

# An Orleans short story

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The following article (story) is taken from the Orleans Republican published on Jan. 2, 1906. It was entitled "Wedded a Second Time," under which is noted "Separated after their first wedding, a young couple wait and yoke again." Indeed the story has a happy ending, but here is how a "situation" was handled by an angry father 100 years ago.

"On January 22d, 1904, Robert Hanna, aged 22, of Eagle Harbor, and Theda Thornton, aged 16, of Syracuse were married in Albion by Rev. F.W. Lewis.

"The bride immediately notified her father, Dr. Frank E. Thornton of Syracuse, of the event and he, instead of bestowing a paternal blessing, wired Sheriff Cole to take the young couple into custody. They were found at Eagle Harbor and brought to Albion and held by the sheriff, the groom being charged with abduction in taking to wife a girl under the legal age of consent.

"The bride's family had lived at Eagle Harbor and the young people had known each other before the Thorntons moved to Syracuse, and when Hanna went to the salt city to see his sweetheart she insisted upon coming home with him and being married.

"The trouble was adjusted and the father pacified by the young couple agreeing to live apart until the girl should become 18 years of age, she to return to the parental home and await the flight of time.

"Of course it was a weary waiting for both groom and bride, for the days and months refused to glide along at a becoming pace. But the long desired day dawned at last and the romance of two young lives reached its climax on Tuesday of last week when Miss Thornton and Mr. Hanna were duly married by the Rev. R.F. Dutcher at the home of the

parents of the groom near Eagle Harbor.

"The event was a most happy one and an elaborate supper followed the ceremony.

"These young people have fairly earned a life of connubial bliss and The Republican joins

with their friends in wishing for them the best and richest joys this old world is capable of conferring upon fond and loyal hearts."

Our illustration is from a wedding certificate dating back to the early 20th century.