

COL. MURPHY'S ROMANCE.

Tammany Leader and Wife Did Not Speak for Thirty Years.

It became known after the death of Col. Michael C. Murphy that a wife survived him. She attended his funeral and mourned almost unnoticed in the procession formed in large part by old associates of the dead Tammany leader, although for 30 or more years she had been estranged from him, and not even willing to be supported out of his plenty.

Though no one who witnessed the marriage ceremony is to be found, it is established that in the years preceding the civil war Mr. and Mrs. Michael C. Murphy lived together in Desbrosses street, then a fine, old neighborhood. Before her marriage Mrs. Murphy was Miss Mary Drennan. The few close friends who have known of the marriage say that she came from Ireland about 1850, and that she lived with her husband for more than 10 years before they were separated.

As Miss Drennan the young woman lived with her relatives, the Bergens, of Desbrosses street. After her marriage, choosing neither to retain her husband's name nor to readopt her own,

she began to live under the name of Bergen. According to an old friend, who consented to tell the story yesterday, the quarrels of the young couple came about because of his wife's jealousy.

"Mike Murphy," the friend said, "was a big, handsome fellow in those days. He was a great favorite with the women, and that caused the trouble. Mary grew jealous. She never ceased to love him, but she told him their relations as husband and wife must cease, and from that day to his death, if they met at all, they met as strangers. Living within a few blocks of each other, they did not speak, it is said, for more than 30 years. More than once he offered to aid her financially, but she would not have it. She earned her daily bread by sewing and doing other work. Her very close friends were the only ones to whom she ever mentioned the colonel, but if she did recall him it was always with a note of remnant affection. She wanted no divorce."

According to the friend, chroniclers of Col. Murphy's life have made a mistake about his age.

"They said when he died the other day," the friend added, "that he was little more than 50 years old. I know

he was 70 or more. It was about 40 years ago that he married Mary Drennan."

The speaker did not know the date of the marriage ceremony nor even that it was performed by a priest. "I have heard it was a common law wedding," was added.

Mrs. John Bergen of 5 Desbrosses street, widow of a man who was a cousin of Mary Drennan, said yesterday: "Mary and Col. Murphy were married about 40 years ago. I never heard any details about the wedding, and I only know they lived here in this house for several years. They had a daughter who died in infancy."

Mrs. Bergen said the couple lived together perhaps as long as 20 years. She did not know why they were separated, but Mrs. Murphy took the name Bergen and went to work—as a governess, Mrs. Bergen thought. The colonel was not permitted to supply any funds for the wife's support. According to Mrs. Bergen, Mrs. Murphy never again saw her husband until she attended the funeral services on Saturday.

Mrs. Bergen said she had not seen the widow for years before the funeral. They did not speak then. Of late years Mrs. Murphy had not lived at 5 Desbrosses street. Her relatives there did not know her address, but they thought it was in the Borough of the Bronx.

Col. Murphy's friends generally were ignorant of his old marital tie. While he was ex-vice commissioner, they thought he was a bachelor. They had heard rumors of other old-time alliances, but not of the one with Mary Drennan.

On the day of the funeral a heavily veiled woman appeared in company with Michael C. Murphy, Jr., a nephew of the colonel. The nephew introduced the woman as widow of his uncle. Only

a few good friends were present, but the news spread through the district, which already had heard of coming disputes over the late politician's property.

When the nephew, who is a truckman, was seen yesterday at his home, 34 Watts street, he said: "I don't deny the existence of a widow. Yes, I did take a woman to the funeral. She is out of town today. I am in a peculiar position. I don't want to say anything."

Later Mr. Murphy admitted the existence of the widow, but he would not tell her story.

Mr. Willis of 187 Hudson street, who acted as Col. Murphy's secretary for years, said he would neither deny nor confirm the rumors about the marriage. He explained that he was on good terms with both factions in the brewing quarrel over the estate, and that he could not speak about their family matters. He referred his questioner to Michael C. Murphy, Jr., and to Frank L. Bacon.

It was in the home of Mr. Bacon at 582 Broome street that Col. Murphy died. Friends had always thought that the Bacoons were the colonel's relatives, and it was known that he gave Mr. Bacon much property. On Saturday, however, there was published a statement that no kinship existed between Col. Murphy and the Bacoons. The statement was made by Mrs. Alice Swift of 613 Third avenue. Mrs. Swift, who was Miss Alice Murphy, was seen at her home.

"My original statement is correct," she said. "I am a first cousin of the colonel. The matter will come up in court, and until it does I don't want to speak further."

It was learned that Michael C. Murphy Jr. and Mrs. Swift would be prime movers in a legal fight against Mr. Bacon.

It is claimed by the relatives that undue influence was used on their deceased kinsman to get his money. They say he left no will. It is their claim that he gave all he had to Mr. Bacon and to Mrs. Bacon, who is said to have died several years ago.

Inquiries at 582 Broome street resulted in the appearance of an elderly woman, who spoke to would-be interviewers through a small opening in the front door. She said Mr. Bacon was very ill and could not be interviewed. He did several years ago, she added, to speak of family matters at all.

Mr. Bacon is the man who gave food to Col. Murphy for many years. The colonel could not eat like other folks. As the result of an old operation he had to take nourishment through a silver tube in his stomach. Mr. Bacon prepared the food and pumped it through the tube. He used to appear at the colonel's office at regular hours during the day, and the colonel would stop all work until the peculiar food-taking process had been completed. Then Mr. Bacon would go away again.

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