

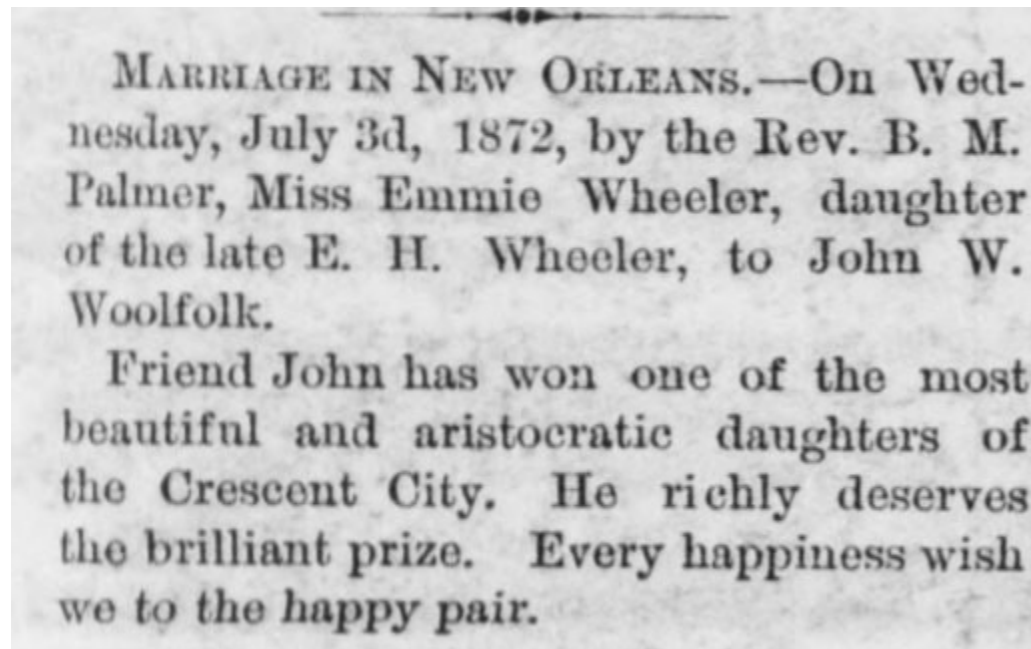
Today in Columbus History: On August 6, 1872, a short piece announcing the wedding of John W. Woolfolk of Columbus to Miss Emmie Wheeler of New Orleans appeared in the *Weekly Sun*. Emmie was the daughter of Elias Hewitt Wheeler, who had co-owned a New Orleans tin/copper manufacturing business. Wheeler had also invented an "apparatus for defecating cane juice." The couple was married by the pastor of the First Presbyterian Church in N.O. The groom was the son of Columbus resident Joseph Washington Woolfolk and Lucinda Winter, daughter of wealthy Columbus businessman John Gano Winter. Their son, the groom, was actually John Winter Woolfolk. Joseph, in turn, was the son of Columbus worthy John Woolfolk, who moved to Columbus around 1830 and owned a lot of land – including land in the Northern Liberties, land in Wynnton and land that eventually became part of Ft. Benning (Woolfolk had a plantation on what we now call Lumpkin Rd.). In Wynnton his impressive Greek Revival house still stands on 12th St. (near Wendy's). John W. and Emily made their home in New Orleans. She died in 1893; he, in 1897. Their burial places are unknown at this time.

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John Woolfolk's Wynnton home.

No. 28,225.—E. H. WHEELER, of New Orleans, La.—*Improvement in Apparatus for Defecating Cane Juice.*—Patent dated May 8, 1860.—This invention consists of a cistern A of convenient size. In the centre of this cistern is placed a vertical tube B communicating with and attached to a centrifugal drum or wheel C, which drum or wheel has openings on its periphery L; on the top of the tube B is an oil joint D, for the purpose of connecting the pipe E which communicates with the retort G; at a short distance above the cover of the cistern is a driving pulley F to give motion to the vertical tube B.

The inventor says: I *claim* combining the several agents by which I produce a thorough and complete dissemination of the sulphurous gas or sulphurous acid gas in the cane juice.

Elias Wheeler's patent for the Apparatus for Defecating Cane Juice, 1860.



John W. was living at 1618 Philip St. in uptown New Orleans when he died on 1897 -- one side of this double. He died of cancer of the neck at Charity Hospital. He had a private interment at an unnamed cemetery.