

## Correspondence from Ellen Cook Whitehurst to William White Griffin

### Key to individuals in the letter

Provided by Camilla M. Herlevich and Ann H. Brennan, 12/8/15

Based on "What I Know About My Family" by Elizabeth Gordan Griffin, self-published, revised 1964

(Individuals named in the letter are in italics)

William Gregory Cook b. 1797 d. 1856 and *Columbus Cook* b. 1798 were two of the children of William Cook and Margaret Wilson who emigrated from England and settled in Baltimore, Maryland around 1798.

*Emily Murphy Cook (EMC)* b. 1803, d. 1878 was one of three daughters of John Murphy and Barbara Baker Murphy; she married William Gregory Cook. Their children included:

"Tom": *Thomas Murphy Cook* b. 1824, d. 1870. Named by Ellen in letter as father of:

"My Mother": *Nancy Cook* b. 1841 d. 1863.

Nancy had a daughter (the father is not named):

**Ellen Cook Whitehurst b. 1856 Elizabeth City, d. 1944 NYC. Married  
Walter W. Whitehurst. Author of Letters**

"Miss Mary Ann" - *Mary Ann Cook Saunders* b. 1825, d. 1866, married Dr. Lancaster Kent Saunders. Her children all died young except for:

Martha Perkins Saunders Leary, b. 1864, d. 1914.

"Miss Lizzie" or "Miss Eliza": *Eliza Jane Cook (EJC)* b. 1828, d. 1884, unmarried.

"Angel Woman": *Camilla Helen Cook Vaughan* b. 1841, d. 1863, married Rev. Maurice Hamilton Vaughan. They had one child; after his wife's death, Rev. Vaughan remarried, leaving the child in the care of his mother-in-law EMC and his sister-in-law EJC. The child was:

"Miss Minnie" - *Camilla Cook Vaughan Griffin* b. 1863, d. 1908, married William Joseph Griffin. Their children included:

**"Mr. William" - William White Griffin b. 1883 d. 1937 unmarried;  
recipient of letter**

"Mrs. Mattie" - *Mattie Saunders Griffin Ives* b. 1887 d. 1959 married Charles Ives

"Miss Lizzie" - *Elizabeth Gordan Griffin* b. 1890, d. 1968, unmarried, owner of letter after William White Griffin's death

"Little Camilla": *Camilla Helen Griffin* b. 1894 d. 1915, unmarried

*Ellegood Vaughan Griffin* b. 1896 d. 1955 New Bern; married Margaret Hollister; father of:

*Camilla Vaughan Griffin Herlevich*, prior owner of letter after Elizabeth Gordan Griffin's death and mother of:

Camilla M. Herlevich and Ann H. Brennan, donors of letter

Also mentioned:

*Mr. Frank Vaughan* (attorney) b. 1828, d. 1913, brother of Rev. Maurice Hamilton Vaughan