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Copy of undated newspaper clipping concerning Hon. David T. Marvel, Secretary of State.

"Hon. David T. Marvel, Secretary of State was born in Sussex County, Delaware, November 2, 1851. He is the son of ex-Sheriff Joshiah P. Marvel, who is now Prothonotary of Sussex County. Mr. Marvel was graduated at Princeton College in 1873. He registered as a law student under the direction of Hon. Thomas F. Bayard in the fall of 1873. During the school years of 1873 and 1874 he taught Higher Mathematics at Reynold's Academy, Wilmington. He then took a two-year course at Harvard Law School and was for a time private Secretary for Mr. Bayard in Washington. He was afterwards admitted to the Bar in Sussex County, and has since practiced his profession in Georgetown. He was clerk of the House of Representatives of this State in 1881. He was Attorney for the Levy Court of Sussex County from 1883 until 1889. Governor Reynolds appointed Mr. Marvel, Secretary of State, January 20, 1891. The Legislature of 1891 directed him to codify the laws of the State, in which work he is now engaged. Mr. Marvel was married February 17, 1885, to Miss Mary R. Wootten, daughter of the late Attorney-General Wootten, and who was also a granddaughter of the late Judge Wootten and ex-Governor Burton. Mr. Marvel has always been an active and influential Democrat."

Children of Philip D. and Sally Ann Marvel:

Thomas H. Marvel, born November 26, 1852.
Clementine Marvel, born October 11, 1854.
Philip L. Marvel, born August 22, 1856.
William F. Marvel, born December 8, 1858.
Walter Marvel, born November 7, 1860.
Ashton Marvel, born December 3, 1862.
Moses Ford Marvel, born August 28, 1867.
Elphonsie Marvel, born August 28, 1871.

MARVEL BIBLE RECORDS

This Bible was printed by American Bible Society, New York, 1869. It is the possession of Donald O. Viridin, Arlington, Virginia. On the "Family Record" page 1, under "marriages", is written the following:

"Ashton E. Marvel to Mary Thompson on February 13, 1884 were married by _____."
"William Johnson to Isabelle Parker on February 10, 1884, were married by J. D. Riggs."
"Charles Barcus to Abbie Cleaver on January 1, 1884, by W. Sanders."

Under "Births" is written:

"Thomas Clements died March 1, 1884."

There are no noted under "Deaths."

Copy of 1917 newspaper article concerning the death of Mrs. Sallie Ann Marvel, of Slaughters, Delaware:

"Mrs. Sallie Ann Marvel, widow of the late Philip D. Marvel, died at the home of her son, Thomas H. Marvel, at Slaughters, this county, Saturday afternoon, January 21st, aged 85 years. Mrs. Marvel was the daughter of Moses K. Ford by his first wife, Sarah Seward, and was born and spent her entire life in this county. Since the death of her husband in April, 1899, they continued to reside on their farm until about four years ago, when she removed to the home of her son, Thomas H. Marvel. She was a life long member of Bethesda M. P. Church and was active and zealous in Church activities. She is survived by the following children: Thomas H. Marvel, Walter Marvel and Moses K. Marvel, of this county and William Marvel, Ashton E. Marvel and Miss Elphonsa Marvel, of Wilmington. Mr. and Mrs. Philip D. Marvel also had two children who died some years ago, Clementine Viridin, first wife of William Viridin, and Philip D. Marvel, Jr. Mrs. Sallie Ann Marvel is also survived by three sisters and three brothers: Mrs. Nancy Todd, W. S. Ford, George E. Ford, Mrs. Luther Marvel, and Miss Annie Ford, of this county, and Charles H. Ford, of Greeley, Colorado. Mrs. Martha Gooden, of near Petersburg, Mrs. James Williams, of near Hartly, Mrs. Charles Short, of near Wyoming, Miss Mary Jane Ford, of Oklahoma, all deceased. There were also sisters and brothers of Mrs. Sallie Ann Marvel. Funeral services were held at her late home on Wednesday morning of this week at 10:30 in charge of Rev. Edward Crawford Graham, pastor of Bethesda M. P. Church, with interment at Odd Fellows Cemetery, Camden."