

Lawyer advertised in news space

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pensions may have been genuine, but in the *Telephone* notices he certainly wasn't modest about it. As the article progresses, he is described as "one of the most successful pension attorneys in the West, as his record shows. He has in his employ a competent corps of clerks and every mail gladdens the heart of some worthy veteran, or widow or orphan as a result of the efficient work of his Pension Agency."

What is missing from the article in the *Telephone* was Morgan's fee

for his assistance. The national statistics indicate that it could have been a lucrative financial sideline for attorneys and others knowledgeable enough to gather all of the necessary information from applicants.

The Pension Act of 1890 made it possible for claims of \$106,493,000 to be paid. Between 1891 and 1892, 311,567 pension certificates were issued by the federal government.

Morgan's career as an attorney/pension agent was not a long one. He died six years after his "advertisement" appeared in the *Telephone* at the age of 41 and was buried in Rose Hill Cemetery.