

In 1788, William Pinkney was a delegate to the convention which ratified the Constitution of the United States. He was later a member of the House, Senate and Council. In 1796, was commissioner under the Jay treaty. In 1805, was Attorney-General of Maryland. In 1806, was minister to England. In 1811, was Attorney-General of the United States.

At the battle of Bladensburg, in 1812, he commanded a volunteer company, and was wounded. He handed down to his distinguished relative, Bishop William Pinkney, of Bladensburg, a statement giving the cause of that disastrous defeat as a want of both powder and preparation. Mr. Pinkney was in Congress in 1815, and a minister to Russia in 1816. Upon his return, he was given an ovation in his native city. In 1819, he was elected United States Senator, which he held until his death in 1822.

The latest Pinkney homestead, in Annapolis, stood facing the State House. The site is now occupied by the new State building for the Court of Appeals and State Library, but the Pinkney building was removed intact, to a site opposite College Green. It is still held by his descendants.

HON. REVERDY JOHNSON.

Honorable Reverdy Johnson was born at Annapolis, 21st of May, 1796, in the house, the beautiful park of which, extends to State House Circle, now the property of Hon. J. Wirt Randall.

Mr. Johnson was educated at St. John's College, and at seventeen years of age, began the study of law. He was the son of Hon. John Johnson, Judge of the Court of Appeals and Attorney-General of Maryland, who married Deborah Ghiselen, daughter of Reverdy Ghiselen, long commissioner of the Land Office at Annapolis.

Reverdy Johnson commenced his career at Marlborough. His first attempt was a failure. He became discouraged and thought of giving it up; but upon the advice of Judge Edmund Key, of that judicial circuit, determined to continue. He was appointed State's Attorney for Prince George, in 1817. Two years later removed to Baltimore, where he made the reputation of a profound student of law. With Mr. Thomas Harris, he reported the decisions of the Maryland Court of Appeals (seven volumes).

In 1821, he was elected a State Senator and re-elected in 1825. In 1845, was chosen United States Senator; resigning, in 1849, to accept the office of Attorney-General under President Taylor. He was a member of the Peace Commission, in 1861; was elected United States Senator again in 1862. In 1868, General Grant appointed him minister to England, where he negotiated the treaty for the settlement of the Alabama claims. This treaty was rejected and he was recalled in 1869. Though a Unionist, he voted, in 1866, against the impeachment of President Johnson.

Reverdy Johnson married Mary Mackall Bowie, daughter of Governor Robert Bowie. Her portrait, painted by Sully, whilst at the Court of St. James, is now in the Peabody Institute. She was

the financial manager of the household that he might be free for public duties. In 1869, they celebrated their golden wedding. She died in 1873, and he in 1876, whilst a guest at the governor's mansion in Annapolis, within a stone's throw of his birthplace, and in sight of his Alma Mater.

SAPPINGTON FAMILY.

The records of All Hallows show two brothers, Thomas and John Sappington, near South River. They had clearly come down the bay from the homestead of Nathaniel Sappington, of Cecil County, whose home was near the Sassafras River.

The will of Thomas Rutland, of South River, probated 1731, names his son, Thomas; daughter, Elizabeth Stuart; grandson, Thomas Sappington, and granddaughter, Jeane, child of daughter Ann Wayman, wife of Leonard Wayman.

The records of All Hallows show the marriage of Thomas Sappington to Mary Rutland, and the birth of their son, Thomas Sappington, legatee of Thomas Rutland. John Sappington, of All Hallows, located his son, John Sappington, Jr., upon the estate known as "Sappington," upon which still stands the quaint little college at Sappington Station, of the Annapolis & Elk Ridge railroad. The present house is claimed to have been built by Caleb Sappington, of John, Jr. It is an interesting relic of earlier days.

The Sappington family will be continued in Howard County records.

RUTLAND FAMILY.

Thomas Rutland, the settler, married a daughter of Thomas Linthicum. Three succeeding Thomas Rutlands follow. The daughters of the first were, Mrs. Elizabeth Stuart, Mrs. Ann Wayman and Mrs. Mary Sappington. Thomas Rutland's will, of 1783, names his descendants.

The second Thomas Rutland married Ann Beale daughter of John and Elizabeth Norwood, daughter of Andrew by his wife, Elizabeth Howard, of Captain Cornelius. The will of Mrs. Thomas Rutland, in 1773, names her aunt, Hannah Norwood.

She gave a pair of sleeve buttons to Mary Snowden, daughter of Eliza (Rutland) Snowden, but left the bulk of her estate to the daughters of her sister, Elizabeth (Nicholson) Dorsey. Those nieces were Ann Beale, Eliza Harrison and Mary Dorsey. The will of Joseph Howard shows his daughter married another Thomas Rutland. There was a row of houses in Annapolis, built by Thomas Rutland, the large importing merchant of Annapolis.

RANDALL.

Early among the land holders of North Severn, was Christopher Randall, who held "Randall's Range," "Randall's Fancy" and "Randall's Purchase." He died in 1684, when an inventory of his