

when it was sold, together with the land belonging to it, to Thomas B. Booth, of Gloucester County, Virginia, for the paltry sum of twelve thousand dollars.

Mr. Booth changed the original flat roof to its present shape, covering it with galvanized iron instead of the lead, which he sold. After selling \$35,000 worth of lumber and wood from the estate, he sold the estate to John Tab Catlett, of Gloucester County, Virginia, for \$12,500. The present owner, Mrs. Deans, says that her husband, lately deceased, bought it from Catlett, in 1855, for the last-named sum. The above-mentioned Mr. Booth evidently had an eye to profit when he bought the place. The lead was stripped from the roof, as already stated, and sold—galvanized iron being used instead. The grand old cedars bordering the avenue, some of which are said to have been of enormous size, were cut down and the wood sold for tub timber. The mahogany wainscoting was detached from the walls of the hall and sold, but being unable to dispose of the carved wood of the stairway, it was whitewashed. Even the bricks of which the wall of the graveyard was made were removed. The very foundations of the tombstones themselves appear to have been taken away, and the large marble slabs are scattered about on the surface of the ground. For a very interesting account of Rosewell, the reader is referred to *Scribner's Monthly Magazine* for Oct., 1881, published in New York by *The Century Co.*

Hon. Mann Page was quite prominent in politics, and according to Gov. Page (Bishop Meade, Vol. I., *op. cit.*, p. 147, *note*), he was influential in "checking the British merchants from claiming even freight on their goods from England," etc.

He married first, at the age of 21, in 1712, Judith Wormeley, aged 17, daughter of Hon. Ralph Wormeley, Secretary of the Colony of Virginia. The following is an exact copy of the inscription on her tombstone at Rosewell:

Sacrae et Piae Memoriae  
Hoc Monumentum positum doloris  
ab Honorato MANN PAGE Armigero  
charissimae suae conjugis  
JUDITHAE  
In ipso aetatis flore decussae  
Ornatissimi RALPHI WORMELEY  
de Agro Middlesexiae  
Armigeri  
Nec non Virginiani Secretarij quondam Meritissimi  
Filliae dignissimae  
Lectissimae dilectissimaeque foeminae