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John Morrell ^{Morrell}, Class 1810 - a Lawyer at Johnston

Alloy Argus: his wife Abby d. in the village of Caughnawaga
Finds March 23, 1835.

His brother Abraham Morrell, 1804, was a well known lawyer
of Johnston & we have considerable information on him.

He was a member of St. John's Episcopal Church in Johnston
& the church records give bapt. of 3 children.

There are no early Johnston newspapers in State Library.

Foster

1810 John Morrell

Died: In the village of Caughnawaga (Fonda) on the 23d ult.,
Abbey, wife of John Morrell, esq., in the 44th year of her
age. Albany Daily Argus, April 21, 1835

Children: Jane Ann, Cassandra bp. Jan. 16, 1816
Also Abraham, J.

Records of St. John's Episcopal Church, Johnstown, N.Y.
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Class 1912

by

Joseph R. Brown, Jr. '03

Date:

April 18, 1961

Dear Mr. Brown:

I went into the Caughmanaga Cemetery (the Freda village cemetery) this afternoon looking for John Morrell. I found the lot which is not well taken care of, stones broken, grass runken grass uncut for years it looks. Inscriptions on stones are very worn and hard to read.

I will give you what is there:

John Morrell, Esq. died April 24, 1864 at 76 yrs.
Abby, wife of John Morrell, Esq. died Feb. 23,
1835 in the 44th yr. of her age.

This stone has an epitaph in sense which I could not read.

William H. Morrell born Apr. 10, 1824,
died March 17, 1844

Harry, son of John and (illegible name)
died July 12, 1876
at 10 yrs., 7 mos., 5 days.

John H. Morrell born March 30, 1830
died May 5, 1864
at 32 yrs. 13 days.

Emily, adopted dau. of John and Anna Morrell
and sister of Anna Morrell
died Nov. 17, 1855, at 8 yrs, 11 mos, 10 days

Tap broken from green stone with name.
What is left reads:

Wife of John H. Morrell died May 5, 1864
ae 32 yrs. 9/13 days.

Your date of Abt's death from Albany Daily
Argus Apr. 16, 1816 must be wrong.

I think the Mrs. Billington mentioned as
having taken a ride on the railroad must
have been the old lady I remember years
ago. She lived in Fultonville across the river
from Tonda in a grand old Victorian
brick mansion with mansard roof. It
is still standing. She must have been
John H. Morrell's (Union 1810) daughter. She was
a friend of my mother's and I remember
going there with her when I was young. The
old lady (Mrs. B.) was an old aristocrat or
at least considered herself so.

When I am in Tonda again I will see
if there is anything in the deeds in the county
clerk's office. It would be interesting to locate
John Morrell's old home in Tonda or Fultonville.
It may be standing yet. Also I will see if there
is a will in the surrogate's office.

I may come to the exercises dedicating the
new library at Union next Saturday.

Sincerely yours,

R. M. Palmer.

1810 John Morrell

His wife was buried in Fonda in 1835.

Some years ago there was an old Mrs. Billington living in Fultonville, across the river from Fonda. I think her husband was a grandson of John Morrell, i.e., a son of the Mrs. Billington of whom you wrote as attending a party in Schenectady.

She was a widow and lived in one of those grand old Victorian houses, brick with mansard roof. I went there several times with my mother when I was young. Mrs. Billington, of course, is dead and I don't remember whether she had children or not. If she did, I never saw them. I will enquire in Fonda or Fultonville whether there are any survivors of this old lady.

The first Directory of Johnstown was 1869.
We have few old newspapers of this early period in Johnstown Public Library but no complete file and very far from it.

Letter: ~~March~~ 6, 1961

From: Robert M. Palmer, M.D. Union 1912.
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Johnstown, N. Y.

1810 John (H) Morrill

A pleasant family gathering assembled Tuesday night at the home of Mrs. Edward Wands, 14 University Place, to celebrate Mrs. Billington's birthday. A part of the time was given over to reminiscences. Mrs. Billington is the daughter of the late John H. Morrill, who graduated from Union College early in the 16th century. She is the only survivor of a large family.

She rode on the first train over the Mohawk Railroad between this city and Utica. She was eight years old and an invited guest on the trip.

When she was a little girl, at the time of the trip, she resided in Fonda.

Undated item in the
Scrap Book of Mrs.
Edward Wands, deceased. (Mr. Wands now lives in Esperance,)

Morrill John - 1895 Catalog spells it, Morrill-
Class 1810 Atty in Johnstown. If you
have date of death - I might
be able to get some data
from Johnstown historians.
N.T.R.S.

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