

ELIJAH VIERS WHITE FAMILY HISTORY  
&  
EDWARD WOOTTON FAMILY HISTORY

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PREFACE

This family history was started due to: “*The True History of White’s Ferry and the Virginia Landing*,” by Rande Davis, an article in *The Monocacy Monocle*, of April 28, 2023, page 1. That article focused on the legal history of the ferry. This report, Volume I, focuses on civilian Elijah Viers White, the post-1871 namesake and owner of the ferry, and Dr. Edward Wootton, physician and business partner.

Text within (parenthesis) was found in the original document. Text within [brackets] is something I added for clarity or because it was missing from the original.

Edward Wootton and Elijah V. White had a partnership, beginning Dec. 1877 until Jan. 9, 1886. By that time, Edward Wootton was indebted to Elijah V. White in the amount of \$11,500, for which Edward Wootton accepted a mortgage on his properties as collateral for six promissory notes.

In Volume II, I have included all the land records for Elijah V. White and Edward Wootton that I could find in Loudoun County, Virginia and Montgomery County, Maryland. There are many records for their siblings and descendants; not included to preserve focus on the history of these two men. The land records are arranged alphabetically and then numerically. Usually, that results in a chronological order; but not always. Keep looking. Readers who find other records relevant to the two men are encouraged to alert the author for possible inclusion. Many thanks to Sarah Hedlund, Archivist/Librarian, Montgomery History for help in finding the Montgomery County land records. Many thanks to Lori Kimball, Clerk, Historic Records Division, Circuit Court, Leesburg, Va. for help in finding the Loudoun County land records.

Both E. V. White and Dr. E. Wootton served in the Civil War, Confederate side. Dr. Wootton was an assistant surgeon assigned to Col. White’s command. Readers wishing to learn more about their service should consult: “COLONEL ELIJAH VEIRS WHITE” by Charles and Marian Waters Jacobs, PART I, Vol. 21, No. 4, and PART II, Vol. 22, No. 1, Published by the Montgomery County Historical Society. This report is focused on their relationship with the Chesapeake and Ohio Canal in civilian life.

I have added some family information to help other researchers and used “The White Families,” by William N. Hurley, Jr. © 2011, Heritage Books as my reference in genealogical questions. My interest in the two men stops with their departure from the canal.

New information on the two men would be welcome.

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On or about Apr. 24, 1830, the Chesapeake & Ohio Canal Company purchased 6 acres and 1 perch of land from Deborah M Deakins at Conrad's Ferry, agreeing to build a culvert under the canal of sufficient dimensions to pass livestock through, and if practicable of sufficient size for a man on horseback and an uncovered wagon to pass through.<sup>1</sup> The culvert was built as agreed; it was adequate until 1864 when the culvert was so filled with debris that wagons could not pass. We are getting ahead of the story.

Elijah Viers White was born on Aug. 29, 1832 at "Stoney Castle," Poolesville, Maryland. He was the fourth and last child born to Stephen N. and Mary E. White. His brother, Benjamin V. White would remain on the family farm, caring for his invalid mother until her death in 1855, he inherited the family farm and raised his family there.

Edward Wootton was born on Dec. 20, 1839 near Rockville, Maryland. He was the third of four children born to Thomas and Oliva Wootton.

At the risk of getting ahead of the story again, on May 7, 1850, Benjamin Sparrow mortgaged his goods, household stuff and personal property as collateral for the rent of \$160 per annum, paid quarterly, to Dr. Turner Wootton for the use of the Wootton mill and mill dwelling.<sup>2</sup> For an unknown reason the mortgage agreement was not recorded until May 14, 1852.

The 1850 census listed Stephen N. White, age 57, a farmer with real estate valued at \$6,100, living in Medleys District, Montgomery County, Md.<sup>3</sup> Living with him were: Mary, age 59, wife; Benjamin, age 25, son, a farmer; and Elijah V., age 17, son, a student. All of the family were born in Maryland. Daughter Mary Elizabeth White had already died at age 13, on Feb. 22 1839, and daughter Annie Viers White had already married on Dec. 17 1846.

The 1850 census reported Dr. Turner Wootton, age 51, a physician with real estate valued at \$12,000, living in Rockville, Montgomery County, Md.<sup>4</sup> Living with him were: Caroline, age 44, wife; Martha, age 17, daughter; Henry, age 12, son; Edward, age 10, son; and Ella, age 8, daughter. All of the family were born in Maryland. Dr. Turner Wootton did own seven slaves, three men and four women, all adults.

Elijah V. White was first educated at Lima Seminary, Rochester, NY, 1848-49. During the 1850-51 academic year, he was enrolled in the Preparatory Dept., Classical Course, Second Class, Granville College, Ohio. He graduated in 1854; the institution is now known as Denison University, located in Granville, Licking County, Ohio.

That same year, on March 23, 1854, Turner Wootton, in consideration of \$5, gave his 20-year-old daughter, Martha Wootton, a Deed of Trust to the 100-acre family farm as a fund to provide for the scholastic and professional education of his two sons, viz.; Henry E. (age 17) and Edward (age 15) Wootton.<sup>5</sup> It apparently worked, in that Henry went on to become a lawyer and Edward followed in his father's footsteps and became a physician. The Wootton family were reasonably well off; Dr. Turner Wootton had his medical practice, the farm and a Mill on the farm. The Mill was a custom mill, that is, it

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<sup>1</sup> Montgomery County Courthouse, Rockville, Md., Deed Book BS 3, page 123, recorded 5/5/1830.

<sup>2</sup> Montgomery County Courthouse, Rockville, Md., Deed Book JGH 1, page 260, recorded 5/14/1852.

<sup>3</sup> 1850 Census, Maryland, Montgomery County, Medleys District, enumerated 9/3/1850, p. 43.

<sup>4</sup> 1850 Census, Maryland, Montgomery County, Rockville, enumerated 8/28/1850, p. 61.

<sup>5</sup> Montgomery County Courthouse, Rockville, Md., Deed Book JGH 3, p. 158 recorded 2/23/1854.

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operated when local farmers brought in their grain for milling and Benjamin Sparrow kept a percentage of the product, or cash, as payment. The profits from the Mill and timber cutting on the farm, were excepted from the Trust. That action was timely, because Dr. Turner Wootton died on Sept. 18, 1855, leaving a wife and four children to mourn his demise. Montgomery County Orphans' Court named Olivia C. Wootton, Executrix of the estate, as of Oct. 9, 1855.<sup>6</sup>

In 1856 Elijah V. White, age 24 years, was living in Montgomery County, Maryland, probably at "Stoney Castle," his parents' 700-acre plantation, located three miles north of Edward's Ferry, Maryland.

On July 29, 1856, Elijah V. White, in consideration of \$6,784 paid and secured to be paid, purchased two tracts of land in Loudoun County, Virginia, one tract containing 148+ acres and the other 63+ acres, from John R. and Sarah Ellen Johnson and John A. and Jane C. Sisson.<sup>7</sup> That same day, July 29, 1856, Elijah V. White, of Montgomery County, Md., borrowed \$8,244 dollars from Matthew Harrison and used some of it to purchase the two lots of land, using said two lots of land as collateral for the loan.<sup>8</sup> E. V. White signed two Bills or Notes [one for \$2,460 and one for \$1,784] and a Bond [for \$2,500 on the day of the death of Sarah Williams]. The reader will notice that leaves \$40 available to Elijah V. White for other expenses.

On Jan. 1, 1857, in consideration of \$4,921.92, John and Matilda Moore, of Loudoun County, Va., sold 144+ acres of land, in Loudoun County, near Spink's Ferry, to Elijah V. White, of Maryland.<sup>9</sup> Elijah V. White used the parcel of land as collateral for two bonds in the amount of \$1,460.96 each, as deferred payments.<sup>10</sup> The bonds were payable to John Moore, the first on 1/1/1858 and the second on 1/1/1859. The reader will notice that the two bonds add up to only \$2,921.92; the remaining \$2,000 of purchase money was made as a down payment.

Benjamin Edwards owned and operated the ferry service named after him until his death in 1803; at which time his wife, Elizabeth, and his son, Philip, continued to operate the ferry until circa 1850, when Daniel G. Smith purchased the Virginia property, and kept the ferry in service until circa 1860. A Richard Brightwell owned the 1,086-acre, complementary property on the Maryland side. The actual ferry boat was 20-feet in length, 12-feet in width and had to be poled 1,300 feet across the Potomac. There was no rope or wire across the Potomac so the current invariably carried the ferry-boat downstream; in other words, the two landings were not at one spot but rather distributed downstream. The out-flow from Goose Creek compounded the difficulty of landing on the Virginia shore.

The 1860 census listed Elizah [*sic*. Elijah] V. White, age 27, a farmer with a personal estate valued at \$10,000 and real estate valued at \$12,000, living in Gordonsville, Loudoun County, Va.<sup>11</sup> Living with him were: Sarah, age 24, wife; Stephen N., age 2, son; and Melvin, age 3/12, son.

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<sup>6</sup> *Montgomery County sentinel*, Rockville, Md., newspaper, Saturday, 12/8/1855, p. 3.

<sup>7</sup> Loudoun County Courthouse, Leesburg, Va., Deed Book 5 N, p. 269 recorded 8/25/1856.

<sup>8</sup> Loudoun County Courthouse, Leesburg, Va., Deed Book 5 N, p. 362 recorded 10/13/1856

<sup>9</sup> Loudoun County Courthouse, Leesburg, Va., Deed Book 5 O, p. 237 recorded 1/2/1857.

<sup>10</sup> Loudoun County Courthouse, Leesburg, Va., Deed Book 5 O, p. 240 recorded 1/2/1857.

<sup>11</sup> 1860 Census, Virginia, Loudoun County, Gordonsville, enumerated 8/3/1860, p. 16.

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The 1860 census also reported Olivia C. Wootton, age 53, a widow farmer with a personal estate valued at \$7,900 and real estate valued at \$7,000 living in Rockville, Montgomery County, Md.<sup>12</sup> Living with her were: Martha, age 26, daughter; Edward, age 19, son, a medical student [at the University of Maryland]; Ella, age 18, daughter; and John Martin, age 24, unrelated, a farm laborer.

Edward Wootton graduated on March 2, 1861 from the University of Maryland; the 54<sup>th</sup> annual commencement was held at the Holliday Street Theatre.<sup>13</sup>

The Civil War started on April 12, 1861.

Elijah V. White mustered into Company G, 7<sup>th</sup> Cavalry Regiment, Confederate, as a private on June 15, 1861. He was described as 5'-11" tall, with blue eyes, light color hair and fair complexion.

In June 1861, Union troops occupied the Edward's Ferry area, Maryland side, as shown in the following photograph:



The Union troops set up their tent camp on the berm side of the canal. Note the mule cross-over bridge over the access to the river locks at mile post 30.64, and a frame warehouse on the far side of the mule cross-over bridge. That is a farmstead in the near right side of the photograph.

As of Friday, Oct. 18 1861, Dr. E. Wootton offered his professional services to the citizens of Rockville, Md.<sup>14</sup> He would be at the residence of Mr. Richard Magruder, unless called away professionally.

Union forces crossed the Potomac at Edward's Ferry on Oct. 21, 1861 as a feint for the Battle of Balls Bluff. Confederate Sargent E. V. White provided distinguished service at the Battle of Ball's Bluff. He

<sup>12</sup> 1860 Census, Maryland, Montgomery County, Rockville, enumerated 10/4/1860, p. 132.

<sup>13</sup> *Daily exchange*, Baltimore, Md., newspaper, Monday, 3/4/1861, p. 5.

<sup>14</sup> *Montgomery County sentinel*, Rockville, Md., newspaper, Friday, 10/18/1861, p. 4.

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became a commissioned officer with rank of Captain, "White's Rebels," from Jan. 11<sup>th</sup>, 1862. while with the 7<sup>th</sup> Cavalry.

Edward's Ferry, Maryland side, also was the base camp for a hot-air balloon flight on Dec. 14, 1861, of Professor Lowe, Chief Aeronaut. He took General Stone aloft in his balloon, named *Intrepid*. Professor Lowe made two more flights before the balloon was damaged and the operation closed down.

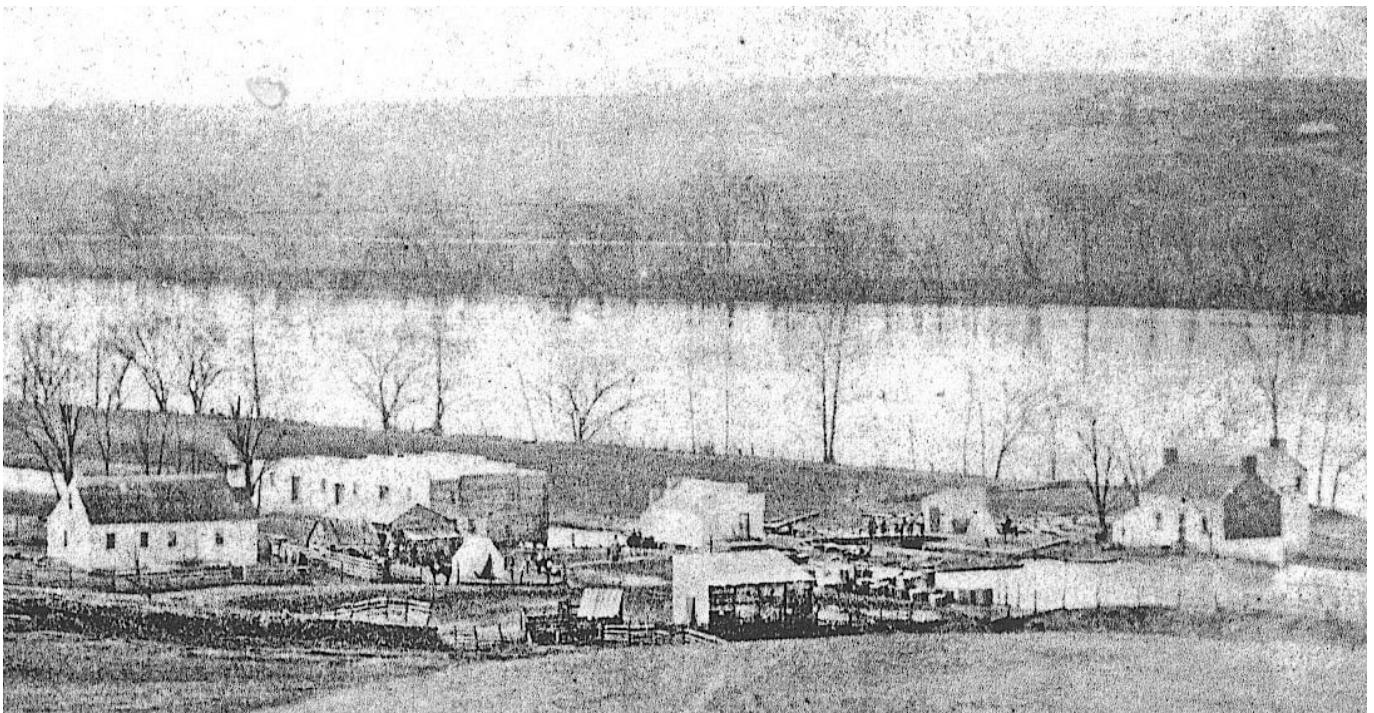
Disaster struck at home; son Stephen N. White died on Jan. 18, 1862, followed by son Melvin White who died on Mar. 12, 1862. Both were born before the Civil War began. The next two children, Mary E. White, daughter, and Elijah B. White, son, were born during the Civil War.

Company G, 7<sup>th</sup> Cavalry Regiment, Confederate, became Company A, 35<sup>th</sup> Virginia Cavalry Battalion, date not found. E. V. White was promoted to Major, 35<sup>th</sup> Battalion, from Oct. 28, 1862. He was again promoted, to Lieutenant Colonel from Feb. 4, 1863, still with the 35<sup>th</sup> Virginia Cavalry Battalion.

Dr. Wootton enlisted as an assistant surgeon, White's Battalion, Army of Northern Virginia on or about June 13, 1863.

From June 25 to June 27, 1863, General Hooker's Army of the Potomac, mustering 100,000 men and 70,000 horses, mules and wagons crossed the Potomac at Edward's Ferry, via 1,400-foot-long pontoon bridges. They were enroute to Gettysburg.

In 1863, two tenths of a mile upstream from Edward's Ferry, was Lock 25; the area shown in the following photograph. Note the warehouse on the berm side of the lock downstream from the lock. Will Jones ran the Fletchall & Hoskinson store behind the lockhouse.



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Lt. Col. E. V. White was hospitalized in Charlottesville, Va. with remittent fever from Sep. 30, 1864 to Oct. 15, 1864.

On or about Feb. 25, 1865, a band of White's guerillas crossed the Potomac River near Edward's Ferry, drove off the pickets, carried off a number of horses, ransacked a store and took anything they could carry, and retired across the Potomac.<sup>15</sup> Allegedly, each side lost a man killed and several wounded.

Assistant Surgeon Edward Wootton was ordered on Dec. 8 1864, to report without delay to Lt. Col. E. V. White, Commanding 35<sup>th</sup> Battalion Cavalry. Apparently, he did report as ordered and was later captured in Loudoun Co. on Feb. 3 1865. Dr. Wootton was first sent to Ft. McHenry, Md., then transferred to West Building Hospital in Baltimore, Md. and on March 20 1865 admitted as a patient at the General Receiving Hospital, Gordonsville, Va. with a diagnosis of febris intermettens quotidian. He was subsequently paroled at Winchester, Va. on May 8, 1865; description: age 25, height 6', complexion fair, hair light and blue eyes. A studio portrait of Lt. Col. E. V. White is shown at right, from Find a Grave Memorial.

The Civil War ended on April 9, 1865.

Elijah V. White was paroled in Winchester, Va. on May 8, 1865 and again at Harper's Ferry, WV on May 25, 1865. On or about July 26, 1865, Mr. Joseph Stiles, Deputy Marshall, accompanied by a squad of United States soldiers, served writs of confiscation upon several citizens, including Col. E. V. White.<sup>16</sup> Later, the same newspaper reported the reinstatement in possession of E. V. White's property, by the order of Gen. Eaton.<sup>17</sup> The newspaper included a list of others who also regained possession of their property. When Benjamin V. White was born Oct. 14, 1865, Elijah V. White was listed as a merchant in Leesburg on the birth certificate.



Col. E. V. White and S. C. Luckett were candidates for the Sheriffalty of Loudoun County, the former greatly the favorite. His quiet, peaceful demeanor, since General Lee's surrender, and his estimable qualities as a man gained him many warm friends.<sup>18</sup> Col. E. V. White, lately elected Sheriff of Loudoun County, Va., was reported in Washington, applying for a pardon under the amnesty proclamation.<sup>19</sup> Col. E. V. White was elected sheriff of Loudoun County, Va., having been pardoned by the President some eight or nine months ago.<sup>20</sup> [Times elapsed do not match, nevertheless Col. E. V. White was pardoned by President A. Johnson and served as Sheriff.] Col. E. V. White won by a majority of 624 votes.<sup>21</sup> The term was four years; he did not seek re-election.

<sup>15</sup> *Baltimore American*, Baltimore, Md., newspaper, Monday, 2/27/1865, p. 1.

<sup>16</sup> *Sun*, Baltimore, Md., newspaper, Wednesday, 7/26/1865, p. 1.

<sup>17</sup> *Sun*, Baltimore, Md., newspaper, Saturday, 11/11/1865, p. 1.

<sup>18</sup> *Alexandria Gazette*, Alexandria, Va., newspaper, Tuesday, 5/1/1866, p. 3.

<sup>19</sup> *Alexandria Gazette*, Alexandria, Va., newspaper, Thursday, 5/31/1866, p. 2.

<sup>20</sup> *Sun*, Baltimore, Md., newspaper, Monday, 6/4/1866, p. 1.

<sup>21</sup> *Montgomery County Sentinel*, Rockville, Md., newspaper, Friday, 6/1/1866, p. 3.



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A Maryland newspaper reported: “Dr. Edward Wootton, who, during the last twelve months, practiced his profession in the vicinity of Round Hill, in this County, has removed to Poolesville, Montgomery County, Md. He leaves an excellent and growing practice, to return to his native State, where we hope his professional skill will be as liberally patronized as it was in this County. Identified with the South in our recent struggle, he parts with a host of friends, who will rejoice at his success.”

“The above we take from the Leesburg *Washingtonian*, and are glad that the Doctor has returned to associate himself again with Dr. Poole, whose partner he was at the breaking out of the war.”<sup>22</sup> An undated photograph of Dr. Edward Wootton is at left.

A Montgomery County, Md., newspaper advertised a PUBLIC SALE of valuable personal property, the estate of D. T. White, deceased [4/23/1866], by Virginia White, Administratrix, of the estate; distant cousins to the E. V. White family.<sup>23</sup> The estate was a farm located but one mile from White’s Ferry. The sale included FOUR HEAD OF MULES, well broken, TWO CANAL BOATS, one a large-size Grain Boat, and the other a small-sized Deck Boat, both in excellent condition; also, 600 or 700 GRAIN BAGS, most of them nearly new. If a farmer shipped 2,000 bushels of wheat @ 60#/bushel = 120,000#, and put 120# in each bag, it would require 1,000 bags. Thus, a farmer having 600 or 700 grain bags seems not only reasonable, but maybe even a bit short. However, shipping wheat or corn [a bushel of corn = 56#] by bags, vice loose, seems more practical to load and unload and keep account of the amount shipped, for accurate payment. And this farmer probably shipped his grain from White’s Ferry, although we cannot ascribe the business to White & Wootton, because he, apparently, had his own boats.

On July 27, 1866, in consideration of \$295, Elijah V. White, of Loudoun Co., purchased 60 acres of land in Loudoun County.<sup>24</sup> Later that same year, on Sep. 18, 1866, in consideration of 5 mares and one ambulance (valued to \$400), Elijah V. and Sarah E. White sold the same 60-acre tract of land to John T. Perry, Jr.<sup>25</sup>

Dr. Edward Wootton was married to Elizabeth Dagg “Bettie” O’Rear, youngest daughter of Enoch O’Rear, esq., of Fauquier County, Va., on Nov. 8, 1866, by Rev. George W. Harris.<sup>26</sup>

A newspaper reported: “On the first day of January [1867], Col. E. V. White, Sheriff-elect of Loudoun, assumed the reins of office. He has rented a room in Leesburg, where he and his Deputies, will for the next two years, at least, transact their business with the public.”<sup>27</sup>

<sup>22</sup> *Montgomery County Sentinel*, Rockville, Md., newspaper, Friday, 6/15/1866, p. 4.

<sup>23</sup> *Montgomery County Sentinel*, Rockville, Md., newspaper, Friday, 6/22/1866, p. 3.

<sup>24</sup> Loudoun County Courthouse, Leesburg, Va., Deed Book 5 V, p. 348, recorded 8/16/1866.

<sup>25</sup> Loudoun County Courthouse, Leesburg, Va., Deed Book 5 W, p. 493, recorded 9/25/1866.

<sup>26</sup> *Alexandria Gazette*, Alexandria, Va., newspaper, Monday, 11/12/1866, p. 2.

<sup>27</sup> *Alexandria Gazette*, Alexandria, Va., newspaper, Thursday, 1/3/1867, p. 3.



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The same year, on Jan. 17, 1867, in consideration of \$3,150, Elijah V. and Sarah E. White sold the 63+ acre property he had bought on July 29, 1856.<sup>28</sup> They sold it to a William Eagle, who made a down payment of \$1,101 and then used the property to secure the payment of three single bills for \$683 each, payable in succeeding years, as deferred payments, to buy the property.<sup>29</sup>

A few days later, on Feb. 6, 1867, in consideration of \$6,175, Elijah V. White purchased two parcels of land, one containing 161¾ acres and the other containing 3 roods [¾ of an acre] of land in Loudoun County.<sup>30</sup> Elijah V. White made a \$2,975 down payment, and then he used the property to secure two bills or Notes for \$1,487.50 each, as deferred payments, to buy the property.<sup>31</sup> The selling did not stop, on Feb. 7<sup>th</sup> 1867. Elijah V. and Sarah E. White, in consideration of \$1,450, sold two parcels previously purchased by E. V. White.<sup>32</sup> One was for 148+ acres and the other for 144+ acres.

Then on Feb. 15<sup>th</sup> 1867, E. V. White used the two parcels of land he had purchased on Feb. 6<sup>th</sup> 1867, [Liber 5 W, folio 174] as collateral for a \$800 Note payable to Robert Ryan.<sup>33</sup> E. V. White may not have mentioned he already had two Notes against the same property [Liber 5 W, folio 175].

By April 24, 1867, E. V. White paid off the two \$1,460.96 bonds and gained full possession of the 144+ acre parcel of land.<sup>34</sup> Also, on April 24, 1867, E. V. White accepted a lot of land located in “Stumptown,” in trust, to secure the payment of a \$112.50 bill executed by Nancy Harper on Jan. 13, 1858, payable to Elizabeth Howe.<sup>35</sup>

On Feb. 6, 1868, Elijah V. & Sarah E. White and John & Sarah I. McKimmy signed a deed to straighten the boundaries of their respective farms.<sup>36</sup>

On May 21, 1868, E. V. White, in consideration of \$1,076.88, purchased 27 acres, 2 roods and 18 perches [*sic.* 19 acres, 2 roods and 32 perches] of land, near Catoctin Mountain.<sup>37</sup>

A newspaper reported on May 14, 1868, that Colonel E. V. White sold his farm last week to Mr. Thomas Burch, for fifty dollars per acre.<sup>38</sup> That must have been a verbal commitment because the land record gives July 25, 1868 as the date of sale.<sup>39</sup> In consideration of \$23,000, Elijah V. and Sarah E. White sold 460 acres of land [i.e., \$50/acre] in four parcels: 1<sup>st</sup> 148+ acres, 2<sup>nd</sup> 144+ acres, 3<sup>rd</sup> 161¾ acres, and 4<sup>th</sup> 13¾ acres, to Thomas Burch. In the same transaction, Thomas Burch paid \$1,073.75 as the down payment and used the 460 acres of land as collateral to secure six bills: 1<sup>st</sup> \$2,000, 2<sup>nd</sup> \$3,985.25, 3<sup>rd</sup> \$3,985.25, 4<sup>th</sup>

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<sup>28</sup> Loudoun County Courthouse, Leesburg, Va., Deed Book 5 W, p. 176, recorded 2/6/1867.

<sup>29</sup> Loudoun County Courthouse, Leesburg, Va., Deed Book 5 W, p. 177, recorded 2/6/1867.

<sup>30</sup> Loudoun County Courthouse, Leesburg, Va., Deed Book 5 W, p. 174, recorded 2/6/1867.

<sup>31</sup> Loudoun County Courthouse, Leesburg, Va., Deed Book 5 W, p. 175, recorded 2/6/1867.

<sup>32</sup> Loudoun County Courthouse, Leesburg, Va., Deed Book 5 W, p. 178, recorded 2/7/1867.

<sup>33</sup> Loudoun County Courthouse, Leesburg, Va., Deed Book 5 W, p. 205, recorded 2/23/1867.

<sup>34</sup> Loudoun County Courthouse, Leesburg, Va., Deed Book 5 W, p. 457, recorded 9/3/1867.

<sup>35</sup> Loudoun County Courthouse, Leesburg, Va., Deed Book 5 W, p. 494, recorded 9/27/1867.

<sup>36</sup> Loudoun County Courthouse, Leesburg, Va., Deed Book 5 Y, p. 46, recorded 7/29/1868.

<sup>37</sup> Loudoun County Courthouse, Leesburg, Va., Deed Book 5 X, p. 432, recorded 5/25/1868.

<sup>38</sup> *Evening Star*, Washington, D. C., newspaper, Thursday, 5/14/1868, p. 2.

<sup>39</sup> Loudoun County Courthouse, Leesburg, Va., Deed Book 5 Y, p. 35, recorded 7/29/1868.

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\$3,985.25, 5<sup>th</sup> \$3,985.25, and 6<sup>th</sup> \$3,985.25, all with 6% interest per annum, starting Aug. 1, 1868, payable to Matthew Harrison, for the deferred payments of the purchase money.<sup>40</sup>

A newspaper reported that a lot at the eastern edge of Leesburg, containing about 2 acres, advertised by Sheriff E. V. White, was sold on Saturday, June 13, 1868, for \$308 to John M. Orr.<sup>41</sup> The land record has not been found.

During May of 1868 a group known as the “Union Republican Voters of Loudoun County” met in convention in Hamilton, Va., and resolved to remove all County Officers who opposed Congressional Reconstruction.<sup>42</sup> The convention attendees believed Sheriff E. V. White, a paroled Rebel Guerilla and his six Rebel Guerilla Deputies, were secretly doing all they could to defeat the proposed Constitution, by their official influence, by false representations, and otherwise. They laid their complaint before Virginia Governor H. H. Wells and requested he appoint Summerfield Bolyn as Sheriff instead of E. V. White. Col. S. P. Lee, Military Commissioner of the Loudoun Sub-District, investigated the charges and concluded the charges were without the slightest foundation and so reported to military headquarters.<sup>43</sup>

On Aug. 6, 1868, John J. Rathie owed \$130 to George K. Fox, Jr.; E. V. White loaned John J. Rathie the money, who used a house and lot in Leesburg as collateral.<sup>44</sup>

Later that month, a difficulty between the two branches of the Methodist Episcopal Church regarding the occupancy of Salem Church arose.<sup>45</sup> Gen. Stoneman referred the problem to Sheriff E. V. White, who met with the church trustees and resolved the problem amicably.

Col. E. V. White was the administrator of the Henry A. Ball estate; and on Nov. 12, 1868, sold 264 acres of the “Temple Hall” tract, lying about 6 miles north of Leesburg, at \$65 per acre, to Edward G. Marlow.<sup>46</sup> This land record has not been found; the inference being that not all of the estate was sold. Because, on Nov. 30, 1868, Elijah V. White loaned Thomas S. Ball \$1,000, for which Thomas S. Ball used his portion of the estate of his father, Henry A. Ball, deceased, as collateral.<sup>47</sup>

On Dec. 8, 1868, Charles A. and Mary R. Johnston gave E. V. White, Sheriff, their Power of Attorney, and authorized him to sell their rental property, a brick house and lot on Wirt Street, Leesburg, and use the proceeds to pay their debts.<sup>48</sup>

On Saturday, Feb. 13<sup>th</sup> 1869, Gen. Stoneman appointed Summerfield Bolyn, Sheriff of Loudoun County, vice E. V. White.<sup>49</sup> Mr. S. Bolyn had some experience, having served as a Deputy Sheriff under Sheriff Samuel C. Lockett. Col. E. V. White had asked to be relieved from office and General Stoneman complied with the request. The newspapers had only kind words for Sheriff White’s tenure.

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<sup>40</sup> Loudoun County Courthouse, Leesburg, Va., Deed Book 5 Y, p. 37, recorded 7/29/1868.

<sup>41</sup> *Evening Star*, Washington, D. C., newspaper, Thursday, 6/18/1868, p. 1.

<sup>42</sup> *Alexandria Gazette*, Alexandria, Va., newspaper, Thursday 6/18/1868, p. 3.

<sup>43</sup> *Alexandria Gazette*, Alexandria, Va., newspaper, Tuesday 7/14/1868, p. 4.

<sup>44</sup> Loudoun County Courthouse, Leesburg, Va., Deed Book 5 Y, p. 47, recorded 8/7/1868.

<sup>45</sup> *Alexandria Gazette*, Alexandria, Va., newspaper, Thursday 8/27/1868, p. 2.

<sup>46</sup> *Alexandria Gazette*, Alexandria, Va., newspaper, Thursday 11/19/1868, p. 2.

<sup>47</sup> Loudoun County Courthouse, Leesburg, Va., Deed Book 5 Y, p. 263, recorded 11/30/1868.

<sup>48</sup> Loudoun County Courthouse, Leesburg, Va., Deed Book 5 Y, p. 264, recorded 12/9/1868.

<sup>49</sup> *Alexandria Gazette*, Alexandria, Va., newspaper, Saturday 2/20/1869, p. 3.

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The 1870 census reported Elijah V. White, age 36, a farmer with a personal estate valued at \$25,000 and real estate valued at \$1,000, living in Waterford, Loudoun County, Va.<sup>50</sup> Living with him were: Sarah, age 32, wife; Mary, age 9, daughter; Eliza [*sic.* Elijah], age 5, son; Benjamin, age 4, son; Inez, age 2, daughter; and Richard, age 2/12, son. The dwelling was also occupied by one white housekeeper and nurse, and 16 black persons, including one black couple with 5 children; the adult males were laborers on the farm. Now we know how he amassed such a large personal estate; he sold off four parcels of land on July 25, 1868.

The 1870 census listed Edward Wooten [*sic.* Wootton], age 31, a physician with a personal estate valued at \$800, living in Poolesville, Md.<sup>51</sup> Living with him were: Bettie, age 24, wife; Henry E., age 3, son; and Norman, age 1, son.

A steer belonging to Col. E. V. White was killed by the cars on the A. L. & H. Railroad on Thursday, July 28<sup>th</sup> 1870.<sup>52</sup> The Arlington, Loudoun & Hampshire Railroad operated from 1859 until 1870, when it was absorbed by another railroad, then again, and again, several times. The right-of-way, tracks, stations and equipment continued in service for several years and were occasionally up-graded.

B. P. Noland, Commissioner, in the suit of Watson vs. Megeath, sold at public sale, a tract of land lying on Beaver Dam, in Loudoun County, known as “Egypt,” containing 240 acres [*sic.* 245 acres and 39 poles], for \$39.60 per acre.<sup>53</sup> Col. E. V. White was the purchaser. However, he had to pay for the land, which involved the Circuit Court of Loudoun County and eventually he did gain title, in 1876.<sup>54</sup>

Letter from Poolesville.<sup>55</sup>

The water was let out of the canal last Wednesday, and preparations are now being made to have the needed repairs done while the water is out. The cold weather and accumulation of ice will necessarily retard the work very much; all business, dependent on the trade of the canal, will be at a standstill until navigation is resumed.

I understand Col. E. V. White from Virginia, has negotiated for the purchase of the property at White’s Ferry, with the intention of engaging in the business of shipping grain from that point. Edward’s Ferry and White’s Ferry are the two prominent points for shipping grain to market from this neighborhood and Virginia.

I understand there were shipped, from Edward’s Ferry, some seventy thousand bushels of grain the past season, besides the back freighting of fertilizers, &c., from Georgetown. Messrs. Fletchall & Spates, the present owners, have made considerable improvements at that point – having erected, in the past two years, four dwelling houses, a smith shop and lime kiln, which is quite a convenience to everyone who has occasion to use lime for any purpose. Edward’s Ferry is destined to be one of the best business points along the canal.

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<sup>50</sup> 1870 Census, Virginia, Loudoun County, Northern Division, enumerated 6/28/1870, p. 44.

<sup>51</sup> 1870 Census, Maryland, Montgomery County, District 3, enumerated 8/23/1870, p. 74.

<sup>52</sup> *Alexandria Gazette*, Alexandria, Va., newspaper, Thursday, 8/4/1870, p. 2.

<sup>53</sup> *Alexandria Gazette*, Alexandria, Va., newspaper, Thursday, 8/18/1870, p.2.

<sup>54</sup> Loudoun County Courthouse, Leesburg, Va., Deed Book 6 I, p. 305, recorded 10/24/1876.

<sup>55</sup> *Montgomery County sentinel*, Rockville, Md., newspaper, Friday, 1/13/1871, p. 3

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A local newspaper reported that Col. E. V. White had bought Conrad's Ferry, with the intention of engaging in freighting grain.<sup>56</sup> He renamed it White's Ferry. Edward's Ferry and White's Ferry were the two prominent points for freighting grain to Georgetown by the local farmers.

**Sales of Real Estate in Montgomery County, Md.**<sup>57</sup> – Richard M. Williams, Esq., Trustee, sold on Saturday last, the property in this county, on the Potomac River, known as “Conrad's Ferry,” together with Ferryman's house and a large grain warehouse on the Chesapeake and Ohio canal at the same point, to Col. E. V. White, of Virginia, for \$7,900. –*Rockville Sentinel*, 3<sup>rd</sup> inst. This warehouse was located on the road to Poolesville, whereas the granary at White's Ferry was located on the berm side of the canal. The warehouse would have been used for the storage of grain in bags and the granary for the storage of loose grain, in bulk. When consigning their grain to the granary, the farmer's grain was co-mingled with other farmer's grain in the same bin. The granary had bins for wheat, corn, oats and rye.

The owner of a farm bordering the Potomac River at the mouth of Goose Creek [not necessarily Col. E. V. White] had an arrest warrant issued against Marylanders who crossed the Potomac River and caught “suckers” at his landing on Goose Creek.<sup>58</sup> Sheriff Barrett and his deputies caught five Marylanders who were then arraigned before Justice Wallace, who set bail at \$100 each. Col. E. V. White made bond for all five men.

On Dec. 31<sup>st</sup> 1872, E. G. Marlow paid \$36.00 for 1 year rent of a warehouse at Conrad's Ferry, E. V. White paid \$36.00 for 1 year rent of a warehouse at Edward's Ferry and George W. Spates paid \$36.00 for 1 year rent of a feed store at Lock No. 25.<sup>59</sup> On Jan. 24<sup>th</sup>, 1874, the Lander lock-keeper reported having collected \$36.00 rent from E. V. White and George W. Spates, while the \$36.00 rent from E. G. Marlow was outstanding. They did not own the warehouses or store.

Col. E. V. White bought three canal boats: *Medley*, *Benson Talbott* and *Albert S. Trundle*, although he did not register them until 3/1/1873. The *Medley* and *A. S. Trundle* were put into service immediately, as we see in a moment. Canal boat mortgages were not found, suggesting the purchases were with cash.

E. V. White advertised that he had No. 1 Peruvian Guano, Turner's Excelsior Guano, Moore's Fertilizer, E. Frank Coe's Super Phosphate, Moore's Corn Compound and ground plaster for sale at White's Ferry.<sup>60</sup> The plaster was bought in the lump and ground at the Limestone Mill, by his order. The plaster could be had at his warehouse or at the mill. He also had on hand hardware, Cumberland coal, bacon, salt and flour. Navigation on the Canal had resumed and thus he could be found during the day at his ferry.

By March 6, 1871, Thomas Burch paid off the mortgage on 144+ acres of land [2<sup>nd</sup> parcel of land sold to Thomas Burch on July 25, 1868 and recorded in Deed Book 5 Y, page 35, recorded 7/29/1868]; Matthew Harrison and E. V. White granted him a clear title.<sup>61</sup>

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<sup>56</sup> *Montgomery County Sentinel*, Rockville, Md., newspaper, Friday, 1/13/1871, p. 3

<sup>57</sup> *Evening Star*, Washington, D. C., newspaper, Saturday, 2/4/1871, p. 1.

<sup>58</sup> *Alexandria Gazette*, Alexandria, Va., newspaper, Thursday, 3/9/1871, p. 2.

<sup>59</sup> National Archives, Record Group 79, Entry 191, Box 1. Leases Jan. 1<sup>st</sup>, 1873.

<sup>60</sup> *Montgomery County Sentinel*, Rockville, Md., newspaper, Friday, 3/17/1871, p. 5.

<sup>61</sup> Loudoun County Courthouse, Leesburg, Va., Deed Book 6 B, p. 339, recorded 4/27/1871.

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Also, on March 6, 1871, in consideration of \$6,577.07, Thomas and Lucinda J. Burch sold that same 144+ acre tract of land, located upriver of White's Ford, to Samuel Orrison.<sup>62</sup> Who in turn paid \$2,985.75 as a down payment and then used the property as collateral for four single bills valued at \$897.83 each, as deferred payments, in favor of Elijah V. White.<sup>63</sup> Considering the timing of these events, we have to wonder but what Thomas Burch used the down payment and the four single bills to actually pay for the 2<sup>nd</sup> parcel. Notice the four bills were in favor of Elijah V. White vice Thomas Burch.

The canal boat [Col.] E. V. White [not registered until 3/1/1873 and owned by Charles W. Gray] freighting coal, departed from Cumberland seven times in 1871. The coal carried by the E. V. White was usually destined for Georgetown; the exception being the 11/1/1871 private load was consigned to Monocacy. On 7/28/1871, the canal boat *A. S. Trundle*, departed Cumberland with 62 tons 6 cwt. of private coal for White's Ferry.

On Aug. 12, 1871, in consideration of \$137.50, E. V. White bought one bay colt and 15+ acres of corn then growing on the farm of William H. Pleasants.<sup>64</sup>

Also, during 1871, the farmers in the vicinity of White's Ferry shipped their produce to Georgetown as follows:

Arrived	Boat name	Cargo	Consignee
6/2	Medley	3,000 bu. corn	Hartley & Bro.
6/16	Medley	2,500 bu. white corn	Hartley & Bro.
7/20	Medley	1,800 bu. wheat and 600 bu. corn	Hartley & Bro.
7/21	Medley	2,000 bu. choice red wheat	Herr & Welsh
7/27	Medley	2,000 bu. choice red wheat	Benson Talbott & Son
	Benson Talbott	2,000 bu. wheat	Benson Talbott & Son
7/29	Medley	2,500 bu. wheat	Hartley & Bro.
		1,400 bu. prime wheat	Benson Talbott & Son
8/7	Medley	2,200 bu. corn and 600 bu. wheat	Hartley & Bro.
8/11	A. S. Trundle	2,200 bu. wheat	Hartley & Bro.
8/29	A. S. Trundle	1,100 bu. wheat, 400 bu. oats	Hartley & Bro.
		1,200 bu. wheat, 400 bu. corn	Benson Talott & Son
9/8	Medley	1,800 bu. corn and 1,000 bu. wheat	Hartley & Bro.
10/10	Medley	2,800 bu. wheat	Hartley & Bro.
10/18	A. S. Trundle	2,000 bu. wheat	Hartley & Bro.
	Medley	2,800 bu. wheat	Benson Talbott & Son
11/14	Medley	2,500 bu. wheat	Hartley & Bro.
		800 bu. wheat	Benson Talbott & Son
11/21	Medley	2,500 bu. wheat and corn	Hartley & Bro.
12/15	Medley	700 bu. wheat	Hartley & Bro.
12/16	A. S. Trundle	3,600 bu. wheat and corn	Benson Talbott & Son

<sup>62</sup> Loudoun County Courthouse, Leesburg, Va., Deed Book 6 B, p. 340, recorded 4/27/1871.

<sup>63</sup> Loudoun County Courthouse, Leesburg, Va., Deed Book 6 B, p. 341, recorded 4/27/1871.

<sup>64</sup> Montgomery County Courthouse, Rockville, Md., Deed Book EBP 11, p. 419 recorded 10/29/1871.

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This 1871 record consistently mentioned that the grain came from White's Ferry; but was not consistent in distinguishing whether from Loudoun County, Va. [e.g., Medley on 7/27] or Montgomery County, Md. [e.g., Benson Talbott on 7/27]. The 10/18/1871 arrival of Medley was from Seneca, vice White's Ferry; it was still Col. E. V. White's canal boat. In the last four months of 1871, more grain was shipped to Georgetown than listed above, but the boat names were not reported.

A newspaper reported: "**Dissolution of Partnership.** The partnership existing between J. T. Fletchall and Geo. W. Spates, trading under the style of Fletchall & Spates, was dissolved on the 1<sup>st</sup> day of January, 1872, by mutual consent. JON T. FLETCHALL. GEO. W. SPATES."<sup>65</sup>

A year after selling their business to E. V. White, these partners dissolved their relationship, although J. T. Fletchall remained available to settle claims and credits.

During 1872, the coal carried by the E. V. White was once again destined for Georgetown; 11 departures from Cumberland were recorded. However, the first load on 6/1/1872 was consigned to Edward's Ferry and the load of 10/17/1872 was consigned to White's Ferry. Of the coal shipped from Cumberland during July, 1872, 68 tons 1 cwt. went to White's Ferry.<sup>66</sup>

During September 1872, Col. E. V. White participated on the Montgomery County, Md., Fair, and one of his horses won the highest premium.<sup>67</sup> Another newspaper reported on the harness horse race at the fair wherein E. V. White drove "Lady Medley" and won \$125 for second place.<sup>68</sup>

During 1872, the farmers in the vicinity of White's Ferry continued to send their produce to Georgetown, as shown:

Arrived	Boat name	Cargo	Consignee
3/21	Medley	2,500 bu. wheat and corn	Hartley & Bro. and B. Talbott & Son
3/29	A. S. Trundle	3,000 bu. corn	B. Talbott & Son
4/4	A. S. Trundle	2,300 bu. wheat and 700 bu. corn	Hartley & Bro.
4/11	Medley	2,600 bu. mixed corn	Hartley & Bro.
4/23	Benson Talbott	1,400 bu. corn and 300 bu. wheat	B. Talbott & Son
4/24	Medley	2,800 bu. corn	Hartley & Bro.
5/15	Benson Talbott	200 bu. wheat and 2,800 bu. corn	B. Talbott & Son and Hartley & Bro.
5/16	A. S. Trundle	1,750 bu. red wheat	Hartley & Bro.
5/21	Benson Talbott	1,000 bu. wheat, 1,800 bu. white corn	Hartley & Bro.
		400 bu. corn	B. Talbott & Son
8/13	A. S. Trundle	3,000 bu. wheat	B. Talbott & Son and Hartley & Bro.
8/23	Medley	3,500 bu. red wheat	B. Talbott & Son

<sup>65</sup> *Montgomery County Sentinel*, Rockville, Md., newspaper, Friday, 1/12/1872, p. 3.

<sup>66</sup> *Sun*, Baltimore, Md., newspaper, Friday, 8/9/1872, p. 4.

<sup>67</sup> *Alexandria Gazette*, Alexandria, Va., newspaper, Wednesday, 9/18/1872, p. 3.

<sup>68</sup> *Evening Star*, Washington, D. C., newspaper, Monday, 9/16/1872, p. 5.



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8/26	Benson Talbott	4,000 bu. corn and 1,000 bu. wheat	B. Talbott & Son
8/27	A. S. Trundle	2,400 bu. wheat	Hartley & Bro.
		600 bu. wheat	B. Talbott & Son.
9/2	Medley	1,800 bu. white corn	B. Talbott & Son
11/6	Medley	700 bu. red wheat	Hartley & Bro.
		1,800 bu. white corn	B. Talbott & Son
11/8	Medley	3,200 bu. red wheat	Hartley & Bro
11/9	Benson Talbott	1,800 bu. wheat, 600 bu. corn	B. Talbott & Son
11/12	A. S. Trundle	3,000 bu. wheat and corn	Hartley & Bro.
11/23	A. S. Trundle	1,600 bu. wheat	B. Talbott & Son
		15 tons wheat	W. H. Dougal
11/25	Benson Talbott	2,000 bu. wheat	B. Talbott & Son
		70 bbls. flour	W. H. Dougal
11/28	Medley	2,900 bu. red wheat	Hartley & Bro.
12/9	A. S. Trundle	5,260 bu. wheat	B. Talbott & Son
	Benson Talbott	2,500 bu. wheat	Hartley & Bro.
	Medley	1,200 bu. wheat	W. H. Dougal
	E. V. White	10 tons hay	Hartley & Bro.

In November 1872 the C. & O. Canal Company board of directors directed the Superintendent of the Monocacy Division to build a drydock at Edward's Ferry for a sum not to exceed \$100. After its construction, the drydock was rented to Col. E. V. White.<sup>69</sup>

James H. and Margaret S. Besant, in consideration of \$420.40, sold 5+ acres to Edward Wootton on Dec. 31, 1872.<sup>70</sup>

There must have been a day for canal boat registrations because all four of these canal boats were registered on 3/1/1873:

Canal boat Col. E. V. White, hailing out of Gainesville, Va., Class C, 90' in length, 14' in breadth, 10" draft empty, 54" draft loaded, owned by Charles W. Gray of Gainesville, Va. Then on March 13, 1873, in consideration of \$1,080, E. V. White bought 5 mules, three sets of boat harness and the coal canal boat called "E. V. White" from Charles W. Gray.<sup>71</sup>

Canal boat Medley, hailing out of White's Ferry, Class D, 84' in length, 14'-3" in breadth, 8" draft empty, 54" draft loaded, owned by E. V. White of White's Ferry.

Canal boat Benson Talbott, hailing out of White's Ferry, Class D, 87' in length, 14'-2" in breadth, 8" draft empty, 54" draft loaded, owned by E. V. White of White's Ferry.

Canal boat Albert S. Trundle, hailing out of White's Ferry, Class B, 83' in length, 13'-9" in breadth, 10" draft light, 54" draft loaded, owned by E. V. White of White's Ferry.

During 1873, the canal boat Col. E. V. White departed Cumberland nine times, averaging 109 tons of coal each trip, initially destined for Georgetown; however, most of the loads went to Alexandria. The first

<sup>69</sup> C. & O. Canal Historic Resource Study, by Harlan Unrau, Chapter 7, p. 361.

<sup>70</sup> Montgomery County Courthouse, Rockville, Md., Deed Book EBP 10, p. 292 recorded 1/20/1873.

<sup>71</sup> Montgomery County Courthouse, Rockville, Md., Deed Book EBP 10, p. 428 recorded 2/13/1873.

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load of 4/3/1873 went to White's Ferry and, finally, on Dec. 10, 1873, the canal boat Col. E. V. White arrived in Georgetown with 1,500 barrels of ear corn, consigned to H. M. Talbott.

As of Friday, Mar. 21 1873, Dr. E. Wootton and Dr. Charles E. Scholl offered their professional services to the citizens of the vicinity.<sup>72</sup> Their office was at the residence of Dr. E. Wootton, Poolesville, Md.

E. V. White advertised: TO THE PUBLIC that he would pay the highest cash prices for GRAIN, or he would ship the grain from White's Ferry, Edward's Ferry, or Seneca warehouses.<sup>73</sup> At Edward's Ferry and White's Ferry, he would keep on hand the best FERTILIZERS, for wheat and corn, also, FINE GROUND PLASTER, FLOUR, SALT, and FISH. The next week he advertised: **FISH! FISH! AT SENECA, EDWARD'S FERRY, AND WHITE'S FERRY.**<sup>74</sup> He had decided to sell fish at the named places cheaper than anywhere else. He would give notice when the fish arrived at the different places. These two advertisements were repeated for years.

Col. E. V. White's fine young trotting mare, "Lady Medley," died of lung fever on July 20, 1873. "Lady Medley" ran a mile in 2:40 and was highly prized, \$1,000 being offered for her and refused.<sup>75</sup>

J. J. Turner & Co., 42 Pratt St., Baltimore, advertised his ammoniated bone super-phosphate which was richer in ammonia and soluble phosphates than any other fertilizer sold except his own Excelsior.<sup>76</sup> It was packed in bags or barrels, price \$50 per ton. E. V. White, White's Ferry, Va. was a local distributor.

During 1873, the farmers in the vicinity of White's Ferry continued to send their produce to Georgetown, as shown:

Arrived	Boat name	Cargo	Consignee
3/18	A. S. Trundle	3,000 bu. wheat	Hartley & Bro.
	Medley	2,500 bu. wheat	H. M. Talbott
	Benson Talbott	2,500 bu. corn	Hartley & Bro.
3/31	A. S. Trundle	1,000 bu. wheat	Hartley & Bro.
		875 bu. wheat	H. M. Talbott
4/2	Medley	2,000 bu. corn, 150 bu. wheat	Hartley & Bro.
4/9	A. S. Trundle	2,500 bu. corn, 100 bbls. ear corn	Hartley & Bro.
4/22	Medley	1,000 bu. wheat, 55 bbls. ear corn	H. M. Talbott
4/26	A. S. Trundle	wheat, ear corn, hay	
5/7	Medley	arrived empty, to Alexandria	
5/9	Benson Talbott	650 bu. corn	H. M. Talbott
		2,000 bu. wheat	Hartley & Bro.
5/13	Medley	departed Alexandria [ascending freight?]	
5/21	A. S. Trundle	2,000 bu. wheat, 250 bu. corn	H. M. Talbott
		1,100 bu. wheat	Hartley & Bro.
5/24	Medley	2,200 bu. corn	H. M. Talbott

<sup>72</sup> *Montgomery County sentinel*, Rockville, Md., newspaper, Friday, 3/21/1873, p. 3.

<sup>73</sup> *Montgomery County Sentinel*, Rockville, Md., newspaper, Friday, 4/4/1873, p. 3.

<sup>74</sup> *Montgomery County Sentinel*, Rockville, Md., newspaper, Friday, 4/11/1873, p. 3.

<sup>75</sup> *Alexandria Gazette*, Alexandria, Va., newspaper, Thursday, 7/24/1873, p. 3.

<sup>76</sup> *Montgomery County Sentinel*, Rockville, Md., newspaper, Friday, 8/15/1873, p. 3.

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		600 bu. corn	Hartley & Bro.
5/24	Benson Talbott	2,400 bu. corn	Hartley & Bro.
5/28	Medley	1,200 bu. wheat	Hartley & Bro.
5/29	A. S. Trundle	2,800 bu. wheat	Hartley & Bro.
	Benson Talbott	1,000 bu. wheat and 2,000 bu. corn	H. M. Talbott
6/2	Medley	1,500 bu. corn	Hartley & Bro.
6/5	Benson Talbott	350 bu. corn	H. M. Talbott
6/10	Benson Talbott	650 bu. corn	Hartley & Bro.
		400 bu. wheat and 1,750 bu. corn	H. M. Talbott
6/12	Medley	2,500 bu. corn	Hartley & Bro.
6/25	Medley	1,400 bu. corn	Hartley & Bro.
		1,200 bu. corn	H. M. Talbott
7/9	Benson Talbott	2,000 bu. corn, 750 bu. wheat	Hartley & Bro.
7/15	Medley	1,500 bu. corn, 1,200 bu. wheat	Hartley & Bro.
8/1	Benson Talbott	1,500 bu. wheat and 750 bu. corn	Hartley & Bro.
		300 bu. wheat	T. C. Wheeler
		800 bu. wheat	H. M. Talbott
8/5	Medley	1,300 bu. wheat and 500 bu. corn	Hartley & Bro.
		250 bu. wheat and 500 bu. corn	H. M. Talbott
8/8	Benson Talbott	500 bu. wheat	Hartley & Bro.
		2,200 bu. wheat and 150 bu. corn	H. M. Talbott
8/20	Medley	1,800 bu. wheat and 500 bu. corn	Hartley & Bro.
8/23	Medley	1,050 bu. wheat	Hartley & Bro.
9/5	Medley	1,150 bu. wheat and 750 bu. corn	Hartley & Bro.
		700 bu. corn	H. M. Talbott
9/13	Benson Talbott	1,200 bu. wheat and 600 bu. corn	H. M. Talbott
		600 bu. corn	Hartley & Bro.
	A. S. Trundle	560 bu. wheat and 1,200 bu. corn	Hartley & Bro.
9/17	Medley	850 bu. wheat and 430 bu. corn	Hartley & Bro.
9/19	A. S. Trundle	1,400 bu. wheat and 900 bu. corn	H. M. Talbott
9/22	Benson Talbott	1,000 bu. corn	T. C. Wheeler
		1,200 bu. wheat	H. M. Talbott
		350 bu. corn	Hartley & Bro.
9/26	Medley	300 bu. wheat	T. C. Wheeler
		800 bu. wheat and 300 bu. corn	Hartley & Bro.
		1,000 bu. wheat and 500 bu. corn	H. M. Talbott
10/2	Benson Talbott	2,000 bu. corn	Hartley & Bro.
		500 bu. corn	H. O. Sullivan
		350 bu. corn	H. M. Talbott
10/16	Benson Talbott	1,000 bu. wheat and 1,000 bu. corn	Hartley & Bro.
		600 bu. wheat	T. C. Wheeler
10/25	Medley	1,100 bu. wheat and 100 bu. corn	T. C. Wheeler
		900 bu. wheat	Hartley & Bro.
10/30	Benson Talbott	2,500 bu. corn	Hartley & Bro.

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	Medley	2,300 bu. wheat	Hartley & Bro.
		900 bu. wheat and 75 bbls. apples	H. M. Talbott
10/31	A. S. Trundle	600 bu. wheat and 400 bu. corn	H. M. Talbott
		900 bu. oats	Hartley & Bro.
11/7	A. S. Trundle	105 bales of hay	Hartley & Bro.
		35 bbls ear corn	H. M. Talbott
11/13	Medley	2,000 bu. wheat	Hartley & Bro.
		250 bu. wheat	H. M. Talbott
11/20	Medley	1,300 bu. wheat	Hartley & Bro.
		500 bu. wheat and 500 bu. corn	H. O. Sellman
		900 bu. wheat and 900 bu. corn	H. M. Talbott
12/8	Benson Talbott	1,400 bu. wheat and 700 bu. corn	H. M. Talbott
12/10	E. V. White	1,500 [?] bbls. ear corn	H. M. Talbott
12/20	Medley	1,200 bu. wheat, 200 bu. oats	Hartley & Bro.
		900 bu. wheat	T.C. Wheeler
		1,100 bu. wheat, 800 bu. corn	H. M. Talbott
12/23	A. S. Trundle	400 bu. wheat	H. M. Talbott
12/27	Benson Talbott	900 bu. wheat, 300 bu. corn and small lots oats, rye, straw & hay	Hartley & Bro.
		200 bu. wheat	T. C. Wheeler

Col. E. V. White participated in the Loudoun Agricultural Society Fair of November, 1873.<sup>77</sup> His Cotswold buck sheep was judged best in show and awarded \$8 and his pen of mutton won best in show and was awarded \$7. He also had a three-year-old gelding or filly judged best in show and awarded \$7 at the Fair.

Edward Wootton and John R. Williams obtained letters of administration on the personal estate of Jonathan B. Benson, deceased, from the Orphans' Court of Montgomery County.<sup>78</sup> Debtors and creditors were warned to exhibit their claims with the vouchers thereof by Nov. 11, 1874. Administrators were typically given 6% commission on the estate settlement, i.e., before the heirs received any share.

On 17<sup>th</sup> Dec. 1873, George T. and Rebecca C. Rust conveyed a tract of land known as "Montresor" containing 174+ acres to Elijah V. and Sarah E. White.<sup>79</sup> At the same time and place Elijah V. and Sarah E. White conveyed a tract of land known as "Egypt" containing 230+ acres to George T. and Rebecca C. Rust.<sup>80</sup>

On Dec. 27, 1873, Elijah V. White purchased two parcels of land for \$3,500, the first containing 147 square perches and the second containing 49 square perches, from George W. and Ann B. Spates.<sup>81</sup> The first parcel was near and below the Lock at Edward's Ferry and the second parcel was near and above the Lock at Edward's Ferry. George W. and Ann B. Spates had bought the property from a Thomas R. Hall;

<sup>77</sup> *Alexandria Gazette*, Alexandria, Va., newspaper, Tuesday, 11/11/1873, p. 2.

<sup>78</sup> *Montgomery County sentinel*, Rockville, Md., newspaper, Friday, 11/14/1873, p. 4.

<sup>79</sup> Montgomery County Courthouse, Rockville, Md., Deed Book 6 I, p. 348, recorded 12/1/1876.

<sup>80</sup> Montgomery County Courthouse, Rockville, Md., Deed Book 6 I, p. 346, recorded 12/1/1876.

<sup>81</sup> Montgomery County Courthouse, Rockville, Md., Deed Book EBP 11, p. 383, recorded 12/31/1873.

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Elijah V. White had Thomas R. Hall sign a release for that portion of Thomas R. Hall's land sold to George W. and Ann B. Spates.<sup>82</sup> Unfortunately, George W. and Ann B. Spates had a number of judgments standing in the Circuit Court for Montgomery County related to this property; Elijah V. White had them sign a release of judgment so he would have a clear title.<sup>83</sup> Then it was discovered that when John T. Fletchall had sold some of the property to George W. Spates, Mary S. Fletchall, his wife, had not given up her dower rights and that had to be corrected.<sup>84</sup>

During 1874, the canal boat Col. E. V. White departed Cumberland only six times, usually destined for Georgetown. However, the last load of 11/2/1874 went to White's Ferry.

Col. E. V. White, of Loudoun County, visited Alexandria, Va. on March 19, 1874.<sup>85</sup> J. J. Turner & Co., of Baltimore, Md., advertised to tobacco planters that their EXCELSIOR fertilizer was the most concentrated, universal and durable fertilizer ever offered to the farmer. It was available at \$60 per ton from Baltimore or E. V. White, White's Ferry, Va.<sup>86</sup> E. V. White, of Edward's Ferry, Md. advertised that his lime kiln at Edward's Ferry [presumably on the Maryland side] was in full operation and ready to ship lime down the Canal.<sup>87</sup> Col. E. V. White visited Alexandria again, with Mr. Snouffer and a canal boat, to buy \$400,000 of herrings.<sup>88</sup>

Thomas C. Wheeler, commission merchant, Georgetown, advertised that he had rented a warehouse at Muddy Branch which was then ready to accommodate farmer's grain from the vicinity.<sup>89</sup> He noted that the grain boats of Mr. Upton Darby and Col. E. V. White would stop at the warehouse on their down and up canal trips.

On Saturday, Aug. 1, 1874, a colored man named William Rohr was brought before Justice Blocher on the charge of stealing on the night previous, two sets of lines and several other articles of boatmen's outfit from Captain Hill, of the *E. V. White*. The charge was proven and Rohr was committed to jail to await trial at the October term of Court.<sup>90</sup>

A Congressional Convention was to be held in Alexandria on August 26<sup>th</sup> 1874. Loudoun County citizens met on August 15<sup>th</sup> to elect the delegates from the several townships; E. V. White was elected one of eleven delegates from Leesburg.<sup>91</sup>

During 1874, the farmers in the vicinity of White's Ferry continued to send their produce to Georgetown, as shown:

Arrived	Boat name	Cargo	Consignee
3/12	Medley	1,500 bu. corn	Hartley & Bro.
		1,000 bu. wheat	H. M. Talbott

<sup>82</sup> Montgomery County Courthouse, Rockville, Md., Deed Book EBP 11, p. 362, recorded 12/31/1873.

<sup>83</sup> Montgomery County Courthouse, Rockville, Md., Deed Book EBP 11, p. 363, recorded 12/31/1873.

<sup>84</sup> Montgomery County Courthouse, Rockville, Md., Deed Book EBP 11, p. 384, recorded 12/31/1873.

<sup>85</sup> *Alexandria Gazette*, Alexandria, Va., newspaper, Thursday, 3/19/1874, p. 3.

<sup>86</sup> *Montgomery County sentinel*, Rockville, Md., newspaper, Friday, 3/20/1874, p. 4.

<sup>87</sup> *Montgomery County sentinel*, Rockville, Md., newspaper, Friday, 3/20/1874, p. 4.

<sup>88</sup> *Alexandria Gazette*, Alexandria, Va., newspaper, Monday, 5/4/1874, p. 4.

<sup>89</sup> *Montgomery County sentinel*, Rockville, Md., newspaper, Friday, 7/3/1875, p. 5.

<sup>90</sup> *Cumberland Alleganian*, Cumberland, Md., newspaper, Wednesday, 8/5/74, p. 3.

<sup>91</sup> *Alexandria Gazette*, Alexandria, Va., newspaper, Friday, 8/21/1874, p. 3.

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3/25	Medley	2,000 bu. corn	H. M. Talbott
		560 bu. corn, 170 bu. wheat	Hartley & Bro.
3/31	Medley	1,600 bu. corn	Hartley & Bro.
4/6	Medley	1,200 bu. corn	Hartley & Bro.
		1,400 bu. corn	H. M. Talbott
4/13	Medley	900 bu. wheat and 1,600 bu. corn	Hartley & Bro.
4/23	Medley	1,000 bu. corn	H. M. Talbott
		500 bu. corn	Hartley & Bro.
		1,100 bu. wheat and 200 bu. corn	T. C. Wheeler
5/2	Benson Talbott	700 bu. wheat and 350 bu. corn	Hartley & Bro.
5/19	Medley	2,000 bu. wheat, 600 bu. corn	Hartley & Bro.
5/25	Medley	1,700 bu. corn and 400 bu. wheat	Hartley & Bro.
		300 bu. corn	H. M. Talbott
5/28	Medley	1,800 bu. corn and 450 bu. wheat	Hartley & Bro.
		400 bu. corn	H. M. Talbott
6/2	Medley	700 bu. wheat and 1,200 bu. corn	Hartley & Bro.
		200 bu. wheat and 250 bu. corn	H. M. Talbott
6/8	Medley	1,400 bu. corn and 650 bu. wheat	Hartley & Bro.
		600 bu. corn	H. M. Talbott
8/24	Medley	2,200 bu. wheat	Hartley & Bro.
	Benson Talbott	700 bu. wheat	H. M. Talbott
		900 bu. wheat	Hartley & Bro.
9/11	Benson Talbott	800 bu. wheat	H. M. Talbott
9/12	Medley	1,600 bu. corn and 400 bu. wheat	Hartley & Bro.
		1,000 bu. corn	H. M. Talbott
9/21	Medley	1,200 bu. wheat and 100 bu. rye	Hartley & Bro.
		800 bu. wheat	H. M. Talbott
10/1	Medley	2,400 bu. wheat	Hartley & Bro.
10/9	Benson Talbott	200 bu. wheat	J. G. & J. M. Waters
10/20	Medley	2,000 bu. wheat, 400 bu. corn and 400 bu. oats	Hartley & Bro.
		200 bu. corn	H. M. Talbott
10/29	Medley (E. Ferry)	1,000 bu. wheat	Hartley & Bro.
		1,600 bu. wheat	H. M. Talbott
11/16	Medley	2,100 bu. wheat	Hartley & Bro.
		500 bu. wheat	H. M. Talbott
11/20	Medley	500 bu. wheat	T. C. Wheeler
		500 bu. wheat	H. M. Talbott
		1,600 bu. wheat	Hartley & Bro.
11/30	Medley	250 bu. wheat	Hartley & Bro.
		2,500 bu. corn	H. M. Talbott
12/4	Medley	850 bu. wheat	T. C. Wheeler
		1,750 bu. wheat	H. M. Talbott
		750 bu. wheat	Hartley & Bro.
12/14	Medley	2,300 bu. wheat	H. M. Talbott



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		200 bu. wheat	Hartley & Bro.
12/22	Medley	1,000 bu. corn and 1,000 bu. wheat	H. M. Talbott

Notice that canal boat A. S. Trundle made only 1 trip, on 6/1/1874, from Alexandria carrying cadets.

J. J. Turner & Co., 42 Pratt Street, Baltimore, advertised that they had the most concentrated, universal durable fertilizer – combining Peruvian guano and ground bones – for sale in fine dry powder, labeled Excelsior, by the bag, at \$55 per ton.<sup>92</sup> E. V. White, White's Ferry, Va. would carry the product.

On Sep. 15<sup>th</sup> 1874, in consideration of 3 tons, 510 lbs. of South Sea Guano and 114 bushels of wheat, for which William Ball paid \$346.77, William Ball conveyed his 3/5 share in the fall 1875 wheat crop to E. V. White and agreed to harvest the crop and deliver it at White's Ferry Warehouse.<sup>93</sup>

The Loudoun County Agricultural Fair was held in October, 1874 and Col. & Mrs. White participated. She was awarded the best worsted quilt, \$3; and he was awarded the second best one-year-old colt, \$5.<sup>94</sup>

At the start of 1875, E. V. White advertised that he would give the highest cash prices for grain, or that he would freight the grain from White's Ferry, Edward's Ferry or Seneca warehouses.<sup>95</sup> The advertisement said he would keep fertilizers, fine ground plaster, flour, salt and fish for sale.

On Jan. 5<sup>th</sup> 1875, for \$400, B. F. and Susan R. Reed sold Lot No. 6, containing 5+ acres, to Edward Wootton.<sup>96</sup>

Recall that Edward Wootton and John R. Williams obtained letters of administration on the personal estate of Jonathan B. Benson, deceased, from the Orphans' Court of Montgomery County. Now it was time to sell the real estate, i.e., 360 acres of land, on Saturday, April 10, 1875, on the premises.<sup>97</sup> The sale netted \$8,275.00.<sup>98</sup> Apparently only 29 acres were sold to Susan Benson, because the Administrator's Sale was rescheduled for Saturday, July 17, 1875 for 331 acres in the entirety or in three divisions to suit the purchaser. That did not happen and Susan Benson had the sale to her annulled, vacated and set aside, leaving the sale, now down to 274½ acres, to be held on Saturday, Aug. 28, 1875, on the premises.<sup>99</sup> This sale happened with a George C. Slifer the purchaser for \$7,707.96.<sup>100</sup> The administrators earned their commission.

In 1875, J. J. Turner & Co., 42 Pratt Street, Baltimore, Md. advertised EXCELSIOR fertilizer at \$55 per ton, sold in bags.<sup>101</sup> This fertilizer was sold by E. V. White, White's Ferry, Va., which suggests he had a warehouse/retail store on the Virginia side of his ferry. The advertisement ran daily for 3 months. Later that year, E. V. White advertised that he would pay highest cash prices for farmer's grain or he would

<sup>92</sup> *Montgomery County Sentinel*, Rockville, Md., newspaper, Friday, 9/4/1874, p. 4.

<sup>93</sup> Loudoun County Courthouse, Leesburg, Va., Deed Book 6 G, p. 115, recorded 1/14/1875.

<sup>94</sup> *Alexandria Gazette*, Alexandria, Va., newspaper, Friday, 10/16/1874, p. 3.

<sup>95</sup> *Montgomery County Sentinel*, Rockville, Md., newspaper, Friday, 1/1/1875, p. 5.

<sup>96</sup> Montgomery County Courthouse, Rockville, Md., Deed Book EBP 13, p. 70, recorded 1/5/1875.

<sup>97</sup> *Montgomery County sentinel*, Rockville, Md., newspaper, Friday, 3/26/1875, p. 4.

<sup>98</sup> *Montgomery County sentinel*, Rockville, Md., newspaper, Friday, 5/14/1875, p. 4.

<sup>99</sup> *Montgomery County sentinel*, Rockville, Md., newspaper, Friday, 7/30/1875, p. 3.  
and *Montgomery County sentinel*, Rockville, Md., newspaper, Friday, 8/6/1875, p. 3.

<sup>100</sup> *Montgomery County sentinel*, Rockville, Md., newspaper, Friday, 9/17/1875, p. 4.

<sup>101</sup> *Montgomery County sentinel*, Rockville, Md., newspaper, Friday, 4/16/1875, p. 5.

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freight the grain from White's Ferry, Edward's Ferry or Seneca Warehouses, and that he would keep at hand at Edward's Ferry and White's Ferry, fertilizers, fine ground plaster, flour, salt and fish.<sup>102</sup>

Mr. Boyd Barrett and his friend Col. E. V. White, visited Alexandria, Va. on June 2, 1875.<sup>103</sup>

During 1875, the farmers in the vicinity of White's Ferry continued to send their produce to Georgetown, as shown:

Arrived	Boat name	Cargo	Consignee
5/31	Medley	2,800 bu. corn	Hartley & Bro.
6/7	Medley	500 bu. wheat and 550 bu. corn	H. M. Talbott
		1,100 bu. corn	Hartley & Bro.
7/20	Medley	1,300 bu. wheat	Hartley & Bro.
7/24	Medley	1,100 bu. wheat	H. M. Talbott
7/30	Medley	1,600 bu. wheat	H. M. Talbott
8/9	Medley	2,500 bu. wheat	H. M. Talbott
8/18	Medley	2,300 bu. wheat	Hartley & Bro.
8/30	Medley	700 bu. wheat and 1,500 bu. corn	H. M. Talbott
		grain	Hartley & Bro.
9/8	Medley	1,700 bu. wheat	H. M. Talbott
		450 bu. wheat, 350 bu. corn	Hartley & Bro.
9/25	Medley	2,500 bu. wheat	Hartley & Bro.
9/27	Medley	2,000 bu. corn	H. M. Talbott
10/8	Medley	2,200 bu. wheat	Hartley & Bro.
10/14	Medley	1,600 bu. wheat	H. M. Talbott
		1,000 bu. wheat	Hartley & Bro.
11/4	Medley	750 bu. wheat	Hartley & Bro.
		900 bu. wheat	T. C. Wheeler
		560 bu. wheat	H. M. Talbott
11/19	Medley	1,000 bu. wheat	Hartley & Bro.
		400 bu. wheat	T. C. Wheeler
11/29	Medley	2,800 bu. wheat	Hartley & Bro.
12/13	Medley	600 bu. shell corn, 60 bbls. ear corn, 300 bu. wheat	Hartley & Bro.
		500 bu. wheat	H. M. Talbott
12/22	Medley	2,000 bu. wheat	Hartley & Bro.
12/27	E. V. White	112 bales hay	J. G. & J. M. Waters

Notice that the canal boats Benson Talbott and A. S. Trundle did not make any trips.

On Feb. 14, 1876, Virginia White, of Leesburg, Va., in consideration of \$337, sold 2/5 of the corn crop growing on the farm of Samuel Darby, Montgomery County, Md., 2/5 of the wheat crop growing on the "Ferry" farm, and one sorrel mare colt nearly three years old, to Elijah V. White.<sup>104</sup>

<sup>102</sup> *Montgomery County sentinel*, Rockville, Md., newspaper, Friday, 11/12/1875, p. 4.

<sup>103</sup> *Alexandria Gazette*, Alexandria, Va., newspaper, Wednesday, 6/2/1875, p. 4.

<sup>104</sup> Montgomery County Courthouse, Rockville, Md., Deed Book EBP 14, p. 323, recorded 2/21/1876.

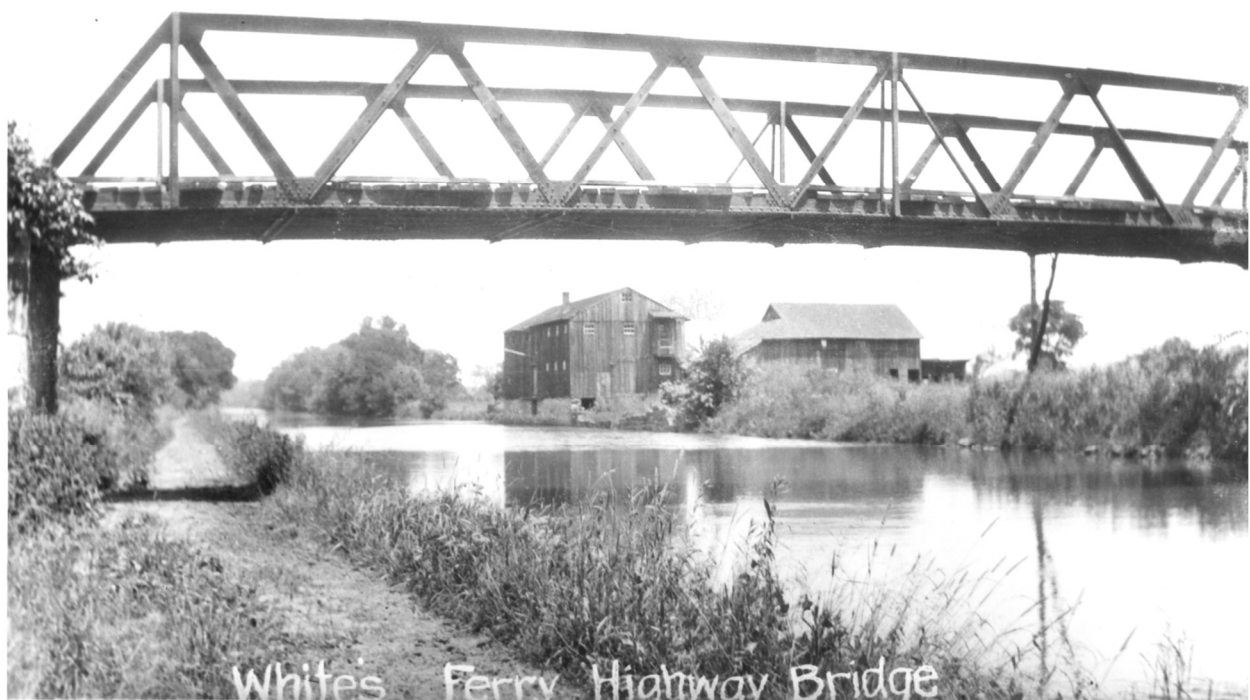
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On or about Feb. 12, 1876, the "Sycamore Warehouse Company" was formed. The ownership of a building and acre of land, previously owned by Aaron B. Hersberger at Sycamore Landing, was divided into 27 shares.<sup>105</sup> The shares were distributed as follows: John T. Fletchall 1/27; H. Maurice Talbott 10/27; D. Joseph Willard 5/27; Leonis Jones 2/27; Robert T. Hilliard 2/27; James T. Trundle 2/27; Arthur B. Cropley 1/27; and George T. Dunlop 2/27; Aaron B. Hersberger retaining 2/27 interest. As we will see later on, Elijah V. White bought all 27 shares.

William M. Hardesty became indebted in the sum of \$212, to E. V. White, by a Note dated Oct. 1, 1875. On May 6, 1876 Mr. Hardesty took a Mortgage on all of his present wheat crop growing on his farm in Montgomery County, Md., as collateral.<sup>106</sup> The destination and purchaser not mentioned.

There were twelve delegates elected to the State Conservative Convention from Loudoun County; E. V. White was one of the delegates.<sup>107</sup>

6/20/1876. **New Iron Bridge.** The new iron bridge built by the canal company over the canal at White's Ferry, thirty-five miles this side of Georgetown, is now entirely completed. It is the only bridge of the kind on the canal; all the rest are wooden ones. **Up the Line** – News comes from up the canal that the river at White's Ferry, is reported to be very high, with a swift current. The wheat crops in that section are damaged to a considerable extent.



<sup>105</sup> Montgomery County Courthouse, Rockville, Md., Deed Book EBP 14, p. 372, recorded 3/10/1876.

<sup>106</sup> Montgomery County Courthouse, Rockville, Md., Deed Book EBP 15, p. 57, recorded 5/6/1876.

<sup>107</sup> *Alexandria Gazette*, Alexandria, Va., newspaper, Thursday, 5/15/1876, p. 4.

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The above photograph shows the iron bridge mentioned above, plus the granary on the berm side of the canal and a warehouse to the right, on the road to Poolesville.

During 1876, the farmers in the vicinity of White's Ferry continued to send their produce to Georgetown, as shown:

Arrived	Boat name	Cargo	Consignee
3/28	Medley	2,200 bu. corn	Hartley & Bro.
		700 bu. corn	H. M. Talbott
4/14	Medley	2,000 bu. corn	Hartley & Bro.
4/21	Medley	1,600 bu. wheat, 250 bu. corn	Hartley & Bro.
5/12	Medley	2,500 bu. wheat	Hartley & Bro.
		600 bu. corn	H. M. Talbott
5/29	Medley	2,000 bu. corn	Hartley & Bro.
		500 bu. corn	T. C. Wheeler
5/30	Medley	1,000 bu. corn	H. M. Talbott
6/14	Medley	2,900 bu. corn, 300 bu. wheat	Hartley & Bro.
6/23	Medley	1,500 bu. corn, 550 bu. wheat	Hartley & Bro.
7/7	Medley	2,500 bu. corn	
8/2	Medley	1,500 bu. wheat, 600 bu. corn	Hartley & Bro.
		170 bu. wheat	J. G. & J. M. Waters
8/14	Medley	750 bu. wheat, 1,800 bu. corn, 50 bu. rye	Hartley & Bro.
8/23	Medley	1,000 bu. wheat	H. M. Talbott
9/6	Medley	1,600 bu. wheat, 100 bu. rye, 250 bu. oats and 16 bales hay	Hartley & Bro.
9/19	E. V. White	150 bales hay	H. M. Talbott
10/5	E. V. White	300 bu. wheat	H. M. Talbott
10/28	Medley	1,400 bu. corn, 200 bu. rye	Hartley & Bro.
		200 bu. corn	H. M. Talbott
11/3	Medley	1,300 bu. wheat	Hartley & Bro.
		600 bu. wheat	H. M. Talbott
12/1	E. V. White	arrived and departed	
12/15	Medley	1,600 bu. wheat, 500 bu. rye	H. M. Talbott
		1,950 bu. wheat, 100 bu. corn	Hartley & Bro.

After delivering grain in Georgetown on 11/3/1876, the canal boat Medley went to Cumberland and took onboard 112 tons 5 cwt of individual coal for delivery in Georgetown. She left Cumberland on 11/9/1876 with Capt. Mertens. Notice the absence of canal boats A. S. Trundle and Benson Talbott.

About 10 o'clock Wednesday morning, March 30, 1876, a colored man named George Binns, while employed on canal boat *E. V. White*, near the old distillery, at Georgetown, accidentally fell into the canal, and before assistance could be rendered, was drowned. Binns was from Loudoun County, Va., and was about 40 years of age. The coroner was notified, and gave a certificate of death from accidental drowning. The body of the unfortunate man was turned over to his friends.

A newspaper ran the following ad: "**FARM FOR SALE!** – I will sell the farm and premises on which I reside, containing about **One Hundred and Fifty Acres**, on satisfactory terms to purchasers. The soil is

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excellent, in a good state of cultivation, and the improvements good and convenient. It lies on the Darnestown road, about one mile from the Railroad Depot at Rockville. [Signed] OLIVIA C. WOOTTON.”<sup>108</sup> The ad first ran on July 7 1876 and ran many times through 1878. The actual date of sale and deed have not been found.

December 1876 saw a flurry of activity with regard to the 1877 wheat crop. George W. Spates and Richard F. Spates purchased 14,080 lbs. of Busey’s Excelsior fertilizer for \$373.16 from E. V. White.<sup>109</sup> They had signed a Note on Sept. 1, 1876 in that amount with their entire wheat crop as collateral. They agreed to cut, thresh, clean and deliver the crop in merchantable order to E. V. White’s warehouse at Edward’s Ferry. Thomas A. Hickman purchased four tons of Busey’s Excelsior fertilizer for \$212 from E. V. White.<sup>110</sup> He agreed to cut, thresh, clean and deliver the crop in merchantable order to E. V. White’s warehouse at White’s Ferry. Lorenzo C. Viers and Benjamin F. Viers purchased 4,137 lbs. of fertilizer for \$103.42 from E. V. White.<sup>111</sup> He agreed to cut, thresh, clean and deliver the crop to the White’s Ferry Warehouse. In consideration of \$530, Charles W. Shreve sold his entire 1877 crop of wheat to E. V. White.<sup>112</sup> Text on purchase of fertilizer or care of the crop and the delivery point, were not mentioned in the Bill of Sale.

1877 started out similarly, in that on Feb. 13, 1877, James H. Beall, in consideration of \$430.82, sold his entire crop of wheat to E. V. White and agreed to deliver it at the Seneca Warehouse on or before Oct. 1, 1877.<sup>113</sup>

The Chesapeake and Ohio Canal officially opened for the 1877 season on March 21. The grain boat Loudoun arrived at Georgetown on March 22, with 1,200 bushels of corn and 800 bushels of wheat to H. M. Talbott and 1,200 bushels corn and 800 bushels wheat to Hartley & Bro.

On April 2, 1877, A. T. M. Rust agreed to let E. V. White, at his own expense, erect a warehouse or building at White’s Ferry, on the Virginia shore, for the purpose of purchasing and boating grain, selling salt, fertilizer, &c.<sup>114</sup>

On or about April 5, 1877, a Thomas H. Clagett found himself in considerable debt and granted all his real and personal property, in trust, to Powell Harrison who was to sell the wheat crop of Thomas H. Clagett and pay his debts, including one for \$301.50 for fertilizer from E. V. White.<sup>115</sup> Thomas H. Clagett owed other debts to be paid out of the crop proceeds and then the Trustee could sell the real and personal property of Thomas H. Clagett at public or private sale to pay off the remaining debt.

A rumor had been circulating that patrons of the Mouth of Monocacy Warehouse would not be well attended to since the change of ownership. E. V. White placed an advertisement to assure the farmers that their freight, both down and up the canal, would not suffer by the change.<sup>116</sup>

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<sup>108</sup> *Montgomery County sentinel*, Rockville, Md., newspaper, Friday, 7/7/1876, p. 3.

<sup>109</sup> Montgomery County Courthouse, Rockville, Md., Deed Book EBP 16, p. 56, recorded 12/15/1876.

<sup>110</sup> Montgomery County Courthouse, Rockville, Md., Deed Book EBP 16, p. 57, recorded 12/15/1876.

<sup>111</sup> *Ibid.*

<sup>112</sup> Montgomery County Courthouse, Rockville, Md., Deed Book EBP 16, p. 58, recorded 12/15/1876.

<sup>113</sup> Montgomery County Courthouse, Rockville, Md., Deed Book EBP 16, p. 140, recorded 2/13/1877.

<sup>114</sup> Loudoun County Courthouse, Leesburg, Va., Deed Book 6 K, p. 283, recorded 6/8/1877.

<sup>115</sup> Loudoun County Courthouse, Leesburg, Va., Deed Book 6 K, p. 90, recorded 4/6/1877.

<sup>116</sup> *Montgomery County sentinel*, Rockville, Md., newspaper, Friday 4/13/1877, p. 4.

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F. L. Moore, advertised Excelsior fertilizer, potash potato fertilizer, Peruvian guano, pure ground bone, and Blue Windsor plaster for sale at Georgetown, D. C. and by Col. E. V. White, Edwards Ferry, and by others.<sup>117</sup>

On May 2, 1877, John F. Waesche owed Elijah V. White \$800, John F. Waesche sold his 50-acre crop of wheat to Elijah V. White and obligated himself to cut, thresh and clean the wheat; then deliver it in merchantable condition to Elijah V. White at White's Ferry.<sup>118</sup>

At the May 18, 1877 session of the Baltimore Association of Primitive Baptists, normal business was conducted and then adjourned until May 16, 1878. After the session, a short religious sermon was delivered by Elder E. V. White.<sup>119</sup> Although he was a preacher of the Baptist Church, he preached at the Methodist Church, Hamilton, Loudoun County on Sunday, July 24, 1877.<sup>120</sup> Col. E. V. White was ordained with full powers and privileges of Elder in the Church, Baptist Association, at the Valley Meeting House, Loudoun County, Va., on Aug. 18, 1877.<sup>121</sup> The ordination sermon was preached by Rev. Dr. Babe, of New York. In the afternoon, Elder White delivered a short sermon. While he had been preaching for some time, ordination gave him commission to baptize, marry and perform certain other duties belonging to a regularly ordained elder.

On June 6, 1877, in consideration of \$1,735, E. V. White, of Loudoun County, Va., bought from George W. Spates, of Montgomery County, Md., all his interest in the growing crop of corn on his farm near Edward's Ferry, also the 1/3 interest in the corn crop tended by John W. Stevens, his tenant, also two mares & colts, three gray colts, three work horses, two mules, one yoke of oxen, one bull, two heifers and three milch cows, two wagons, one ox cart, one wheat drill, one combined reaper & mower, one horse rake, two wheat fans, four bar shear plows, six shovel plows, two harrows, two corn coverers, one carriage, one buggy, one spring wagon, seventeen head of hogs, six sets of wagon harness, six sets plow harness & one set of blacksmith tools.<sup>122</sup> Also, the crop of hay on the bottom at Edward's Ferry. No mention was made of who would harvest the corn or where it was to be delivered. On the same day, in consideration of \$500, E. V. White bought from Richard F. Spates, of Montgomery County, Md., all his interest in the wheat crop growing on the land rented from G. W. Spates at Edward's Ferry.<sup>123</sup> No mention was made as to who would harvest the wheat or where it was to be delivered.

By mid-June, coal boat captains who had been freighting coal for 60 to 70 cents per ton were not meeting expenses; the captains sought \$1 per ton. Several mortgaged boats were repossessed and sold at public auction. The light boats began collecting and tied up at the 8-mile level, the 11-mile level and the 14-mile level. In essence, freighting of coal stopped. The coal boatmen's strike continued until mid-August. Throughout the strike, the grain boatmen continued freighting as will be seen in a moment. Montgomery county, Md. and Loudoun county, Va. were located downstream of the blockade and thus not involved.

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<sup>117</sup> *Montgomery County sentinel*, Rockville, Md., newspaper, Friday, 4/27/1877, p. 4.

<sup>118</sup> Montgomery County Courthouse, Rockville, Md., Deed Book EBP 16, p. 430, recorded 6/25/1877.

<sup>119</sup> *Alexandria Gazette*, Alexandria, Va., newspaper, Saturday, 5/19/1877, p. 3.

<sup>120</sup> *Alexandria Gazette*, Alexandria, Va., newspaper, Wednesday, 7/4/1877, p. 4.

<sup>121</sup> *Alexandria Gazette*, Alexandria, Va., newspaper, Friday, 8/24/1877, p. 3.

<sup>122</sup> Montgomery County Courthouse, Rockville, Md., Deed Book EBP 16, p. 393, recorded 6/6/1877.

<sup>123</sup> Montgomery County Courthouse, Rockville, Md., Deed Book EBP 16, p. 394, recorded 6/6/1877.



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A newspaper had the following obituary: “**Died**, Poolesville, on Sunday evening, September 2<sup>nd</sup>, **ALICE**, infant daughter of Dr. E. and Bettie D. Wootton, aged 5 months and 10 days.”<sup>124</sup>

John H. Allnutt and Wm. J. Offutt, on Oct. 1, 1877, bought 4 tons of Busey’s Excelsior fertilizer from E. V. White, for which they signed a Note in the amount of \$208, due in 12 months.<sup>125</sup> As collateral, they offered their crop of wheat, then growing on John H. Allnutt’s farm, or so much of it as would pay the debt. They did covenant to harvest the wheat and deliver it in merchantable order to E. V. White at Sycamore Landing Warehouse. That same day, John L. T. Jones and Cornelia Jones, his wife, signed a Note in the amount of \$632, payable in 12 months to E. V. White.<sup>126</sup> As collateral, they offered their crops of wheat and rye then growing on their farm, or so much of it as would pay the debt. They agreed to harvest the grain and deliver it in merchantable order to E. V. White at White’s Ferry, Md. It was a busy Oct. 1, 1877, Barbara Trundle purchased 18,960 lbs. of fertilizer, for which she signed a \$493.96 Note, due in 12 months to E. V. White.<sup>127</sup> As collateral, she offered her crop of wheat then growing on her farm, or so much of it as would pay the debt and interest. She agreed to harvest the grain and deliver it in merchantable order to E. V. White at White’s Ferry, Md.

On Oct. 13, 1877, H. M. Reeves received 3 tons of fertilizer from E. V. White, in consideration of \$160.06, for which he signed a Note due in 11½ months.<sup>128</sup> H. M. Reeves put up his 2/3 interest in his 1878 crop of wheat as collateral and agreed to harvest the wheat and deliver it to E. V. White at Mouth of Monocacy. A few days later, on Oct. 27, 1877, John P. Bouie purchased 10,240 lbs. of fertilizer for which he signed a Note in the sum of \$266.24 to E. V. White.<sup>129</sup> He used his crop of wheat as collateral. He agreed to harvest the wheat and deliver it to E. V. White at White’s Ferry, Md.

During 1877, the farmers in the vicinity of White’s Ferry continued to send their produce to Georgetown, as shown:

Arrived	Boat name	Cargo	Consignee
3/22	Loudoun	1,200 bu. corn, 800 bu. wheat	H. M. Talbott
		1,200 bu. corn, 800 bu. wheat	Hartley & Bro.
3/26	Medley	4,200 bu. wheat, 120 bu. hay	Hartley & Bro.
4/4	Medley	2,200 bu. corn, 350 bu. wheat	S. Talbott
		800 bu. wheat	Hartley & Bro.
4/10	Medley	2,600 bu. wheat, 1,700 bu. corn	Hartley & Bro.
		300 bu. corn	H. M. Talbott
4/14	Loudoun	4,000 bu. corn	Hartley & Bro.
4/28	Loudoun	102 03 tons coal [Capt. Reid]	Georgetown
5/16	Loudoun	2,500 bu. wheat, 400 bu. corn	H. M. Talbott
5/24	Medley	2,800 bu. corn	Hartley & Bro.
		800 bu. corn	H. M. Talbott
6/1	Loudoun	3,000 bu. corn, 200 bu. rye, 400 bu. wheat	Hartley & Bro.

<sup>124</sup> *Montgomery County sentinel*, Rockville, Md., newspaper, Friday, 9/17/1877, p. 3.

<sup>125</sup> Montgomery County Courthouse, Rockville, Md., Deed Book EBP 17, p. 169, recorded 11/6/1877.

<sup>126</sup> *Ibid.*

<sup>127</sup> Montgomery County Courthouse, Rockville, Md., Deed Book EBP 17, p. 170, recorded 11/6/1877.

<sup>128</sup> Montgomery County Courthouse, Rockville, Md., Deed Book EBP 17, p. 145, recorded 10/16/1877.

<sup>129</sup> Montgomery County Courthouse, Rockville, Md., Deed Book EBP 17, p. 160, recorded 10/27/1877.

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6/25	Loudoun	2,200 bu. corn	Hartley & Bro.
		1,700 bu. corn	H. M. Talbott
7/16	Medley	600 bu. corn	H. M. Talbott
7/20	Loudoun	300 bu. wheat, 1,000 bu. corn	Wheeler & Barron
		1,500 bu. corn, 200 bu. wheat	Hartley & Bro.
7/24	Medley	1,000 bu. corn, 1,000 bu. wheat	Hartley & Bro.
		1,090 bu. wheat	H. M. Talbott
8/1	Loudoun	2,250 bu. wheat, 800 bu. corn	Hartley & Bro.
8/6	Medley	1,500 bu. corn, 1,200 bu. wheat	Hartley & Bro.
		213 bu. wheat	J. G. & J. M. Waters
8/13	Medley	1,700 bu. wheat, 1,000 bu. corn	Hartley & Bro.
		1,700 bu. corn, 150 bu. wheat	H. M. Talbott
8/14	Loudoun	3,300 bu. wheat	Hartley & Bro.
		600 bu. corn	Wm. Talbott
8/22	Medley	460 bu. wheat, 2,600 bu. corn	Hartley & Bro.
		500 bu. wheat	H. M. Talbott
9/6	Medley	2,500 bu. wheat, 600 bu. corn, 300 bu. rye	Hartley & Bro.
		500 bu. corn	H. M. Talbott
9/15	Medley	950 bu. wheat, 275 bu. corn	Hartley & Bro.
		500 bu. wheat	H. M. Talbott
10/1	Loudoun	700 bu. wheat, 400 bu. corn, 100 bu. rye	H. M. Talbott
		1,200 bu. wheat, 1,000 bu. corn	Hartley & Bro.
10/11	E. V. White	200 bales hay	H. M. Talbott
10/23	Medley	1,150 bu. wheat	Hartley & Bro.
		800 bu. wheat	H. M. Talbott
10/29	Medley	104 tons coal [Capt. Clarkson]	Georgetown
11/14	Loudoun	3,500 bu. wheat	Hartley & Bro.
11/19	Medley	2,000 bu. wheat, 2,000 bu. corn	Hartley & Bro.
		250 bu. wheat	H. M. Talbott
11/22	E. V. White	2,000 bu. wheat	H. M. Talbott
11/22	Loudoun	2,000 bu. wheat	Hartley & Bro.
		1,200 bu. wheat	H. M. Talbott
12/21	E. V. White	Scrapped for fire wood	

The November 1877 buying of 1878 crops continued, although some contracts were made in October and not recorded until Nov. 6<sup>th</sup> 1877. Note that the crops were in the ground, i.e., what we would today call “winter wheat” because it lay fallow all winter and then sprouted in the spring when the fields were too wet to plant crops; farmers would not want to drive the heavy planting machinery in their wet fields. William T. Jones, in consideration of 20,880 lbs. of fertilizer executed a Note in the amount of \$547.88, payable in 12 months, to E. V. White.<sup>130</sup> William T. Jones put up his crop of wheat as collateral and agreed to harvest the wheat and deliver it to E. V. White at White’s Ferry, Md. George W. Spates bought 7,040 lbs. of fertilizer, signing a Note in the amount of \$183.04 due in 12 months to E. V. White.<sup>131</sup>

<sup>130</sup> Montgomery County Courthouse, Rockville, Md., Deed Book EBP 17, p. 171, recorded 11/6/1877

<sup>131</sup> Montgomery County Courthouse, Rockville, Md., Deed Book EBP 17, p. 171, recorded 11/6/1877.

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George W. Spates put up his crop of wheat and rye as collateral, and covenanted to harvest the crops and deliver them to E. V. White at Edward's Ferry, Md. E. V. White sold 8,960 lbs. of fertilizer to Thomas A. Hickman, who signed a \$232.56 Note, using his crop of wheat as collateral.<sup>132</sup> He agreed to harvest the crop and deliver it to E. V. White at White's Ferry, Md. E. V. White sold 5½ tons of Turner's Excelsior fertilizer to James Matthews, for which he signed a \$291.50 Note, due in 12 months.<sup>133</sup> He agreed to harvest the crop and deliver it in merchantable order to E. V. White at Sycamore Landing. Richard Spates and Thomas P. Spates bought 8,167 lbs. of fertilizer from E. V. White for \$173.13; they signed a Note to that effect.<sup>134</sup> They had rented a farm from George W. Spates and the wheat crop was entirely theirs. They too agreed to harvest the wheat and deliver it to E. V. White at Edward's Ferry, Md. On Nov. 3, 1877, William T. Aud purchased fertilizer and signed a Note in the amount of \$700.46, payable 12 months after date, to E. V. White.<sup>135</sup> Mr. Aud used his crop of wheat as collateral and covenanted to harvest the wheat and deliver it at Edward's Ferry, Md.

The greatest flood to-date culminated on Saturday, Nov. 24, 1877 at 5:30 p.m. in Cumberland. The flood waters swept downstream. Damage to the canal was extensive and closed the canal for the season. Many of the canal employees were relieved of duty [i.e., they were not paid, to save costs] and many of the boat crewmen went to work for the canal company, as laborers helping all along the line. By mid-December, the Georgetown level and the mills were fully functional. It would take the rest of the winter to restore the rest of the canal.

December 1877 started out differently; Elijah V. White paid \$100 for 2/27 interest in one acre of land lying behind the "Sycamore Landing Warehouse" being the 2/27<sup>th</sup> interest of Robert T. Hillard.<sup>136</sup>

The canal boat E. V. White was condemned on or about Dec. 21, 1877, as being unfit to carry freight and was sold to a junk dealer named Dreyfuss for \$15, that being the assessed value of the hog iron used in her construction.<sup>137</sup> Mr. Dreyfuss placed the boat in charge of several colored laborers, who tore the vessel to pieces for the fire-wood they could get out of her.

The buying of wheat futures continued in December 1877 with Elijah V. White selling 9,920 lbs. of fertilizer to William F. Viers, who executed a \$257.92 Note, payable in 12 months, to E. V. White.<sup>138</sup> Mr. Viers used his crop of wheat as collateral and agreed to harvest it and deliver it at White's Ferry in merchantable order. In these Bills of Sale, the farmer is always identified as living in Montgomery County, Md. while the residence of E. V. White was seldom mentioned; going back to an earlier Bill of Sale, E. V. White was mentioned as a resident of Loudoun County, Va. Leesburg, Va. That distance from Leesburg, Va. to Rockville, Md. would explain the occasional time delay between when the farmer purchased the fertilizer and signed a Note and when E. V. White appeared at the office of S. George Donohue, Justice of the Peace, to verify the consideration of each Bill of Sale. The next Bill of Sale is an example. On Oct. 1, 1877, James W. Skinner purchased 4,080 lbs. of fertilizer and signed a \$104.08 Note

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<sup>132</sup> Montgomery County Courthouse, Rockville, Md., Deed Book EBP 17, p. 172, recorded 11/6/1877.

<sup>133</sup> Montgomery County Courthouse, Rockville, Md., Deed Book EBP 17, p. 172, recorded 11/6/1877.

<sup>134</sup> Montgomery County Courthouse, Rockville, Md., Deed Book EBP 17, p. 173, recorded 11/6/1877.

<sup>135</sup> Montgomery County Courthouse, Rockville, Md., Deed Book EBP 17, p. 174, recorded 11/6/1877.

<sup>136</sup> Montgomery County Courthouse, Rockville, Md., Deed Book EBP 17, p. 248, recorded 12/11/1877.

<sup>137</sup> *Daily National Republican*, Washington, D. C., newspaper, Friday, 12/21/1877, p. 5.

<sup>138</sup> Montgomery County Courthouse, Rockville, Md., Deed Book EBP 17, p. 272, recorded 12/22/1877.

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therefore.<sup>139</sup> He used his crop of wheat growing on rented farm land as collateral. He agreed to harvest the wheat and deliver it at White's Ferry. E. V. White did not vouch for the consideration until Dec. 12, 1877, and it was not recorded until Dec. 22, 1877. One more Bill of Sale in 1877. James H. Beall purchased 14,080 lbs. of fertilizer and signed a \$366.08 Note on Oct. 1 1877, payable in 12 months, to E. V. White.<sup>140</sup> Mr. Beall used his crop of wheat as collateral and agreed to harvest the crop and deliver it at Seneca Warehouse. Another thing to notice is that most of the Bills of Sale say the farmer is using only as much of the crop as will pay the Note, plus interest; the remainder, if any, to the farmer.

In December, 1877, Elijah Viers White and Edward Wootton, operating under the firm name White & Wootton, signed a Co-partnership agreement for buying & selling grain, hay, coal and general merchandise and boating and freighting on the Chesapeake and Ohio Canal. Apparently, E. V. White did purchase half the capital stock of the firm, however events happened [e.g., Dr. E. Wootton's health was failing enough that he had to give up his practice] that E. V. White was asked to purchase additional stock.<sup>141</sup> To protect himself, he asked Edward and Bettie D. Wootton to put up their land, the boats, sacks, and other personal property used in the business, as collateral, to save harmless E. V. White in the event of a business failure. The above mortgage was released in 1886.

On Feb. 5, 1878, J. R. Henson and Mary J. Francis experienced some financial troubles and put some livestock, plus a crop of wheat, in the hands of John H. Alexander, Trustee, to secure payment of notes to E. V. White.<sup>142</sup>

On Feb. 18, 1878, John Waesche, in consideration of some fertilizer, merchandise and cash, signed a Note in the value of \$421.04, due in 6 months from date, to E. V. White.<sup>143</sup> Mr. Waesche used his wheat crop as collateral and promised to harvest the wheat and deliver it at White's Ferry Warehouse, to E. V. White.

E. V. White got behind in his paperwork as evidenced by the Bill of Sale to Alexander Hempstone and Richard C. Carlisle, who bought some fertilizer and other merchandise, signing a Note, dated Oct. 1, 1877, in the amount of \$119.86, payable in 12 months to E. V. White.<sup>144</sup> Like the others, Hempstone & Carlisle used their crop of wheat growing on the farm "Oakland," as collateral and agreed to harvest the crop and deliver it at Monocacy Warehouse, to E. V. White. The Bill of Sale was not signed by Hempstone & Carlisle and a Robert T. Hilliard, Agent for E. V. White, until Feb. 16, 1878.

Also on Oct. 1, 1877, John R. and Mary B. Belt purchased some fertilizer, signed a \$120 Note, due in 12 months, and put up their crop of wheat as collateral.<sup>145</sup> They agreed to harvest the wheat and deliver it at Monocacy Warehouse, to E. V. White. The Bill of Sale was not signed by John R. and Mary B. Belt and the same Robert T. Hilliard, Agent for E. V. White, until Feb. 19, 1878.

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<sup>139</sup> Montgomery County Courthouse, Rockville, Md., Deed Book EBP 17, p. 280, recorded 12/22/1877.

<sup>140</sup> Montgomery County Courthouse, Rockville, Md., Deed Book EBP 17, p. 281, recorded 12/28/1877.

<sup>141</sup> Montgomery County Courthouse, Rockville, Md., Deed Book EBP 17, p. 318, recorded 1/27/1878.

<sup>142</sup> Loudoun County Courthouse, Leesburg, Va., Deed Book 6 L, p. 163, recorded 2/6/1878.

<sup>143</sup> Montgomery County Courthouse, Rockville, Md., Deed Book EBP 17, p. 389, recorded 2/18/1878.

<sup>144</sup> Montgomery County Courthouse, Rockville, Md., Deed Book EBP 17, p. 419, recorded 3/4/1878.

<sup>145</sup> Montgomery County Courthouse, Rockville, Md., Deed Book EBP 17, p. 420, recorded 3/4/1878.

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Oct. 1, 1877 was a busy day; C. W. Shreve purchased 10 tons of fertilizer, and signed a \$525 Note, payable in 12 months, with interest, unto E. V. White.<sup>146</sup> Mr. Shreve also used his crop of wheat as collateral, promised to harvest it and deliver it at White's Ferry [Warehouse], to E. V. White. The Bill of Sale was not signed by C. W. Shreve & E. W. Mercier, Agent for E. V. White, until March 5, 1878.

Back on May 26, 1875, in consideration of \$7,900, Elijah V. White purchased a 71-acre tract of land and a 10-acre tract of land.<sup>147</sup> Unfortunately, the deed was caught up in the Courts, some of the heir's owed money, the property had been rented and rentals monies were due, with interest, and the two parcels abutted the Chesapeake and Ohio canal. Some of the descendants lived in Baltimore City, meaning the Courts in Baltimore got involved. Finally, on Dec. 31, 1877, the last signature was collected and E. V. White had a deed, although the delay in recording the deed remains unexplained.

On March 11, 1878, in consideration of \$1,076.88, E. V. and S. E. White sold 27+ acres [*sic.* 19 acres, 2 roods and 32 perches of land] to Mary C. Mason.<sup>148</sup>

The Boat Registry for 1878 includes canal bots *Medley* and *Loudoun* as owned and operated by E. V. White; the boats were built by Frederick Mertens in 1875. The boat captain's names were not reported. The other two boats, *A. S. Trundle* and *Benson Talbott*, were not mentioned in the 1878 Boat Registry. It wasn't until 1881 that E. V. White bought the canal boat *Farmer's Friend*; however, it began freighting grain from White's Ferry beginning in 1878.

W. H. Athey borrowed \$22.66 from White & Wootton on or about Sep. 4, 1878; Athey promised to pay the debt in two months by delivering his corn crop to White & Wootton at White's Ferry.<sup>149</sup>

In October of 1878 Elder E. V. White preached at the Primitive Baptist Meeting Room, Fairfax Street, Alexandria, Va. at 11:00 a.m.<sup>150</sup> His ministry continued on Sep. 19, 1880.<sup>151</sup>

During 1878, the farmers in the vicinity of White's Ferry continued to send their produce to Georgetown, as shown:

Arrived	Boat name	Cargo	Consignee
4/15	Medley	2,500 bu. wheat, 1,000 bu. corn	Hartley & Bro.
		700 bu. wheat	H. M. Talbott
4/24	Medley	2,100 bu. corn, 400 bu. rye, 500 bu. wheat	Hartley & Bro.
		1,200 bu. wheat	H. M. Talbott
4/30	Loudoun	2,300 bu. wheat, 200 bu. corn	Hartley & Bro.
		1,000 bu. corn	H. M. Talbott
4/30	Medley	1,000 bu. wheat, 1,600 bu. corn	Hartley & Bro.
		1,000 bu. wheat	H. M. Talbott
5/6	Medley	1,800 bu. corn, 1,800 bu. wheat	Hartley & Bro.
		400 bu. corn	H. M. Talbott

<sup>146</sup> Montgomery County Courthouse, Rockville, Md., Deed Book EBP 17, p. 435, recorded 3/12/1878.

<sup>147</sup> Montgomery County Courthouse, Rockville, Md., Deed Book EBP 19, p. 144, recorded 4/10/1879.

<sup>148</sup> Loudoun County Courthouse, Leesburg, Va., Deed Book 6 L, p. 261, recorded 3/14/1878.

<sup>149</sup> Loudoun County Courthouse, Leesburg, Va., Deed Book 6 M, p. 153, recorded 9/5/1878.

<sup>150</sup> *Alexandria Gazette*, Alexandria, Va., newspaper, Saturday, 10/19/1878, p. 4.

<sup>151</sup> *Alexandria Gazette*, Alexandria, Va., newspaper, Saturday, 9/18/1880, p. 4.

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5/14	Medley	1,200 bu. wheat	H. M. Talbott
		2,900 bu. wheat	Hartley & Bro.
5/17	Loudoun	3,200 bu. wheat	Hartley & Bro.
		700 bu. corn	H. M. Talbott
5/22	Medley	1,800 bu. wheat, 800 bu. corn	Hartley & Bro.
		1,300 bu. corn, 300 bu. wheat	H. M. Talbott
5/28	Medley	1,800 bu. corn, 1,800 bu. wheat	Hartley & Bro.
		300 bu. wheat, 200 bu. corn	H. M. Talbott
6/5	Medley	1,200 bu. wheat	H. M. Talbott
		1,400 bu. wheat	Hartley & Bro.
7/11	Medley	1,200 bu. wheat, 2,500 bu. corn	Hartley & Bro.
7/20	Loudoun	1,000 bu. wheat, 1,500 bu. corn	Hartley & Bro.
		1,000 bu. wheat	H. M. Talbott
7/20	Medley	1,700 bu. corn	H. M. Talbott
7/31	Medley	3,000 bu. wheat	Hartley & Bro.
		500 bu. wheat	H. M. Talbott
8/3	Medley	[cargo and consignee not reported]	
8/7	Loudoun	2,700 bu. wheat, 300 bu. corn	Hartley & Bro.
		1,000 bu. wheat	H. M. Talbott
8/7	Medley	2,500 bu. wheat, 1,000 bu. corn	Hartley & Bro.
8/14	Medley	4,000 bu. wheat	Hartley & Bro.
8/16	Loudoun	3,700 bu. wheat	Hartley & Bro.
8/26	Medley	2,600 bu. wheat, 1,700 bu. corn	Hartley & Bro.
9/2	Loudoun	2,000 bu. wheat	Hartley & Bro.
		300 bu. corn, 100 bu. wheat	H. M. Talbott
9/7	Loudoun	2,500 bu. wheat, 700 bu. corn	Hartley & Bro.
		1,000 bu. wheat, 200 bu. corn	H. M. Talbott
9/9	Medley	2,300 bu. corn, 1,200 bu. wheat	Hartley & Bro.
		400 bu. corn, 300 bu. wheat	H. M. Talbott
9/10	Medley	3,000 bu. wheat, 1,000 bu. corn	Hartley & Bro.
10/1	Medley	320 bu. wheat	Hartley & Bro.
10/2	Medley	400 bu. wheat	Hartley & Bro.
10/7	Medley	600 bu. wheat	H. M. Talbott
		1,200 bu. wheat, 2,500 bu. corn	Hartley & Bro.
10/24	Loudoun	2,700 bu. wheat	H. M. Talbott
		1,500 bu. wheat, 120 bu. rye	Hartley & Bro.
11/4	Medley	3,000 bu. wheat	Hartley & Bro.
11/6	Loudoun	4,000 bu. wheat	Hartley & Bro.
11/8	Medley	2,90 bu. wheat, 400 bu. corn	Hartley & Bro.
		800 bu. wheat	H. M. Talbott
11/19	Loudoun	2,500 bu. wheat, 300 bu. corn	Hartley & Bro.
		1,200 bu. wheat	H. M. Talbott
11/26	Medley	1,500 bu. wheat, 1,400 bu. corn	Hartley & Bro.
		1,100 bu. wheat	H. M. Talbott

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12/3	Farmer's Friend	225 bu. wheat	J. G. & J. M. Waters
		1,100 bu. wheat, 700 Bu. corn	H. M. Talbott
12/6	Medley	1,700 bu. wheat	H. M. Talbott
		800 bu. wheat, 1,100 bu. corn	Hartley & Bro.
12/13	Medley	2,300 bu. corn, 700 bu. wheat	Hartley & Bro.
12/17	Loudoun	2,800 bu. wheat, 300 bu. corn	Hartley & Bro.
		900 bu. wheat	H. M. Talbott
12/19	Medley	2,800 bu. wheat, 350 bu. corn	Hartley & Bro.
		500 bu. corn	H. M. Talbott
12/23	Loudoun	3,700 bu. wheat	Hartley & Bro.
		280 bu. wheat	H. M. Talbott

W. L. Ferguson owed White & Wootton \$131.50, payable in 12 months after Oct. 17 1878; used his interest in his crops of wheat on two farms as collateral and after harvesting the crop would deliver it at White's Ferry, Md.<sup>152</sup>

On Nov. 17, 1879, James T. & Lizzie E. Trundle, in consideration of \$154, sold their interest in "Sycamore Warehouse" and an adjacent acre of land, to E. V. White & Edward Wootton.<sup>153</sup> The interest being two twenty-seventh of the Warehouse and lands.

Messrs. White & Wootton bought the Sycamore warehouse, paying \$78 per share.<sup>154</sup>

During 1879, the farmers in the vicinity of White's Ferry continued to send their produce to Georgetown, as shown:

Arrived	Boat name	Cargo
3/28	Medley	2,800 bu. 1,000 bu. wheat
4/2	Medley	3,700 bu. corn
	Loudoun	3,700 bu. corn
4/10	Loudoun	1,300 bu. corn, 2,500 bu. wheat
4/16	Loudoun	2,000 bu. wheat, 1,000 bu. corn
5/2	Farmer's Friend	2,800 bu. corn, 700 bu. wheat
5/10	Medley	3,000 bu. wheat
5/16	Loudoun	2,500 bu. wheat, 1,000 bu. corn
5/19	Farmer's Friend	3,700 bu. corn
5/26	Loudoun	1,400 bu. wheat, 2,000 bu. corn
5/28	Medley	3,000 bu. corn, 400 bu. wheat
	Farmer's Friend	3,300 bu. corn, 300 bu. wheat
7/24	Farmer's Friend	3,000 bu. wheat
7/25	Medley	3,600 bu. wheat
7/31	Loudoun	2,800 bu. wheat
8/4	Farmer's Friend	3,500 bu. wheat

<sup>152</sup> Loudoun County Courthouse, Leesburg, Va., Deed Book 6 N, p. 95, recorded 4/8/1879.

<sup>153</sup> Montgomery County Courthouse, Rockville, Md., Deed Book JA 1, p. 227, recorded 1/26/1886.

<sup>154</sup> *Montgomery County sentinel*, Rockville, Md., newspaper, Friday 12/5/1879, p. 4.

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8/5	Medley	3,000 bu. corn, 700 bu. wheat
8/8	Loudoun	3,000 bu. wheat
8/22	Loudoun	3,000 bu. wheat, 600 bu. corn
	Farmer's Friend	3,000 bu. wheat, 300 bu. oats, 300 bu. corn
8/29	Medley	3,800 bu. wheat
9/10	Medley	1,000 bu. wheat, 600 bu. corn
10/2	Farmer's Friend	3,300 bu. wheat, 300 bu. rye, 5 tons hay
10/14	Loudoun	3,000 bu. wheat, 500 bu. corn
	Farmer's Friend	2,000 bu. corn, 1,200 bu. wheat
10/27	Loudoun	2,700 bu. wheat
12/1	Loudoun	2,500 bu. wheat, 1,500 bu. corn
12/3	Farmer's Friend	1,500 bu. wheat, 2,500 bu. corn
12/11	Medley	4,000 bu. wheat
12/15	Loudoun	4,000 bu. wheat
	Medley	1,200 bu. wheat, 3,000 bu. corn
12/29	Farmer's Friend	1,800 bu. wheat, 1,400 bu. corn
	Medley	3,300 bu. corn

Unfortunately, the newspaper did not record the consignee of the grain.

William H. and John R. Havenner signed two notes on Oct. 1<sup>st</sup> 1879, one for \$125.00 and the other for \$827.54, payable to White & Wootton, and put up 200 acres of wheat & rye, plus two geldings, as collateral.<sup>155</sup>

Marion J. Havenner signed a \$76.32 note on Feb. 19<sup>th</sup> 1880 in favor to White & Wootton; Mr. Havenner used his 20 acres of wheat as collateral.<sup>156</sup>

Collier & Clarkson advertised that they had erected warehouses at Edward's Ferry and Great Falls and were prepared to freight grain from any point on the canal to Georgetown, D. C.<sup>157</sup>

On March 29<sup>th</sup> 1880, in consideration of \$540, James A. and Catharine Stevens sold 20+ acres [*sic*. 9 acres, 3 rood and 14 perches] of land to E. V. White.<sup>158</sup> Followed on April 22, 1880, in consideration of \$355.50, Henry B. and Virginia B. Michie, sold 5+ acres to E. V. White.<sup>159</sup> This parcel was adjacent to land already owned by E. V. White.

On Oct. 1<sup>st</sup> 1879, Thomas Burch signed a \$469.68 note in favor of White & Wootton; on May 27<sup>th</sup> 1880 Thomas Burch used his 90 acres of wheat as collateral for the loan.<sup>160</sup> No mention was made of where the crop was to be delivered.

<sup>155</sup> Loudoun County Courthouse, Leesburg, Va., Deed Book 6 O, p. 173, recorded 1/7/1880.

<sup>156</sup> Loudoun County Courthouse, Leesburg, Va., Deed Book 6 O, p. 271, recorded 2/19/1880.

<sup>157</sup> *Montgomery County sentinel*, Rockville, Md., newspaper, Friday, 3/5/1880, p. 3.

<sup>158</sup> Loudoun County Courthouse, Leesburg, Va., Deed Book 6 O, p. 413, recorded 3/29/1880.

<sup>159</sup> Loudoun County Courthouse, Leesburg, Va., Deed Book 6 O, p. 487, recorded 5/14/1880.

<sup>160</sup> Loudoun County Courthouse, Leesburg, Va., Deed Book 6 P, p. 19, recorded 5/27/1880.



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The 1880 census reported E. V. White, age 46, a farmer living on Lucy Street, Leesburg, Va.<sup>161</sup> Living with him were: Sarah E., age 43, wife; Benjamin, age 14, son; Inez, age 12, daughter; Ida, age 10, daughter; John, age 7, son; and Elizabeth Howell, age 81, a widowed friend. Note, their son, Richard Gott White had died in 1879, at age 9 years. Their son, Elijah B. White, age 16, was a scholar, boarding at Richard L. Carne's Academy, Prince Street, Alexandria, Va.<sup>162</sup>

The 1880 census listed Edward Wootton, age 39, a physician, living in Poolesville, Md.<sup>163</sup> Living with him were: Bettie, age 35, wife; Edgar, age 12, son, going to school; Norman, age 10, son, going to school; Eloise, age 6, daughter; and Turner, age 2, son. Daughter, Lutie had already died in 1871, daughter, Bettie had already died in 1872, son, Alan had already died in 1876, and daughter, Alice had already died in 1877, all had died in infancy, i.e., less than 1 year old.

Then on Sept. 8, 1880, in consideration of \$530, E. V. White bought an additional 4 acres and ½ rood.<sup>164</sup> James W. & Sarah E. Works bought \$372.60 worth of fertilizer from E. V. White on or about Oct. 12, 1880, using their livestock and crops of corn and wheat as collateral.<sup>165</sup>

During 1880, the farmers in the vicinity of White's Ferry continued to send their produce to Georgetown, as shown:

Arrived	Boat name	Cargo
1/5	Medley	1,500 bu. wheat, 600 bu. corn
3/24	Medley	2,000 bu. corn, 1,800 bu. wheat
3/30	Medley	4,000 bu. wheat
4/14	Farmer's Friend	2,000 bu. corn, 1,000 bu. wheat
4/23	Loudoun	2,200 bu. wheat, 1,700 bu. corn
4/30	Medley	2,000 bu. wheat, 1,800 bu. corn
5/7	Medley	3,000 bu. corn
	Farmer's Friend	3,000 bu. corn
5/18	Medley	4,100 bu. wheat
5/25	Medley	3,000 bu. wheat
7/10	Medley	2,500 bu. wheat, 1,200 bu. corn
7/16	Farmer's Friend	1,400 bu. wheat
7/19	Loudoun	2,500 bu. wheat, 150 bu. corn
7/23	Medley	4,000 bu. wheat
7/27	Medley	2,000 bu. wheat
7/29	Farmer's Friend	1,300 bu. wheat
7/31	Loudoun	2,000 bu. wheat, 1,800 bu. corn
8/10	Farmer's Friend	2,300 bu. wheat, 1,400 bu. corn
	Loudoun	2,400 bu. wheat
9/9	Farmer's Friend	wheat and corn
9/22	Farmer's Friend	3,600 bu. wheat, 400 bu. corn

<sup>161</sup> 1880 Census, Virginia, Loudoun County, Leesburg, enumerated 6/28/1880, p. 76.

<sup>162</sup> 1880 Census, Virginia, Alexandria County, Alexandria, enumerated 6/1/1880, p. 1.

<sup>163</sup> 1880 Census, Maryland, Montgomery County, Poolesville, enumerated 6/1880, p. 46.

<sup>164</sup> Loudoun County Courthouse, Leesburg, Va., Deed Book 6 P, p. 224, recorded 9/8/1880.

<sup>165</sup> Loudoun County Courthouse, Leesburg, Va., Deed Book 6 P, p. 289, recorded 10/12/1880.

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10/16	Loudoun	2,200 bu. wheat, 1,800 bu. corn
11/13	Medley	4,000 bu. wheat
11/29	Loudoun	3,800 bu. wheat
12/6	Medley	3,500 bu. wheat
	Farmer's Friend	3,500 bu. corn, 1,000 bu. wheat

During the late rise in the river, the wire cable at White's Ferry was torn down and at last accounts had not been recovered.<sup>166</sup> The loss materially affects the ferrying.

On January 14, 1881, Elijah V. and Sarah E. White gave James B. Beverly a deed of conveyance for 1+ acres of land.<sup>167</sup> No consideration was given.

In April, 1881, the wire cable at White's Ferry was recovered and placed in its position.<sup>168</sup> It had been carried away during one of the late freshets. Messrs. White & Wootton, grain dealers at White's Ferry, erected a telephone line from the Ferry to Leesburg, Va. On or about May 6, 1881, Col. E. V. White purchased a 300-acre farm, near Pigeon Hill, in the lower part of Loudoun County, for \$8 per acre, cash.<sup>169</sup> On May 19, 1881, in consideration of \$2,381.33, E. V. White bought 297-2/3 [*sic.* 285.8] acres from the heirs of John Sioussa.<sup>170</sup>

On June 14<sup>th</sup> 1881, Thomas Burch bought \$207.76 worth of fertilizer from White & Wootton, and agreed to harvest the crop and deliver it to White's Ferry warehouse.<sup>171</sup>

For \$50, W. E. McPherson sold his crop of wheat to White & Wootton, on July 11, 1881.<sup>172</sup>

That same day, White & Wootton purchased a Loudoun County warehouse, 2 acres of land, the canal boat *Farmers Friend*, three mules and their harness, all the sacks of grain in the warehouse and in the canal boat, plus two farm scales and a two-horse wagon, for \$3,500, from John W. Ault and Collier & Clarkson.<sup>173</sup> A newspaper reported: "Messrs. Collier & Clarkson sold their warehouses and canal boats to Messrs. White & Wootton, who will ever be found prepared to accommodate farmers by boating their grain at a small cost and landing it in good condition."<sup>174</sup> Apparently the canal boat *Loudoun* also was sold to White & Wootton.

John W. Moran was indebted in the sum of \$157.91 by note of Oct. 7<sup>th</sup> 1881 to White & Wootton and put up his 1882 crop of wheat to secure the payment of the debt.<sup>175</sup>

<sup>166</sup> *Montgomery County sentinel*, Rockville, Md., newspaper, Friday 3/4/1881, p. 4.

<sup>167</sup> Loudoun County Courthouse, Leesburg, Va., Deed Book 6 Q, p. 89, recorded 3/5/1881.

<sup>168</sup> *Montgomery County sentinel*, Rockville, Md., newspaper, Friday 4/22/1881, p. 4.

<sup>169</sup> *Alexandria Gazette*, Alexandria, Va., newspaper, Friday, 5/6/1881, p. 3.

<sup>170</sup> Loudoun County Courthouse, Leesburg, Va., Deed Book 6 Q, p. 312, recorded 6/1/1881.

<sup>171</sup> Loudoun County Courthouse, Leesburg, Va., Deed Book 6 Q, p. 352, recorded 6/18/1881.

<sup>172</sup> Loudoun County Courthouse, Leesburg, Va., Deed Book 6 Q, p. 403, recorded 6/11/1881.

<sup>173</sup> Loudoun County Courthouse, Leesburg, Va., Deed Book 6 Q, p. 403, recorded 6/12/1881.

<sup>174</sup> *Montgomery County sentinel*, Rockville, Md., newspaper, Friday 8/12/1881, p. 4.

<sup>175</sup> Loudoun County Courthouse, Leesburg, Va., Deed Book 6 R, p. 96, recorded 9/28/1881.

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George M. Grayson borrowed \$1,500, on Dec. 30<sup>th</sup> 1881, from White & Wootton and put up his 1882 crop of wheat as collateral.<sup>176</sup>

During 1881, the following canal boats arrived in Georgetown with the cargo indicated:

Arrived	Boat name	Cargo
3/29	Medley	4,000 bu. wheat
	Farmers Friend	2,000 bu. wheat & 2,000 bu. corn
4/15	Farmers Friend	3,700 bu. corn
4/19	Medley	3,500 bu. corn
5/13	Medley	corn
5/13	Farmers Friend	wheat and corn
5/17	Loudoun	grain
5/24	Loudoun	2,000 bu. wheat & 2,000 bu. corn
5/31	Medley	corn
	Farmers Friend	wheat and corn
6/14	Medley	wheat & corn
6/25	Farmers Friend	corn
7/30	Medley	3,400 bu. wheat & 500 bu. corn
	Farmers Friend	1,000 bu. wheat & 2,000 bu. corn
8/4	Farmers Friend	2,500 bu. wheat & 1,000 bu. corn
8/6	Loudoun	4,100 bu. wheat
8/10	Farmers Friend	wheat and corn
8/15	Loudoun	4,000 bu. wheat
8/22	Medley	3,000 bu. corn
8/30	Farmers Friend	3,500 bu. wheat & 300 bu. corn
9/28	Loudoun	3,100 bu. wheat
10/28	Farmers Friend	3,000 bu. wheat
11/7	Farmers Friend	1,600 bu. wheat & apples
11/18	Farmers Friend	3,000 bu. wheat
12/1	Farmers Friend	3,800 bu. wheat
12/9	Medley	2,500 bu. wheat & 1,000 bu. corn
12/12	Farmers Friend	3,000 bu. wheat
12/20	Medley	4,000 bu. wheat
12/23	Loudoun	3,500 bu. wheat
12/28	Medley	2,500 bu. wheat & 1,500 bu. corn

In addition, on July 16, *Medley* left Cumberland with 109 tons 16 cwt of coal and *Loudoun* left Cumberland with 110 tons 8 cwt of coal, bound for White's Ferry, with Capt. White in charge of both boats. Then on Oct. 18, the *Loudoun* left Cumberland with 100 tons 5 cwt of coal, bound for White's Ferry, with Capt. White. Which Capt. White remains to be determined. Note that *Loudoun* left Cumberland on Nov. 16 and Dec. 5, with coal, bound for Washington, with Capt. Mertens.

<sup>176</sup> Loudoun County Courthouse, Leesburg, Va., Deed Book 6 R, p. 307, recorded 12/30/1881.

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A newspaper had the following obituary: “**Mrs. Martha Anderson**, wife of Thomas Anderson, Esq., died in this place Wednesday afternoon last, after a long and painful illness. She leaves a large circle of relatives and devoted friends to mourn her loss. The funeral will take place from her late residence today (Friday) at 11 o’clock.”<sup>177</sup> Thomas Anderson was one of the counsels of the Baltimore and Ohio Railroad at Rockville. Martha Anderson was the older sister to Edward Wootton. Apparently, Olivia Wootton lived with her daughter and son-in-law as we shall see from her obituary in 1884. After the death of his mother-in-law, Thomas Anderson courted and wed Ella Darne on April 18, 1887. That is another story.

Back on or about March 6, 1871, Elijah V. White acted as a banker, loaning \$3,591.32 in four single bills to Samuel Orrison so he could buy 154+ acres of land; the bills had been paid and as of Feb 1<sup>st</sup> 1882, Samuel Orrison was given a clear title.<sup>178</sup>

Misses. Bouic and White left Poolesville for their homes, much to the regret of the local young men.<sup>179</sup> That may have been Mary Elizabeth Gott White, age 21, who was visiting in the Poolesville area.

On April 21, 1881, Robert B. & Arthur B. Copley, in consideration of \$57.50, sold their interest in “Sycamore Warehouse” and an adjacent acre of land, to E. V. White & Edward Wootton.<sup>180</sup> The interest being one twenty-seventh of the Warehouse and lands. On Nov. 4, 1879, H. Maurice Talbott and Cora E. Talbott, his wife, in consideration of \$1,155, sold their interest in “Sycamore Warehouse” and an adjacent acre of land to E. V. White & Edward Wootton.<sup>181</sup> The interest being fifteen twenty-sevenths of the warehouse and land in fee simple. On Nov. 4, 1879, D. Josephus Williard and Sarah E. Williard, his wife, in consideration of \$385, sold their interest in “Sycamore Warehouse” and an adjacent acre of land to E. V. White & Edward Wootton.<sup>182</sup> The interest being five twenty-sevenths of the warehouse and land in fee simple. White & Wootton then had controlling interest in the warehouse and adjoining acre of land.

William F. and Ann E. Walter and John F. Vinson, on Sept. 17, 1881, in consideration of \$275, sold Lot No. 3, adjoining the village of Poolesville, to Edward Wootton.<sup>183</sup> Lot No. 3 contained 5 acres, 1 rood and 37 square perches of land.

During 1882, the following canal boats arrived in Georgetown with the cargo indicated:

Arrived	Boat name	Cargo
4/22	Farmers Friend	4,000 bu. wheat
4/27	Medley	4,000 bu. wheat
5/8	Farmers Friend	400 bu. wheat & 3,500 bu. corn
5/17	Farmers Friend	3,000 bu. wheat, 800 bu. corn & 6 tons hay
6/7	Farmers Friend	3,500 bu. wheat
6/13	Farmers Friend	3,600 bu. wheat
6/17	Medley	4,000 bu. wheat
7/17	Farmers Friend	3,500 bu. wheat & 300 bu. corn

<sup>177</sup> *Montgomery County sentinel*, Rockville, Md., newspaper, Friday, 1/6/1882, p. 4.

<sup>178</sup> Loudoun County Courthouse, Leesburg, Va., Deed Book 6 R, p. 403, recorded 2/1/1882.

<sup>179</sup> *Montgomery County sentinel*, Rockville, Md., newspaper, Friday, 2/17/1882, p. 4.

<sup>180</sup> Montgomery County Courthouse, Rockville, Md., Deed Book EBP 26, p. 385, recorded 6/6/1882.

<sup>181</sup> Montgomery County Courthouse, Rockville, Md., Deed Book EBP 26, p. 386, recorded 6/6/1882.

<sup>182</sup> Montgomery County Courthouse, Rockville, Md., Deed Book EBP 26, p. 387, recorded 6/6/1882.

<sup>183</sup> Montgomery County Courthouse, Rockville, Md., Deed Book EBP 26, p. 388, recorded 6/6/1882.

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8/2	Medley	3,800 bu. corn
8/21	Medley	4,000 bu. corn
	Farmers Friend	3,900 bu. wheat
9/14	Medley	750 bu. wheat & 2,000 bu. corn
10/4	Medley	grain
11/3	Medley	4,200 bu. wheat
11/11	Farmers Friend	4,000 bu. wheat
11/13	Medley	3,000 bu. wheat & 600 bu. corn
11/18	Medley	3,000 bu. wheat
	Farmers Friend	2,600 bu. wheat
11/20	Farmers Friend	3,000 bu. wheat
12/2	Farmers Friend	3,489 bu. wheat
12/22	Medley	3,000 bu. wheat & 900 bu. corn
	Farmers Friend	3,000 bu. wheat & 1,500 bu. corn

Gen. Wade Hampton visited Col. E. V. White on June 30, 1882.<sup>184</sup>

To clear up his title to 4 acres of land, E. V. White had the former owners execute a further assurance on Jan. 9, 1883.<sup>185</sup>

Col., now Elder, E. V. White preached at the Primitive Baptist Church, Alexandria, Va. on Sunday, Feb. 4, 1883.<sup>186</sup> He was recognized as a true soldier of the cross as he was a soldier in the Confederate service. He preached again for the Sunday Service, Feb. 1, 1885,<sup>187</sup> June 7, 1885<sup>188</sup> and Dec. 6, 1885.<sup>189</sup>

On May 28 1883, John T. & Mary S. Fletchall, Thomas H. & Christie E. Poole, J. F. & Ann E. Poole, in consideration of \$713.22, sold Lots No. 4, 7 and 10, adjoining the village of Poolesville, to Edward Wootton.<sup>190</sup> Each Lot contained approximately 5 acres.

On Sept. 19 1883, Isaac & Margaret Young, in consideration of \$50.00, sold an acre of land to Dr. E. Wootton; the Lot No. 8 being situated on the road from the Mouth of the Monocacy River.<sup>191</sup>

On Nov. 3 1883, George C. and Sarah Agnes Fisher, for \$600, sold  $\frac{3}{4}$  of an acre of land, located about one mile upstream of Edward's Ferry, on the Maryland side of the Potomac River, to Edward Wootton.<sup>192</sup> The parcel was adjacent to lands already owned by Elijah V. White, adjacent to the Chesapeake & Ohio Canal, and adjacent to the road leading from Edward's Ferry to White's Ferry. The parcel also had at least one building and other improvements.

<sup>184</sup> *Alexandria Gazette*, Alexandria, Va., newspaper, Friday, 7/7/1882, p. 3.

<sup>185</sup> Loudoun County Courthouse, Leesburg, Va., Deed Book 6 T, p. 195, recorded 1/23/1883.

<sup>186</sup> *Alexandria Gazette*, Alexandria, Va., newspaper, Saturday, 2/3/1883, p. 4.

<sup>187</sup> *Alexandria Gazette*, Alexandria, Va., newspaper, Saturday, 1/31/1885, p. 4.

<sup>188</sup> *Alexandria Gazette*, Alexandria, Va., newspaper, Saturday, 6/6/1885, p. 4.

<sup>189</sup> *Alexandria Gazette*, Alexandria, Va., newspaper, Saturday, 12/5/1885, p. 4.

<sup>190</sup> Montgomery County Courthouse, Rockville, Md., Deed Book EBP 30, p. 15, recorded 11/13/1883.

<sup>191</sup> Montgomery County Courthouse, Rockville, Md., Deed Book EBP 30, p. 20, recorded 11/13/1883.

<sup>192</sup> Montgomery County Courthouse, Rockville, Md., Deed Book EBP 30, p. 18, recorded 11/13/1883.

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Arrived	Boat name	Cargo
3/22	Farmers Friend	3,800 bu. wheat
3/31	Medley	800 bu. wheat & 2,600 bu. corn
	Farmers Friend	3,200 bu. wheat & 600 bu. corn
4/9	Medley	2,500 bu. wheat
4/20	Medley	200 bu. wheat & 3,200 bu. corn
5/30	Farmers Friend	2,000 bu. wheat & 1,500 bu. corn
6/4	Farmers Friend	725 bu. wheat & 2,650 bu. corn
6/11	Farmers Friend	500 bu. wheat & 2,500 bu. corn
6/23	Medley	departed
7/25	Farmers Friend	1,000 bu. wheat & 1,800 bu. corn
8/20	Farmers Friend	3,800 bu. wheat
9/3	Farmers Friend	1,100 bu. wheat & 2,500 bu. corn
9/15	Farmers Friend	3,500 bu. wheat
10/3	Farmers Friend	3,500 bu. wheat
10/17	Farmers Friend	1,200 bu. wheat
11/8	Farmers Friend	2,000 bu. wheat & 1,000 bu. corn
11/19	Medley	departed
	Farmers Friend	3,600 bu. wheat
11/27	Medley	departed
12/6	Medley	3,500 bu. corn

On May 23, 1884, Elijah V. and Sarah E. White sold, for \$20/acre [\$5,975], the 298.75-acre farm that he had bought on May 19, 1881, for \$2,381.<sup>193</sup> E. V. White did reserve the right to come onto the farm to harvest the wheat crop at his own expense, retaining one-half the proceeds of sale.

In July 1884, a newspaper reported the following obituary: “**Mrs. Olivia Caroline Wootton**, widow of the late Dr. Turner Wootton, died Wednesday night last at the residence of her son-in-law, Thomas Anderson, Esq., in this town, aged 77 years. On Monday night last, she retired apparently as well as she ever was, and about 4 o’clock the next morning was stricken with paralysis.”<sup>194</sup> The following week, the same newspaper followed with: “Dr. E. Wootton, our estimable fellow townsman, saw the mortal remains of his dear aged mother consigned to the tomb last week at Rockville. Thus, one by one, the stately dames and sires of that elder day are passing away.”<sup>195</sup>

Oct. 16<sup>th</sup> 1884 saw Edward Wootton purchase 255 acres on the East side of the Chesapeake and Ohio Canal, for \$7,658.25.<sup>196</sup> This purchase was from an estate, involving Trustees, and a prior buyer. Then it was discovered that Daniel T. J. Shreve had an interest in the 255 acres; for \$200 he gave up his interest and estate in the said tract of land.<sup>197</sup>

<sup>193</sup> Loudoun County Courthouse, Leesburg, Va., Deed Book 6 V, p. 206, recorded 6/24/1884.

<sup>194</sup> *Montgomery County sentinel*, Rockville, Md., newspaper, Friday, 7/18/1884, p. 4.

<sup>195</sup> *Montgomery County sentinel*, Rockville, Md., newspaper, Friday, 7/25/1884, p. 4.

<sup>196</sup> Montgomery County Courthouse, Rockville, Md., Deed Book EBP 33, p. 148, recorded 10/21/1884.

<sup>197</sup> Montgomery County Courthouse, Rockville, Md., Deed Book EBP 33, p. 219, recorded 10/21/1884.

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Later that year, on Nov. 2 1884, Harrison P. Wiley put his 120-acre farm in trust to Louis H. Powell to secure payment of a \$500 bond to White & Wootton.<sup>198</sup> And on Nov. 27 1884, E. V. White loaned \$401.18 to Henry E. Peyton, who used 10 head of stock cattle as collateral; the note was due in 12 months.<sup>199</sup>

Dec. 8<sup>th</sup> 1884, White & Wootton loaned Randolph Barnhouse \$78.89, who promised the crop of wheat then growing on his farm to E. B. White.<sup>200</sup>

During 1884, the following canal boats arrived in Georgetown with the cargo indicated:

Arrived	Boat name	Cargo
3/24	Farmers Friend	2,000 bu. wheat & 1,500 bu. corn
4/22	Farmers Friend	150 bu. wheat & 2,300 bu. corn
5/3	Farmers Friend	1,400 bu. wheat & 1,000 bu. corn
7/23	Medley	2,000 bu. wheat
8/14	Medley	1,000 bu. wheat
9/1	Loudoun	2,200 bu. wheat & 2,000 bu. corn
9/18	Loudoun	4,000 bu. wheat
9/26	Medley	[not given]
10/2	Loudoun	4,000 bu. wheat
10/17	Loudoun	2,000 bu. wheat & 500 bu. corn
10/28	Loudoun	2,000 bu. wheat & 2,000 bu. corn
11/21	Loudoun	2,000 bu. wheat & 2,200 bu. corn
12/2	Loudoun	2,000 bu. wheat & 2,000 bu. corn
12/11	Loudoun	2,000 bu. wheat & 2,000 bu. corn
12/18	Loudoun	4,200 bu. wheat

On Jan. 1 1885, Richard M. Wilson signed a note to White & Wootton in the amount of \$224.99, probably for fertilizer, and put up his 103-acre farm to secure the payment of the note.<sup>201</sup> The debt was satisfied by Jan. 2<sup>nd</sup> 1889 and the property released.

Back on Dec. 29<sup>th</sup> 1883, J. Sprigg Poole and Edward Wootton, Trustee for George W. McIntosh, deceased, in consideration of \$200, conveyed a piece of land, less than an acre, adjoining the Methodist Episcopal Church South in Poolesville, to Charles O. McIntosh.<sup>202</sup>

Beginning in April, Dr. E. Wootton stood as a candidate for the Legislature.<sup>203</sup> Dr. E. Wootton was elected mayor of Poolesville at the May 4, 1885 town elections, for a 1-year term.<sup>204</sup>

<sup>198</sup> Loudoun County Courthouse, Leesburg, Va., Deed Book 6 V, p. 495, recorded 11/4/1884.

<sup>199</sup> Loudoun County Courthouse, Leesburg, Va., Deed Book 6 W, p. 38, recorded 11/27/1884.

<sup>200</sup> Loudoun County Courthouse, Leesburg, Va., Deed Book 6 W, p. 49, recorded 12/8/1884.

<sup>201</sup> Loudoun County Courthouse, Leesburg, Va., Deed Book 6 W, p. 214, recorded 2/25/1885.

<sup>202</sup> Montgomery County Courthouse, Rockville, Md., Deed Book EBP 34, p. 81, recorded 1/20/1885.

<sup>203</sup> *Montgomery County sentinel*, Rockville, Md., newspaper, Friday, 4/17/1885, p. 3.

<sup>204</sup> *Montgomery County sentinel*, Rockville, Md., newspaper, Friday, 5/8/1885, p. 4.

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On June 16, 1885, White & Wootton took a \$175 mortgage on two acres of land owned by Zachariah T. Reed and Ruth E. Reed, his wife.<sup>205</sup> The property was located in the village of Martinsburg, Montgomery County, and was improved by a frame dwelling house containing four rooms and a Kitchen, there was a well of water in the yard and a small orchard. The mortgage was due on June 16, 1887. Apparently, it did not happen, for on April 24, 1888 the mortgage was assigned to James W. Reed, for value received. And on July 24, 1891, James W. Reed began advertising the Mortgagee's Sale of the property on Saturday, Aug. 22, 1891.<sup>206</sup> Presumably, the sale happened.

The same newspaper published: "**Partnership Notice** – The partnership existing between us will expire by limitation on December 31<sup>st</sup> 1885. After that date the railroad business will be conducted by E. B. and B. V. White, and the Canal Business by E. Wootton. [signed] E. V. WHITE and E. WOOTTON, Dated July 6, 1885"<sup>207</sup> Note that E. V. White was turning over the business to two of his sons.

Mr. E. F. Crosen became indebted to White & Wootton in the amount of \$60, probably for fertilizer, and used his crop to be sown as collateral.<sup>208</sup> The crop was to be delivered to E. B. White [& Bro.].

By September 22, 1885, Mary E. Gott, the sister to Sarah Elizabeth Gott White, wife of Elijah V. White, had paid all the sums of money attached to a piece of land her father, Richard Gott, deceased, had left as his estate.<sup>209</sup> All the brothers and sisters, and their spouses, to Mary E. Gott agreed and conveyed their right, title and interest to the property; so, Mary E. Gott had a clear title.

On Oct. 1 1885, White & Wootton purchased a 60' by 60' lot adjacent to the W. O. & W. R. R. depot at Graford Station.<sup>210</sup> The deed does not indicate there were any buildings or other improvements.

Dr. Edward Wootton purchased a .89-acre lot of land in Poolesville, Md., adjacent to the Methodist Episcopal Church South, on Oct. 21 1885, from John H. Kelchner, Sheriff.<sup>211</sup>

George Jewell, of Medley's district, fell overboard while attempting to board a grain boat of Messrs. White & Wootton and was rescued with extreme difficulty by Mr. H. L. Collier, of Great Falls.<sup>212</sup>

During 1885, the farmers in the vicinity of White's Ferry continued to send their produce to Georgetown, as shown:

Arrived	Boat name	Cargo	Consignee
4/23	Loudoun	17 bu. wheat, 600 bu. corn	Hartley Bros.
5/27	Loudoun	4,000 bu. corn	Hartley Bros.
6/6	Loudoun	3,800 bu. corn	Hartley Bros.
6/20	Loudoun	1,700 bu. corn, 900 bu. wheat	Hartley Bros.
8/1	Loudoun	2,300 bu. wheat, 500 bu. corn, 15 tons hay	Hartley Bros.

<sup>205</sup> Montgomery County Courthouse, Rockville, Md., Deed Book EBP 35, p. 315, recorded 7/27/1885.

<sup>206</sup> *Montgomery County sentinel*, Rockville, Md., newspaper, Friday, 8/14/1891, p. 3.

<sup>207</sup> *Montgomery County sentinel*, Rockville, Md., newspaper, Friday, 7/17/1885, p. 4.

<sup>208</sup> Loudoun County Courthouse, Leesburg, Va., Deed Book 6 X, p. 122, recorded 9/16/1885.

<sup>209</sup> Montgomery County Courthouse, Rockville, Md., Deed Book EBP 35, p. 88, recorded 10/10/1885.

<sup>210</sup> Loudoun County Courthouse, Leesburg, Va., Deed Book 6 X, p. 234, recorded 11/5/1885.

<sup>211</sup> Montgomery County Courthouse, Rockville, Md., Deed Book JA 1, p. 68, recorded 12/8/1885.

<sup>212</sup> *Montgomery County Sentinel*, Rockville, Md., newspaper, Friday, 12/18/1885, p. 3.



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8/15	Loudoun	3,000 bu. wheat, 1,000 bu. corn	Hartley Bros.
8/27	Loudoun	1,200 bu. corn, 800 bu. wheat	Hartley Bros.
9/14	Loudoun	1,800 bu. corn, 1,500 bu. wheat	Hartley Bros.
9/24	Loudoun	2,500 bu. corn, 1,500 bu. wheat	Hartley Bros.
10/2	Loudoun	3,500 bu. wheat	Hartley Bros.
11/19	Loudoun	3,400 bu. wheat	Hartley Bros.
12/4	Loudoun	2,000 bu. wheat, 12 tons baled hay	Hartley Bros.
12/7	Loudoun	4,500 bu. wheat	Hartley Bros.
12/11	Loudoun	2,700 bu. corn, 1,500 bu. wheat	Hartley Bros.
12/21	Loudoun	2,000 bu. corn, 300 bu. wheat	Hartley Bros.

By Jan. 1, 1886, Edward Wootton was indebted unto Elijah V. White in the sum of \$11,500, for which Edward Wootton signed six promissory notes due and payable in one, two, three, four, five and six years after date, with interest.<sup>213</sup> The interest on the outstanding notes was payable yearly. As collateral, Edward and Bettie Wootton put up eight properties and accepted the condition that if in default, Elijah V. White could sell any or all of the properties at public sale to pay the debt. The debt was paid and E. V. White released the mortgage on Dec. 26, 1893.

Also, on Jan. 1, 1886, Elijah V. and Sarah E. White, with three deeds, divested their interest in some of their property to Dr. Wootton. The first deed, in consideration of \$600, conveyed the White's interest in "Sycamore Warehouse."<sup>214</sup> The second deed, in consideration of \$3,000, conveyed in one parcel, 147 square perches of land and conveyed in a second parcel, 49 square perches of land; being two parts of "Preston's March."<sup>215</sup> The third deed, in consideration of \$11,000, conveyed two parcels of land, the first being 71 acres of land called "Accord" or "Concord" and the second parcel containing 10 acres of land.<sup>216</sup> Finally, also on Jan. 1, 1886, Elijah V. and S. Elizabeth White, in consideration of \$1,000, sold their undivided half in the lot and land sold to E. V. White and E. Wootton on July 11, 1881, and to a certain warehouse situated on the Virginia side of the Potomac, near White's Ferry, to Edward Wootton.<sup>217</sup>

The partnership of E. V. White & E. Wootton, in the grain business in Loudoun County, was dissolved on or about Jan. 9, 1886 [*sic.* Dec. 31, 1885].<sup>218</sup> E. B. White & Bro. took the business at Leesburg while E. Wootton took the business at White's Ferry. Benjamin Viers White, or B. V. White, would have been the Bro.

On Jan. 25, 1886, Arron B. & Hester A. Hersberger, in consideration of \$100, sold their interest in "Sycamore Warehouse" and an adjacent acre of land, to E. V. White & Edward Wootton.<sup>219</sup> The interest being two twenty-seventh of the Warehouse and lands.

After the dissolution of White & Wootton, E. V. & S. E. White and E. & B. Wootton, in consideration of \$4,500, sold to Elijah B. and Benjamin V. White [brothers and sons of E. V. and S. E. White], two lots of

<sup>213</sup> Montgomery County Courthouse, Rockville, Md., Deed Book JA 1, p. 302, recorded 2/11/1886.

<sup>214</sup> Montgomery County Courthouse, Rockville, Md., Deed Book JA 1, p. 307, recorded 2/11/1886.

<sup>215</sup> Montgomery County Courthouse, Rockville, Md., Deed Book JA 1, p. 308, recorded 2/11/1886.

<sup>216</sup> Montgomery County Courthouse, Rockville, Md., Deed Book JA 1, p. 309, recorded 2/11/1886.

<sup>217</sup> Loudoun County Courthouse, Leesburg, Va., Deed Book 6 X, p. 398, recorded 2/6/1886.

<sup>218</sup> *Alexandria Gazette*, Alexandria, Va., newspaper, Saturday, 1/9/1886, p. 4.

<sup>219</sup> Montgomery County Courthouse, Rockville, Md., Deed Book JA 1, p. 228, recorded 1/26/1886.

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land near the W. O. & W. R. R. Depot at Leesburg, and all the interest in the building, machinery, meal house, grain house, etc. built by White & Wootton thereon.<sup>220</sup> There must have been additional buildings at the W. O. & W. Railroad Depot in Leesburg because the one son, Elijah B. White, leased them for five years beginning on April 1<sup>st</sup> 1886.<sup>221</sup> The lease also mentions a railroad siding, maintenance of the buildings and fence, taxes and insurance. It would seem that Elijah B. White was taking on the land side of the business; the management of the canal side remained with E. Wootton.

A newspaper reported that James T. Trundle and wife sold Sycamore Warehouse, in consideration of \$154, to E. V. White and E. Wootton.<sup>222</sup> The same newspaper also reported A. B. Hershberger and wife, in consideration of \$100 sold Sycamore Warehouse to E. V. White and E. Wootton.

There was a problem with a conveyance of 4.11 acres of land from Elijah V. White to John B. Quick; so, a new deed was drawn up on Feb. 8 1886, conveying the land to John H. Peacock, for the same price of \$750.<sup>223</sup>

Col. E. V. White had business in Alexandria on Feb. 9, 1886.<sup>224</sup> Later that year, his daughter, 18-year-old Inez White, visited with Miss Lizzie Broders, Washington Street, Alexandria.<sup>225</sup>

Poolesville corporation elections were held with Dr. E. Wootton and others elected Commissioners for one-year terms.<sup>226</sup>

Edward Wootton, in consideration of \$100, bought a one-acre lot near Poolesville, Md. on April 26 1886.<sup>227</sup> Neither Leonard Hebron nor Emily Hebron, his wife, could write their names on the deed, so they made their mark and it was attested to as part of the record. The real estate transfer was also recorded by a newspaper.<sup>228</sup>

On Nov. 11, 1886, a certain George M. Ellmore owed \$110.13 to E. B. White & Bro. [the sons] and used the crop of wheat then growing on Ellmore's farm as collateral to secure his note.<sup>229</sup> The crop of wheat was consigned to Elijah V. White [the father] and presumably the crop of wheat sale would be sufficient to repay the note and any residue would go to Mr. Ellmore.

Later that year, on Oct. 1 1886, J. W. Foster bought 8¼ tons of fertilizer for \$262.35 from E. B. White & Bro. pledging his present growing crop of rye as collateral.<sup>230</sup> J. W. Foster pledged to deliver the crop to the firm. That same day, Oct. 1, 1886, Isaac & Mary E. Fletcher bought 4 tons of fertilizer for \$127.30 from E. B. White & Bro., pledging their crop of wheat and rye as collateral.<sup>231</sup>

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<sup>220</sup> Loudoun County Courthouse, Leesburg, Va., Deed Book 6 X, p. 452, recorded 3/6/1886.

<sup>221</sup> Loudoun County Courthouse, Leesburg, Va., Deed Book 6 X, p. 455, recorded 3/8/1886.

<sup>222</sup> *Montgomery County sentinel*, Rockville, Md., newspaper, Friday, 1/29/1886, p. 4.

<sup>223</sup> Loudoun County Courthouse, Leesburg, Va., Deed Book 6 X, p. 438, recorded 2/26/1886.

<sup>224</sup> *Alexandria Gazette*, Alexandria, Va., newspaper, Tuesday, 2/9/1886, p. 4.

<sup>225</sup> *Alexandria Gazette*, Alexandria, Va., newspaper, Tuesday, 6/15/1886, p. 4.

<sup>226</sup> *Montgomery County sentinel*, Rockville, Md., newspaper, Friday, 5/7/1886, p. 2.

<sup>227</sup> Montgomery County Courthouse, Rockville, Md., Deed Book JA 2, p. 190, recorded 5/14/1886.

<sup>228</sup> *Montgomery County sentinel*, Rockville, Md., newspaper, Friday, 5/21/1886, p. 4.

<sup>229</sup> Loudoun County Courthouse, Leesburg, Va., Deed Book 6 Y, p. 422, recorded 11/11/1886.

<sup>230</sup> Loudoun County Courthouse, Leesburg, Va., Deed Book 6 Y, p. 497, recorded 1/5/1887.

<sup>231</sup> Loudoun County Courthouse, Leesburg, Va., Deed Book 6 Z, p. 59, recorded 1/31/1887.

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Arrived	Boat name	Cargo	Consignee
7/16	Loudoun	2,700 bu. wheat, 500 bu. corn	Hartley Bros.
8/13	Loudoun	2,000 bu. wheat, 1,000 bu. corn	Hartley Bros.
9/8	Loudoun	3,000 bu. wheat, 900 bu. corn	Hartley Bros.
9/15	Loudoun	3,600 bu. wheat	Hartley Bros.
10/2	Loudoun	3,000 bu. wheat	Hartley Bros.
10/8	Loudoun	1,400 bu. wheat, 500 bu. corn	Hartley Bros.
11/12	Loudoun	4,170 bu. wheat	Hartley Bros.
11/17	Loudoun	3,000 bu. wheat, 1,000 bu. corn	Hartley Bros.
11/24	Loudoun	1,000 bu. corn, 3,000 bu. wheat	Hartley Bros.
11/30	Loudoun	3,000 bu. corn, 1,000 bu. wheat	Hartley Bros.

Even though the partnership had been dissolved previously, on Jan. 2, 1886, White and Wootton purchased 120 acres of land in Loudoun County, at a public auction.<sup>232</sup>

Announcement was made of the marriage of Elijah B. White, the 23-year-old son of Col. E. V. White, and Rosa L. Pancoast, the 22-year-old daughter of Mrs. Jane A. Pancoast.<sup>233</sup> The ceremony took place on Jan. 12, 1887.

On April 2 1887, E. B. White sold a bay horse called "Prince" to John G. Everhart for \$100.<sup>234</sup> Mr. Everhart used the horse as collateral for a \$100 loan; the loan being due in 9 months.

On April 27, 1887, in consideration of \$3,5956.90, the Richard and Mary E. Gott heirs [including Susan Elizabeth Gott White] sold two tracts of land, one containing 50+ acres and the other 93+ acres, to John S. Gott.<sup>235</sup>

On July 2 1887, in consideration of \$825, R. A. Baker sold a small lot of land in Purcellville, Va., adjacent to the Washington, Ohio & Western Rail Road depot, to E. B. White [the son].<sup>236</sup>

During that summer, Mrs. E. V. White entertained Miss Helen Bragg, of Alabama, for several weeks.<sup>237</sup> She was the daughter of Interstate Commissioner Bragg, of Alabama.

An unruly colt acted up and threw Col. E. V. White, near Leesburg, bruising his foot and leg.<sup>238</sup>

<sup>232</sup> Loudoun County Courthouse, Leesburg, Va., Deed Book 6 Z, p. 54, recorded 1/29/1887.

<sup>233</sup> *Alexandria Gazette*, Alexandria, Va., newspaper, Thursday, 1/6/1887, p. 4.

<sup>234</sup> Loudoun County Courthouse, Leesburg, Va., Deed Book 6 Z, p. 177, recorded 4/2/1887.

<sup>235</sup> Montgomery County Courthouse, Rockville, Md., Deed Book JA 5, p. 208, recorded 4/29/1887.

<sup>236</sup> Loudoun County Courthouse, Leesburg, Va., Deed Book 6 Z, p. 342, recorded 7/8/1887.

<sup>237</sup> *Alexandria Gazette*, Alexandria, Va., newspaper, Sunday, 7/3/1887, p. 5.

<sup>238</sup> *Alexandria Gazette*, Alexandria, Va., newspaper, Thursday, 9/8/1887, p. 3.

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The funeral of Mrs. Wm. M. Reardon, deceased, took place from the family home on South Lee Street, Alexandria, on Sept. 13, 1887, with services conducted by Elder E. V. White, of the Primitive Baptist Church, of Loudoun County.<sup>239</sup>

E. B. White & Bro. were owed \$41.32 by James W. Havenner, who signed a note dated Oct. 17 1887 and used one red cow, 6 acres of wheat and 18 acres of rye as collateral for the note, due Oct. 1 1888.<sup>240</sup>

Col. E. V. White gave a lecture on Monday, Dec. 5, 1887, to Lee Camp, Confederate Veterans.<sup>241</sup> His subject was the Battle of Ball's Bluff; he was a Sargent in the Confederate Army at the battle. He was elected an honorary member.

During 1887, the farmers in the vicinity of White's Ferry continued to send their produce to Georgetown, as shown:

Arrived	Boat name	Cargo	Consignee
3/19	Loudoun	4,200 bu. corn	G. T. Dunlop
3/28	Loudoun	4,000 bu. corn	G. T. Dunlop
4/7	Loudoun	3,000 bu. corn, 12 tons hay	G. T. Dunlop
4/22	Loudoun	4,200 bu. corn	G. T. Dunlop
5/9	Loudoun	4,000 bu. corn, 300 bu. wheat	G. T. Dunlop
6/1	Loudoun	1,800 bu. corn, 2,300 bu. wheat	G. T. Dunlop
6/11	Loudoun	1,300 bu. corn, 2,600 bu. wheat	G. T. Dunlop
8/19	Loudoun	2,500 bu. corn, 1,500 bu. wheat	G. T. Dunlop
9/1	Loudoun	1,600 bu. wheat	G. T. Dunlop
9/8	Loudoun	2,000 bu. corn, 600 bu. wheat	G. T. Dunlop
9/15	Loudoun	600 bu. wheat, 100 bu. corn, 350 bu. rye	G. T. Dunlop
		400 bu. wheat	J. G. & J. M. Waters
9/23	Loudoun	1,000 bu. corn, 2,500 bu. wheat	G. T. Dunlop
10/10	Loudoun	3,000 bu. wheat, 300 bu. corn	G. T. Dunlop
10/17	Loudoun	3,500 bu. wheat	G. T. Dunlop
10/31	Loudoun	3,500 bu. wheat	G. T. Dunlop
11/14	Loudoun	3,500 bu. wheat, 600 bu. corn	G. T. Dunlop
11/21	Loudoun	3,000 bu. corn, 1,000 bu. wheat	G. T. Dunlop
11/25	Loudoun	1,500 bu. wheat, 1,500 bu. corn	G. T. Dunlop
		900 bu. corn	J. G. & J. M. Waters
12/3	Loudoun	4,000 bu. corn	G. T. Dunlop
12/6	Loudoun	4,000 bu. corn	G. T. Dunlop
12/10	Loudoun	2,000 bu. wheat, 2,000 bu. corn	G. T. Dunlop
12/16	Loudoun	3,000 bu. wheat, 1,000 bu. corn	G. T. Dunlop

Several ex-Confederates met in Leesburg on Monday, Feb.13, 1888 and organized a camp of Confederate veterans, with 102 members.<sup>242</sup> Col. E. V. White was elected commander and the camp was named

<sup>239</sup> *Alexandria Gazette*, Alexandria, Va., newspaper, Tuesday, 9/13/1887, p. 4.

<sup>240</sup> Loudoun County Courthouse, Leesburg, Va., Deed Book 7 A, p. 27, recorded 10/17/1887.

<sup>241</sup> *Alexandria Gazette*, Alexandria, Va., newspaper, Wednesday, 11/30/1887, p. 4.

<sup>242</sup> *Alexandria Gazette*, Alexandria, Va., newspaper, Wednesday, 2/15/1888, p. 4.

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“Clinton Hatcher Camp No. 8” after private Clinton Hatcher who fell at Ball’s Bluff. The adjacent undated photograph could have been taken at that organizational meeting. Seated, from the left, are Annie Hempstone, Col. E. V. White and Elizabeth White. Second row, standing, are Kate and Betsie Ball. The women were celebrated for their efforts to help the Confederate cause. The other men are not identified. The photograph is from the Thomas Balch Library, Visual Collections.

E. B. White & Bro. accepted two notes, one for \$118.02 and the other for \$12.95, dated April 19 1888, from W. N. Hixon; who put 2 mares, 3 red cows, 1 brindle cow, and 3 yearling calves, in trust, to R. H. Tebbs to secure payment of the notes.<sup>243</sup>

It seems like E. V. White was becoming a banker; on July 28<sup>th</sup> 1888 he accepted a two-year note in the amount of \$503.77 from Mrs. Dorcas A. Giddings and C. G. Giddings, her husband, who put up their 242-acre estate named “Rock Hall” and another 40 acres of woodland as collateral to secure the note.<sup>244</sup>

In consideration of \$3,000, Elijah V. White, on Aug. 20, 1888, purchased the undivided one-half interest in 121+ acres of land previously purchased with Edward Wootton, about four miles South of Leesburg.<sup>245</sup>

On Nov. 9 1888, M. T. Young borrowed \$127.63 from R. H. Tebbs using his crop of wheat as collateral.<sup>246</sup> The debt was to E. B. White & Bro., presumably for fertilizer.

Then on Dec. 6, 1888, because James W. and Lucinda Havenner, were in debt in the amount of \$82.78 to E. B. White & Bro., the Havenner’s put up their 3/5 interest in a 25-acre crop of wheat, their 3/5 interest in a 15-acre crop of rye and a roan cow, 8 years old, as collateral, to E. V. White, Trustee.<sup>247</sup>

During 1888, the farmers in the vicinity of White’s Ferry continued to send their produce to Georgetown, as shown:

Arrived	Boat name	Cargo	Consignee
3/23	Loudoun	2,700 bu. corn, 300 bu. wheat	G. T. Dunlop
4/11	Loudoun	4,000 bu. corn	G. T. Dunlop
4/17	Loudoun	4,000 bu. corn	G. T. Dunlop
4/27	Loudoun	3,000 bu. corn, 20 tons hay	G. T. Dunlop
5/16	Loudoun	2,000 bu. wheat, 2,000 bu. corn	G. T. Dunlop
5/28	Loudoun	4,000 bu. corn	G. T. Dunlop
7/30	Loudoun	1,500 bu. corn, 2,000 bu. wheat, 500 bu. rye	G. T. Dunlop

<sup>243</sup> Loudoun County Courthouse, Leesburg, Va., Deed Book 7 A, p. 346, recorded 4/19/1888.

<sup>244</sup> Loudoun County Courthouse, Leesburg, Va., Deed Book 7 B, p. 2, recorded 7/28/1888.

<sup>245</sup> Loudoun County Courthouse, Leesburg, Va., Deed Book 7 B, p. 142, recorded 11/8/1888.

<sup>246</sup> Loudoun County Courthouse, Leesburg, Va., Deed Book 7 B, p. 144, recorded 11/9/1888

<sup>247</sup> Loudoun County Courthouse, Leesburg, Va., Deed Book 7 B, p. 178, recorded 12/7/1888.

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8/6	Loudoun	4,000 bu. wheat	G. T. Dunlop
		450 bu. wheat	J. G. & J. M. Waters
8/21	Loudoun	3,500 bu. wheat, 500 bu. corn	G. T. Dunlop
8/29	Loudoun	1,500 bu. wheat, 150 bu. corn	G. T. Dunlop
		1,200 bushels corn	J. G. & J. M. Waters
9/8	Loudoun	2,500 bu. wheat, 1,000 bu. corn	G. T. Dunlop
9/13	Loudoun	1,200 bu. corn, 500 bu. rye, 1,000 bu. wheat	G. T. Dunlop
9/21	Loudoun	1,800 bu. wheat	G. T. Dunlop
10/17	Loudoun	400 bu. corn, 150 bu. wheat	G. T. Dunlop
11/9	Loudoun	900 bu. wheat, 25 tons hay	G. T. Dunlop
11/23	Loudoun	4,000 bu. wheat	G. T. Dunlop
12/1	Loudoun	2,500 bu. wheat	G. T. Dunlop
12/18	Loudoun	2,800 bu. corn	J. G. & J. M. Waters
		600 bu. corn, 600 bu. wheat	G. T. Dunlop

The Irving Literary Society [of Poolesville] reorganized by electing Dr. E. Wootton President, Miss May Gassaway Vice-President and C. W. Watts Secretary.<sup>248</sup> Their first meeting was at the home of Mr. J. H. Williams. Instrumental music was provided by Misses E. Wootton, B. Gott and N. Poole, followed by several duets, recitations and readings by others.

The C. & O. Canal opened for navigation on March 22, 1889; the first recorded arrival of grain at Georgetown that year was when the canal boat *Wheatley Bros.* arrived with 3,700 bushels of wheat and 700 bushels of corn on March 27<sup>th</sup>. The canal boats *Wheatley Bros.*, *Seneca*, *Beulah*, *Morning Star*, *Maryland* and *Loudoun* arrived regularly bringing wheat, corn and hay to Georgetown. The newspaper did not record the origin of these shipments. However, we can be confident that some of the grain came from warehouses at White's Ferry, Edward's Ferry and Seneca.

On April 3<sup>rd</sup> 1889, Edward & Bettie Wootton, in consideration of \$300, sold the warehouse and 2 acres of land, about 1 mile above Edward's Ferry, to John W. Ault.<sup>249</sup> It would appear that John W. Ault made a \$50 deposit on the property and then took five \$50 bonds payable in succeeding years for the balance, plus interest.<sup>250</sup> John W. Ault put up three properties as collateral.

Back on Oct. 1 1888, John E. Stewart had bought some fertilizer from Edward Wootton, paying \$74.40, actually signing a note payable in 12 months from date, and using a crop of wheat to secure the note.<sup>251</sup> John E. Stewart agreed to harvest the wheat and deliver it to Mr. Wootton at Point of Rocks, Md. or Leesburg, Va.

During 1889, the farmers in the vicinity of White's Ferry started to send their produce to Georgetown, as shown:

Arrived	Boat name	Cargo	Consignee
4/25	Loudoun	2,000 bu. wheat, 1,000 bu. corn	G. T. Dunlop

<sup>248</sup> *Montgomery County sentinel*, Rockville, Md., newspaper, Friday, 1/4/1889, p. 4.

<sup>249</sup> Loudoun County Courthouse, Leesburg, Va., Deed Book 7 C, p. 22, recorded 5/7/1889.

<sup>250</sup> Loudoun County Courthouse, Leesburg, Va., Deed Book 7 C, p. 24, recorded 5/7/1889.

<sup>251</sup> Loudoun County Courthouse, Leesburg, Va., Deed Book 7 C, p. 98, recorded 6/27/1889.

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5/20	Loudoun	4,100 bu. corn	G. T. Dunlop
5/27	Loudoun	1,500 bu. corn, 2,100 bu. wheat	G. T. Dunlop

A storm came up, which lasted two days, from May 31 to June 1, 1889. The heavy rainfall caused great decimation and financial and property loss throughout the Potomac River Valley. The C. & O. Canal was closed for two years. During those two years there were many discussions in the Maryland Legislature about the cost of repairing the canal; whether it should be sold, leased, put into receivership, etc. Dr. Wootton was a member of the Maryland Senate and was involved in the deliberations. Readers interested in those deliberations should look for other reports concerning that time.

Clayton Fields' storehouse on the Canal, above White's Ferry, was entirely swept away, with the stock of goods. Dr. Edward Wootton, a large grain dealer, also at White's Ferry, lost heavily, exclusive of his business by the demolition of the canal, in grain, boats, buildings, &c., the amount of which was variously estimated at \$15,000 to \$20,000.<sup>252</sup> Several of his tenant houses were swept away, his large warehouse much damaged and most of the contents (grain, fertilizer and machinery) destroyed.

Restoration of the Georgetown level [from Lock No. 4 to Lock No. 5], for the benefit of the millers, was begun at once. The citizens of Georgetown deposited \$20,000 in a local bank to pay for the repairs; future water rents would be credited from the account. Farmers would, once again, have a home market for their wheat, corn and hay. It wasn't until Oct. 3, 1889, that the flow of water in the Georgetown level was unobstructed by stranded canal boats and the mills were once more in steady operation.

While Elijah V. White left the family home at "Stoney Castle," Poolesville, Md., early in his life, his brother, Benjamin Viers White, the first-born and heir, apparently stayed and raised his family of eleven children, seven of whom died in infancy. The two families kept in touch and a newspaper reported:<sup>253</sup>

**"Wedding Bells.** – Poolesville, Sept. 4<sup>th</sup>, 1889. *Mr. Editor:* - It was my pleasure to be present at the marriage ceremony of Miss Mary E. White, daughter of Mr. Benjamin White, of "Stony Castle," near Poolesville, Montgomery County, Md., to Mr. Honore M. Clagett, son of Hon. John Clagett, of Merry Land Tract, near Petersville, Frederick County, Md., on Wednesday afternoon, at 3 o'clock.

"Long before the appointed hour, the spacious and handsome mansion was rapidly filling with the favored ones, representing both counties. The handsome parlors were beautifully and artistically decorated with a profusion of choice cut flowers, there being a lovely arch of green and white around the folding doors, from which was suspended a large bell of pure white flowers, under which the bride and groom stood to plight their life-long vows. Miss Annie L. Dade, of Montgomery, a cousin of the bride, and Miss Minnie L. Boteler, of Frederick, a cousin of the groom, were the ushers – the guests being received with the usual ease and grace of these two ladies. The bridal party entered to the stately measure of the wedding march, executed by Miss Sallie Gassaway, of Briarley Hall. Miss Lucy Williams was maid of honor, and Mr. West Clagett best man. The bride's attendants were Miss Inez White, of Leesburg, Va., Miss Mamie Hilleary, of Frederick, Miss Bettie Williams and Miss Nannie Poole, of Poolesville. The groomsmen were Mr. Harvey White, a brother of the bride, Messrs. Wm. L. Gross, Chas. Hilleary and Jackson Hilleary, of Frederick. The bride wore a rich, handsome white faille silk dress, cut round neck, short sleeves, court train, veil, orange blossoms and diamond ornaments (a gift of the groom,) and everything to accord with her sweet youthful innocence. The bride's maids wore

<sup>252</sup> *Montgomery County sentinel*, Rockville, Md., newspaper, Friday, 6/7/1889, p. 4.

<sup>253</sup> *Montgomery County sentinel*, Rockville, Md., newspaper, Friday, 9/13/1889, p. 4.

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corresponding suits of creamy silk and lacy drapery, jewelry and ornaments such as would please the eye of the most fastidious beholder. The ceremony was impressively performed by Col. E. V. White of Leesburg, Va., an uncle of the bride. Immediately after the congratulations, the bridal party and company proceeded to the large dining hall, where our worthy host and hostess, as is their usual hospitable custom, had provided a bountiful and elegant repast, while the long table fairly groaned under their load of good things. The tables were most beautifully decorated, displaying a taste impossible to out do, the credit of which is due to Miss Sallie Colliflower, of Frederick City. The presents were elegant, numerous and handsome.

“The bridal party, after partaking of the delicacies, drove to Barnesville Station, where the bride and groom took the eastern express for Baltimore. They will visit Niagara and other famous points of interest in the North, and return to their future home, “Waveland” on Marry Land Tract.

“The bride, though so young, has been a reigning belle here, and will be greatly missed in Poolesville Society.

“We extend to the happy couple our best wishes for a long, prosperous and happy future.” It was an honor for Elijah V. White and his daughter to participate in this festive occasion; we can expect all the E. V. White family attended.

On Sept. 7, 1889, Elijah V. White completed paying the \$1,591.88 purchase money for 112.5 acres of land.<sup>254</sup> This was another purchase that had to go through the Court system, delaying the recording.

On Nov. 1, 1889, in consideration of \$1,800, Elijah V. and Sarah E. White sold the same 112.5 acres of land to Richard H. Hickman.<sup>255</sup> Apparently Richard H. and Miriam B. Hickman, put down \$400 and accepted a mortgage for the deferred payment of \$1,400, plus interest.<sup>256</sup>

Marrying couples was a routine function; we read:<sup>257</sup> “Mr. Daniel A. Kelley of Buckeystown, this county, and Miss Hattie E. Havner of Leesburg, Va., were married in the latter place a few days ago, Rev. Col. E. V. White officiating. The newly wedded couple arrived at their future home in Buckeystown on the evening of the wedding, and were tendered a delightful reception.”

On Dec. 3, 1889, E. V. [the father] & E. B. [a son] White purchased, for \$650, a tract of land on the north side of the Washington, Ohio & Western Rail Road, east of Leesburg.<sup>258</sup>

Elijah V. & Sarah E. White, on Jan. 15 1889, in consideration of \$500, sold their interest in the remaining 127½ acre estate known as “Egypt” to Thomas D. Moffett.<sup>259</sup> Thomas D. & V. H. Moffett made a \$200 down payment, then used the land as collateral for a loan of \$300, deferred payment, from W. E. Garrett Trustee.<sup>260</sup>

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<sup>254</sup> Montgomery County Courthouse, Rockville, Md., Deed Book JA 15, p. 408, recorded 12/12/1889.

<sup>255</sup> Montgomery County Courthouse, Rockville, Md., Deed Book JA 15, p. 407, recorded 12/12/1889.

<sup>256</sup> Montgomery County Courthouse, Rockville, Md., Deed Book JA 16, p. 90., recorded 12/12/1889.

<sup>257</sup> *Evening Star*, Washington, D. C., newspaper, Wednesday, 11/6/1889, p. 9.

<sup>258</sup> Loudoun County Courthouse, Leesburg, Va., Deed Book 7 B, p. 273, recorded 1/15/1889.

<sup>259</sup> Loudoun County Courthouse, Leesburg, Va., Deed Book 7 B, p. 274, recorded 1/15/1889.

<sup>260</sup> Loudoun County Courthouse, Leesburg, Va., Deed Book 7 B, p. 275, recorded 1/15/1889



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Dr. Edward Wootton was elected Montgomery county's Senator in the Maryland Legislature, November, 1889. He remained in office four years and was heavily involved in the canal legislation following the flood of the same year.

Two horses were stolen during the evening of Feb. 15, 1890 from the stables of Col. E. V. White.<sup>261</sup>

L. M. Carr purchased 5½ tons of fertilizer for \$139.92 from E. B. White & Bro. on or about March 3<sup>rd</sup> 1890 and accepted a crop lien on his crop of wheat.<sup>262</sup> Mr. Carr agreed to deliver the crop promptly after maturity. Back on Oct. 1, 1889, T. L. Powell had purchased 2 tons of fertilizer for \$56.97 from E. B. White & Bro. using the crop of wheat and a sorrel colt one year old as collateral; the crop lien was not signed until May 7<sup>th</sup> 1890.<sup>263</sup>

Mr. W. S. Beall was the contractor for constructing the new barn on Dr. Edward Wootton's farm.<sup>264</sup>

Later that summer, Mrs. Elizabeth Howell, a widowed friend of the family died on Mar. 15<sup>th</sup> 1890 at the residence of Col. E. V. White.<sup>265</sup> Mrs. Howell was 91 years old and was a member of the household for a number of years; her name shows up in the 1880 U. S. census as a member of the household.

Edward Wootton was listed as a veteran, a surgeon, in June 1890, living in Poolesville, Md.<sup>266</sup>

During the month of June, 1890, President Gambrell, of the C. & O. Canal, with two other employees inspected the route and reported the cost of putting the canal in fair navigable condition, with a depth of six feet, would be \$338,748, including 10% for contingencies.<sup>267</sup> There were 156 coal boats, 9 grain boats and 11 lime and stone boats, nearly all of which would have to be repaired. The entire year was filled with Maryland Legislature and Canal Company debates about the future of the canal; should it be sold, repaired, turned over to a consortium, etc. A search of the newspaper records did not find any record of receipt of coal, grain, or hay, by canal boat. The mills of Georgetown still received grain; but by farm wagon, rail or schooner from Alexandria, Va.

On Aug. 11, 1890, E. V. White became the administrator for the estate of William H. Clowe, with a bond of \$1,500, co-signed by B. V. White, his son.<sup>268</sup> William H. Clowe was a Loudoun County farmer who died suddenly, on Friday, Mar. 28, 1890, while riding along on a load of hay. He was about 67 years old.

Elijah V. White paid \$950 for 112+ acres on Oct. 29 1890; this was another Court case and Alfred F. Fairall, Sheriff of Montgomery County administered the case.<sup>269</sup>

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<sup>261</sup> *Alexandria Gazette*, Alexandria, Va., newspaper, Thursday, 2/20/1890, p. 3.

<sup>262</sup> Loudoun County Courthouse, Leesburg, Va., Deed Book 7 C, p. 493, recorded 3/3/1890.

<sup>263</sup> Loudoun County Courthouse, Leesburg, Va., Deed Book 7 D, p. 97, recorded 5/7/1890.

<sup>264</sup> *Montgomery County sentinel*, Rockville, Md., newspaper, Friday, 5/30/1890, p. 4.

<sup>265</sup> *Alexandria Gazette*, Alexandria, Va., newspaper, Thursday, 3/20/1890, p. 3.

<sup>266</sup> 1890 Veterans Schedule of the U.S. Federal Census.

<sup>267</sup> *Evening Star*, Washington, D. C., newspaper, Friday, 6/13/1890, p. 9.

<sup>268</sup> Loudoun County Courthouse, Leesburg, Va., Administrator's Bond Books, 1869-1904, p. 10.

<sup>269</sup> Montgomery County Courthouse, Rockville, Md., Deed Book JA 21, p. 424., recorded 10/29/1890.

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T. L. Powell purchased about 2½ tons of fertilizer for \$66.25 on May 23, 1891, using a 25-acre crop of wheat and a sorrel horse named “Charley,” twelve years old, as collateral, to Richard H. Tebbs, Trustee.<sup>270</sup> The \$66.25 Note was payable to E. B. White & Bro.

On June 8 1891, John H. Houser granted his ½ interest of a 60-acre crop of wheat to Richard H. Tebbs Trustee, to secure payment on a \$89.52 note to E. B. White & Bro.<sup>271</sup>

Misses. Inez and Ada White visited Misses Broders, of Washington Street, Jun. 20, 1891.<sup>272</sup>

Questions arose about the crop lien on Edgar H. Tavenner’s crop of wheat, mortgaged to pay his \$153.70 debt to E. B. White & Bro.; so, on June 27 1890, a new lien was recorded.<sup>273</sup>

On July 22, 1891, in consideration of \$1,030, Elijah V. and Sarah E. White, sold 93.5 [*sic.* 82.5] acres of land, to George L. Cramer.<sup>274</sup>

Finally, the first boat on the C. & O. Canal arrived in Georgetown from White’s Ferry with a load of baled hay, consigned to George T. Dunlop.<sup>275</sup> A newspaper reported the canal boat Col. Baughman arrived, on Nov. 13, 1891, with wheat consigned to George T. Dunlop.<sup>276</sup> The canal boat Loudoun arrived on Nov. 25, 1891, with cement from Shepherdstown; so, we know that boat survived the flood. What we haven’t found is information on the restoration of warehouses and/or granaries at Edward’s Ferry, White’s Ferry and Sycamore Landing.

On Dec. 24, 1891, Elijah V. and Sarah E. White, in consideration of \$100, sold 12.5 acres of land to William T. Jones.<sup>277</sup>

David J. Lee, a well-known citizen of Leesburg, died on Jan. 20, 1892.<sup>278</sup> The funeral services were conducted by Elder E. V. White, his old commander during the war.

On or about Mar. 7, 1892, Col. E. V. White sold his 200-acre farm, approximately 5 miles north of Leesburg, to Dr. Fox, of Bucks County, Pa.<sup>279</sup> Elijah V. and Sarah E. White, in consideration of \$13,000, sold 212+ acres of land to Joseph M. Fox, of Philadelphia, Pa.<sup>280</sup>

The opening to navigation of the Chesapeake and Ohio Canal this week, March 17, 1892, has given quite an impetus to business all along the line of that work in this county. A large amount of grain and other products which have for some time been awaiting transportation will now be shipped to market.<sup>281</sup>

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<sup>270</sup> Loudoun County Courthouse, Leesburg, Va., Deed Book 7 D, p. 212, recorded 5/28/1891.

<sup>271</sup> Loudoun County Courthouse, Leesburg, Va., Deed Book 7 E, p. 232, recorded 6/8/1891.

<sup>272</sup> *Alexandria Gazette*, Alexandria, Va., newspaper, Saturday, 6/20/1891, p. 4.

<sup>273</sup> Loudoun County Courthouse, Leesburg, Va., Deed Book 7 D, p. 161, recorded 6/28/1890.

<sup>274</sup> Montgomery County Courthouse, Rockville, Md., Deed Book JA 27, p. 442, recorded 7/27/1891.

<sup>275</sup> *Evening Star*, Washington, D. C., newspaper, Friday, 8/21/1891, p. 8.

<sup>276</sup> *Evening Star*, Washington, D. C., newspaper, Friday, 11/13/1891, p. 3.

<sup>277</sup> Montgomery County Courthouse, Rockville, Md., Deed Book JA 34, p. 196, recorded 9/8/1892.

<sup>278</sup> *Alexandria Gazette*, Alexandria, Va., newspaper, Friday, 1/22/1892, p. 3.

<sup>279</sup> *Alexandria Gazette*, Alexandria, Va., newspaper, Monday, 3/7/1892, p. 3.

<sup>280</sup> Loudoun County Courthouse, Leesburg, Va., Deed Book 7 F, p. 184, recorded 3/29/1892.

<sup>281</sup> *Evening Star*, Washington, D. C., newspaper, Thursday, 3/17/1892, p. 2.

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Back on July 25, 1860, George Rust sold the farm known as “Montresor,” containing 174 acres, 3 roods and 23.6 poles of land to Elijah V. White; whose three notes were long since paid.<sup>282</sup> This deed gave Elijah V. White a clear title.

There were some questions about land conveyed to Elijah V. White by H. B. and Virginia Michie, so, the Michie’s executed a further conveyance of the land on March 7<sup>th</sup> 1892.<sup>283</sup> Elijah V. White had bought a four-acre wood lot before the purchase money for the lot had been fully made; however, by March 7<sup>th</sup> 1892, the purchase money had been paid and the deed was made to E. V. White.<sup>284</sup>

Starting May 21, 1892, Col. E. V. White advertised his *Leesburg Inn*, as a summer home, with rooms for 200 guests, first-class meals, pure water and excellent fishing.<sup>285</sup> While he was the owner, the hotel was managed by A. W. Price, assisted by John Lonagan. The pure water came from the Paeonian Spring.

We can confirm the canal boat *Maryland* made at least 12 trips in 1892, with the arrival on Sept. 28, 1892 bringing 1,000 bushels wheat, 500 bushels corn and 25 tons of hay to Georgetown and was loaded at White’s Ferry. The other 11 trips appear to have been freighting coal, based on the interval between arrivals. We can also confirm the canal boat *Wheatley Bros.* made at least 8 trips with the Sept. 12 arrival bringing wheat and corn, the Nov. 4 arrival bringing hay. The other 6 trips appear to have been freighting coal, based on the interval between arrivals. The coal freighters were regularly passing White’s Ferry and the businesses restored there, the grain business was also recovering. It seems unusual that a coal freighting boat could subsequently carry bulk grain without contaminating the grain.

Gen. Wade Hampton, of South Carolina, and Gen. Bradley T. Johnson, of Maryland, were the guests of Col. E. V. White, of Leesburg, on or about Sep. 21, 1892.<sup>286</sup>

“Mr. Benjamin V. White, of Leesburg, and Miss Lillian Carter Brosius, daughter of Mr. Lemuel H. Brosius, were married yesterday evening at the Church of the Ascension in Baltimore. The ushers were: Messrs. Edward B. Harrison and Walter W. Chamblin, of Leesburg, and John Weedon and E. H. Brosius, of Baltimore. Mr. John H. Nelson, of Leesburg, was the best man. The bride wore a white cotele silk gown with a white tulle veil, which fell to the edge of the train and was fastened with lilies-of-the-valley, a large bunch of which she carried. Her maid of honor was Miss Florence Gittings, of Loudoun County. She wore a gown of blue silk with trimming of white lace and carried pink roses. Two little flower-girls, Miss Lulu Koch and Miss Grace Neal, preceded the bride, carrying baskets of pink roses. They wore white mulls with pink and blue ribbons, respectively. After the marriage, a reception followed at the home of the bride. Mr. and Mrs. White left for a trip to Charleston, S. C., and other places of interest. When they return, they will take up residence in Leesburg, where Mr. White is in business with his father, Col. E. V. White, of confederate fame.”<sup>287</sup> Their address was 108 Edwards Ferry Road NE, Leesburg, Va. 20176.

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<sup>282</sup> Loudoun County Courthouse, Leesburg, Va., Deed Book 7 F, p. 175, recorded 3/28/1892.

<sup>283</sup> Loudoun County Courthouse, Leesburg, Va., Deed Book 7 F, p. 180, recorded 3/29/1892.

<sup>284</sup> Loudoun County Courthouse, Leesburg, Va., Deed Book 7 F, p. 182, recorded 3/29/1892.

<sup>285</sup> *Alexandria Gazette*, Alexandria, Va., newspaper, Tuesday, 6/7/1892, p. 8.

<sup>286</sup> *Alexandria Gazette*, Alexandria, Va., newspaper, Wednesday, 9/21/1892, p. 3.

<sup>287</sup> *Alexandria Gazette*, Alexandria, Va., newspaper, Thursday, 12/1/1892, p. 3.

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The following week a newspaper reported: “Col. And Mrs. E. V. White have issued cards for the marriage of their daughter Ada to Mr. I. T. Long, of Washington, D. C. The ceremony takes place at their residence in this town, Thursday afternoon, December 15<sup>th</sup>, at 1 o’clock. – *Leesburg Mirror*.”<sup>288</sup>

On Dec. 16<sup>th</sup> 1892, Thomas S. and Laura J. Titus purchased 287+ acres of land for \$7,500; E. V. White acted as their banker and loaned them the money, with Richard H. Tebbs as Trustee.<sup>289</sup> The debt was fully paid and the debt released and discharged on Jan. 4<sup>th</sup> 1898.

On that same day, a newspaper reported: “The home of Col. E. V. White at Leesburg, Va., was brilliantly decorated yesterday, the occasion being the wedding of his daughter Ada to Mr. Isaac T. Long of this city. The marriage ceremony was performed by Elder J. Francis, assisted by the Hon. P. G. Lester. Miss Bessie Long, sister of the groom, acted as maid of honor and Mr. Harvey White as best man. The bridesmaids were the Misses. Nellie Davis, Nellie Titus and Ida Dyson. The ushers were Messrs. Spindle, Geggings and A. White. The bride and her maids were attired in elaborate silk dresses, modeled in New York. The couple were the recipients of many handsome presents. Among their Washington friends who attended the wedding were Messrs. J. T. Campbell and daughter, Charles Campbell, W. D. Campbell, J. W. Tolson, Sidney Titus and wife and the Hon. P. G. Lester. Among the Leesburg friends were Misses. Daisy Titus, Mamie Dyson, Mamie Brodeis and Mr. R. L. Francis, and many others from the surrounding counties. After an elaborate reception, prepared by the bride’s parents, the bridal couple left for a tour of the south by way of Washington and Richmond.”<sup>290</sup>

On Jan. 21, 1893, Col. E. V. White was elected president of the People’s National Bank of Leesburg.<sup>291</sup>

On Feb. 1 1893, in consideration of \$400, W. Scott and Melissa Beall sold their Lot No. 9, near Poolesville, to Edward Wootton; the lot contained 4+ acres.<sup>292</sup>

On Saturday afternoon, March 4, 1893, the feeding gates of the C. & O. Canal were opened to begin the slow filling of the prism, which was expected to take four or five days. The canal was expected to open for navigation on March 15<sup>th</sup>.<sup>293</sup> Recall that Edward Wootton’s facilities at White’s Ferry were wiped out by the flood of 1889. We have not confirmed the reconstruction of Wootton’s warehouse at White’s Ferry or his ownership of canal boats; however, we can confirm the following loads arriving at Georgetown from White’s Ferry, by the canal boat *Unexpected* in 1893:

5/5	3,200 bu. corn	600 bu. wheat	8 tons hay
5/24		1,200 bu. wheat	30 tons hay
8/24	1,500 bu. corn	1,000 bu. wheat	
8/31		2,500 bu. wheat	
9/27		4,200 bu. wheat	
11/28	60 bbls. ear corn	4,000 bu. wheat	40 tons hay

<sup>288</sup> *Alexandria Gazette*, Alexandria, Va., newspaper, Thursday, 12/8/1892, p. 4.

<sup>289</sup> Loudoun County Courthouse, Leesburg, Va., Deed Book 7 G, p. 194, recorded 12/16/1892.

<sup>290</sup> *Evening Star*, Washington, D. C., newspaper, Fri. 12/16/1892, p. 5.

<sup>291</sup> *Alexandria Gazette*, Alexandria, Va., newspaper, Saturday, 1/21/1893, p. 3.

<sup>292</sup> Montgomery County Courthouse, Rockville, Md., Deed Book JA 36, p. 362, recorded 2/7/1893.

<sup>293</sup> *Evening Star*, Washington, D. C., newspaper, Monday, 3/6/1893, p. 13.

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The canal boat *Four Brothers* brought 4,000 bushels of corn from White's Ferry, arriving on April 30, 1893. The canal boat *Maryland* also delivered 1,000 bu. wheat and 25 tons hay from White's Ferry to Georgetown, arriving on Aug. 3, 1893.

Later that year a newspaper reported: “**Sudden Death** – Mrs. White [Sarah Elizabeth White], wife of Col. E. V. White, dropped dead suddenly last night at her residence in Leesburg. The cause of her death is supposed to have been heart disease. Mrs. White was a most estimable lady, and Col. White and his family, who are well-known in this city and vicinity, have the sincere sympathy of their friends in their great loss.”<sup>294</sup> She was buried in Union Cemetery, Leesburg, Va.

Another newspaper reported: “**Death of Col. White's Wife.** The wife of Col. E. V. White, whom to know was to admire womanhood in the character of wife and mother, died very suddenly at her residence in Leesburg last Thursday. She was a daughter of the late Richard Gott, of Montgomery County, Md., and during the war several times passed through the enemy's lines to get to her Maryland home or join her gallant husband then serving in the Valley of Virginia. One night during those exciting days the writer of this had just crossed the Shenandoah river, when he recognized Mrs. White, who was accompanied by Miss Shepherd – the latter now the wife of John T. Colsten, Esq., of Jefferson County – in a buggy, returning from a trip to Maryland. In order to get permission from the guard at Castleman's Ferry for the ladies to enter our picket lines, and then proceed on the duty to which he was ordered, the writer had to ford the river five times that night, but there was not a soldier of the 35<sup>th</sup> Battalion who would not have esteemed it a great pleasure to render this or any other service to the kind and courageous wife of their brave and dashing Colonel. – *Clarke Courier.*”

Acting as a banker, on June 1<sup>st</sup> 1893, E. V. White loaned Mary C. Mason \$2,000, payable in eight years, with 6% interest annually; she put her 150-acre farm in trust with J. B. McCabe to secure the loan.<sup>295</sup> The loan was paid off and the lien released on July 1<sup>st</sup> 1898.

Charles O. McIntosh accumulated several debts of various amounts and could not repay any of them; so, on Nov. 9<sup>th</sup> 1893, he granted a deed of assignment to Dr. Edward Wootton.<sup>296</sup> Edward Wootton was authorized to sell all and any of Charles O. McIntosh's property, less his wearing apparel and trade tools, to pay the debts. Dr. Wootton could recover his expenses, first, out of the sales, plus a five percent commission.

E. V. White and John Arnold purchased 204½ acres of land on Dec. 2 1893.<sup>297</sup> The property had gone through the Courts without a sale; White and Arnold offered to pay the liens, plus \$119.20, the Court accepted. Then on April 16<sup>th</sup> 1894, Elijah V. White, John Arnold and Sarah Jane Arnold, his wife, sold the 204½ acres of land to Oscar F. Bresee, Jr. in consideration of \$4,600.<sup>298</sup> Oscar F. Bresee, Jr. used the land just purchased as collateral for a \$3,600 loan from Richard H. Tebbs, Trustee.<sup>299</sup> On July 22 1895,

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<sup>294</sup> *Alexandria Gazette*, Alexandria, Va., newspaper, Friday, 3/24/1893, p. 4.

<sup>295</sup> Loudoun County Courthouse, Leesburg, Va., Deed Book 7 H, p. 31, recorded 6/1/1893.

<sup>296</sup> Montgomery County Courthouse, Rockville, Md., Deed Book JA 41, p. 153, recorded 11/9/1893.

<sup>297</sup> Loudoun County Courthouse, Leesburg, Va., Deed Book 7 H, p. 430, recorded 1/5/1894.

<sup>298</sup> Loudoun County Courthouse, Leesburg, Va., Deed Book 7 I, p. 166, recorded 4/25/1894.

<sup>299</sup> Loudoun County Courthouse, Leesburg, Va., Deed Book 7 I, p. 167, recorded 4/25/1894.

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Richard H. Tebbs, E. V. White and John Arnold gave Oscar F. Bresee, Jr. a release from the deed of trust on 204½ acres purchased on April 16<sup>th</sup> 1894.<sup>300</sup>

In late 1893 and early 1894 the Pioneer Mills, of Georgetown was put up for sale; the for-sale ads ran daily for months. Of interest here is the description: TURBINE WHEEL MILL, 500 bbls. of flour per day, large office, dwelling, a warehouse with storage for 50,000 bushels of wheat, and a canal wharf in front of the mill. This was one of several Georgetown mills buying the grain of farmers along the canal.

We can confirm the following loads arriving at Georgetown from White's Ferry, by the canal boat *Unexpected* in 1894:

3/26	4,050 bu. corn	
9/27		3,000 bu. wheat
10/26	1,000 bu. corn	3,500 bu. wheat

Certainly, there was the usual traffic of coal boats, descending and ascending; the record of grain arriving from White's Ferry are sparse.

Mrs. Elizabeth White, wife of Mr. Benjamin White (brother of Col. E. V. White, of Leesburg), died at her home in Poolesville district on Sunday last, aged about fifty-five years.<sup>301</sup>

The reunion of Colonel E. V. White's old battalion of cavalry was held in Luray, Va.<sup>302</sup>

Mr. John G. White, youngest son of Col. E. V. White, of this town, left on Monday last for St. Louis, where he has gotten a position.<sup>303</sup>

Elijah Viers White married Margaret Bitting Banes [on Nov. 28,] 1894, in Philadelphia, Pennsylvania.<sup>304</sup> Col. E. V. White and his bride reached their home in Leesburg last Tuesday evening, after a somewhat extended bridal trip, mainly spent in St. Louis. The colonel looks as bright and happy as the flower that always faces the sun.<sup>305</sup>

The winter of 1894/95 was especially brutal. Many boatmen had tied up in Georgetown and depended on charity to get food and fuel during the extreme cold weather. A few died of starvation/freezing. The canal opened for the season on Monday, March 18<sup>th</sup> 1895. At least 150 boats, maybe swelling to 200 boats, were expected in the coal trade. The coal season started with 8 – 10 boats per day leaving Cumberland for Georgetown, which was short on vessels to carry away the product. That problem did get solved and the coal business was satisfactory. However, the grain receipts have not been found.

An Alexandria, Va., newspaper reported: “**Marriage** – Miss Inez White, daughter of Col. E. V. White, was married at noon yesterday at her father's residence, in Leesburg, to Mr. John D. Gold, of Wilson, N. C. Colonel White, who is an elder in the Baptist Church, performed the ceremony. Miss Nannie Lee, of Suffolk, was maid of honor, and Mr. Joseph M. Gold, of Washington, brother of the groom, was best

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<sup>300</sup> Loudoun County Courthouse, Leesburg, Va., Deed Book 7 L, p. 180, recorded 7/25/1895.

<sup>301</sup> *Alexandria Gazette*, Alexandria, Va., newspaper, Thursday, 7/5/1894, p. 2.

<sup>302</sup> *Alexandria Gazette*, Alexandria, Va., newspaper, Thursday, 8/2/1894, p. 3.

<sup>303</sup> *Alexandria Gazette*, Alexandria, Va., newspaper, Thursday, 10/18/1894, p. 4.

<sup>304</sup> Philadelphia, Pennsylvania, U. S. Marriage Index, 1885-1951, Year 1894, License No. 73034.

<sup>305</sup> *Alexandria Gazette*, Alexandria, Va., newspaper, Friday, 12/21/1894, p. 4.

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man. The fine residence of the bride's father was beautifully decorated for the occasion, and a large number of friends of the young people attended their marriage. After the ceremony a handsome wedding breakfast was served at the conclusion of which the bride donned a stylish going-away gown and the young couple left on the afternoon train over the Washington and Ohio Railroad. Mr. and Mrs. Gold will make their home at Wilson, N. C., where the groom is engaged in the publication of *Zion's Landmark*, a denominational paper of the Baptist Church."<sup>306</sup>

The following week the same newspaper reported: "**Reception** – Wilson, N. C., Feb. 20. – Last night, at Elder P. D. Gold's residence, an elegant reception was given in honor of Mr. John D. Gold and bride (nee Inez White), who arrived from their bridal tour on the noon train yesterday. About one hundred guests were invited, composed of the elite of Wilson. The tables were loaded with the choicest viands and delicacies to suit the tastes of the most pronounced epicure. It was one of the most brilliant social events of the season. Mr. John D. Gold is a son of Rev. P. D. Gold, editor of *Zion's Landmark* the organ of the Primitive Baptist Church in this State. The bridegroom is one of our rising young business-men. The bride is the accomplished daughter of Col. E. V. White, of Leesburg, Va. They have just returned from a trip to Washington city and other points."<sup>307</sup>

On June 7, 1895, in consideration of \$1,243.92 (\$475 of which was cash in hand paid and the residue to be paid), Elijah V. and Margaret B. White sold 103.66 acres of land to Charlotte Greenlease.<sup>308</sup> James H. and Charlotte D. Greenlease, on 6/4/1895, used the 103.66 acres as collateral for two bonds (one for \$243.92 payable in five years and the other for \$525, payable in two years, plus annual interest).<sup>309</sup> The dates do not match up.

A few days later, on June 18, 1895, George W. and Alice M. Survick granted R. H. Tebbs and J. B. McCabe, Trustees, their 17 properties in Leesburg, Va. as surety for a long list of debts accumulated by said Survick.<sup>310</sup> The list of debts included seven bonds for \$1,000 each, payable in five years to E. V. White; the interest thereon to be paid semi-annually.

Dr. Edward Wootton and Mr. Notley Hays of Poolesville district, have returned from a visit to Atlantic City.<sup>311</sup>

That same day, another newspaper reported: "Mr. B. V. White, a former student of St. John's Academy, this city, and son of Col. E. V. White, was yesterday elected mayor of Leesburg."<sup>312</sup>

Back on May 14, 1892, E. V. and B. V. White purchased a lot in Leesburg, but the sale was governed by the Circuit Court.<sup>313</sup> Then father and son decided to split the lot, E. V. White taking the northern portion; and Richard H. Tebbs was directed by the Court to issue a deed, with special warranty.

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<sup>306</sup> *Alexandria Gazette*, Alexandria, Va., newspaper, Thursday, 2/14/1895, p. 3.

<sup>307</sup> *Alexandria Gazette*, Alexandria, Va., newspaper, Wednesday, 2/20/1895, p. 3.

<sup>308</sup> Montgomery County Courthouse, Rockville, Md., Deed Book JA 60, p. 256, recorded 6/12/1895.

<sup>309</sup> Montgomery County Courthouse, Rockville, Md., Deed Book JA 50, p. 176, recorded 10/6/1897

<sup>310</sup> Loudoun County Courthouse, Leesburg, Va., Deed Book 7 L, p. 122, recorded 6/18/1895.

<sup>311</sup> *Evening Star*, Washington D. C., newspaper, Friday, 7/19/1895, p. 10.

<sup>312</sup> *Alexandria Gazette*, Alexandria, Va., newspaper, Friday, 7/19/1895, p. 4.

<sup>313</sup> Loudoun County Courthouse, Leesburg, Va., Deed Book 7 M, p. 148, recorded 3/27/1896.

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Norman Wootton bought 255+ acres from his father, Edward Wootton, on Dec. 14<sup>th</sup> 1895 and gave him, Edward Wootton, his promissory note for \$3,000, at three years.<sup>314</sup> Norman Wootton could possess the property while paying off the note, taxes, assessments, etc. Something happened and on July 12 1898, Edward Wootton assigned the mortgage to his sister, Ella Wootton. Edward Wootton died on April 1 1910. And then Ella Wootton died on Sept. 5 1913; Roland Wootton, one of Edward Wootton's sons, was the Executor of her estate and on Dec. 13 1913, released the mortgage.

Col. E. V. White opened a real estate office in Leesburg, Va. on or about Mar. 6 1896.<sup>315</sup> He had some success in that the same newspaper reported on two of his sales later that year.

Dr. Edward Wootton was also involved with veterans of the late war, who held a meeting at the Baptist Church at Travilah, Md., on Mar. 23<sup>rd</sup> 1896, starting at 7:00 p.m.<sup>316</sup> He was one of the named speakers. Good music was a feature of the occasion. Later that year the same newspaper reported on the continued involvement of Col. E. V. White with Confederate veterans; about 100 members of the Clinton Hatcher Confederate Veterans Association, Colonel E. V. White, commanding, went to Richmond, Va., to attend a confederate reunion.<sup>317</sup> Several subsequent articles appeared describing the reunion; it was a big event with veterans marching down Richmond streets, some in uniform, others not in uniform. Lots of speeches.

Edward Wootton found another Circuit Court case involving land; three pieces of land were sold at public auction.<sup>318</sup> Ella A. Anderson was the high bidder at \$1,315.00, but before the purchase money was fully paid, Edward Wootton stepped in, agreed to pay the purchase money, and asked that the deed be given to him. The Court agreed and the attorney made it happen. Edward Wootton wound up with 131½ acres of land in three contiguous pieces of land, then occupied by Thomas A. Hickman.

Col. E. V. White, of Loudoun, the famous Confederate cavalier, was in Alexandria on June 30 1897 on business. The day before, he addressed the Daughters of the Confederacy at Leesburg and entertained them with an account of the Battle of Ball's Bluff.<sup>319</sup>

The Manassas Chapter of the Daughters of the Confederacy made elaborate preparations for the Confederate anniversary meeting on July 21 1897, to celebrate the 36<sup>th</sup> anniversary of the first battle of Manassas. Many prominent ex-Confederates were present, including Col. E. V. White.<sup>320</sup>

On Sept. 28<sup>th</sup> 1897, Robert Day borrowed \$15 from E. V. White, signing a note due in nine months, and using two horses as collateral.<sup>321</sup>

Mr. E. B. White, son of Col. E. V. White, and a wealthy grain dealer of St. Louis, has purchased from the executor, the farm of the late Capt. O. S. Braden, near Wheatland, in Loudoun county, for \$40 per acre.

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<sup>314</sup> Montgomery County Courthouse, Rockville, Md., Deed Book JA 52, p. 454, recorded 1/31/1896.

<sup>315</sup> *Alexandria Gazette*, Alexandria, Va., newspaper, Saturday, 3/7/1896, p. 3.

<sup>316</sup> *Evening Star*, Washington, D. C., newspaper, Friday, 3/20/1896, p. 13.

<sup>317</sup> *Evening Star*, Washington D. C., newspaper, Thursday, 7/2/1896, p. 15.

<sup>318</sup> Montgomery County Courthouse, Rockville, Md., Deed Book JA 55, p. 283, recorded 11/17/1896.

<sup>319</sup> *Alexandria Gazette*, Alexandria, Va., newspaper, Wednesday, 6/30/1897, p. 4.

<sup>320</sup> *Alexandria Gazette*, Alexandria, Va., newspaper, Saturday, 7/17/1897, p. 3.

<sup>321</sup> Loudoun County Courthouse, Leesburg, Va., Deed Book 7 O, p. 292, recorded 9/28/1897.



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The farm contains 300 acres, and is one of the best in that county. A few months ago, Mr. White purchased the handsome "Selma" farm, near Leesburg, belonging to the estate of the late Thomas Swann. He now owns two of the finest estates in Loudoun.<sup>322</sup>

On April 20 1898, George M. Grayson, of Frederick County, Md., borrowed \$100 from Elijah V. White, and used his 2/5 interest in a Loudoun County wheat crop as collateral.<sup>323</sup> Later that year, on Dec. 7<sup>th</sup> 1898, in consideration of \$500, E. V. and E. B. White purchased a 2¼ acre lot from the Charles P. McCabe heirs.<sup>324</sup> The lot was on the south side of South Street extended, and abutted the W. & O. Railroad. The neighboring land-owners had the right to have and use the well water on said property.

Then, Col. E. V. White, Trustee, sold certain property of B. V. White on Monday, June 20, 1898. The property was sold to Mr. E. B. White, and comprises the grist mill in Leesburg, together with a similar interest in certain machinery, horses, carts, implements, &c.<sup>325</sup>

On Oct. 10, 1898, Walter L. Palmer became the administrator for the estate of C. C. Mankin, with a bond of \$2,000, co-signed by E. V. White.<sup>326</sup> That same day, Walter L. Palmer became the administrator for the estate of James M. Mankin, with a bond of \$2,000. Co-signed by E. V. White.<sup>327</sup> Charles [C.] Mankin, of Sterling, Va., died of typhoid fever Sept. 20, 1898, age 24. His brother, James M. Mankin, died of the same disease and at the same place, two weeks earlier.

Capt. and Mrs. J. N. Barney, of Fredericksburg, issued cards for the marriage of their daughter, Mary Beale, to Mr. John Gott White, son of Col. E. V. White, of Leesburg. The ceremony was to take place on Thursday evening, November 24<sup>th</sup>, in the Presbyterian Church at Fredericksburg.<sup>328</sup> Later, it was reported: "A brilliant event was the chrysanthemum wedding in Fredericksburg yesterday evening of Miss Mary Beale Barney, daughter of Captain J. N. Barney, formerly of the United States navy, and afterwards of the Confederate navy, to Mr. John Gott White, son of Col. E. V. White, president of the People's National Bank at Leesburg. The Presbyterian Church, in which the event occurred, was crowded with friends of the bride and groom."<sup>329</sup>

J. Sprigg and Annie E. Poole, of Washington, D. C., in consideration of \$1,800, on April 26<sup>th</sup> 1899, sold a Lot, containing 17.1 square perches, in Poolesville to Edward Wootton.<sup>330</sup>

Sometime previously, the son, E. B. White, was elected President of the Leesburg and Point of Rocks Turnpike Company. The Company issued \$4,000, in forty \$100 bonds, naming Col. E. V. White and R. H. Tebbs, Trustees, using the Company property as collateral.<sup>331</sup>

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<sup>322</sup> *Alexandria Gazette*, Alexandria, Va., newspaper, Wednesday, 12/30/1897, p. 3.

<sup>323</sup> Loudoun County Courthouse, Leesburg, Va., Deed Book 7 P, p. 247, recorded 4/22/1898.

<sup>324</sup> Loudoun County Courthouse, Leesburg, Va., Deed Book 7 Q, p. 279, recorded 12/13/1898.

<sup>325</sup> *Alexandria Gazette*, Alexandria, Va., newspaper, Thursday, 6/30/1898, p. 3.

<sup>326</sup> Loudoun County Courthouse, Leesburg, Va., Administrator's Bond Books, 1869-1904, p. 122.

<sup>327</sup> Loudoun County Courthouse, Leesburg, Va., Administrator's Bond Books, 1869-1904, p. 123.

<sup>328</sup> *Alexandria Gazette*, Alexandria, Va., newspaper, Saturday, 11/19/1898, p. 2.

<sup>329</sup> *Alexandria Gazette*, Alexandria, Va., newspaper, Friday, 11/25/1898, p. 3.

<sup>330</sup> Montgomery County Courthouse, Rockville, Md., Deed Book TD 8, p. 405, recorded 6/26/1899.

<sup>331</sup> Loudoun County Courthouse, Leesburg, Va., Deed Book 7 R, p. 416, recorded 8/15/1899.

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On Aug. 31, 1899, A. B. Francis became the Special Commissioner for the cause of Francis, A. B. vs, Francis, etc., with a bond of \$2,500, co-signed by E. V. White.<sup>332</sup> In the 1895 – 1900 Alexandria, Va., newspapers, Elder A. B. Francis preached at various, local Primitive Baptist Churches. E. V. White was also an Elder in the Baptist Church.

The engagement of Miss “Lalla” B. Harrison, of Leesburg, Loudoun County, to Mr. Elijah B. White, of the same place, has just been announced. Miss Harrison is one of the most beautiful girls in Virginia. She is a daughter of the late Powell Harrison, and belongs to the well-known family of that name. Mr. White is a son of Colonel E. V. White, of Confederate fame, and has recently amassed a fortune in real estate operations. After the wedding, which will take place in the late winter, the bride and groom will go abroad for a year.<sup>333</sup>

The 1900 census listed Elijah V. White, age 67, married 4 [*sic.* 6] years, a bank president, living on West Street, Leesburg, Va.<sup>334</sup> Living with him were: Margaret B., age 62, wife, married 4 [*sic.* 6] years, no children; Elijah B., age 38, son, a speculator; Lalla, age 27, daughter-in-law; Hazell P., age 12, granddaughter; Jane E., age 7, granddaughter, and Zack Zenus, age 56, a servant.

The 1900 census included Edward Wootton, age 58, a merchant, living in Poolesville, Md.<sup>335</sup> Living with him were: Bettie, age 34 [*sic.* 56], married 33 years, she had 12 children, 6 were then still living; Eloise, age 25, daughter; Roland, age 19, son; Albert, age 17, son, at school; Hartley E., age 14, son, at school; and Lizzie Thomson, age 40, a black servant. The date Dr. Edward Wootton gave up his medical practice in favor of his merchant business, has not been found. However, we have seen that he was in business with Elijah V. White for some years.

The 1900 census reported Richard H. Tebbs, age 55, married 14 years, as a Judge in the Loudoun County Court, living on Loudoun Street, Leesburg, Va.<sup>336</sup> Living with him were: Lillian, age 52, wife; Richard H., age 13, son; William L., age 11, son; Charles B., age 8, son; John A., age 7, son; and Lucy E. Cockerill, age 64, aunt. The reader will notice in the frequent E. V. White deeds, R. H. Tebbs was a Trustee. Tebbs was first a lawyer, then a Circuit Court Judge and his youngest son, John Alexander Tebbs, married Benjamin Viers White’s only daughter, Lillian Viers White.

Charles O. and Mariah McIntosh, in consideration of \$750, sold to Edward Wootton two pieces of land adjacent to the Poolesville Town Hall, on Sept. 22 1900.<sup>337</sup>

By July 1 1901, George W. and Alice M. Survick had paid off their long list of debts, including \$7,000 in bonds payable to E. V. White; R. H. Tebbs and J. B. McCabe issued a release from the deed of trust.<sup>338</sup>

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<sup>332</sup> Loudoun County Courthouse, Leesburg, Va., Administrator’s Bond Books, Vol. 4 – 6, 1899-1963, p. 2.

<sup>333</sup> *Alexandria Gazette*, Alexandria, Va., newspaper, Wednesday, 11/22/1899, p. 4.

<sup>334</sup> 1900 Census, Virginia, Loudoun County, Leesburg, enumerated 6/7/1900, p. 6B.

<sup>335</sup> 1900 Census, Maryland, Montgomery County, Poolesville, enumerated 6/4/1900, p. 1A.

<sup>336</sup> 1900 Census, Virginia, Loudoun County, Leesburg, enumerated 6/7/1900, p. 1A.

<sup>337</sup> Montgomery County Courthouse, Rockville, Md., Deed Book TD 16, p. 196, recorded 12/6/1900.

<sup>338</sup> Loudoun County Courthouse, Leesburg, Va., Deed Book 7 U, p. 99, recorded 7/15/1901.

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The annual corresponding meeting of the Primitive Baptists in Virginia commenced on Wednesday, Oct. 16, 1901, at Hughesville, Loudoun County, Elder Colonel E. V. White presiding.<sup>339</sup>

The Comptroller of the Currency approved the “Fauquier National Bank of Warrenton,” Va., with a capital of \$50,000, on or about Dec. 10, 1901. E. V. White and E. B. White, and others, were corportors.<sup>340</sup>

1902 started with the following article: “Miss Eloise Wootton, daughter of Dr. Edward Wootton, was married to Mr. Thomas Franklin Chiswell on Wednesday afternoon in the Episcopal church at Poolesville in the presence of a very large assemblage. Rev. Walter P. Griggs, rector of the church, was the officiating minister. Miss Elizabeth Fettle, of Paris, Va., was bridesmaid, and Roland Wootton, Joseph Pyles, Edward Darby and Charles Allnutt, ushers. A reception was given at the home of the bride’s parents. The bride and groom left for an extended trip South.”<sup>341</sup>

John P. Fauble became indebted in the amount of \$450 to Edward Wootton as of Jan. 17 1902.<sup>342</sup> Mr. Fauble put up a 135+ acre piece of property, with the buildings and improvements thereon, as collateral. The mortgage was released on Nov. 28, 1903.

Ulysses Grant and Lizzie Beall, were jointly indebted to Edward Wootton in the amount of \$125 and executed a promissory note, due in three years; to secure the note they mortgaged a piece of property.<sup>343</sup>

Mrs. Fannie M. and C. F. Meek, her husband, executed a deed of trust, on Jan. 26, 1904, putting up their several properties in and around the village of Paeonian Springs, as security for a \$2,000 bond, due in six months.<sup>344</sup>

Col. E. V. White’s many friends everywhere will be delighted to know that he has so far recovered from his long and serious illness that he is able to take daily drives, and there is now every prospect that his health will soon be entirely restored.<sup>345</sup>

On Oct 8<sup>th</sup> 1904, John O. Merchant, in consideration of \$200, sold his Lot No. 8, in Poolesville, to Edward Wootton.<sup>346</sup>

E. V. White wrote his last will and testament on June 24<sup>th</sup>, 1905, with three attesting witnesses. The document was admitted to record on January 16<sup>th</sup>, 1907.

On May 9, 1906, William H. Martin became the Commissioner for the cause of Vincel. vs, Vincel, with a bond of \$4,000, co-signed by E. V. White.<sup>347</sup> William H. Martin was editor of the Loudoun County *Record*, newspaper, of Leesburg. He was also an attesting witness to E. V. White’s last Will.

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<sup>339</sup> *Alexandria Gazette*, Alexandria, Va., newspaper, Friday, 10/18/1901, p. 3.

<sup>340</sup> *Alexandria Gazette*, Alexandria, Va., newspaper, Tuesday, 12/10/1901, p. 3

<sup>341</sup> *Montgomery County sentinel*, Rockville, Md., newspaper, Friday, 1/10/1902, p. 4.

<sup>342</sup> Montgomery County Courthouse, Rockville, Md., Deed Book TD 18, p. 337, recorded 2/4/1902.

<sup>343</sup> Montgomery County Courthouse, Rockville, Md., Deed Book TD 18, p. 450, recorded 4/1/1902.

<sup>344</sup> Loudoun County Courthouse, Leesburg, Va., Deed Book 7 Y, p. 175, recorded 1/30/1904.

<sup>345</sup> *Alexandria Gazette*, Alexandria, Va., newspaper, Saturday, 6/18/1904, p. 3.

<sup>346</sup> Montgomery County Courthouse, Rockville, Md., Deed Book JBL 182, p. 164, recorded 5/15/1905.

<sup>347</sup> Loudoun County Courthouse, Leesburg, Va., Administrator’s Bond Books, Vol. 4 – 6, 1899-1963, p. 82.

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A newspaper reported that: “Mr. Roland Wootton, son of Dr. Edward Wootton, of Poolesville, has accepted a position in the Farmers’ Banking and Trust Company of Rockville.”<sup>348</sup>

Elijah Viers White died on Jan. 11, 1907 in Leesburg, Va. A newspaper reported: “**Funeral of Col. White.** – The funeral of Col. E. V. White, of White’s Battalion, of the Confederate army, took place yesterday in Leesburg at 11 o’clock, and was largely attended. The services were conducted by Elder Durand, of Philadelphia, assisted by Elders Gold, of North Carolina; Beyer, of Manassas; and Eubank, of Maryland. His remains were laid to rest in Union Cemetery, Leesburg. Attending the funeral were members of Clinton Hatcher Camp, the local chapter, Sons and Daughters of the Confederacy, members and surviving officers of the six companies of his battalion, officers and directors of the People’s National Bank and many civilians, among whom were Senator John W. Daniel, Magnus Thompson, of Washington; Capt. John H. Grabill, of Woodstock, and others.”<sup>349</sup>

E. B. White was named Executor of his father’s last will. There would have been an inventory taken, an appraisal of the items found, probably an estate auction report and a first settlement report to the Court; however, those records have not been found. After 1909, E. B. White administered the estate, paying the taxes, paying Mrs. E. V. White household operating expenses, paying the C. & P. telephone bill, the Leesburg electric bill, etc., until Mrs. E. V. White died on Oct. 23<sup>rd</sup>, 1925. He then settled all accounts and was left with \$36,847.59 for distribution to the living heirs. The estate was closed on Dec. 14, 1927.

Apparently, Edward Wootton and C. W. Elgin became a partnership, operating under the name “Wootton & Elgin.” They accepted a mortgage, in the amount of \$61.29, on a two-story frame house located in Poolesville, Md.<sup>350</sup> The note was dated Jan. 26<sup>th</sup> 1907 and was due July 26<sup>th</sup> 1907; the note was released Nov. 1<sup>st</sup> 1907.

In 1909, a newspaper had the following article: “**Purchase of Canal Warehouses.** – It is understood that a syndicate has purchased from Roland Wootton the three warehouses situated at Sycamore, White’s Ferry and Edward’s Ferry, respectively. It is said the syndicate also contemplates putting in an elevator at Georgetown to handle the southern trade. It is thought E. H. Darby, trading as the Seneca Elevator Company, and J. Furr White are interested in the enterprise. This will give the company control of all the warehouses from Muddy Branch [Mile Post 20.01 on C. & O. Canal] to White’s Ferry. It is said they will handle grain, hay, straw, fertilizer, seeds, salt and hard and soft coal.”<sup>351</sup>

On or about Mar. 5, 1909, Roland Wootton sold his “White’s Ferry Farm,” containing 81 acres, to Mr. Thornton B. Titus for \$62 per acre.<sup>352</sup> Later that year, the stockholders of the Farmers’ Banking and Trust Company of Rockville elected Edward Wootton to the board of directors, which in turn elected him as second vice-president, and Roland Wootton a clerk.<sup>353</sup>

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<sup>348</sup> *Montgomery County sentinel*, Rockville, Md., newspaper, Friday, 6/29/1906, p. 4.

<sup>349</sup> *Alexandria Gazette*, Alexandria, Va., newspaper, Tuesday, 1/15/1907, p. 3.

<sup>350</sup> Montgomery County Courthouse, Rockville, Md., Deed Book JBL 191, p. 358, recorded 1/30/1907.

<sup>351</sup> *Montgomery County sentinel*, Rockville, Md., newspaper, Friday, 2/5/1909, p. 3.

<sup>352</sup> *Montgomery County sentinel*, Rockville, Md., newspaper, Friday, 3/5/1909, p. 4.

<sup>353</sup> *Montgomery County sentinel*, Rockville, Md., newspaper, Friday, 5/7/1909, p. 4.

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On April 1, 1910 a newspaper had the following obituary: “**Dr. Edward Wootton**, 70 years old, for many years a leading physician of Montgomery county, died about 9 o’clock this morning at his home at Poolesville, of pneumonia. He was ill only two days. He suffered a stroke of paralysis about three years ago and had a number of strokes after that, having been confined to his home for the past year.

“Dr. Wootton was a graduate of Georgetown College, where he studied medicine. He afterward attended the University of Maryland in Baltimore and then returned to Poolesville, where he had since lived. About 10 years ago his health failed and he had to relinquish his practice.

“He served through the Civil War as surgeon in Col. E. V. White’s battalion of Confederate Cavalry. He was a staunch Democrat of this county and from 1889 until 1893 represented the county in the State Senate, but was defeated for renomination by H. W. Talbott. He also served two terms in the House of Delegates.

“Besides his widow, who before her marriage was Miss O’Rhea, of Fauquier County, Virginia, he is survived by the following children – Messrs. Norman, Roland and Albert Wootton and Mrs. Thomas F. Chiswell, all of this county, and Dr. Turner and Hartley Wootton, of Hot Springs, Ark.

“Dr. Wootton was born near Rockville and was the son of the late Dr. Turner Wootton, a prominent physician. The funeral will take place at 2 o’clock Sunday afternoon.”<sup>354</sup>

A few days later, another newspaper had the following: “**Funeral Notice** – Rockville, Md., April 3 – The funeral of Dr. Edward Wootton, who died Friday morning at his home at Poolesville, this county, took place from the family residence at 2 o’clock this afternoon. About 3,000 persons attended. The service was conducted by the Rev. Walter P. Griggs, rector of the Episcopal Church at Poolesville and the interment was in Monocacy Cemetery at Beallsville. The pallbearers were Charles M. Williams, Arthur Williams, Thomas Chiswell, Charles G. Griffith, Edward Oxley and John Jones.”<sup>355</sup>

The 1910 census listed Margaret B. White, age 72, widowed, as living on West Street, Leesburg, Va.<sup>356</sup> The house was paid for, she never had any children and the Raymond R. Ross family of 5 persons lived in the same dwelling. A relationship was not given.

The 1910 census reported Elizah (*sic.* Elijah) B. White, age 46, a bank president, was living on a farm, near Leesburg, Va.<sup>357</sup> Living with him were: Lalla, age 37 (*sic.* 45), wife; Hazel P., age 22. daughter; and J. Elizabeth, age 17, daughter. Note: these two daughters were by his first wife.

The 1910 census listed Bettie Wootton, age 62, widowed, was living with her son, Albert, age 26, a farmer.<sup>358</sup>

The 1920 census listed Elige (*sic.* Elijah) B. White, age 57, a farmer, was living on the Leesburg Road, near Leesburg, Va.<sup>359</sup> Living with him were: Lalla, age 42 (*sic.* 55), wife; and Elizabeth A., age 35 (*sic.* 27), daughter.

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<sup>354</sup> *Baltimore Sun*, Baltimore, Md., newspaper, Friday, 4/1/1910

<sup>355</sup> *The Washington Post*, Washington, D. C., Monday, 4/4/1910.

<sup>356</sup> 1910 Census, Virginia, Loudoun County, Leesburg, enumerated 4/17/1910, p. 7B.

<sup>357</sup> 1910 Census, Virginia, Loudoun County, Leesburg, enumerated 5/10-23/1910, p. 11B

<sup>358</sup> 1910 Census, Maryland, Montgomery County, District 3. Enumerated 4/28/1910, p. 11 A.

<sup>359</sup> 1920 Census, Virginia, Loudoun County, Leesburg, enumerated 1/29/1920, p. 16A.

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Elijah Brockenborough White died on Dec. 17, 1926 per his Certificate of Death.<sup>360</sup> He was a Banker – Farmer at death, born in Page Co., Va. on Apr. 6, 1863, he was married to Lalla Harrison White, he was a son of Elijah Viers White (born in Poolesville, Md.) and Elizabeth Gott (born in Dickerson, Md.).

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<sup>360</sup> Certificate of Death, Commonwealth of Virginia, Loudoun County, Leesburg, No. 29246, 12/21/1926.

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Name	Rel.	Born	Married	Died	Birth State
Stephen Newton <b>White</b>	hus	2/14/1793	12/2/1824	10/16/1865	Maryland
Mary Elizabeth <b>Viers</b>	wife	4/8/1791		6/6/1865	Maryland
<i>Benjamin Viers</i> <b>White</b>	son	10/3/1825	1/23/1868	2/16/1907	Maryland
<i>Ann Viers</i> <b>White</b> (White)	dau	3/4/1827	12/17/1846	3/5/1903	Maryland
<i>Mary Elizabeth</i> <b>White</b>	dau	1829	never	2/22/1839	Maryland
<i>Elijah Viers</i> <b>White</b>	son	8/29/1832	12/8/1857	1/11/1907	Maryland
End of 1 <sup>st</sup> Generation					
Benjamin Viers <b>White</b>	hus	10/3/1825	1/23/1868	2/16/1907	Maryland
Sarah Elizabeth <b>Jones</b>	wife	2/16/1841		6/24/1894	Maryland
<i>Harvey Jones</i> <b>White</b>	son	3/9/1869	three times	2/28/1950	Maryland
<i>Mary Elizabeth</i> <b>White</b> (Claggett)	dau	9/4/1870	8/26/1889	11/4/1961	Maryland
<i>Flora Darnell</i> <b>White</b>	dau	2/18/1872	infant	8/19/1872	Maryland
<i>Anna Dade</i> <b>White</b>	dau	5/10/1873	infant	1/28/1879	Maryland
<i>Louise "Lutie" Darnell</i> <b>White</b>	dau	8/19/1874	infant	7/2/1876	Maryland
<i>Benjamin Viers</i> <b>White, Jr.</b>	son	9/23/1875	6/10/1913	4/17/1976	Maryland
<i>Marshall Jones</i> <b>White</b>	son	3/8/1877	infant	1/29/1879	Maryland
<i>Sarah Louise</i> <b>White</b> (Ball)	dau	3/30/1878	3/21/1900	6/5/1956	Maryland
<i>Infant</i> <b>White</b>		12/8/1879	stillbirth	12/8/1879	Maryland
<i>Elijah Wootton</i> <b>White Sr.</b>	son	5/5/1882	11/18/1908	5/29/1942	Maryland
<i>John Russell</i> <b>White</b>	son	3/12/1883	infant	3/10/1884	Maryland
Elijah "Lige" Viers <b>White</b>	hus	8/29/1832	12/8/1857	1/11/1907	Maryland
Sarah Elizabeth <b>Gott</b> (1 <sup>st</sup> )	wife	1/15/1837		3/23/1893	Maryland
<i>Stephen Newton</i> <b>White</b>	son	10/3/1858	infant	1/18/1862	Virginia
<i>Melvin</i> <b>White</b>	son	1860	infant	3/12/1862	Virginia
<i>Mary Elizabeth Gott</i> <b>White</b>	dau	4/18/1861	never	11/20/1871	Virginia
<i>Elijah Brockenborough</i> <b>White</b>	son	4/6/1863	1/12/1887	4/13/1926	Virginia
<i>Benjamin Viers</i> <b>White</b>	son	10/14/1865	11/30/1892	5/18/1931	Virginia
<i>Inez Gott</i> <b>White</b> (Gold)	dau	10/10/1868	2/13/1895	9/9/1918	Virginia
<i>Richard Gott</i> <b>White</b>	son	1870	never	1879	Virginia
<i>Ida Magdalene</i> <b>White</b> (Long)	dau	6/30/1871	11/15/1892	3/27/1907	Virginia
<i>John Gott</i> <b>White</b>	son	10/19/1872	11/24/1898	2/3/1934	Virginia
Elijah Viers <b>White</b>	hus	8/29/1832	11/28/1894	1/11/1907	Maryland
Margaret Biting <b>Banes</b> (2 <sup>nd</sup> )	wife	9/29/1836		10/23/1925	Pennsylvania
End of 2 <sup>nd</sup> Generation					
Honore Martin <b>Claggett</b>	hus	2/6/1863	8/26/1889	5/12/1926	Maryland
Mary Elizabeth <b>White</b>	wife	9/4/1870		11/4/1961	Maryland
<i>Thomas John</i> <b>Claggett</b>	son	7/4/1890	12/23/1914	10/20/1958	Maryland
<i>Benjamin</i> <b>White</b> <b>Claggett</b>	son	7/6/1892	2/24/1916	2/20/1957	Maryland
<i>Honore Martin</i> <b>Claggett, Jr.</b>	son	3/1/1894	never	11/19/1917	Maryland
<i>Laurence Gray</i> <b>Claggett</b>	son	2/12/1897	never	3/12/1931	Maryland
<i>Richard Martin</i> <b>Claggett</b>	son	5/21/1902	9/7/1926	3/6/1976	Maryland
<i>Mary Martin</i> <b>Claggett</b> (Cuttle)	dau	9/22/1910	6/19/1949	8/22/2001	Maryland

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Elijah Brockenborough <b>White</b>	hus	4/6/1863	1/12/1887	12/13/1926	Virginia
Rosalie "Rose" Lee Dowell <b>Pancoast</b> (1 <sup>st</sup> )	wife	2/13/1865		7/24/1893	Virginia
<i>Hazelle Pancoast White</i> (Harris)	dau	2/3/1888		2/5/1920	Virginia
<i>Jane Elizabeth Pancoast White</i>	dau	4/2/1893		6/12/1970	Maryland
Elijah Brockenborough <b>White, Sr.</b>	hus	4/6/1864	12/13/1926	12/17/1926	Virginia
Alice "Lallah" Blackburn <b>Harrison</b> (2 <sup>nd</sup> )	wife	2/13/1871		4/15/1945	Virginia
Elijah Brockenborough <b>White, Jr.</b>	son	9/10/1910		12/17/1926	Maryland
Benjamin Viers <b>White</b>	hus	10/14/1865	11/30/1892	5/16/1931	Virginia
Lillian Carter <b>Brosius</b>	wife	11/22/1870		12/23/1951	Maryland
<i>Lillian Viers White</i> (Tebbs)	dau	9/22/1893	11/6/1920	12/23/1967	Maryland
<i>Benjamin Heath White</i>	son	5/18/1896	12/31/1930	11/26/1969	Virginia
<i>Elijah Viers White</i>	son	8/12/1899		8/28/1965	Virginia
<i>Albert Stephens White</i>	son	1901	twice	4/11/1965	Virginia
John Daniel <b>Gold</b>	hus	10/24/1867	2/13/1895	2/24/1954	N. Carolina
Inez Gott <b>White</b>	wife	10/10/1868		9/9/1918	Virginia
<i>Sarah Elizabeth Gold</i> (Swindell)	dau	9/26/1896	10/15/1919	7/28/1983	N. Carolina
<i>Margaret Banes Gold</i> (Borden)	dau	3/27/1899	11/4/1925	11/27/1975	N. Carolina
<i>Inez White Gold</i> (Hughes)	dau	8/28/1903		8/21/1970	N. Carolina
Isaac Trimble <b>Long</b>	hus	5/16/1866	11/15/1892	2/9/1956	Virginia
Ida Magdalene <b>White</b>	wife	6/30/1871		3/27/1907	Virginia
<i>Elijah White Long</i>	son	10/23/1897	6/15/1926	5/3/1936	Virginia
<i>Isaac Trimble Long, Jr.</i>	son	8/8/1899	10/1/1938	11/15/1993	Virginia
<i>Ada Magdalene Long</i> (Piggott)	dau	6/7/1902	6/12/1926	2/12/1991	Virginia
<i>Garland Lee Long</i>	son	11/30/1903	1/21/1933	5/19/2007	Virginia
<i>Inez Elizabeth Long</i> (Norman)	dau	3/10/1906	7/28/1915	11/10/1968	Virginia
John Gott <b>White</b>	hus	10/19/1872	11/24/1898	2/3/1934	Virginia
Mary Beale <b>Barney</b>	wife	4/4/1874		1927	Virginia
<i>William Graham White</i>	son	7/22/1898			Virginia
<i>Helen Brockenbrough White</i>	dau	10/17/1900		2000	Virginia
<i>Jacob Henry White</i>	son	1901			Virginia
<i>Anne "Annie" Dornin Barney White</i>	dau	6/21/1902		1990	Virginia
<i>Miletus Ellsworth White</i>	son	1902			Virginia
<i>Charles Merlyn White</i>	son	1905			Virginia
<i>John A. Barney White</i>	son	1906			Virginia
<i>Elijah Brockenbrough White, II</i>	son	9/10/1910		9/9/1991	Virginia
Richard Henry <b>Tebbs</b>	hus	5/10/1855	10/28/1885	9/23/1922	Virginia
Lillian <b>Lynch</b>	wife	1858		6/10/1914	Virginia
<i>Richard Henry Tebbs, Jr.</i>	son	10/13/1886		1928	Virginia
<i>William Lynch Tebbs</i>	son	9/16/1888		1947	Virginia
<i>Charles Binns Tebbs</i>	son	1/3/1892		1932	Virginia
<i>John Alexander Tebbs</i>	son	3/9/1893	11/5/1920	1945	Virginia



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End of 3 <sup>rd</sup> Generation					
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John Alexander <b>Tebbs</b>	hus	3/9/1893	11/6/1920	1945	Virginia
Lillian Viers <b>White</b>	wife	9/22/1893		12/23/1967	Maryland

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Name	Rel.	Born	Married	Died	Birth State
Turner <b>Wootton</b>	hus	2/14/1797	4/19/1832	9/18/1855	Maryland
Olivia Caroline <b>Hopewell</b>	wife	1807		7/17/1884	Maryland
<i>Martha Wootton</i> (Anderson)	dau	1833	2/7/1873	1/4/1882	Maryland
<i>Henry Edgar Wootton</i>	son	9/21/1837	10/13/1868	4/13/1894	Maryland
<i>Edward Wootton</i>	son	12/20/1839	11/8/1866	4/1/1910	Maryland
<i>Ella Wootton</i>	dau	2/7/1842	never	9/5/1913	Maryland
End of 1 <sup>st</sup> Generation					
Thomas <b>Anderson</b>	hus	9/19/1835	2/7/1873	1/19/1900	Maryland
Martha <b>Wootton</b> (1 <sup>st</sup> )	wife	1833		1/4/1882	Maryland
Thomas <b>Anderson</b>	hus	9/19/1835	4/18/1887	1/19/1900	Maryland
Ella <b>Darne</b> (2 <sup>nd</sup> )	wife				
Edward <b>Wootton</b>	hus	12/20/1839	11/8/1866	4/1/1910	Maryland
Elizabeth Dagg "Bettie" <b>O'Rear</b>	wife	9/14/1844		11/20/1932	Maryland
<i>Henry Edgar Wootton</i>	son	9/4/1867		12/15/1887	Maryland
<i>Norman Douglas Wootton</i>	son	6/22/1869		1940	Maryland
<i>Lutie Wootton</i>	dau	12/22/1870	infant	3/2/1871	Maryland
<i>Bettie Wootton</i>	dau	5/26/1872	infant	7/5/1872	Maryland
<i>Eloise Wootton</i> (Chiswell)	dau	9/16/1873	1/8/1902	11/20/1956	Maryland
<i>Alan Wootton</i>	son	11/23/1875	infant	11/15/1876	Maryland
<i>Alice Wootton</i>	dau	3/23/1877	infant	9/2/1877	Maryland
<i>William Turner Wootton</i>	son	4/12/1878		1944	Maryland
<i>Roland Wootton</i>	son	4/19/1881		1961	Maryland
<i>Albert Wootton</i>	son	6/29/1882		1954	Maryland
<i>Hugh Hampton Wootton</i>	son	10/20/1883	infant	6/4/1887	Maryland
<i>Edwin Hartley Wootton</i>	son	4/27/1886		9/18/1945	Maryland
End of 2 <sup>nd</sup> Generation					
Norman Douglas <b>Wootton</b>	hus	6/22/1869		1940	Maryland
Edith Chiswell	wife	1883		8/5/1973	
<i>Ella Wootton</i> (Bamford)	dau	1902			
<i>Bettie H. Wotton</i>	dau	1904			Maryland
<i>Evelyn Wootton</i> (Cunningham)	dau	1905			Maryland
<i>Edward C. Wootton</i>	son	1908			Maryland
<i>Norman D. Wootton</i>	son	1909			Maryland
<i>Blanche Wootton</i>	dau	1912	never		Maryland
<i>William Turner Wootton</i>	son	1914			Maryland
<i>Edith Wootton</i>	dau	1916	never		Maryland
Thomas Franklin <b>Chiswell</b>	hus	3/21/1871	1/8/1902	3/7/1955	Maryland
Eloise <b>Wootton</b>	wife	9/16/1873		11/20/1956	Maryland
<i>Mildred Thorton Chiswell</i>	dau	1904		1952	Maryland
<i>Eloise Wootton Chiswell</i>	dau	1906		2001	Maryland

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Loudoun County Courthouse, Leesburg, Va., Will Book 3 S, p. 204, written 6/24/1905.

Last Will and Testament of E. V. White, Leesburg, Va.

I, E. V. White, of Leesburg, Va., Loudoun County, being of sound and disposing mind, do make this my last will and testament, hereby revoking all other wills made by me.

Clause (1). I direct my executor hereinafter named to pay all my just debts and funeral expenses.

Clause (2). I gave in my lifetime my three sons, E. B. White, B. V. White and John G. White, each the sum of five thousand dollars, or its equivalent. I have given in my lifetime to my two daughters, Mrs. Inez Gold and Mrs. Ada Long, each the sum of five thousand dollars or its equivalent. But as my daughter, Mrs. Inez Gold, was not paid her five thousand dollars until some time after her marriage to John D. Gold, I direct my executor to pay her four (4) hundred dollars in addition thereto as and for interest due on the same.

Clause (3). I direct my executor to collect all moneys due me and to properly invest the same or, if already invested, to continue said investments, or to re-invest the same as his judgment directs, and after paying all debts, I desire that the rents, issues, profits, income, interest and dividends from said investments be amicably paid to my beloved wife, Margaret B. White, during her life.

Clause (4). I give and devise my beloved wife, Margaret B. White, during her life the house and lot on Wirt street in Leesburg, Va., and I direct that she occupy said house in which we now live as her residence and she shall have the control and use of the lot upon which said house is built, the stable, all household and kitchen furniture, horses, carriages or other stock now or which may be at my death on said premises, and the occupancy of the same together with the use of all my household and kitchen furniture, carriages, horses and stock thereon, for and during her life shall not be counted as any part of the income from my estate which she is to receive during her life, but she is to have said income for her life in addition to the use for life of my said house and lot, furniture, horses, carriage and other personal property thereon. After the death of my wife, I direct that my executor, and herein empower him to sell said house and lot, and all household and kitchen furniture, horses, carriages and other personalty on said premises and to dispose of the proceeds arising from the sale thereof in the same manner as the rest of my estate.

Clause (5). After the death of my beloved wife, Margaret B. White, I direct that all my real estate be sold by my Executor, that the proceeds therefrom, and the proceeds from the sale of my tangible goods and chattels, together with the principal of and all accrued and undisposed interest, income or other increase from my said investments, whether in stocks, bonds, notes or other securities, together with all other moneys, or other personal property of whatever kind, to be divided into five equal parts. One part I give and bequeath to my son E. B. White absolutely, one part I give absolutely to my son B. V. White, one part I give and bequeath absolutely to my daughter Mrs. Inez Gold. As to another one-fifth part thereof, the capital or principal sum, together with the annual interest and increase thereof I give to E. B. White, as Trustee, to hold said capital or principal sum, together with the annual interest and increase thereof, in trust for the use of my son John G. White during his natural life, and neither the capital or principal sum, nor the annual interest and increase thereof shall be bound for his past debts or future liabilities.

After the death of the said John G. White, or, in order to protect the property herein conveyed to him from the judgments, executions or other legal processes of his present or further creditors, whenever said creditors attempt to subject the said interest of John G. White to the payment of their debts due by him, out of the property herein conveyed in trust, then in the event that executions, attachments, or other legal process is issued against said interest in the possession of said trustee, and levy or other seizure of the same is made by any legal process whatsoever, then immediately upon the happening of this event or act on the part of his said creditor, or upon the event of his death, whichever event shall happen first, the

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interest of the said John G. White in said trust fund herein conveyed shall cease and terminate, but the said capital or principal sums, together with the annual interest and increase thereof, shall continue to be held by the said E. B. White, as trustee, in trust for the use of Mary B. White, his present wife, or any future wife of the said John G. White, until her death, or until she or said future wife being a widow, remarries, or until any creditor of said Mary B. White or any creditor of any future wife of said John G. White attempt by any legal process whatsoever to subject her interest herein conveyed to the payment of her debt or debts however evidenced by levy, seizure, attachments or other processes, then whichever event shall happen first, her interest herein shall cease and determine.

If Mary B. White, his present wife, survive her husband, the said John G. White, or being a widow remarries, or if any future wife of the said John G. White survives him, or being a widow remarries, or if the creditor or creditors of the said Mary B. White, or of any future wife of the said John G. White, attempts to subject her interest herein conveyed to the payment of her debts and obligations by levy or any other legal process whatsoever, then upon the death of said Mary B. White or any future wife of the said John G. White, or upon the remarriage of any widow of the said John G. White, or upon the attempt of the creditor or creditors of Mary B. White or any future wife of the said John G. White, to subject said wife's interest therein as aforesaid, whichever interest shall happen first; or if John G. White survive his present wife or any future wife, then upon his death, or whenever any of his creditors past or future attempt to subject his interest herein conveyed in trust to the payment of his debts by any legal process whatsoever, whichever event shall happen first; then it is my desire that all said property constituting the share allotted to my son John G. White upon the trusts aforementioned, namely the capital or principal sums together with all the unexpended profits or interest thereof remaining be divided among the children of the said John G. White by his present or future wife, share and share alike, and that the share or shares of any minor child or children be continued to be held by the said E. B. White as trustee, in trust for the support and education of said minor child or children until the age of twenty-one, when I desire that the principal of said share or shares and any unexpended accrued interest thereon be paid and delivered to them absolutely and as to the share or shares of any child or children who is an adult at the time of this division, I desire that such adult receive his share absolutely.

As to another one-fifth share of my estate, the capital or principal sum I give and bequeath to E. B. White, as trustee to hold said capital or principal sum in trust for the use and support of my daughter Mrs. Ada Long during her natural life or until her death, or until any creditor or creditors of my said daughter, Ada, seeks by a levy of an execution or other legal process whatsoever to subject her interest herein conveyed to the payment of her debt or debts however evidenced, that is to say, I desire that the income and interest arising from said principal sum be applied annually for the use and support of my said daughter, Ada, until her death, or until a creditor or creditors of my said daughter seek to subject the interest herein conveyed, to the payments of her debts and obligations, however evidenced, whichever event may happen first.

After her death or upon the event of creditors of my daughter seeking to subject her interest herein by legal process, her interest shall cease and terminate, and I desire that the said capital sum be divided share and share alike among her children by her present or any future husband, and I desire that the share or shares of any minor child or children be continued to be held in trust by E. B. White, trustee for their support and education until they arrive at the age of twenty-one, when I desire that the principal of said child's share with any unexpended accrued interest thereon be paid and delivered to them absolutely and as to the share or shares of any such child or children who is an adult at the time of this division, I desire that such share be paid to such adult absolutely.

Clause (6). In the final distribution of my estate in five equal parts, I desire to have deducted from his fifth share of my estate the amount of any debts due me or my estate from any one of my children or their

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husband or wife and also the amount of any debt which of my estate is or may become liable for as endorser or otherwise for my said children or their husbands or wives. And especially do I desire that the indebtedness to me of Isaac Long, husband of my daughter, Ada, whatsoever the amount it may be and however evidenced, be deducted from the share of my said daughter in the distribution and division of my estate. The meaning of this clause is that whatever debts are due me or my estate by any of my children or due me or my estate by the husband or wife of any of my children at the time of my death, shall be considered as so much money received by them from my executor in determining their one-fifth interest in my estate.

Clause (7). Should any of my children die without issue living at the distribution of my estate among them, I direct that such child's part be divided equally among my other surviving children as provided above and the descendent of any deceased child or children, which descendent shall take the share of the parent had he survived.

Clause (8). I desire and do bequeath to Mrs. Inez Long after the death on my wife, Margaret B. White, and subject to the use and control of my said wife for her life, all the chinaware which my daughter painted for me and which is now in use by me. This legacy is given in addition to the other provisions for her benefit in this will. I also desire that after my death my executor pay to Mrs. Inez Gold the sum of four hundred dollars above mentioned as for interest on the five thousand dollars formerly received by her during my lifetime.

Clause (9). If Jack Genev and Clara Corman, two colored people now in my employment remain with me and continue to live with me until my death and the death of my beloved wife, Margaret, then at the death of the survivor, whether myself or my wife, I bequeath to them each the sum of one hundred dollars. If they leave, or if either leave the employment of myself or my wife during the life of either of us, I direct that the said sum or sums be not paid them if both leave; but to the one remaining I direct my executor to pay the sum of one hundred dollars. This legacy is conditional upon their living and continuing in our service until the death of myself and wife.

Clause (10). I appoint my son, E. B. White, executor of this my last will and testament and request that he be allowed to qualify without giving security.

Witness my hand and seal to this my last will and testament this 24<sup>th</sup> day of June, 1905.

E. V. White, {Seal}

Signed, sealed, published and declared by E. V. White, the testator, as and for his last will and testament, in the presence of us, all three present at the same time, who at his request, in his presence and in the presence of one another, have hereunto subscribed our names as attesting witnesses the 24<sup>th</sup> day of June 1905.

W. H. Martin

B. McIntosh

H. A. Thompson

Clerk's Office of the Circuit Court of Loudoun County, in Vacation, January 16, 1907.

A paper purporting to be the last Will and Testament of Col. E. V. White, deceased, was this day presented to me W. D. Hempstone, Clerk of said Court, for probate and proved by the oaths of W. H. Martin and Bruce McIntosh, two of the subscribing witnesses thereto and said will is admitted to record.

And on motion of E. B. White, the Executor therein named who made oath and qualified as such by executing a bond in the penalty of eighty thousand dollars, conditioned according to law, certificate is granted him for obtaining a probate of the said will in due form, and said bond is recorded.

No security required by direction of the Testator.

A Copy, Teste:

W. D. Hempstone c.c.

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The following newspaper article is included to retain the information.

**Faded Legacy of the Montgomery County Exiles.<sup>361</sup>**

The old Monocacy Cemetery rises on a bluff in the tiny Montgomery County town of Beallsville, its aged tombstones revealing little of the generations, save names and dates of birth and death. A modest chapel at one end sits vacant with its cobwebs, its tattered flags and its memories.

Nearby, a stone tablet stands vigil over the cemetery and chapel. Inscribed on it are 32 names, once honored and now forgotten.

The names are Chiswell, White and Pyles, Wootton, Butler and Hays, Veirs, Dade and Dickerson. More than a century ago, after the guns of Fort Sumter signaled the start of the deadliest and most divisive war this country has ever known, these men had to choose sides.

Their state, Maryland, did not secede from the Union, but they did. Crossing the Potomac to the Confederacy, they became a small but not insignificant segment of the 20,000 Free Staters who fought for the South in the Civil War.

Most of them joined what became known as "Chiswell's Exile Band," which fought with a Virginia cavalry regiment. Many were wounded and at least one died before they returned home dishonored by their national government, but celebrated by their families, friends and neighbors.

For years, their service was a badge of honor in their country, and their families dominated its politics and commerce. They were, as one relatively recent arrival, who has studied such things, says, "The Abc's of Montgomery County," an alphabetical roll call of Montgomery movers and shakers.

And then, gradually, as the county changed, memories of the past ebbed and so did their power. Today, scores of descendants remain in the area, but only a few, like Charles Elgin, revere their Southern roots.

"If the Potomac River had bent in the opposite direction, we'd be in Loudoun County and I might feel more at home." Says Elgin, mayor of Poolesville and a descendant of Confederates Thomas Henry White and John Elgin. His wife, Dorothy, is the granddaughter of Michael Thomas Pyles. He is secretary-treasurer of the cemetery. She maintains the burial records.

Statistically part of a metropolitan area known for its transience, descendants of Chiswell and his band live today where their ancestors have lived for centuries. In some cases, three generations live side by side or within blocks of each other, inhabiting old homes and new town houses and commuting to jobs their agricultural ancestors never envisioned.

And the memory of their forebears' deeds is all but lost.

The first settlers came to the area around Poolesville in the 1700s from lower Maryland, bringing with them their slaves and their southern way of life. By 1860, nearly a third of Montgomery County's population was composed of slaves, and western end, known as Medley's [election] District.

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<sup>361</sup> *Washington Post*, Washington, D. C., newspaper, Metro Section, Friday, 9/4/1981, p. 1.

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Down county suburbs were decades from development. Rockville, the county seat then as now, was a hub of activity far removed from Washington. Poolesville, with a population of 350 that would stay the same for a century, rivaled Rockville as a regional center. Surrounding it were satellite settlements: Dawsonville, Beallsville, Barnesville, Edward's Ferry, Conrad's Ferry and Dickerson.

It was Aug. 13, 1862, when some 40 men of Medley – mostly young sons of slave-owning landholders – openly cast their lot with the South, swimming the Chesapeake and Ohio Canal and fording the Potomac to fight for the Confederacy. Led by Capt. George W. Chiswell, they formed the nucleus of Company B of the 35<sup>th</sup> Virginia Calvary under Col. Elijah Veirs White, who had moved from Montgomery to Loudoun before the war.

“We have whipped them in every fight,” Chiswell wrote home in 1863. “Truly they will find at this time that Richmond is a hard road to travel.”

Instead, the war went against them, and they returned home in defeat, their slaves freed by Maryland's 1864 constitution, their farms sustaining further losses from scavenging Union troops.

Some gave up and moved West, but to other Confederate veterans the postwar period was one of opportunity. With the C&O Canal and the B&O Railroad nearby, Poolesville seemed ideally positioned to prosper; Col. “Lige” White and Dr. Edward Wootton, his battalion surgeon, owned warehouses and mills along the canal. Wootton also entered politics and served in the state legislature. So did Lt. Edward J. Chiswell, the captain's nephew. One of his six sons would become a county commissioner.

Richard P. Hays, one of the veterans, was instrumental in the movement to erect a monument and to create the Col. E. V. White Chapter of the United Daughters of the Confederacy, which ceremoniously unveiled the Monocacy tablet in November 1911. They sang “Marse Robert is Asleep,” donated money to the Confederate Women's Home in Baltimore and built the new chapel at Monocacy, to replace the one destroyed by Union troops.

They were still living in the past, of course, but it was a past only two generations distant, the Depression and the growth of the suburbs would shape a world they never knew, a world in which their allegiances would appear almost quaint if not downright outrageous.

Change came soon enough. Hays died in 1912, and seven old veterans escorted his casket, draped with the Stars and Bars, to its final resting place in Monocacy Cemetery. By the end of the '20s, only two veterans survived. With their passing – the last in 1941 – The Lost Cause, for many, had lost its luster.

“Some of the families cared, but never in public,” said Maj. E. R. Luhn (U. S. Army retired), a descendant of E. V. White, whose family moved from Poolesville to Rockville in 1941, when he was 13. “It was almost as if they didn't want to be embarrassed or criticized for continuing to fight the war. They always worshipped at this altar in private. Except on June 3<sup>rd</sup>, that was the big thing with my grandmothers, mother and aunts,”

Until recently, people came to the cemetery every June 3 to observe Jefferson Davis's birthday. The women brought box lunches and the children marched and the politicians spoke.

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You didn't dare celebrate the 31<sup>st</sup> of May," recalled Dorothy Butler Hopkins. "You know, my father [a son of Confederate Charles M. Burler] wouldn't wear a pair of blue jeans or anything else blue. No siree, you couldn't bring anything blue into his house. He wore khaki, gray, anything but blue." It was, however, a private protest.

With the coming of World War II, the E. V. White Chapter "honor roll" listed 42 direct and collateral descendants of Confederates serving, but the organization's own roster was dwindling. By 1947, it numbered only 11.

Being a few has drawn us closer to each other, for it has been a struggle to keep life and interest when our members have been so widely scattered," noted Florence Pyles White, the wife of Dr. Lige White, when, the week before Thanksgiving, the chapter closed for lack of leadership and membership. "Our chapel will represent our work for many years and it is a great asset to our beautiful cemetery."

The decline of The Lost Cause as a matter of interest and importance to the people of Poolesville and vicinity paralleled their dwindling clout in the county and even in their own community as enormous causes came to Montgomery.

Over the generations, blood lines had intertwined to such an extent that area news was family news. The families farmed the land until it could no longer sustain them and then some drifted away, finding jobs and homes in Washington and its growing, rootless suburbs. Others stayed and found employment where they could, sometimes working in the city while living in the country. Still others, who moved, returned to retire.

"We had everything our own way," said Dorothy Butler Hopkins, as she sat in the enclosed back porch of the family farm near White's Ferry. "Then everything opened up."

The improvement of county roads and the closing of the C&O Canal ended Poolesville's hopes of overtaking Rockville as the region's commercial hub. Then the Depression contributed to the break-up and sale of the large family farms and accelerated a migration from the county to the city in search of work.

Edward Lee (Uncle Ned) Chiswell, a son of the late Lt. Edward Chiswell, lost his job at the Poolesville bank when it went bust in 1930. "Just about everyone got wiped out locally," recalls Charles Elgin, the 1931 Poolesville High School senior class president who went to New York for schooling and work.

"I wanted so bad to go to Cornell University to take up interior decorating, but my father didn't have the money," said Dorothy Hopkins. "I always felt cheated in a way."

Along with many contemporaries, she went to Washington. Several attended Strayer's secretarial school. She went to business and beauty school and worked at a beauty shop at 49<sup>th</sup> Street and Massachusetts Avenue, NW. There she met her husband, who worked at a nearby gas station.

Her father, meanwhile, had lost his Poolesville dairy farm; there are houses there now. Bankrupt, he managed to acquire another in White's Ferry, under his brother's name and there Dorothy Hopkins has lived since 1937.



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Other were less fortunate, Joseph Gorman Butler lost his farm in a sheriff's sale. "It was kind of rough going," said his son, Gorman Lee (named after Gen. Robert E. Lee) Butler. Without a family farm to inherit, he became a Montgomery County policeman, living for awhile in Rockville, then moving back.

The White family farm on Westerly Road went to a Belgian baron in 1940. The farm of Capt. George Chiswell remained in the family until 1963, when grandson Carroll Chiswell sold it. "The last time we made hay, he had only a 12-year-old to help him," his wife, Mary Chiswell, said. "You couldn't get help for love or money."

After World War II, Northerners with liberal ideas who had come to Washington to forge the New deal, moved to the suburbs, changing the philosophical climate and the political cast of the county. For awhile at mid-century, the change was barely discernible around Poolesville. The "local" fire department was in Rockville, the movie in Frederick.

In 1959, the entire population of 298 persons had posed in the town's main street for an aerial picture to illustrate a National Geographic Magazine article on the upcoming census. The 1970 census showed only a small increase, to 349. By 1980, however, the figure had risen sharply to 3,400 as new homes rose on streets with old family names such as Wootton Avenue and Chiswell Road.

Resistance to growth in the 1960s had given way to a new expansionist philosophy among the older families who saw it as progress and as a way to finance new water and sewer facilities decreed by distant bureaucracies. Politically, however, the influx was costly and for a few years they lost control of their local government to newcomers who were antigrowth.

Many of the new arrivals, however, were as transient as the old families are rooted. Working for the government or companies that line the I-270 corridor, they turned over at the rate of 100 households a year. Thus, with the election of Charles Elgin as mayor in 1978, old Poolesville returned to power.

Current plans call for 6,450 residents in Poolesville by 1997. For now, however, it still feels like country, and the new developments on its fringes seem incongruous. On a clear day there is a majestic view of the Blue Ridge across the Potomac and of nearby Sugarloaf Mountain on the Maryland side. And still, although the farms were sold and the jobs went elsewhere and some sons and daughters moved, many remain, or return.

T. Gordon Darby, a grandson of Confederate Lt. Edward Chiswell, returned after a long career with the Silver Spring post office, to a rambler overlooking the Blue Ridge. "So many of our friends, city people, go to Florida or move away to retire. We put it in reverse," he said. "We had land here, Where else would you want to go?"

For a while, Charles Elgin's son went to Pennsylvania, to work for IBM, but he too, returned, still in his 30s, to work for the county fire department and live in a newly built home next to his parents. The Elgin's' daughter, meanwhile, lives in one of the new town houses across town.

"I really never thought about going anyplace else," said Mary Butler Neal, 39, the mayor's secretary. Her daughter, Cathleen, has just graduated from Poolesville High. One of Mary Neal's sisters lives in Beallsville; three live in Poolesville town houses, as does her brother, George, 25, a landscaping foreman

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who commutes to Potomac. “He is working with the earth. One can’t afford to farm these days,” Mary Neal said, “so he took the next best thing.”

Dorothy Butler Hopkins recently took two grandchildren who live next door, to the Monocacy Cemetery to show them the monument to their Confederate ancestors. She said, “Grandma, did you know them?”

Such is the perspective of the young. And not so young.

William Chiswell Hilton, 43, a 1956 Poolesville High alumnus and a fourth generation Barnesville undertaker, has buried many people at Monocacy Cemetery, but news of his Confederate ancestry came as a surprise. Never thought about it, he says. The memorial tablet with its family names – his among them – had somehow eluded him.

A tree toppling in the winter of 1974 shattered the old marble slab. The following year, the ladies auxiliary of the cemetery replaced it with a new stone tablet. The only living member of the E. V. White Chapter of the United Daughters of the Confederacy could not attend: Sarah Ellen Pyles, Dorothy Elgin’s aunt, 101, lives at the Washington Home.

One recent balmy day, caretaker Tom Ahalt, Jr., opened the door of the old chapel adjoining the tablet. Water-stained, framed portraits of Stonewall Jackson and Robert E. Lee, whom he misidentified as “Gen. Grant,” head of the Union forces, adorn the rear wall. “I guess Lee wouldn’t like that,” mused the caretaker. Tattered Stars and Bars and Stars and Stripes flank a wooden pulpit. The pews are linked by cobwebs.

Above it all hangs a crescent-shaped sign that says, “Lest We Forget.”

But forgotten they are, these Montgomery men on the tablet. Buried in the records of the E. V. White Chapter, however, is an epitaph for the names inscribed on the Monocacy memorial. It goes: *Bugler, sound boots and saddles. They answer not? Let them rest. Their warfare over, they are sleeping. And perhaps 'tis for the best.*