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# MARRIAGE CERTIFICATE.

I, Francis Springer an acting and duly commissioned  
 Minister of the Gospel & Chaplain U.S.A. in and for the County of \_\_\_\_\_  
Post of Fort Smith, in the State of Arkansas, Do hereby Certify, that  
 on the \_\_\_\_\_ day of November 1866, at the  
 County of Post of Fort Smith in the State of Arkansas, I did duly  
 join in Marriage Major Thompson of Sebastian  
 County, State of Arkansas aged \_\_\_\_\_ years, and  
~~Minerva Williams~~ Amanda Henry of Sebastian County, State  
 of Arkansas, aged 20 years, and then and there  
 declared them to be husband and wife.

(SIGNATURE) Francis Springer  
Post Chaplain

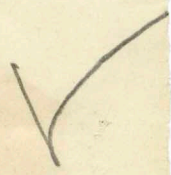
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(NOTE.)—If the marriage is solemnized by a minister of the gospel or priest, he will in addition, fill up and sign the following:)

And I do further certify that I have performed the Marriage Ceremony, according to the  
 Rites and customs of the Ev. Lutheran Church or Society of which  
 I am a Minister, and that my License to Solemnize Marriage was recorded in \_\_\_\_\_

\_\_\_\_\_ County, on the \_\_\_\_\_ day of \_\_\_\_\_  
 1866 Francis Springer  
 (SIGNATURE.) Post Chaplain

\* This Certificate will be made in triplicate, and one copy returned to the County Clerk, one to the Superintendent of Freedmen, and one to the parties married.





Major Thompson &  
wife Minerva

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