

1856

Sept 16

Wynne, Thomas Hiles

Memorandum concerning
the death of George
Wynne

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Judge Mythe had a yellow woman by the name
of Lydia who lived with him as wife or mistress
or was quite common in this city fifty years ago with
a gentleman of the older time. By this woman he had a
son named Mike who was not only fine looking
but very intelligent. The Judge took great pleasure
in educating him & made him an accomplished
scholar. Young old & mending some assistance in at-
tending to his business Judge Mythe wrote for a nephew
of his by the name of George Mythe Sweeney living in
the county of Elizabeth City Va & he came & lived
with him. He was treated very kindly & generously by his
patron & the latter made a will bequeathing to Mike
& this youth all of his property or estate. The
fact of being placed on equal terms with this negro
as he called him stung the proud spirit of Sweeney
& he frequently spoke of it to my informant & his
other youths' associates & would argue against
him. The result of his brooding was a determina-
tion to kill Mike. For this purpose he put
arrows in the coffee or Sunday morning ~~supper~~
that Mike certainly & probably Lydia would drink of
it while the Judge or usual since he had been
infirm in his old age would breakfast in his chamber.
But unfortunately the old man for the first time
for my weeks ate with the others at the table
while Sweeney ate with a neighbor John Smeal.
The result was the death of the Judge, Lydia,
Mike & an old man who acted a part. The
Judge lived until Monday & having reason to
suspect Sweeney he destroyed the will & made an-
other giving his property to two of his sisters.
Sweeney was tried & convicted but the lawyer of Edward
Radolph obtained a sentence of 12 months imprisonment &

year after which the young man went to
Germany, stole a horse & ran out to the Prussian
& then lost sight of.

connected by Dr. J. H. Dore (who
was present during the sickness &
death of Judge (Wright) to me
Sep 16. 1856.

John W. Wright

Memoranda concerning
the death of Charles
Wright - signed, in the
office of Dr. W. H. Dore
and also by him from
Boston Mass, Oct. 14. 1857.