

[Morgan, William]

BOWLBY SCHOOL DISTRICT HISTORY
(excerpt)

William Morgan [son of Stephen and Jane Frazier Morgan] was born in the year 1806 and died May 29, 1864, in his 58th year. He was a man with a keen sense of honor, never-failing integrity, love of justice, great energy and a temper that could be easily aroused. He was a lover of fine horses and cattle and it was said that in their day William Morgan and Hezekiah Decker drove the finest horses in this part of the town. In early life Mr. Morgan applied himself to books and acquired an education sufficient to enable him to fill his place in life well and successfully. He ranked among the strongest advocates of temperance and neither used tobacco nor stimulants of any kind. He was a strong Universalist and loved to read his Bible on Sunday. He always gave his political allegiance to the Democratic party, but he never sought office. In the early sixties he took a load of wheat straw to Bath and sold it to a jeweler by the name of John S. Farr, for which he received in turn three tablespoons, which proved to be nothing but German silver. They certainly were some spoons, and were worth at least their weight in straw.

William Morgan never tired of telling his children about how he played when a little boy, with the Indian children around Morgan's Bridge, and when in their childish interest and wonderment they would ask if he was not afraid of them he would reply, "No more than you are playing with the little colored children now."

During the time the Morgans were residents here they were noted for their hospitality and overflowing pantry. No one was ever turned away from their door hungry...

Mrs. Morgan died March 14, 1879, in her 42nd year. After her death the Morgan farm became heirship property to her children and had to be sold...

Nothing is left to show where the Morgan buildings stood except the foundations. It is a shame to see old landmarks go in that way.

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