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his service in the War of 1812 began on September 1, 1814, and ended November 1, 1814, during which time he served as quartermaster sergeant on the staff of Major General Peter B. Porter, in his corps of detached New York Militia. However, The Military Minutes of the Council of Appointment for the State of New York, (Albany, N. Y. 1901—4 vols.) show that he was appointed captain of the 164th Regiment of Infantry in Genesee County in 1817, and lieutenant colonel of the same regiment in 1820. Thus, the title of colonel came to him through the State Militia and not in the Federal service.

MRS. LUCINDA MORGAN

Lucinda Morgan was the daughter of Rev. Joseph Pendleton, of the Virginia family of that name, and was born in Washington County, Virginia, in 1803. She was married to William Morgan at Abingdon, Virginia, when she was sixteen years old.

The fact that she belonged to so prominent a family and was reared in a refined home offers still further indication that Morgan must have possessed better qualities than have been generally attributed to him by Masonic writers, otherwise it is probable that he would not have met with her favor.

The account of her life during the seven years that she was the wife of Morgan has already been quite fully given. At the time of his disappearance she was left with two small children, one born in 1824 and the other in 1826. The elder of these, a daughter, married David Bates Smith, a Mississippi River steamboat captain, and died near Mehama, Oregon, in November, 1882. The son, Thomas Morgan, died in East St. Louis, Illinois, in 1863. There was probably another daughter, who died in infancy.

After the disappearance of Morgan she lived in or near Batavia. French, in his “Gazetteer of the State of New York”, states that the little village of Morganville in Genesee County
is named for Mrs. Morgan. According to the best information available she resided there for a considerable time. She is also known to have lived in Stafford.

That she was fully convinced that her first husband was dead is proved by the fact that on November 23, 1830, she was married to George W. Harris, a silversmith of Batavia. Not long after this marriage Harris became connected with the Mormon movement and went west, rising to considerable eminence in the church. A very complete account of Harris’s life and movements will form the subject of a succeeding chapter.

At some time prior to 1853, Mrs. Harris separated from her husband, for in 1856 Harris petitioned for a divorce, on the grounds that his wife had wilfully deserted him and without reasonable cause absented herself for more than the space of three years. Copies of the notice to the defendant and the final decree in this action, which was granted by default, are printed in full in the Appendix.

Morris claims that Mrs. Harris (formerly Mrs. Morgan) joined the Roman Catholic Sisters of Charity, and was a nurse in a hospital in Memphis, Tennessee, during the war of 1861-1865. Both McClenachan and Knight have copied this statement. I have been unable to verify it from other sources, and the statement itself seems rather questionable. Neither the War Department records nor the records of the church contain any information concerning her. Furthermore, it has been ascertained that there were such requirements for membership in the Roman Catholic Sisterhoods, as age, financial resources, etc., with which it would seem that she would have been unable to comply.

Recently discovered evidence proves that she died at the home of her daughter, Mrs. Lucinda Wesley Smith, in Memphis, Tennessee, in 1856, thus rendering untenable the theory that she was in any way connected with the hospital service during the War Between the States.
State of Virginia
Washington County, to wit

This day personally appeared Thomas Colley before us, Joseph C. Trigg and Peter J. Branch, two of the Commonwealth's Justices of the Peace for said county, who is a Minister of the Gospel of the Baptist denomination and legally authorized to celebrate the rights of matrimony, and upon his oath deposes and saith: That on the 7th day of October, 1819, he solemnized the rights of matrimony between William Morgan and Lucinda Pendleton in pursuance of a license granted by the Clerk of the County Court of said County, which license is in the words following:

These are to license and permit you to join together in the holy state of matrimony, William Morgan and Lucinda Pendleton according to the forms and customs of your Church, and for so doing this shall be your sufficient warrant.

Given under my hand this 7th day of October, 1819.

(Signed) JACOB LYNCH, D. C.

Sworn to before us this 15th day of April, 1827.

Given under our hands and Seals the day and date above written.

(Signed) JOS. C. TRIGG. (L. S.)

PETER J. BRANCH. (L. S.)

Rev. Thomas Colley was a minister in the town of Abingdon as early as 1808. Jacob Lynch was Deputy Clerk of the County Court for many years, Treasurer and Director of the first bank established in the town, and a member of the Town Council. Peter J. Branch was a charter member of the Town Council of Abingdon, a Clerk of the Superior Court and Secretary and Treasurer of the Abingdon Academy. Joseph C. Trigg was a Captain of one of the Virginia regiments and a Justice of the Peace.
Volume IV

Copy of Notice in the Divorce Action of George W. Harris against
Lucinda Harris

STATE OF IOWA
POTTAWATTOMIE COUNTY SS.

To Mrs. Lucinda Harris:

Madam—You are hereby notified that there will be on file in the clerk's office of the District Court of Pottawattomie County, Iowa, on or before the 21st day of February, A. D. 1856, the petition of George W. Harris, claiming of you a divorce from the bonds of matrimony now existing between you and the said George W. Harris, and charging you therein with willfully deserting him, and without reasonable cause absenting yourself for more than the space of three years, and unless you appear and answer thereto, on or before the morning of the second day of the next April Term of the District Court, in and for said State and County, to be begun and holden at the Court House, in the city of Council Bluffs, on Monday, the 7th day of April, 1856, the matter and thing therein contained will be taken as confessed, and a default taken, and a decree rendered in accordance with the prayer of said petition, and a judgment rendered against you for costs of suit thereon. Notice returned, not found.

A. C. FORD,
Solicitor for Complainant.

The foregoing notice was published in “The Bugle”, Council Bluffs, Iowa, March 12, 1856.

Copy of Decree of Divorce Issued to George W. Harris

DISTRICT COURT, APRIL TERM, A. D. 1856

George W. Harris vs. Lucinda Harris

DIVORCE

Affidavit of Publication and the Affidavit of Residence Filed

George W. Harris
vs.
Lucinda Harris

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DIVORCE
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This cause came on to be heard upon the bill, exhibits and testimony and the defendant being three times solemnly called, but comes not and makes default, and it appearing to the court that due notice had been given by publication, and the said defendant still failing to plead, answer, or demurr to the said bill, the court on consideration of the premises and upon reading the pleadings and proofs, and hearing the testimony offered, do order and decree that the marriage contract heretofore entered into between the said George W. Harris and Lucinda Harris, complainant and defendant, in this cause, be dissolved and that the costs of this suit, taxed at ________________ dollars and ________________ cents be adjudged against the plaintiff herein and that execution issue therefor.

CLERK'S CERTIFICATE

STATE OF IOWA
COUNTY OF POTAWATTAMIE S.S.

I, Edward E. Coe, Clerk of the District Court within and for the County and State aforesaid, hereby certify that the above and foregoing is a full, true and complete copy of the Affidavit of Publication and Affidavit of Residence, and Divorce Decree in the case of Geo. W. Harris vs. Lucinda Harris, as the same appears of record and on file in this office.

IN WITNESS WHEREOF, I have hereunto set my hand and affixed the seal of said court on the 12th day of January, A. D. 1933.

EDWARD E. COE,
Clerk of the District Court.
By ____________________
Deputy.

(District Court Seal.)

The April term of the District Court opened Monday, April 7, 1856, before Hon. Samuel H. Riddle, Judge, 7th Judicial District of Iowa. C. Eubank, Clerk. John C. Fargo, Sheriff. Certificate of Copyright of Morgan's Illustrations of Masonry Northern District of New York, to wit:—
BE IT REMEMBERED, That on the fourteenth day of August, in the fifty-first year of the Independence of the United States, A. D. 1826, William Morgan of the said district, hath deposited in this office the title of a book, the right whereof he claims as author, in the words following, to wit:—

"Illustrations of Masonry, by one of the Fraternity, who has devoted thirty years to the subject. "God said let there be light, and there was light."

In conformity to the act of Congress of the United States, entitled, "An act for the encouragement of learning, by securing the copies of maps, charts, and books, to the authors and proprietors of such copies, during the time therein mentioned"; and also to the act entitled, "An act supplementary to the act entitled 'An act for the encouragement of learning, by securing the copies of maps, charts and books, to the authors and proprietors of such copies during the time therein mentioned,' and extending the benefits thereof to the arts of designing, engraving, and etching historical and other prints."

R. R. LANSING,
Clerk of the Northern District of New York.

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