

Secretary of State: OSWALD TILGHMAN (Democrat), of Talbot County.

Colonel Tilghman was born March 7, 1841, at Plimhimmon, near Oxford, Talbot County. His father was General Tench Tilghman, and his mother was a daughter of John Leeds Kerr, United States Senator from Maryland from 1841 to 1843. Colonel Tilghman was educated at the Maryland Military Academy at Oxford; settled in Washington County, Texas, in 1859, volunteered in the Confederate service in 1861 as a private in Company B, Terry's Texas Rangers; participated in the battle of Shiloh and in the battles before Richmond; was aid on the staff of his kinsman, General Lloyd Tilghman, who was killed in front of Vicksburg, Miss.; commanded the Rock City Artillery of Nashville, Tenn., a heavy battery on the banks of the Mississippi river, during the siege of Port Hudson, La. This battery took an active part in the destruction of the United States steam Frigate Mississippi in March, 1863, when Admiral Farragut's fleet attempted to pass the Confederate batteries at Port Hudson. Admiral George Dewey was executive officer on board this frigate in this memorable engagement. Colonel Tilghman was the only one of the four officers in his battery not killed during the siege of Port Hudson. He was commended for his gallantry by Lieutenant-Colonel P. F. De Gournay, who commanded the left wing of the Confederate batteries. Upon the capitulation of Port Hudson he was sent a prisoner of war to Johnson's Island, on Lake Erie, Ohio, where he was held till the close of the war.

Colonel Tilghman again settled in his native county, read law with Senator Charles H. Gibson, and has been engaged ever since in the practice of his profession and in the real estate business in Easton, Md. He has induced to locate permanently in Talbot County many prominent and wealthy persons, to whom he has sold country seats, and who have contributed in a large degree to the general prosperity of the section.

He married in 1884 Miss Belle Harrison, second daughter of Dr. Samuel A. Harrison, the historian and annalist of Talbot County. Their only son Samuel Harrison Tilghman, is pursuing a course in civil engineering at Lehigh University.

AT YORKTOWN CENTENNIAL.

On the 19th of October, 1881, Colonel Tilghman, having been appointed by Governor William T. Hamilton one of the two Commissioners, with the rank of Colonel, to represent the State of Maryland at the Yorktown Centennial, wore on that occasion the sword presented by Congress to his illustrious ancestor, Colonel Tench Tilghman, Washington's favorite aide-camp, one hundred years before for his services in bearing