

Lucy Hanks - Henry Sparrow

On p. 61, Vol. 1 of Barton's "Life of Abraham Lincoln", he comments at length on the fact that Henry and Lucy were not married for nearly a year after the license had been taken out.

In a letter of Louis A. Warren to Mrs. White, dated April 10, 1928, he tells her of the disappearance of the license bearing Lucy's signature, the document in which he claims that she signs herself widow. He says, "The day's search was not without some reward as we found the marriage license of H.S. and L.H., which shows that they were married four days after the certificate was granted. The clerk who copied the date of this certificate into the marriage register had made a mistake of a year which makes all this attempt to account for this year's interval between bond and wedding very foolish indeed."