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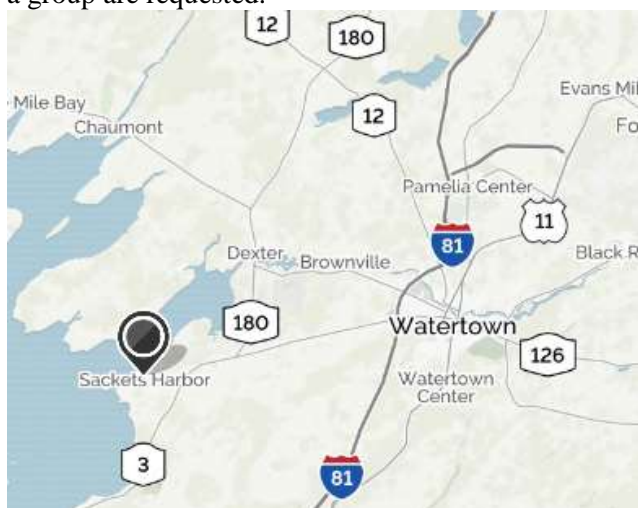
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(Saint Johnsville, New York, ENTERPRISE AND NEWS, Wednesday, February 19, 1936)

Our Own Soap Opera

Maria Bargey Thistlewaite (GFG – A), was a great-great granddaughter of Elizabeth Getman (GFG – A 19) 1781 – 1860 and Warner Folts, 1777 – 1837.

Newspaper Article

The Rome Daily Sentinel, NY

Friday, February 2, 1906

Rome, Feb. 2.—Violation of the marriage vows in at least three states of the union is alleged against the defendant in the divorce suit of William J. Thistlewaite against Marie B. Thistlewaite, which went on trial shortly before noon today before Justice W. E. Scripture at his chambers here. Mr. Thistlewaite is a well known real estate dealer of Herkimer. He also owns much land near the Fulton Chain and has a camp on an island in Fourth Lake. His wife is the daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Charles L. Bargey of Frankfort. The action, which was commenced last May, has attracted considerable attention because of the social prominence of the parties. C. E. Snyder of Snyder, Christman & Earl of Herkimer appears for the plaintiff and former State Senator A. M. Mills of Little Falls for the defendant.

The plaintiff and several of his witnesses were on hand at the opening of court. Mrs. Thistlewaite, who now is residing in Chicago, was not present, but Senator Mills said he expected she would be here in a few days. Until she arrived, he said, he would not be able to say how much of a contest would be made by the defense. He consented, however, to the plaintiff putting in his evidence. The answer filed by Mrs. Thistlewaite is a general denial. One child, a boy five years old who is at the home of the plaintiff's mother in Herkimer, has been born to the couple.

Mr. Thistlewaite, the plaintiff, who is 38 years old but looks younger, was the first witness. He testified that he and his wife were married on June 24, 1896, and had lived together until April 7 last. She then went away and has not since returned. Mr. Thistlewaite said he did not learn of the alleged acts of his wife, on which he bases his suit for an absolute divorce, until after her departure. At the time of her

leaving he expected she would return. Several letters written by Mrs. Thistlewaite to her husband since her departure were marked for identification and may later on be presented in evidence. The witness told of his wife making trips to New York city and to Paducah, Ky. The journey to Kentucky was made by Mrs. Thistlewaite for the purpose of visiting Mrs. Mabel Halboth, Mr. Thistlewaite supposed. Mrs. Halboth was the next witness sworn, and according to her testimony, Mr. Halboth, rather than herself, was the magnet, which drew Mrs. Thistlewaite to Paducah.

Mrs. Halboth's husband is Clay Halboth, a commercial traveler, and in February, 1905, the couple were temporarily staying at the Palmer House, in Paducah, Ky., where Mrs. Thistlewaite came to visit them and was assigned an adjoining room, connected by a door. The two women had become friends in Herkimer, where Mrs. Halboth lived prior to her marriage. On the witness stand, Mrs. Halboth, who is an attractive young woman, told a remarkable story of alleged intimacy between her husband and Mrs. Thistlewaite, which she claimed was carried on under her very eyes at the hotel. Tears streamed down her face as she told her story, which seemed remarkable, considering the fact that Mrs. Thistlewaite continued to be her guest. Mrs. Halboth, in answer to a question from her attorney, said she was powerless to take action which would end the affair at the hotel because she was about to become a mother.

Mrs. Halboth said that on one occasion she had seen her husband in bed with Mrs. Thistlewaite.

Mrs. Halboth testified that on Feb. 17 she and her husband left Paducah and went to the home of Mr. Halboth's parents, Mr. and Mrs. Halboth, in Pemberton, O. Mrs. Thistlewaite went along with them. Mrs. Halboth testified that while there, one morning she and her mother heard Halboth walking away from Mrs. Thistlewaite's room on his tip toes. On Feb. 25, Mrs. Halboth said her husband and Mrs. Thistlewaite went away and remained for two days. When they returned Mrs. Halboth left her husband and subsequently became a mother. Her home now is in West Liberty, near Pittsburg, Pa.

The next witness was Sylvester Wilson, a member of the Herkimer police force, who was employed by the plaintiff to shadow Mrs. Thistlewaite last spring after she had left her husband. This was before Mr. Wilson joined the police force. Wilson traced Mrs. Thistlewaite's movements in Pemberton and Sidney, O., and Chicago. He told of collecting evidence from various persons, including employes of a Chicago hotel, where Mrs. Thistlewaite was a guest.

Mrs. Flora Smith of Herkimer told of being in New York city with Mrs. Thistlewaite. after the latter's visit to Paducah Ky. One day while in the metropolis Mrs. Thistlewaite received a bulky letter.

"I supposed, of course, it was from the Mr. Thistlewaite, and asked her how Billy (Mr. Thistlewaite) was," went on the witness. "She replied the letter was not from Billy, but from Clate. She always referred to Mr. Halboth as Clate. Mrs. Thistlewaite then informed me that Mr. and Mrs. Halboth and had had domestic trouble and had parted."

Mrs. Smith, Mrs. Thistlewaite and Mrs. Edward Edgett (Mrs. Halboth's sister), all of Herkimer, were in New York together at the time of the letter incident. They remained nearly a week.

Miss Hattie Pullman of Herkimer was sworn. She was employed at the residence of Mr. and Mrs. Thistlewaite in Herkimer in 1904 and 1905. She testified that Mrs. Thistlewaite had told her that she (Mrs. Thistlewaite) received letters from Clate Halboth. "I saw her burn letters in the kitchen stove on several occasions. She told me they were from Halboth."

Q.—Did you ever see Joseph Sullivan sitting on Mrs. Thistlewaite's lap?

A.— I once saw him sitting on the arm of a chair in which she was sitting.

Q.—Were his arms around her neck?

A.—No, one was on the back of the chair.

At the close of Miss Pullman's testimony the trial was adjourned until the middle of the month. In the meantime the defense will decide whether it will fight the case.

Newspaper Article

The Rome Daily Sentinel
Saturday February 17, 1906

Rome, Feb. 17.—Mrs. Marie B. Thistlewaite of Chicago will contest the suit for divorce brought against her by William J. Thistlewaite of Herkimer. When the case first came up before Justice W. E. Scripture on Feb. 2, the defendant's attorney, ex Senator A. M. Mills of Little Falls, was, not certain how much of a defense would be made, because his

client had not yet come east. She was in Justice Scripture's Court here today when the hearing was resumed, and it was announced that later on witnesses would be summoned to tell her side of the story.

Mrs., Thistlewaite is a petite blonde, apparently about 30 years old and pretty. She appeared in court today accompanied by her father. Charles L. Bary of Frankfort, and was clad in a stylish suit of gray with a white veil of liberal dimensions, forming a conspicuous yet attractive portion of her attire. Mr. Thistlewaite also was in court.

After two witnesses, in addition to the five sworn Feb. 2, had today testified for the plaintiff, the case was adjourned until Monday. March 5, at 9 a. m., when it is Justice Scripture's intention to have the taking of the testimony finished "if it takes until midnight," The plaintiff will put in some more evidence but it is assumed by intimations made by Senator Mills, the bulk of time will be occupied by the defense.

The briefness of the hearing today was occasioned by the fact that C. E. Snyder of Herkimer, attorney for the plaintiff, did not know until Friday that the defense would put up a strong fight. Justice Scripture was informed that both sides intend to summon witnesses from other states or take their evidence by commission.

Mary Baker of Herkimer was the first witness sworn today. She is the wife of the proprietor of the Waverly Hotel. Mrs. Baker testified that at one time, in 1902, Mr. and Mrs. Thistlewaite boarded at the hotel and had two rooms on the third floor. She said she had seen a young man, "Cap" Charles of Mohawk; go into Mrs. Thistlewaite's room.

Q.—Afternoons and mornings?

A.—Yes.

Q.—Visits of how long duration?

A.—I have known him to stay an hour or longer.

Q.—Did you see Mr. Thistlewaite about the hotel on these occasions?

A.—No.

The witness said the young son of Mr. and Mrs. Thistlewaite was at the hotel and that at one time when Charles called she heard the child crying in the Thistlewaite apartments. Charles was just going in, and Mrs. Baker said she heard him say "Keep still or I'll knock your d—— head off," or words to that effect. Mrs. Baker was not sure of the exact language used.

Q.—Did Charles's visit continue every day?

A.—Nearly so.

On cross-examination by Senator Mills Mrs. Baker testified that one of the two rooms occupied by the Thistlewaite's was a sitting room. She did not see Charles when he made the alleged remark to the

child. He had just entered the sitting room. Charles looked to be about 18 years old, but might have been older. She supposed he was "a friend of the family."

The next witness was "Chris" Goodsell, an Adirondack guide, who resides on the shore of Fourth Lake. He has at times taken care of a camp there owned by Mr. Thistlewaite, which is on an island about eighty rods from his own home.

In the year 1904, the witness said, he had observed men at the Thistlewaite camp in the absence of Mr. Thistlewaite. He had seen at least one, a young man of Little Falls, visit the camp at night, and had also seen boys sit in a hammock with Mrs. Thistlewaite. The young man mentioned was spending the summer at the lake.

Q—How old was he?

A.—Well, I'm a poor judge of ages, but I should think about 20.

Newspaper Article

The Rome Daily Sentinel
Saturday, March 17, 1906

Rome, March 17, - Mrs. Marie B. Thistlewaite of Chicago proposes to fight the divorce action brought by her husband, William J. Thistlewaite of Herkimer, by amending her answer to the complaint and setting up counter charges of violation of the marriage vows. This announcement was made by the defendant's attorney, ex-senator A. M. Mills of Little Falls, when the trial of the case was resumed before Justice William E. Scripture in this city today. If both parties are guilty of adultery, of course no decree of divorce will be allowed.

Senator Mills exhibited as an affidavit in which it was charged the Mr. Thistlewaite visited a house of ill repute in Little Falls, on Christmas 1900; also that he had entertained one or more strange women in his house in 1904. Senator Mills said Mrs. Thistlewaite had not learned of the alleged indiscretions on the part of her husband until this week, and had not yet had an opportunity to get her evidence in proper shape. Later - probably while Justice Scripture is holding court in Herkimer next month - Senator Mills will make a motion to amend the answer so as to bring the aforementioned accusations into the divorce trial, which as it progresses, grows more sensational.

C. E. Snyder, attorney for the plaintiff, came into court today with half a dozen more additional witnesses for the purpose of adding to the testimony already given against Mr. Thistlewaite's handsome young wife, who was on hand today and listened eagerly to every word spoken by the attorneys and witnesses. Mrs. Mable Halboth, now living in Pittsburg, Pa., who was once Mrs. Thistlewaite's

chum, was in court today. She is the wife of Clay Halboth, the Ohio commercial traveler who is alleged to be the principal correspondent. She was the star witness at the first hearing, Feb. 2.

James Sullivan of 734 Bleeker street, Utica, 29 years old, was called today and testified that he was the cousin of the plaintiff and had lived in the Thistlewaite home in Herkimer from May 1904, to February 1905. He recalled Mrs. Thistlewaite leaving Herkimer during the latter part of his stay there, to visit Mr. and Mrs. Clay Halboth at Paducah, Ky. Sullivan testified that he received a letter from Mrs. Thistlewaite after she reached Paducah. The letter was admitted in evidence. It was as follows.

"Well Jo, how are you anyway? I am on the bum. Did not get to bed until 2 o'clock this morning ... Clay (Mr. H.) is perfectly dandy. I am dead in love with him. Guess I will run away with him. He is perfectly willing, but please do not mention it.

"They want me to stay til April. What do you think of that. He is paying \$4 (four) per day for my board, but he don't seem to mind that in the least. Yesterday he sent me two dozen roses and a two-pound box of candy, just for a valentine, don't you know. Mable does not care one bit, for she don't like him at all. They don't get along one-tenth as well as Will and I, and you know how that is. He don't like her any better than she does him.

"Well, my dear. In my next I will continue. Yours with best,

"Rie"

"P. S. - Answer as soon as you get this.

It cost me \$42 to get here - think of that. Eight dollars per night at the hotel in Cincinnati."

This letter was dated at the Palmer House, Paducah, Ky., where Mrs. Thistlewaite and Mr. and Mrs. Halboth were together for nearly a week in February 1905. "Rie" was the name by which Mrs. Thistlewaite was known to her intimate friends.

Mrs. Harry Harbor of Sidney, O., a young woman, was the next witness. She told of Mr. and Mrs. Cley Halboth and Mrs. Thistlewaite coming to her house, when she lived in Pemberton, O. This was in February, 1905, and the trio had just completed their stay in Paducah, Ky. Mr. Harbor kept boarders.

"I designated two rooms for these three people" continued the witness. "At bed time I left the three upstairs. I went down stairs and came back in a few minutes. The lights were out and I lighted a lamp. I found Mr. and Mrs. Halboth and Mrs. Thistlewaite in bed together."

The witness said she protested and asked them: Are you in the habit of doing this?" According to Mrs. Harbor, Mrs. Thistlewaite replied in the affirmative.

The witness said she found the three still in bed together in the morning. They had breakfast about 11 o'clock Mr. Halboth and Mrs. Thistlewaite went on a trolley ride, returning early in the afternoon.

Senator Mills subjected Mrs. Harbor to a long cross-examination concerning the relations between the harbors and the Halboths.

At the noon recess it became known that in the bevy of strangers in Justice Scripture's chambers was Clay Halboth of Pemberton, O., the correspondent. As Mrs. Halboth, Mr. Thistlewaite and Mrs. Thistlewaite also were present; the situation was exceedingly interesting to those conversant with it. Mrs. Halboth, the defendant, and her father and mother, Mr. and Mrs. Charles L. Bary of Frankfort, sat together near Senator Mills.

After the recess Mrs. Harbor was recalled to the witness stand and Senator Mills continued to cross-examine her relative to the rooms in her house, in one of which she had testified she found Mr. and Mrs. Halboth and Mrs. Thistlewaite together.

On re-direct examination she swore that when she discovered the trio she called her husband.

Q - In the morning what was the situation? A - Mrs. Halboth was up dressing and Mr. Halboth and Mrs. Thistlewaite were in bed together.

Senator Mills endeavored to bring out that Mr. and Mrs. Harbor, Mr. and Mrs. Halboth and Mrs. Thistlewaite were joking and frolicking in the bed room, and that the Harbors did not object to the alleged disgraceful condition of affairs. This point was not established.

Judson Ward Simmons of Pemberton, O., dealer in grain, went on the stand and said he knew Mr. and Mrs. Halboth and Mrs. Thistlewaite and that after their return from Paducah the three called at his house. They remained overnight and occupied one room, the witness said.

Q - What happened at night?

A - At bed time Mr. Halboth, Mrs. Simmons and myself called at the guest's room all three were in the room and robed in their night clothes.

Q - What did you observe concerning Mrs. Thistlewaite's night robe?

A - Well, it was light in color and of light weight material, too.

Mr. Simmons said there was only one spare room in the house. After he and Mrs. Simmons went into the guest's room all five joined in joking and laughing.

During the cross examination Mr. Halboth and Mrs. Thistlewaite whispered suggestions to Senator Mills, but nothing new of importance was brought out.

The next witness was Mrs. Minnie Simmons, wife of the preceding witness.

Q - Were Mr. and Mrs. Halboth and Mrs. Thistlewaite ever in your home?

A - Yes.

Q - Did they suggest staying all night?

A - Yes, Mr. Halboth dis, but I told them I had only one room. One of them said it would be all right, as they had slept together before.

Mrs. Simmons then told how Mrs. Thistlewaite and Mr. and Mrs. Halboth went to the one spare room to sleep and how she (Mrs. Simmons) and her husband later were called to the apartment after the visits had disrobe.

The witness said that she had seen Mrs. Thistlewaite sitting on Mr. Halboth's lap earlier in the evening, and that Mrs. Halboth was present.

Newspaper Article

The Rome Daily Sentinel
Monday, March 19, 1906

Rome, March 19. - From 9 until 11 o'clock this forenoon Justice Scripture listened to additional testimony in the divorce suit of William J. Thistlewaite of Herkimer against Marie B. Thistlewaite, who is now a pupil in a dramatic school in Chicago.

Both sides having finished with the several witnesses from Ohio, adjournment was taken until April 7 in this city. On that date or before, ex-Senator A. M. Mills of Little Falls, for the defendant will make a motion to amend the answer so as to bring in counter charges against Mr. Thistlewaite. Unless a new line of examination is opened up by the granting of such a motion, the trial is virtually at an end.

Clay Halboth, the young commercial traveler from Pemberton, O., whom Mr. Thistlewaite names as correspondent, and who was on the witness stand late Saturday afternoon, was subjected to angry cross-examination this forenoon by C. E. Snyder of Herkimer, the plaintiff's attorney. He was inclined to be a belligerent witness. It was brought out that Halboth and his mother, Mrs. Jacob of Pemberton, have been staying at the home of Mrs. Thistlewaite's parents, Mr. and Mrs. Charles L. Bary of Frankfort awaiting the time when they should be called to testify.

Halboth admitted that when he and Mrs. Halboth and Mrs. Thistlewaite went to the home of Mr. and Mrs. Judson Ward Simmons in Pemberton to spend a night in February 1903, he knew that there was but one spare room.

Halboth claimed that he and Mrs. Halboth, Mrs. Thistlewaite and Mr. and Mrs. Simmons got together about midnight in the room assigned to the three guests.

“Were you five there frolicking around in your night clothes until 3 a. m. ? Asked Mr. Snyder

A.- Yes, until about that time.

Q. – Enjoying yourselves as you may a bunch of young people would?

A. – Laughing, joking and cutting up.

Here a spirited discussion between Mr. Snyder and the witness as to what was meant by “cutting up.” And the witness insisted that the five “talked and laughed and told stories.”

Q. – The kind of stories that would look good in print ?

A. – They would look all right in print.

Q. – Well, what kind of stories were they ?

A. – Parlor stories.

Q. – What do you mean by parlor stories ?

A. – The kind of stories that might be told in anybody’s parlor.

Q. – You said all five of you were in bed ?

A. – Yes.

Q. – How could all five get in an ordinary bed?

A. – That is a matter I could never understand.

An alleged account of traveling expenses, submitted by Halboth to his employers and purporting to show that he was on business during the time Mrs. Thistlewaite was the guest of the Halboths at the Palmer House, Paducah, Ky., was admitted in evidence. The contention of the plaintiff is that Halboth remained at the hotel every night except one during Mrs. Thistlewaite’s stay, while Halboth claims the expense account shows that he was away Sunday, February 13, until the following Friday afternoon. Mr. Snyder rained upon him a volley of questions concerning customers he visited in the various places mentioned in the expenses, but the witness could mention the names of only a very few of them. Then the attorney demanded.

“As a matter of fact, didn’t you during Mrs. Thistlewaite’s visit, make up this account out of whole cloth, purporting to tell of various places where you had been, when, in fact you were at the Palmer House in Paducah, and wasn’t it because of this bogus account that you were fired ?” demanded Mr. Snyder.

“No sir: I deny that most emphatically.” Answered young Halboth.

Mrs. Jacob Halboth of Pemberton, O., mother of the correspondent, was the next witness to take the stand for the defense. She denied the bedroom incident concerning her son and Mrs. Thistlewaite, to which her daughter-in-law had testified, and relative to the alleged escapades of the three young people at the Simmons and Harbor homes. She was asked:

“Did they tell you that they had been sleeping three in a bed?”

A.– They laughed about it.

Justice Scripture questioned the witness as to trouble between her and her daughter-in-law, and what followed indicated that, despite the estrangements coincident with the Thistlewaite case, Mrs. Halboth and her daughter-in-law cherish a feeling of mutual affection. Mabel Halboth, sitting in the rear of the court room, and the elder Mrs. Halboth both sobbed bitterly when the latter, in answer to the Judge’s inquiry, replied: “We never had any more trouble than that which might be expected between mother-in-law and her daughter-in-law. Her clothes are still at our house.

Several witnesses were called in rebuttal before the hearing was adjourned.

At Saturday’s session it was announced that the defendant had made up her mind to fight the divorce action brought by her husband. Mr. Mills, who represents Mrs. Thistlewaite, presented his affidavit stating that he desired to serve an amended answer in this case to show that the plaintiff was guilty of infidelity in Little Falls on Christmas Day, 1900, and also at his home in Herkimer in 1904. The names of the women being unknown.

The Court said that if were shown that both parties were guilty neither could secure a divorce. He told the attorneys that they might as well proceed with the witnesses present, and that Mr. Mills could make his motion at the next regular special term, the first Saturday of next month. Mr. Mills said that the facts in the affidavit had not become known to the defendant till the past week.

C. E. Snyder, attorney for the plaintiff, had a number of witnesses in court to swear against the handsome and young defendant, among them being Mrs. Clay Halboth once the friend of Mrs. Thistlewaite who is registered at the Stanwix Hotel as Mrs. J. A. Halboth of Pemberton, O.

Mrs. Thistlewaite was sworn, She admits that she was married in 1896. She admitted that Clay Halboth and his wife and she had often slept together three in a bed. She denied having criminal relations with Halboth. On these occasions she said that she slept next to the wall and Mrs. Halboth in the middle.

Mr. Halboth and Mrs. Thistlewaite are not stopping at her father’s farm in Frankfort.

Halboth on the stand confirmed that he and his wife and Mrs. Thistlewaite had slept together on several occasions in the same bed, but emphatically denied that there had been any criminal relations between them. He said that when the three of them slept together he would get on the outside, well roll over and go to sleep, and Mrs. Halboth would sleep in the middle. He said Mrs. Halboth and Mrs. Thistlewaite would get up first and go downstairs, then he would get up. Willaim (?) said, “It was simply a case of young people together enjoying themselves, it was a

jolly bunch and no one thought about it." He denied that he had ever committed adultery with Mrs. Thistlewaite.

Newspaper Article

The Syracuse Herald
Sunday, April 22, 1906

Rome, April 21.—Before Justice Scripture this afternoon there was another inning in the Thistlewaite divorce action. Ex-Senator Mills said at first that he desired to put in some evidence in rebuttal. The court did not know that the parties were to come before him today, so no stenographer was present. From what Mr. Mills said the defendant has evidently "given up the ghost" in this case. Mr. Mills said he desired to have matters fixed so that Mr. and Mrs. Bargey, parents of Mrs. Thistlewaite, could have an opportunity of seeing the child, a boy, who is now 6 years old and living with the parents of Mr. Thistlewaite at Ilion, the parents of Mrs. Thistlewaite living on the farm out of Frankfort.

Mr. Snyder, attorney for Mr. Thistlewaite, said he would not consent to the child coming in contact with its mother. Mr. Mills said the child had been with Mr. and Mrs. Bargey the greater part of its life, and Mr. Snyder said the child had also had a great, deal of the time with the parents of the plaintiff. Mr. Mills said both grandparents were very much attached to the child and both should be permitted to see and have it remain with them at different periods. Mr. Snyder said that the mother had given but very little attention to her child and he did not think it good for the child's morals to be where it would come in contact with the mother.

Justice Scripture said he had no doubt but what the parents on both sides thought a great deal of the child and he did not think either should be cut off from the enjoyment of the child's company. The court finally told the attorneys in the case to submit their memorandums and submit the case on May 1st. Mr. Bargey and Mr. Thistlewaite were in court.

Newspaper Article

The Utica Journal
Sunday, June 3, 1906

Herkimer, June 3. — The closing chapters in the famous Thistlewaite divorce case which was tried at Rome recently, are about to be recorded. At a term of Supreme Court to-day Justice William E. Scripture ordered an interlocutory decree and later Mr. Thistlewaite will get an absolute decree of custody of the child, a boy six years old.

W. J. Thistlewaite and his wife Maud (sic) B. Thistlewaite, lived in Herkimer and the former brought action because of alleged misconduct of the wife. The case was tried at Rome before Justice Scripture and the proceedings were of the spicy kind.

In the proceeding to-day the court gave the custody of the boy to the father. Accompanying this decision are some modifications which will allow the mother opportunities to see the boy. She will be permitted to visit the child at Mr. Thistlewaite's home once every three months. And the child will be permitted to go to the mother's home four times a year. But he must not stay over five days on each visit, because the court order forbids. Out of 365 days he will have the opportunity of spending 20 days with his mother, whom it is said lives near Frankfort with relatives.

Mr. Thistlewaite now resides with his parents in Ilion. The boy is with him. The final proceeding in the case will take place in a few weeks when the absolute decree will be entered.

Newspaper Article

The Utica Observer
Thursday May 2, 1907

Herkimer May 2. — (Special) — Another echo of the divorce action entitled William J. Thistlewaite against Maria B. Thistlewaite, the trial of which attracted much attention, comes from a decision handed down in Appellate Division and by which is eliminated from the decision of the trial court, the interlocutory judgment and final decree, those portions of the same stating "that the child may visit the plaintiff's parents at various times and the defendant's parents not to exceed five days at a time, nor more than thirty days in any one year." It was contended by the plaintiff, who took the appeal that the father should have been given by the decision of the trial ---(?) custody of the child. Without restriction and this contention was supported by the Appellate Court.

Snyder, Dricman & Earl represented the plaintiff-appellant and the defendant made no opposition to the granting of the appeal by the Appellate Division.