmarried, as the deed was not co-signed by a wife.

Henry Wright was living in Essex County, Virginia, on 8 June 1728, when he gave Henry Scarburgh his Power of Attorney, to act for him in Accomack County (Deeds, Wills & Etc 1715-1729, part 2, p. 249). Comfort Scarburgh and Ann Scarburgh were witnesses to this document. It is possible this Henry Wright married first in Essex County and lived there. However, Winfred Scarburgh died testate in Accomack County by 30 November 1756, naming Nanny Wright and a grandson as Henry Wright in her will (Wills 1752-1757, p. 358). Her will indicates Henry Wright had married Nanny (Ann?) Scarburgh and had a son Henry by 1756.

No record has been found of the death of this Henry Wright in Accomack County or elsewhere in Virginia. That he had one son, who inherited his mother Mary Wright's land is apparent, and a second son from later deed and survey records:

1. Henry Wright, born circa 1735. See next section.

2. William Wright, Sen^r, born circa 1740. A William Wright, Sen^r was listed in the 1800 census for Accomack County, Accomack Parish, as over 45 years of age. He was listed again as over 45 in 1810. William Wright, Sen^r was ordered to be tax free on 28 December 1812 "by reason of age and infirmity" (Orders 1812-1814, p. 194). He apparently died between 1812 and 1820. On 9 May 1800, William Wright, Sen^r and wife Asha deeded 8 acres for 30 pounds to Thomas Justice, Sea Captain, land near the head waters of Gargatha, bordered east by George Hickman, south by the road leading to Gilford, west by Thomas Right's lands, and north by Solomon Baker (D.C. Deeds 1800-1806, p. 138). Census records indicate that William Wright, Sen^r could have had sons, but no children have been identified.

Henry Wright
The Fourth Generation

Henry Wright, eldest son of Henry Wright, and grandson of Mary Wright, inherited circa 150 acres of Mary Wright's land from his father. He was born circa 1735 and was named as a grandson by Winifred Scarburgh in her will of 1756.

Henry Wright apparently married later in life. That he was married by 29 November 1769, is shown by a suit Henry Wright and wife Rachel brought against "John Taylor (Church)" on that date for a debt (Orders 1769-1770, p. 276). The will of John Pettit, written 20 December 1784, probated on 27 April 1785, named a daughter as Rachel Wright and made "son-in-law Henry Wright" one of his executors (Wills 1784-1787, p. 126).

Henry Wright bought no land. On 24 February 1784, he deeded 6 acres of Mary Wright's land, bordered on the north by Edward Hickman's land, to William Wright and his wife Comfort "for their natural lives" (Deeds 1783-1788, p. 60).

Henry Wright had died intestate by 27 February 1794, when his estate was administered to his son Henry Wright (Orders 1793-1796, p. 157). A survey of his land had been made on 8 December 1793, for a division among his seven children (Surveyors Record #1, p. 251). The tract totaled 140 acres, excluding 5 acres (6 acres?) that would revert back on the death of his brother, William Wright, Sen^r. A widow's dower was here given as 42 acres.

The children of Henry Wright and his wife, Rachel Pettit Wright, were:

1. Henry Wright, born circa 1770. Henry Wright married, circa 1792, Ann/ Nancy Savage Bunting, widow. George Savage died testate in 1791, leaving his sister, Ann Bunting, 40 acres adjacent to Henry Wright's plantation (Wills 1788-1794, p. 450). This tract is shown by the survey of 1793, as Henry Wright's "in right of his wife". Ann and George were two of the children of William Savage, who died testate in 1781 (Wills 1780-1784, p. 119). On 25 July 1800, Henry Right

and wife Nancy sold to William Right, "brother of said Henry", the land he got from his father, for 25 pounds (Deeds 1800-1804, p. 82). The 1800 Federal Census gives Henry Wright of Henry as 26 to 45 years of age. His wife was the same age and they had a son and two daughters under 10 years. Two older females in their household were likely Henry's wife's by her first marriage. In 1810, Henry Wright was again 26 to 45 years old. A male in his household was under 10 years. This Henry Wright was apparently deceased by 1820, for his widow, Ann Wright, was head of a household, which included two males, one 16 to 26 and another at 26 to 45 years, and a female 16 to 26 years of age.

The children of Henry Wright, born of his marriage to Ann/ Nancy Savage Bunting Wright, were:

A. Henry Wright, Jun^r, born circa 1800 (1850 census), died testate 1853 (Wills 1846-1882, p. 158), married by bond of 22 December 1825, Catherine Bell, daughter of George Bell (MLB 1806-1832, p. 148). Henry Wright named his wife as Catherine, in his will, and his children as William H. (Henry Thomas?) Wright, Edward Wright, and daughter Melindy Wright. Nothing more has been found on son William H. Wright. It appears to have been he, Thomas Wright, who died on 2 March 1866, at 35 years, of Quinzy (Reg. of Deaths, p. 45). This record says he was a son of Henry and Katy and husband of Hetty Wright. Henry Thomas Wright "son of Henry", married Hetty Harman by bond of 21 December 1852 (MLB 1850-1854, p. 13). Son Edward Wright became known as Samuel E. Wright (1846-1905). He married Elisha Chandler on 24 January 1872 (Mar. Reg. #3, p. 33) and had nine children. He and part of his family are buried in a family plot northeast of Parksley. Malinda Wright married (1) John Justice in 1854 (MLB 1853-1858, p. 4) and (2) George W. Wright, son of John E. Wright, in 1883 (Mar.Reg. #3, p. 77).

B. Thomas Wright of Henry, born circa 1804, died testate 1848 (Wills 1846-1882, p. 56), married Eliza (Edith?) Baker, daughter of William Baker, deceased,

by bond of 20 February 1826 (MLB 1806-1832, p. 148). Thomas Wright had two daughters: Prudence J. Wright, who married Thomas R. Fisher on 13 April 1849 (Mar. Reg. #2, p. 42) and Hester Ann (Esther) Wright, who married Samuel Baker by bond of 14 January 1858 (MLB 1853-1858, p. 1).

C. Daughter, born circa 1802.

2. Thomas Wright, born circa 1772. See next section.

3. William Wright, born circa 1775. William Wright bought his brother John's part of their father's land on 31 December 1796 (Deeds 1797-1800, p. 90), and his brother Henry's part on 25 July 1800 (Deeds 1800-1804, p. 82). William Wright, Jun^r sold both of these tracts to brother Thomas Wright, as 35 acres for 99 pounds 10 shillings, on 31 December 1812 (Deeds 1812-1815, p. 57). William Wright married Patience Dix by a bond of 28 February 1797 (MLB 1774-1806, p. 35). William Write, "garg^a", was under 26 years of age in 1800 and 26 to 45 in 1810. In 1820, he was over 45. He was not listed in the census of 1830, indicating he was deceased by that date. He had only one known son:

A. Walter Wright, born circa 1798, died testate in 1844 (Wills 1828-1846, p. 504). Walter Wright, "son of William", married Henny Sparrow, daughter of Richard Sparrow, by bond of 5 August 1825 (MLB 1806-1832, p. 148). On 1 January 1831, Walter Wright and wife Henny sold to Thomas Wright, Sen^r, 16 acres for \$192, his father William's part of his grandfather's land (Deeds 1830-1832, p. 90). Walter Wright left all his property to an unnamed wife until his youngest child became 21, without naming his children. From later census records, when his widow Henny was head of a household, they had four children: Charles Wright, born circa 1826; Sarah Wright, born circa 1831; William Wright, born circa 1834; and David Wright, born circa 1840. David Wright married 30 December 1874, at 34 years of age, Nancy Mears, 34, a widowed daughter of Zorobabel and Polly Mason (Mar. Reg. #3, p. 42). In 1880, David and his wife had a daughter, Mary Wright. His unmar-

ried sister, Sarah Wright, was living with them in 1880. Nothing more has been found on son William Wright, but son Charles Wright married Margaret A. Grey by a Worcester County, Maryland, license of 6 March 1848 (Wor. Co. Mar. Rec. 1795-1865, p. 167). Charles Wright died intestate on 30 November 1890, at 64 years of age, of heart failure (Reg. of Deaths). He was a sailor, son of Walter and Henny Wright, and husband of Margaret A. Wright, reported their son, William E. Wright. Captain Charles Wright and his wife, Margaret A. Wright, born 18 December 1830, died 19 December 1894, are buried in a family plot west of Hopeton. Other of their children were: Alfred J. Wright (1849-1927); Mary F. Wright; Bettie A. Wright; Sallie S.A. Wright; Melissa Wright; George Wright; Charlie W. Wright; and Maggie Wright.

4. Tabitha Wright, born circa 1776. Tabitha Right married Kendall Colony by bond of 23 January 1796 (MLB 1774-1806, p. 8). On 25 July 1814, Kendall Colony and wife Tabitha sold to Thomas Wright, 20 acres for 54 pounds, land bound southeast, southwest and northwest by other lands of Thomas Wright (Deeds 1812-1815, p. 416).

5. John Wright, born circa 1778. As has been shown, JohnWright sold his inherited land to his brother William in 1796, and brother Thomas bought from William in 1812. John Wright married Betsy Dunton in Northampton County, by a bond dated 17 February 1802 (North. Co. MLB 1707-1854, p. 115). John Wright was not listed in Accomack County by the 1810 census. He was apparently deceased by 1820, when Elizabeth Wright was given as head of a household, aged 26 to 45, with two females under 10 years and two males of 16 to 26. If these males were John Wright's sons, nothing more has been found of them. Tabitha Wright, "daughter of John", married Richard Sparrow by a bond of 11 January 1832 (MLB 1806-1832, p. 120). Elizabeth Wright, "daughter of John", married Richard Bayly by bond of 31 October 1840 (MLB 1832-1841, p. 2).

6. Esther/Hessy Wright, born circa 1779. Hessy Wright sold to brother Thomas Wright, on 21 March 1800, 23 acres for 50 pounds "good and lawful Gold or Silver of Virginia" (DC Deeds 1800-1806, p. 5). No other record has been found of her.

7. Edmund/Edward Wright, born circa 1780, died intestate 1844 (Orders 1842-1845, p. 390). On 15 April 1803, Edmund Wright "son of Henry" sold to Thomas Wright "(of Henry)" 22 acres for \$20, "part of Father Henry Wright, deceased, land" (DC Deeds 1800-1806, p. 265. Edward Wright married Susanna Littleton by a bond of 19 November 1808 (MLB 1806-1832, p. 148). Edward Wright was named head of households in the census of 1810, of 1820 and of 1840, when his age was given as 50 to 60 years. Five of Edward Wright's six children's names were given on a deed of 30 October 1847, when they sold 5/6 of Edward's 25 to 30 acres "in the neighborhood of Metompkin" to Samuel Wright, who would have been their first cousin, a son of Thomas Wright (Deeds 1846-1848, p. 724). The sixth heir, a daughter, was named in a marriage record. They were:

A. John Wright of E. or John E. Wright, born circa 1816 (1850 census), died intestate on 4 July 1887, of old age at 72 (Reg. of Deaths), married circa 1848, Louisa _____ (census records). Their children were: Edward W. Wright (1849-1914), Mary A. Wright, George W. Wright, Anna Wright, Susan Wright, Betty J. Wright, and James T. Wright.

B. Ann Wright, wife of Alexander West in 1847, when her father's land was sold.

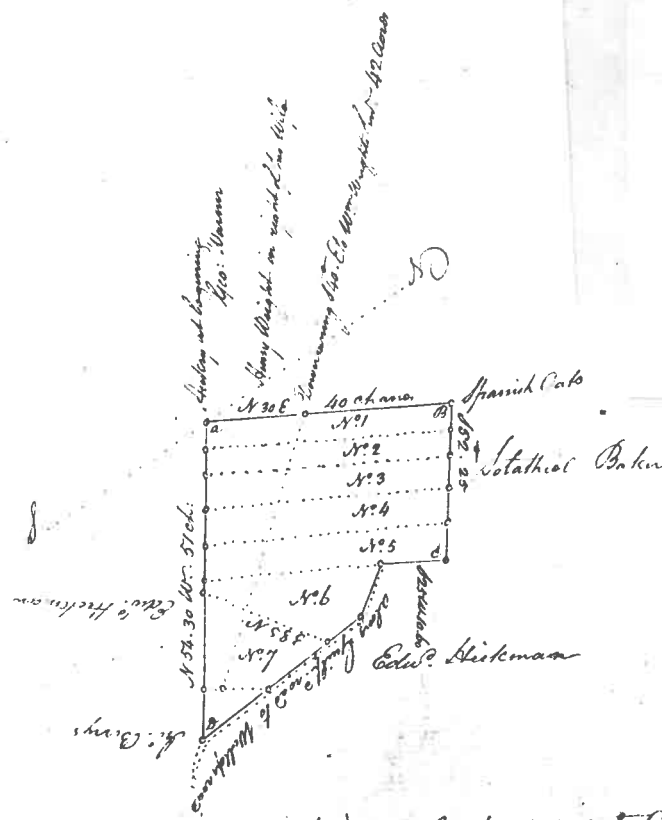
C. Edward Wright of E., born circa 1820 (1850 census). Edward Wright was an unmarried carpenter in 1880, at 60 years of age.

D. George Wright. No other record.

E. James Wright, born circa 1828 (1850 census). James Wright was a miller in 1850. He and his brother Edward, both unmarried, were living with their sister Ann and her husband, Alexander West, in 1850. No other record.

F. Louisa Wright, "daughter of Edward", married Levin Pettit, by a bond of 20 June 1838 (MLB 1832-1841, p. 26).

In Obedience to an Order of the Honorable Board of Accomack County bearing date November 1793, Directing the Survey of the said County in company with a Jury to divide the lands of Henry Wright dec'd in seven equal parts and make return thereof to the next Court. I Parker Barron S. Sur. of S. County in company with a Jury impanelled and charged by the Sheriff for the purpose aforesaid have this day to wit the eighth day of December One thousand seven hundred and Ninety three Surveyed and divided the same which lands do lie in the Parish and County of Accomack and bounded as follows to wit, On the N.E. by the lands of Nathaniel Baker on the S.E. and S.W. by the lands of Edw. Hickman and on the N.W. by the lands of Henry Wright in right of his wife the plat Courses, distances, and divisions see more particularly below P. Barron S. P. Accomack County



Surveyors Record #1, p. 251, dated 8 December 1793, in which the lands of Henry Wright, deceased, is divided into seven equal parts for his seven children.

P. Barron S. P. B.

N. 1 Henry Wright	containing 17 Acres	with a line parallel to N 30. E 40 ch. more to Nathaniel Bakers line
N. 2 Wm Wright	17 Acres	B. B. B. B.
N. 3 Nathaniel Wright	22	B. B. B. B.
N. 4 Esther Wright	22	B. B. B. B.
N. 5 John Wright	22	B. B. B. B.
N. 6 Edm. Wright	20 Acres	1 1/2 Ch. distance from line assuming N 58. E to Edw. Hickmans Cato
N. 7 Thomas Wright	20	and the rest of Wm Wright 5 Acres more
Total		140 Acres

The 5 Acres at the South corner of the Tract Wm Wright dec'd lands of his Brother Henry which belongs to Thomas Wright at the death of J. William
 the widow born 42 Acres
 P. Barron

Thomas Wright
The Fifth Generation

Thomas Wright, one of the five sons of Henry Wright and Rachel Pettit Wright, was born circa 1772. His father died in 1793, leaving him, by survey, 20 acres of land Henry's grandmother, Mary Wright, had bought in 1693. Thomas was to receive 5 additional acres at the death of his uncle William, land that Henry had leased to William in 1784 for William's "natural life". As has been shown, Thomas Wright bought the shares of his brothers and two sisters between 1800 and 1831. The share he bought from sister Hessey in 1800, he and wife Rebecca sold to brother Edmund Wright on 15 April 1803 (DC Deeds 1800-1806, p. 260), the same day he purchased Edmund's share. On 16 February 1804, Edmund Wright "(son of Henry)" sold Hessey's 23 acres to Kendall Colony (p. 309). Thomas Wright bought 8 acres from Kendall and Tabitha Colony on 18 January 1808 (Deeds 1807-1810, p. 47). On 31 December 1836, Thomas Wright, Sen^r bought 26 acres from Colmer C. Hinman and wife Lovey H. for \$400, land near Metompkin, bordered "northwest by lands of aforesaid Thomas Wright, Sen^r" (Deeds 1835-1837, p. 526).

Thomas Wright married (1) Margaret Belote, daughter of George Belote, by a Northampton County bond of 16 December 1793 (North. Co. MLB 1706-1854, p. 115). He married (2) Rebecca Hickman, daughter of Isaiah Hickman, by a Worcester County, Maryland, license of 27 July 1802 (Wor. Co. Mar. Rec. 1795-1865, p. 18). Isaiah Hickman died testate in June 1808, leaving his land to daughters Rebeccah Wright and Polly Hickman (Wills 1806-1809, p. 564). A survey and division of this land was made on 20 October 1808, and it was found to contain 135 acres, of which Rebecca Wright received 76 acres (Surveyors Record #4, p. 23).

Thomas Wright wrote his will on 22 July 1848 and it was recorded on 28 August of the same year (Wills 1846-1882, p. 49). He left part of his land to son Samuel Wright, and the balance, on the east, to son William Thomas Wright. Since neither

son had married at this time, he directed that if either died without heirs, the land was to go to the rest of his children. He left daughter Elizabeth Wright a Negro girl named Sarah and one-half his "wife Rebekah's maiden land". He gave daughter Mary Ann Rew, wife of James Rew, \$800 for her children. He left daughter Catherine Wright \$400 and " Selby Hickman land". He gave \$400 to Catherine Hope, "daughter of my daughter Nancy Hope". Daughter Sarah Wright was to receive \$300 and "other half of Rebekah's land". Son William Thomas was given "one horse cart and one Oxen Wain". The balance of Thomas Wright's farming equipment was to be divided between his two sons, who were to serve as his executors. He also spoke of articles he had purchased "to repair and build improvements such as plank, scanteling, bricks & c" and directed his children, knowing his intentions, to use "said articles as I would have done".

On 25 December 1848, Rebecca Wright, widow of Thomas Wright, Sen^r, renounced her husband's will (Deeds 1848-1849, p. 363). Apparently, Rebecca needed more than the law allowed her to live on and wished to dispose of her "maiden" land herself.

The 1850 census shows William T. Wright, an unmarried 24-year-old farmer, as head of a household in Accomack Parish, which included his mother, Rebecca Wright, at 66 years, and three sisters: Elizabeth Wright, 44; Catherine Wright, 32; and Sally Wright, 25. In 1860, Rebecca Wright, 77, was head of a household, living with her two unmarried daughters, Elizabeth Wright and Catherine Wright.

Rebecca Wright "(widow of Thomas)" wrote her will on 8 September 1857 and it was recorded on 28 May 1866 (Wills 1846-1882, p. 207). She left her daughter Elizabeth Wright one-half of 138 acres "known as the Isaiah Hickman tract". She left daughter Sally, "wife of William Hope", the other half and \$100. She gave daughter Catherine Wright \$100, also daughter Mary Rew, "wife of James H. Rew".

She gave granddaughter Catherine Hope \$100. Sons Samuel Wright and William Thomas Wright were each to receive \$30. The balance of her estate was left to daughter Elizabeth and Elizabeth was named executrix. John A. Bundick, John P. Barnes and Edward Wright witnessed her will.

Thomas Wright and his wife, Rebecca Hickman Wright, were likely buried on his land, without tombstones, in a family plot, which today contains the stones of their two sons. Their children were:

1. Samuel Wright, born 7 September 1803, died 21 August 1877 (tombstone in Wright family plot on his father's land). Samuel Wright never married. He inherited part of his father's land in 1848. On 30 November 1847, he made an agreement with Iby Curtis (Free Negro), whereby, for \$15, he purchased "her child until of proper age to be free by law", a girl named Matilda (Deeds 1846-1848, p. 698). Samuel Wright purchased 25 to 30 acres from his uncle Edward Wright's heirs in 1847. On 14 September 1850, Samuel bought $11\frac{1}{2}$ additional acres from Colmore C. Hinman and wife Lovey (Deeds 1849-1850, p. 392).

Samuel Wright, aged 20 to 30 years, was living with his parents in 1830 and again in 1840, at 30 to 40 years. He was head of a household in 1850, a farmer with a 16-year-old farm laborer and a 9-year-old black female named Tinny Curtis in his household. His age was then given as 45 (47?). He was a 56-year-old farmer in 1860, when 60-year-old Esther Hickman (a cousin?) was living with him and Tabitha Finney, a 16-year-old "hired servant". By 1870, Samuel Wright was a retired farmer of 66 years.

Samuel Wright was listed as a 1st Lieutenant of the 99th Regiment of the Accomack County Militia in 1842 (Barnes, Vol. I, p. 140).

Samuel Wright wrote his will on 23 May 1876 and it was recorded on 27 August 1877 (Wills 1846-1882, p. 679). He left all the lands he bought of Colmore C. Hinman, land he bought of Edward Wright's heirs and \$800 to his niece, Willie Ann

Wright. If she should die without heirs or under 21, then the land and cash was to go to her brother, William Thomas Wright, and her sister, Margaret S. Wright, the children of William T. Wright. He named his brother, William T. Wright, as executor. Between the time Samuel Wright wrote his will and his death, his brother had died and John J. Blackstone was named to settle his estate. The land Samuel Wright inherited from his father was sold on 4 November 1879 to Thomas Littleton, as 70 acres at \$1711. The proceeds were divided, 1/5 each to: Mary Ann Rew, Catherine Wright, Catherine Hope, Sarah Hope, and the three children of William T. Wright (Chancery Orders 1877-1832, p. 361).

2. Elizabeth Wright, born circa 1806 (1850 census), died 10 August 1870 at 64 years, unmarried (Reg. of Deaths). Elizabeth Wright heired half of 138 acres of the Isaiah Hickman land from her mother in 1866. No record of her selling this land has been found.

3. Mary Ann Wright, born 1812, died 1893 (tombstone at Rew on the Rew farm, northand adjacent to the Wright farm). Mary Ann Wright married James H. Rew by a Worcester County, Maryland, license of 5 August 1830 (Wor. Co. Mar. Rec. 1795-1865, p. 108). James H. Rew was born 25 January 1810 and died 6 March 1879 (tombstone) By 1850, they had eight sons.

4. Catherine Wright, born circa 1813 (1850 census). Catherine Wright died 26 October 1893 at 80 years (Pen. Ent., November 4, 1893 issue). Catherine Wright wrote her will on 23 June 1890 and it was probated on 8 November 1893 (Wills 1882-1901, p. 263). She left her personal estate to her nephew, William T. Wright, provided he pay her medical bills, funeral expenses and other debts, with the exception of "one pair of gold spectacles and a half dozen silver tablespoons", which were to go to his daughter, Helen Wright, at his death.

5. Nancy/Ann (Rebecca Ann?) Wright, born circa 1820. Ann Wright, "daughter of Thomas Wright", married William Hope by a bond of 2 April 1839 (MLB 1832-1841,

p. 15). Both Thomas Wright and his widow Rebecca named a granddaughter Catherine Hope, in their wills, Thomas calling her "daughter of my daughter Nancy Hope". Catherine Hope "daughter of William K. and Rebecca Hope", born 1840, died 1896, is buried in a Hope family cemetery on the seaside road, south of Modest Town, with William K. Hope and his second wife, Sallie W. Catherine Hope's mother was deceased by 1850, when her father remarried her Aunt Sallie.

6. William Thomas Wright, born 1824. See next section.

7. Sarah/Sallie Wright, born circa 1825 (1850 census). Sallie Wright married her sister's widower, William Hope, by a Worcester County, Maryland, license of 4 July 1850 (Wor. Co. Mar. Rec. 1795-1865, p. 175). Sallie W. Hope, "second wife of William K. Hope" died in 1889, according to her tombstone with her niece and step-daughter, Catherine Hope, and that of her husband. William K. Hope's tombstone gives his birth on 14 February 1816 and death on 1 May 1869. Sallie W. Hope had one daughter, Louisiana Hope, who married William T. Gibbons (Deeds 53, p. 289).

Note: On 13 January 1835, George P. Barnes, Sen^r deeded 1 acre for \$1.00 to -

"Thomas Wright, Sen^r, Edmund Bell, William C. White, George Warner and William P. Barnes, Trustees appt^{ed} by Modest Town Baptist Church of the Metompkin meeting house --- for only purpose of Building a house of Worship for the benefit and use of the regular Baptists as long as a house shall be kept up on the premises for that purpose" (Deeds 1837-1839, p. 18).

The old Metompkin Baptist Church in the area had been destroyed by a tornado in 1833, but it was not until 1852 that a new building to replace it was built on the 1 acre above. This first Zion Baptist Church stood on the corner where the present brick building now stands (Mariner, p. 636). Since Thomas Wright, Sen^r died in 1848, he could not have helped build Zion Church. However, it seems likely he had been a member of the old Metompkin Church, and that his descendants were members of Zion, which stands within sight of their home.

William Thomas Wright
The Sixth Generation

William Thomas Wright, the younger son of Thomas and Rebecca Hickman Wright, was born in 1824 and died 17 December 1876 at 52, of typhoid fever (Reg. of Deaths). His tombstone stands in the Wright burial plot, with his brother Samuel Wright, his wife, Mary S. Wright, and four of their children, but the dates on his stone are now illegible.

William Thomas Wright inherited land and farming equipment from his father in 1848. He, unmarried, at 24 (26?) years of age, was head of the household that included his mother and three unmarried sisters in 1850. On 18 November 1857, William T. Wright, 33, "son of Thomas and Rebecca", married Mary S. Carey, 24, at the Methodist Church at Drummond Town (Mar. Reg. #3, p. 6). This record states that his bride was a daughter of Samuel S. Carey and his wife Mary.

Samuel S. Cary, 44, was Steward of Accomack County Poor House in 1850. The census of that year states he was born in Delaware. His wife, Mary S. Cary, 50, was born in Virginia, as was their daughter, Mary S. Cary, 16. Samuel S. Carey had married Miss Polly (Mary) Milliner, daughter of Smith Milliner, by bond of 6 August 1829 (MLB 1806-1832, p. 26). Samuel S. Carey died intestate by 30 September 1872 (Orders 1870-1873, p. 571).

The census for 1860 shows William T. Wright, a 38-year-old farmer, with his wife Mary S., 28, in household 589/590. There were no children in their household. His brother, Samuel Wright, was in household 609/610. Apparently Samuel Wright lived in the older house on their father's land and a new house was built on William's land by 1850, using the building materials of his father's will. After William married in 1857, his mother and his unmarried sisters likely went to live on the Isaiah Hickman land. Their household was numbered 1339/1335 in 1860, indicating they then lived farther down the county.

William Thomas Wright sold no land. On 23 January 1851, he bought 34 acres from Matilda S. Taylor for \$675, land that was bordered on the northeast by his other land and on the southeast by the public road (Deeds 1849-1851, p. 561). With this purchase, William T. Wright extended his land to present U.S. 13 (old Wallops Road).

The 1870 census shows William Thomas Wright, here called Thomas Wright, at 45, head of a household in Metompkin Township (District). His wife Mary was 37 and they had three children: Thomas Wright at 10 years, Margaret Wright at 7, and Anna Wright at 9 months.

William Thomas Wright died intestate. His estate had been settled by his administrators, John W. Gillet and John J. Blackstone, by 28 January 1878, when they filed their account (Fiduciary Accts. 1877-1880, p. 270). A sum of \$3154.47 was then due the estate. An appraisal of William T. Wright's personal estate had been made on 8 January 1877 and the items listed were sold the next day (Inv. 1874-1879, p. 298). His widow bought several items and his brother Samuel, a canoe. At the end of this six-page account appears: "A list of items under the Statue for the Benefit of the widow and infant children of the deceased". There are 28 items listed here, totaling \$239.10 in appraised value. They include: "The Family Bible, "Family Pictures, School Books & c", three beds and bedding, one horse, one cow, chairs, a table, knives, forks, spoons, dishes, "two Baisins", one iron pot, a spinning wheel, an axe, two hoes, five bushels corn, flour, pork, one cooking stove and utensils, three hogs and fodder (p. 304). John W. Gillet was guardian of the three underage children until they were grown (Fid. Accts. 1877-1880, pp. 612, 613, 615, through 1883-1887).

The census of 1880 lists Mary S. Wright, 47, as head of a household in Metompkin District. Her son Thomas W. (William Thomas, II) was 19, daughter Maggie S. was 15 and daughter Willianna was 11.

Mary S. Wright, widow of William Thomas Wright, wrote her will on 10 November 1896 and it was probated on 28 March 1898 (Wills 1882-1901, p. 409). She left son William T. Wright \$300 and made him executor. Daughter Margaret S. Dix was given \$350 and daughter Willianna C. Bundick \$300. The balance of her estate was to go "to the said three children". Mary S. Wright was buried beside her husband in the Wright family plot. Her stone gives her birth on 9 January 1833 and death on 4 February 1898.

The children of William Thomas Wright and his wife, Mary S. Carey Wright, were:

1. Catherine Wright, born 1858. Catherine Wright, "daughter of Thomas and Mary Wright", died on 10 June 1870, at 12 years, 3 months, 0 days, of "Disintary" (Reg. of Deaths, p. 8). There is no tombstone for this daughter in the family plot and she was not listed in her parents household in 1860 or 1870.
2. William Thomas Wright, born 1859, died 1859 (tombstone in family plot).
3. William Thomas Wright, born 1861, died 1942. See next section.
4. Margaret S. Wright, born 11 September 1864, died 20 February 1923 (tombstone in family plot). Maggie S. Wright, 22, "daughter of William T. and Mary S. Wright", married Charles C. Dix, 29, at Woodbury Church, on 27 October 1886 (Mar. Reg. #3, p. 90). He was a son of Dr. Asa T. Dix and wife Lydia J. Dix. Her obituary states that Margaret Satchell Dix and her husband were living in Pocomoke City, Maryland, when she died of heart trouble at 57 years (Pen. Ent., 24 Feb. 1923). Her obituary does not give her children, but when her sister Willianna C. Bundick died in 1932, she had three Dix nephews: Asa Dix of Eastville, Carey Dix "of the West" and Stockley Dix of Portsmouth, Virginia. A daughter, Mary Carey Dix, born 24 January 1889, died 12 March 1905, is buried in the family plot.
5. Willianna C. Wright, born 13 July 1869, died 6 July 1932 (tombstone in family plot). Willie C. Wright, 26, "daughter of William T. and Mary C. Wright",

married John A. Bundick, Jr., 29, on 30 October 1895 (Mar. Reg. #3, p. 132). He was the son of John A. Bundick and his second wife, Annie W. Hickman Bundick. This couple had no children and she, a widow, was living at Eastville, with her nephew, Asa Dix, when she died (Pen. Ent., 9 July 1932 issue).

6. Mary Carey Wright, born 15 August 1875, died 22 August 1875 (tombstone in family plot).

William Thomas Wright, II
The Seventh Generation

William Thomas Wright, II, was born in 1861 and died in 1942 (tombstone in Parksley Cemetary). Like his father, he was sometimes referred to as Thomas Wright in local records. He was the only living son of William Thomas Wright and his wife, Mary S. Carey Wright. His father died intestate in 1876, when he was 15 years of age, and he lost his mother in 1898.

The 1900 census gives William Wright as a 38-year-old farmer, living in Lee District. His wife was Annie J. Wright, 33, and there were three children in their household: Helen L. Wright at 12 years, Annie M. Wright at 9 years and William T. Wright, Jr. at 8 years. They had had three children, all of whom were living. This record also states that they had been married 14 years.

While no marriage record has been found, it is known from other records that William Thomas Wright, II, married Annie Jackson Bundick circa 1886 (see Bundicks of Accomack County, Virginia). She was a daughter of John A. Bundick by his second wife, Annie W. Hickman, and a sister to John A. Bundick, Jr., who married sister, Willianna C. Wright, in 1895.

William Thomas Wright, II, was one of the heirs of his uncle Samuel Wright and received one-third of his father's share of Samuel's estate in 1879. He also inherited one-third of his father's land and personal property in 1876. John W. Gillet was his guardian, to protect his inheritances, until he became 21 in 1882.

On 7 October 1884, William T. Wright, for \$1200, bought his sister Margaret S. Wright's one-third of their father's land (Deeds 57, p. 649). On 1 February 1892, he bought the other third from sister Willianna Wright, for \$1100 (Deeds 64, p. 366). Both deeds stipulated that the land was "subject to the dower of Mary S. Wright", their mother, and the last deed called the entire tract 160 acres. William T. Wright exchanged 4 or 5 acres with Patrick J. Rew on 27 January 1886

(Deeds 58, p. 125) This was likely an agreement whereby the lines of both farms were straightened, as Patrick J. Rew (1846-1923) is buried on the adjacent farm, north of the Wright land. He was a first cousin, a son of Mary Ann Wright Rew and her husband, James H. Rew (1860 census).

William Thomas Wright, II, owned his father's farm of 160 acres by 1892. The back or western part of the land consisted of approximately 85 acres that was part of 200 acres his ancestor Mary Wright bought in 1693. This farm is located at Rew, on U.S. 13, directly across the highway from the Owl Restaurant. It is owned today by Joanne Wright Widmayer, granddaughter of William Thomas Wright, II (Deeds 271, p. 119).

On 11 December 1908, Annie J. Wright, for \$3600, bought 46 acres near Pastoria, called the "Core Land", from John S. Parsons, Special Commissioner (Deeds 91, p. 457). This was land that had belonged to her sister, Grace L. Bundick. The tract was sold by Annie J. Wright's surviving daughter and daughter-in-law, both widows, on 3 February 1959, to A. Garland Evans, for \$6500 (Deeds 231, p. 80). It is located on U.S. 13 at Pastoria, in Lee District, approximately one-half mile south of Garland Evans's home, across the highway from Bay Country Homes.

Apparently this was the home of William Thomas Wright, II, and his family in 1900. They had moved to the home farm by 1910, however, when they were living on "Middle Road" in Metompkin District. William T. Wright was then 48 years of age and a Commissioner of the Revenue for Accomack County. Wife Annie J. Wright was 45 and their three children were 21, 19, and 18, respectively. W. T. Wright, 53 (59?), was again head of a Metompkin District household in 1920, when his occupation was "Oyster Inspector". Living with him and his wife was daughter, Helen L. Wright, at 30 years.

Mr. William Thomas Wright, "a former county official and a highly esteemed

citizen, passed away at his home near Rew, Virginia, Thursday, December 3 after after a short illness", according to his obituary in the December 11, 1942 issue of the Peninsula Enterprise. Besides having been Commissioner of the Revenue, he had also been an Oyster Inspector and race secretary of the Peninsula Fair Association. He was a lifelong Democrat and an election official. He was an original subscriber to the Peninsula Enterprise, from its inception on 30 June 1881. He was survived by three children, Mrs. Helen Rew, Mrs. William R. Eggers, and Commander William T. Wright, Jr., and by two grandchildren, Miss Jo Anne L. Wright and Mr. John B. Wright of the U.S. Coast Guard. He did not leave a will.

His widow, Annie J. Wright, apparently lived on her land near Pastoria until after the death of her elder daughter in 1945. She died at her home in Bethesda, Maryland, on 30 May 1950, aged 87 years, and was buried beside her husband in Parksley Cemetery (Obituary in Pen. Ent., June 2, 1950 issue). Her tombstone gives her birth in 1863 and death in 1950 (Graven Stones, p. 286). She, too, did not leave a will. She was survived by two children, Mrs. Annie W. Eggers and Dr. W. T. Wright and by two married granddaughters and a grandson, Jack Wright.

The children of William Thomas Wright, II, and his wife, Annie J. Bundick Wright, were:

1. Helen Louise Wright, born 24 January 1887 (Reg. of Births). Helen Wright married A. J. Rew, late in life, circa 1930, as his second wife. She died on 4 August 1945 and had no children, as her mother was her only heir (Wills 25, p. 8) She was buried in Parksley Cemetery (Graven Stones, p. 213).

2. Annie May Wright, born 24 October 1888 (Reg. of Births). She married William R. Eggers, who was not an Eastern Shore man. They had no children. The last time her name has been found in local records was 16 September 1966.

3. William Thomas Wright, Jr., born 24 February 1891 (Reg. of Births). See next section.

William Thomas Wright, Jr.
or
Rear Admiral William Thomas Wright, D.D.S.
The Eighth Generation

William Thomas Wright, Jr., youngest child and only son of William Thomas Wright, II, and his wife, Annie Jackson Bundick Wright, was born on 24 February 1891 (Reg. of Births). He was listed as their 18-year-old son in the Accomack County census of 1910.

An article, with his picture, on the front page of the March 24, 1944 issue of the Peninsula Enterprise, tells of Rear Admiral William Thomas Wright and his wife, of Baltimore, visiting his mother and sisters of Rue. It states that he was the first Eastern Shoreman to reach the rank of Rear Admiral and was one of only three in the Dental Corp in the United States. He graduated from the University of Maryland in 1914, with the degree of Doctor of Dental Surgery. He had served in World War I in the U.S. Army, with the rank of First Lieutenant and later Captain. He was overseas for 15 months, a part of this time with the army of occupation, and had been in the U.S. Public Health Service since 1920.

The article continues by stating that Rear Admiral Wright had married Miss Jean Boteler, of Baltimore, and they had two children: Miss Joanne L. Wright, a freshman at Randolph Macon Woman's College, and John B. Wright, Pharmacist Mate, First Class, U.S. Coast Guard, stationed in Baltimore, Maryland.

The March 25, 1954 issue of the same newspaper gives an account of the sudden death of Rear Admiral Wright, at his home in Bethesda, Maryland, on the previous Sunday. His obituary gives essentially the same information as the article of 1944, but adds that he served in the Navy, in the Dental Corps, during World War II.

Family records show that Dr. Wright married Eugenia Boteler, in Baltimore, on 25 October 1919, that he died on 20 March 1954 and was buried in Arlington

National Cemetery. The same source adds that Dr. Wright and his wife had had a third child, William Thomas Wright, IV, who died in March 1924 at two years of age, of scarlet fever.

Dr. William Thomas Wright wrote his will on 22 May 1923. It was found among his effects on 15 December 1954, and recorded in Accomack County on 18 June 1955 (Wills 27, p. 94). He left his entire estate to his widow, Jean B. Wright. Jean B. Wright put the Accomack County land she had inherited from her husband, in joint tenure on 19 June 1967, in her name and that of her daughter, Joanne Wright Widmayer (Deeds 271, p. 119). This included 180 acres near Rew, land bound on the north by land formerly owned by Patrick Rew, and 54 acres near Zion Church in Parkers Neck.

WRIGHT CHART I

1st Generation

2nd Generation

3rd Generation

4th Generation

5th Generation

Henry
b.c. 1645
d. int. 1671
m.c. 1668, Ann
Fowkes

Mary
b.c. 1670
d. int. c. 1710
m.c. 1695?
Edward Wright?
William Wright?

Henry
b.c. 1700
d. ?
m.c. 1730, Nanny/Ann
Scarburgh

William
b.c. 1703
d. int. 1733
w. Mary

? Mackwilliams
b.c. 1706
d.t. 1786
m. (1) c. 1733,
Mary Dix
(2) Eliz. _____

Henry
b.c. 1735
d. int. 1793
m.c. 1768, Rachel
Pettit

William, Sen^r
b.c. 1740
d. int. c. 1815
m. (1) Asha _____
(2) Comfort _____

Elizabeth?
m. Edward Hickman

William
Elijah
Abel
Jacob
George
Henry
Elizabeth
Rachel
Sinah
Leah

Henry, b.c. 1770
deceased by 1820
m.c. 1792, Ann/Nancy
Savage Bunting, widow
(see Chart II)

Thomas, b.c. 1772
d.t. 1848
m. (1) 1793, Margaret
Belote
(2) 1802, Rebecca
Hickman
(see Chart III)

William, b.c. 1775
d. int. c. 1825
m. 1797, Patience Dix
(see Chart IV)

Tabitha, b.c. 1776
m. 1796, Kendall Colony

John, b.c. 1778
deceased by 1820
m. 1802, Betsy Dunton

Esther/Hessey, b.c. 1779

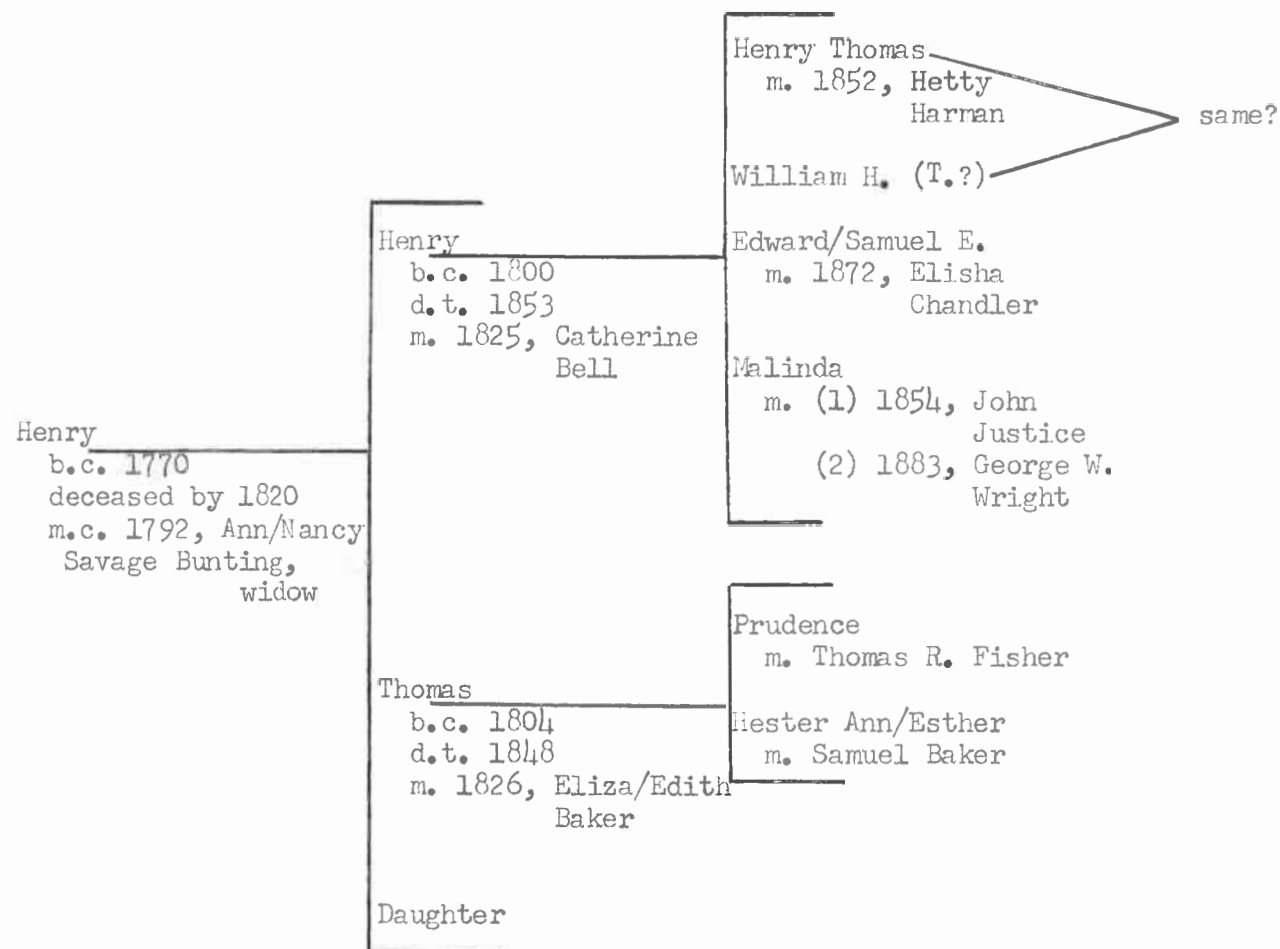
Edmund/Edward, b.c. 1780
d. int. 1844
m. 1808, Susanna
Littleton
(see Chart V)

WRIGHT CHART II

5th Generation

6th Generation

7th Generation



WRIGHT CHART III

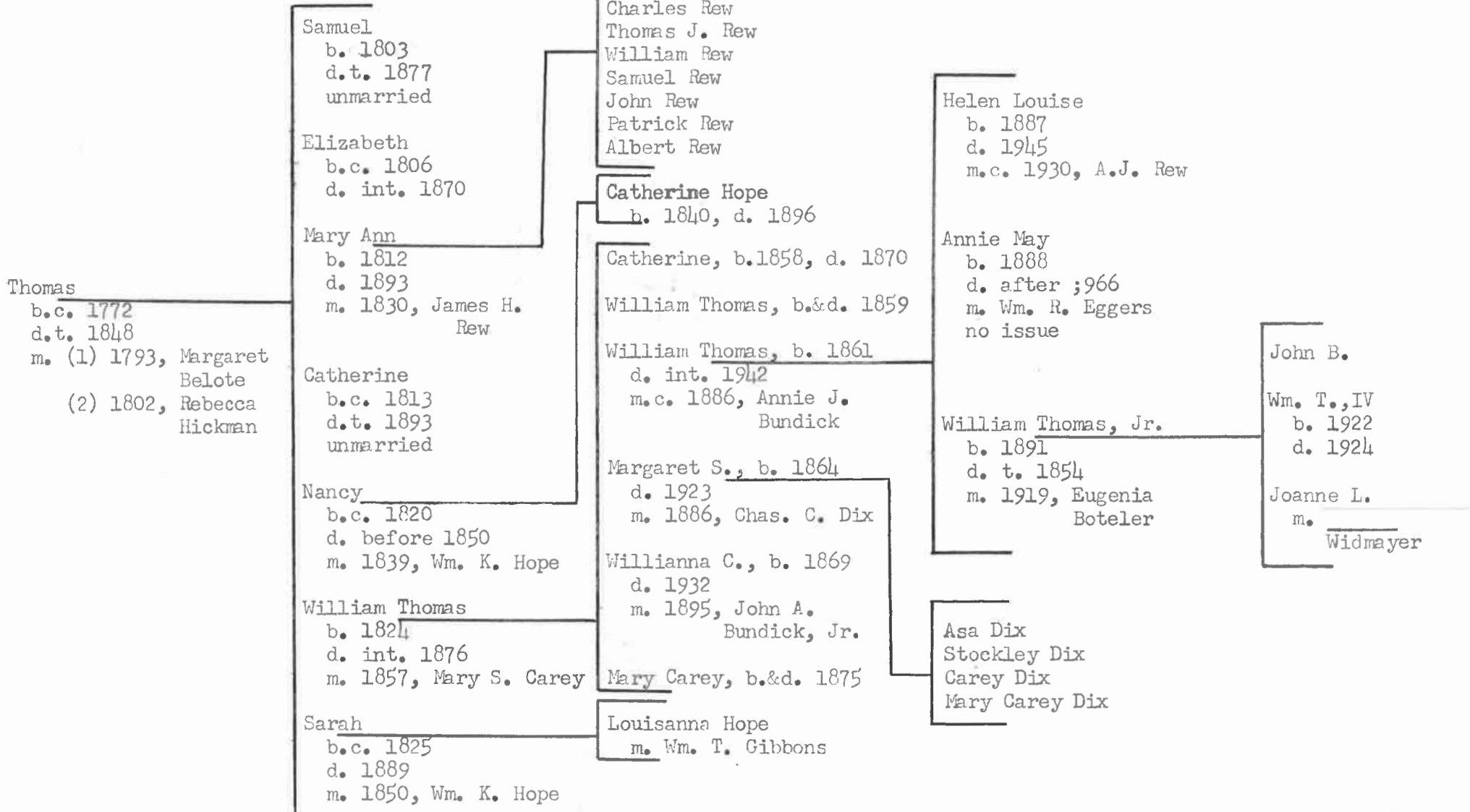
5th Generation

6th Generation

7th Generation

8th Generation

9th Generation



WRIGHT CHART IV

5th Generation

6th Generation

7th Generation

8th Generation

William
b.c. 1775
d. int. c. 1825
m. 1797, Patience
Dix

Walter
b.c. 1798
d.t. 1844
m. 1825, Henny
Sparrow

Capt. Charles
b.c. 1826
d. int. 1890
m. 1848, Margaret A.
Grey

Sarah
b.c. 1831

William
b.c. 1834

David
b.c. 1840
m. 1874, Nancy Mason
Mears, widow

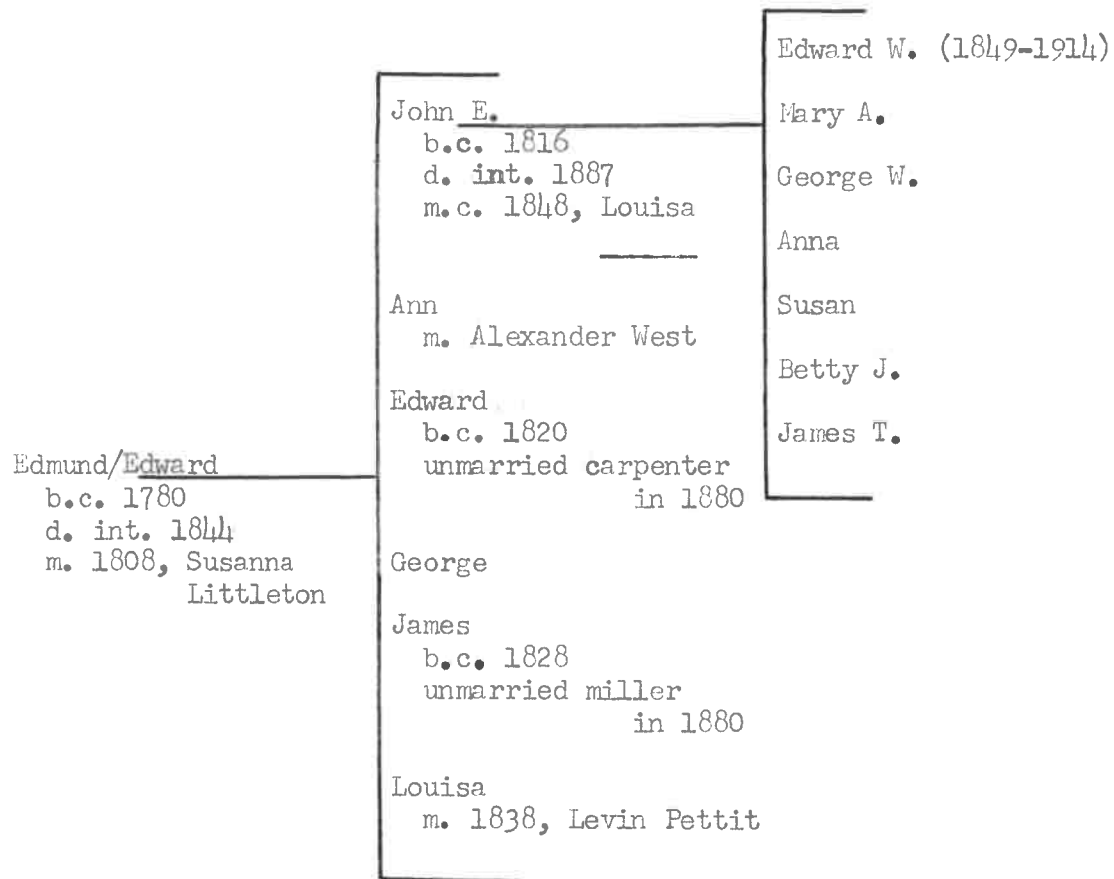
William E.
Alfred J. (1849-1927)
Mary F.
Bettie A.
Sallie S.A.
Melissa
George
Charlie W.
Maggie

WRIGHT CHART V

5th Generation

6th Generation

7th Generation



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Mrs. Mary Frances Carey
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Dear Mrs. Carey;

Happy New Year! I am devoting today to trying to get together the data which you asked about. I believe I sent some info to you via postal card right before Thanksgiving. Since then, I have been busy, as I am sure you have been.

My father Wm. T. Wright, Jr., attended City College High School in Baltimore, Md. and graduated from Univ. of Md. Dental School in 1914. I have his year book. Family lore says my grandmother (Annie Jackson Bundick) moved to Baltimore in the winter so my father could attend high school. He married my mother, Jean Boteler (Eugenia Essie Boteler) October 25, 1919. My father was 28 at the time and my mother, 24. She was a graduate of Baltimore City Teachers College, now Towson State I believe.

My father was not in the Navy, despite his rank of Admiral. He was an Assistant Surgeon General in the United States Public Health Service, a commissioned officer corps established in 1798 (then called the United States Marine Hospital Service) 1798-1902; United States Public Health and Marine Hospital Service 1902-1912; and U.S. Public Health Service since 1912. There are no more Public Health Service Hospitals - but the National Institutes of Health is the result. We lived on Staten Island, NY from 1930-1935. My father was at the U.S. Marine Hospital there; then transferred to the Balto. Marine Hosp. Later called the U.S. PHS Hospital on Wyman Park Drive across from Hopkins University. He was transferred to Washington in 1939 and we have remained here. He died March 20, 1954 and is buried in Arlington National Cemetery as is my mother. Mother died October 19, 1969. Her birthday is April 26, 1895.

My Aunt Anne (Annie May Wright) Eggers is buried in Druid Ridge Cemetery in Baltimore, with her husband Will Eggers. October 24, 1888 (according to family bible) and died in 1976 I believe. I guess I could determine that by writing Druid Ridge. I believe my Aunt Helen Wright Rew is buried in Parksley. She died about 1943 or 1944 but I have no records at all. Perhaps you could determine this for me.

More data: WTW Jr. in the U.S. Army Dental Corps July 26, 1917 to August 30, 1919 and in the U.S. P.H.S. from April 1920 to his retirement.

or thereabouts

My father is listed in Who's Who in America Fiftieth Anniversary Edition, Volume 25 1948-1949 P.2757, but I believe I have covered the basics.

I am finishing this letter on Jan. 20th in the midst of the worst weather I can remember. We have four inches of ICE on the neighborhood streets, plus this typewriter ribbon isn't working right and I am going to trudge through ice and snow to get this (belatedly) to a mail box.

On our next trip to the shore I will be looking forward to having a chat with you in person.

Sincerely,

Joanne W. Widmayer
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Admiral William Thomas Wright, Jr.
25 Feb 1891 -20 Mar 1954
Assistant Surgeon General Dental
U.S. Public Health Service



Willie Wright



Mary Ann Carey Wright



Annie Jackson Bundick
 (Lola) Wright



William Thomas Wright



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Tom Wright, Jr.
Tom Wright, Sr.
Tommy Wright, III
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Jean Boteler Wright
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