

great Washington passed away, and the very last letter he ever wrote. On the steamer from Baltimore, which was to land this distinguished lady, Mrs. Biddle, on "Eastern Shore" soil, among her numerous friends and relatives she met a Miss Spencer, of Queen Anne's County, who was very austere in her manner. Mrs. Biddle was introduced to her, and, in her affable way, asked her if she were related to the Spencers of New Jersey. Miss Spencer threw up her head and, with great "hauteur" of manner, replied: "No, indeed; we are not related at all; I don't even know them."

Another lady on the steamer sought Mrs. Biddle's society, and asked her if "she" were connected with the Eastern Shore Spencers. Mrs. Biddle answered quietly, but with great dignity: "Not unless they are descendants of the Duke of Marlborough." Miss Spencer, who was still seated near Mrs. Biddle, looked "crestfallen," and was silent during the rest of the trip.

John Eaton Spencer, who married Charlotte Wright, daughter of Col. Thomas Wright, the builder of "Reed's Creek," was a brother of Mrs. Stephen Lowrey and father of Mr. John B., Mr. William, Mr. Samuel and Miss Serena Spencer. Mr. John B. Spencer was a jovial intelligent gentleman, always smiling and happy. He married Miss Frances Thomas, sister of Mr. Richard Thomas, of Easton, Md. Gen. Richard Thomas has been connected with the Easton Bank since April 20th, 1846, and was made cashier August 20th, 1849. April 20th, 1898, was the 52nd anniversary of his valued services. He was heartily congratulated by the directors, who wished him continued intercourse with them.

Mr. and Mrs. J. B. Spencer had a peaceful, happy home, beautifully situated on Corsica River, sloping gradually to the water's edge, the trees and shrubbery on the opposite shore forming a beautiful background, shadowing the water and making a lovely picture. Mr. Spencer was worthy the affections of his tender, loving, light hearted wife, who was the faithful companion of his bosom, and in return, he sheltered her with the same undying love. They were as happy as the birds that frequented the green shade of the sweet-scented grove, near their quiet home, "Corsica."

There was nothing here to excite tears. Sunshine crept into every casement of the Spencer mansion. Mr. Spencer owned all of what is now the Hall, Carey and Hooper property, on which the wharf which still bears his name is situated. His dominions