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Washington County Marriage Records Summarized Here From Marriage Books A, B, and C may be obtained in full and certified at a cost of \$1.00 for each entry. Address the Clerk of the County Court, Court House, Fayetteville, Arkansas.

## FOREWORD

July 2, 1845 marked the start of marriage records in Washington County, with certification of the April 1845 marriage of Richard Bean and Mary Parks. From this date, the record is continuous except for the two wartorn years of 1862 and 1863 when the county's books were hidden away. The only marriage records for those years were compiled from entries made in 1864 and succeeding years.

The names in this booklet were taken from Marriage Books A, B, and C, but rearranged by years and in alphabetical order according to both brides names and grooms names. This is the first publication of lists in this arrangement and the first time ever that several hundred names have been transcribed from the Washington County Marriage Books.

Through the courtesy of Mrs Ruth Roberts, Washington County Clerk and her staff permission was obtained to work on the record books. Much credit is due the Washington County Historical Society and its editor, Dr W J Lemke, for earlier work in transcribing and publishing marriage lists for the years 1845 - 1865. These appeared in early issues of FLASHBACK-Volumes III to VII--which are mostly out of print.

In the preparation of this booklet, the records for 1848 through 1865 were rearranged from the Flashback lists; the records for 1845-1847 and 1866-1869 were transcribed directly from the county's marriage books.

The county record books are in good condition, considering their age and natural wear and tear. Nevertheless, a good deal of work was required to make up the lists. The index is incomplete and is not arranged alphabetically. Entries were made in the order in which they were received for recording, and not necessarily by the date of the marriage. A few ministers and justices of the peace were lax about recording the marriages they performed. Some entries were months, or even years late. It was not unusual for an official to bring in several certifications for marriages performed over a period of months.

The usual longhand, often detailed entries required close examination to verify names. Fine penpoints, faded ink, 19th Century flourishes, sometimes near-illegible handwriting made it almost impossible to decipher some entries. Some names are written so that we cannot be sure of them, and once in a while the recorder forgot to list the name of the bride. Names are frequently misspelled; some family names may be spelled a half-dozen ways. But in this booklet most names are just as they appear in the marriage books.

Some errors are sure to occur, from the original entries to the publication herein. We have tried to reduce the number by a final recheck.



## THE MARRIAGE RECORD

This booklet provides an alphabetical arrangement of the marriages recorded in A, B, and C Marriage books, Washington County for the years 1845 through 1869. It was planned so as to permit the quick location of any particular record if the name of either the bride or groom was known. This called for a 2-column arrangement, the first giving the names of the contracting parties, in alphabetical order by grooms names and the second with the brides names in order with the married name in parentheses.

To obtain this arrangement, it was necessary to omit the middle names and initials. The separation by years seemed best since names listed under several different years may be found readily, even if the exact year is not known. The booklet giving the names and year of marriage will be sufficient for most research. If more facts are needed as to ages, locations, parental consent, exact date, or the name of the minister or justice of the peace, the original book record can be found without difficulty.

A transcribed and certified copy of the original entry in the marriage book may be obtained from the County Clerk of Washington County, Fayetteville, Arkansas for a fee of \$1.00. Inquirers should supply as much information as they have as to the names and approximate year of marriage.

### MISTAKES HAPPEN

Errors are bound to show up in transcribing some 5,000 names from hand written records that were handwritten in the county records more than 100 years ago. Not all of the mistakes are due to the age of the records, however, for the books have been rebound; a few pages were overlooked; and even in this final typing some errors creep in.

So a review of the original entries was made as this book was in the finishing stage. Two pages of the record had been bound in with index pages, with the loss of some names. In another place, a couple of pages had been flipped accidentally, and other names were omitted. And it is so easy to miss a short entry tucked in among a minister's credentials or a long handwritten certification.

Whatever the cause, we have gone over the books again and on the next page--or pages-- our best efforts have been given to clearing up the mistakes.

Repeat: If you want the complete entry as it stands in the marriage books, send \$1.00 with a request to the County Clerk, Washington County Court House, Fayetteville, Arkansas.

## CORRECTION SHEET

This unnumbered page is inserted to call attention to several corrections or variations to aid in the use of this booklet. Although most of the marriage entries are correct as to alphabetical order and grouping by years, some names are out of order, a few additions are yet to be filled in, and some errors need correction. For example, page 5 contains additional names for 1851, 1855, 1865, 1866, 1867, and 1868, and page 6 lists some of the possible interpretations of names in the record books.

The marriages listed here were taken from the county books as follows: Book A, marriages from 1845 through 1855 and part of 1856; Book B, marriages from part of 1856 and all of 1857 through 1861; and Book C, marriages from 1862 through 1869. The County Clerk has an index, made from this booklet which locates almost all of the entries by Marriage Book and page number.

The following are additional corrections that may be marked in your booklet if desired: Add 57 as the page number at bottom of page following No 56. Correct by changing the names as follows: Page 9, John Gray, not Gary; Page 35, Jacob Handricks, Not James; Page 37 William T Hill, not Torenzy; Page 66, Isaac Cherry, not Thomas. There are two entries for Zachariah Young-Margaret Southerland, on pages 39 and 115, Book A, however the marriage date is probably in 1848.

The following changes should be made in the entries as indicated in each case as follows:

Page 26, mark off Zebulon Edmiston-Jane Gray; it is on p.21  
Page 33, add Clark Terry-Tabetha Long  
Page 47, add E F Yeager-Artamissa Whited  
Elias Yeager-Isabella Chandler  
Page 53, add Henderson Bates-A E Pyeatt, and mark off on p 60  
Page 54, add George Scott-Mary Pain, and mark off on p.69  
Page 56, mark off Smith Jackson-Polly Williams, it is on p 52  
Page 58, add Thomas Fine-Laura Rieff  
Page 60, mark off Adrian Tronklin-Teresa Roberts, and see Addison Cardwell on page 5  
mark off James Chandler-Helen Ewing, it is on p 5  
Page 61, mark off Robert Young-Clarissa Shumate, and see Robert Young-Mitty Richard, page 5  
Page 62, mark off William Decatur-Mary Roberts, and see William Searcy-Mary Roberts, page 5  
Page 67, mark off Young Ewing-Lucinda Chandler, it is on p 51  
Page 69, mark off John Webber-Emily Hodges, it is on p 51

Write to the Washington County Historical Society for information on local or family history, booklet list, or membership, \$3.00 a year.

Write to the County Clerk, Washington County and enclose \$1.00 for copy of any marriage entry, and certification.

# Supplementary MARRIAGE RECORD 1851-1869

1851	James Adams-Nancy Ma-son William Austin-Mary Wear James Scott-Emily Hodges Jackson Story-Rachel Dill John Neal-Sarah Cabe	Sarah Cabe(Neal) Rachel Dill(Story) Emily Hodges(Scott) Nancy Ma-son(Adams) Mary Wear(Austin)	1851
1855	James Hood-Sarah Shults George Huckaby-Lucinda Sumner John Kelly-Elizabeth Ross James McCurdy-Martha Finley Albert Moore-Martha Martin Adam Roberson-Hester Finley Leander Shores-Sarah Shores Denton Sumner-Margaret Hitchcock	Hester Finley(Roberson) Martha Finley(McCurdy) Margaret Hitchcock(Sumner) Martha Martin(Moore) Elizabeth Ross(Kelly) Sarah Shores(Shores) Sarah Shults(Hood) Lucinda Sumner(Huckaby)	1855
1865	Robert Anderson-Cornelia Skelton Henderson Bates-A E Pyeatte James Chandler-Helen Ewing J B Haxelwood-Mary Woolsey William Hunt-Juda Dalton Samuel Reed-Sarah Ingram Primeus Rose-Louise Henry George Scott-Mary Pain	Juda Dalton(Hunt) Helen Ewing(Chandler) Louise Henry(Rose) Sarah Ingram(Reed) Mary Pain(Scott) A E Pyeatte(Bates) Cornelia Skelton(Anderson) Mary Woolsey(Hazelwood)	1865
1866	James Bynum-Dorothe Holcomb David Chapman-Sarah Reed Rufus Francisco-Martha James Willis Jones-Jule Darneal	Jule Darneal(Jones) Dorothe Holcomb(Bynum) Martha James(Francisco) Sarah Reed(Chapman)	1866
1867	Adrian Cardwell-Teresa Roberts Elisha Dodson-Mary Williams Wilson Graham-Marinda Quinton Daniel Keaton-Adaline Long Hiram King-Mary Reed Samuel Osborn-Martha Guinn Henry Posey-Julia Yeager William Reed-Nancy Sears Daniel Ritter-Minerva Carrigon B F Staggs-Elizabeth Maples John Wagon-Mary Coffee Bretin Wakefield-C Maguire Josiah Wasson-Caldonia McCamey Francis Williford-Anne Prewit Robert Young-Mitty Richard	Minerva Carrigon(Ritter) Mary Coffee(Wagon) Martha Guinn(Osborn) Adaline Long(Keaton) C Maguire(Wakefield) Elizabeth Maples(Staggs) Caldonia(McCamey(Wasson) Anne Prewitt(Williford) Marinda Quinton(Graham) Mary Reed(King) Mitty Richard(Young) Teresa Roberts(Cardwell) Nancy Sears(Reed) Mary Williams(Dodson) Julia Yeager(Posey)	1867
1868	Moses Anderson-Mary Eidson Jefferson Daniel-Louisa Oliver Archible Dobbs-Judith Sharp Thomas Roberts-Mary Moore Wallace Russell-Julia English William Searcy-Nancy Roberts	Mary Eidson(Anderson) Julia English(Russell) Mary Moore(Roberts) Louisa Oliver(Daniel) Nancy Roberts(Searcy) Judith Sharp(Dobbs)	1868
1869	John Eddings-Catherine Pidcock James Farley-Margaret Devering Walter Johnson-Martha Whaly John Moore-Sally Moore	Margaret Devering(Farley) Sally Moore(Moore) Catherine Pidcock(Eddings) Martha Whaly(Johnson)	1869

These names add to the lists for 1851, 1855, 1865, 1866, 1867 and 1869.

Another reading of the marriage books clears up some questions about names, but raises other uncertainties, for there are names that could be read, or deciphered in various ways.

For example, in the list below, Boyd is actually Bloyd Hunter is probably Hunton, the blank after Mahaly should be Clery, and William Torenzy is Wm Torenzy Hill. And so, with no attention to minor differences, the names written after the mark, / is an actual or possible correction. This should be helpful in tracing families. The name first given is the one in the records in this book:

- 1846: Hamer/Harrer; Haren/Harer; Sherman/Therman; landers/Sanders
- 1848: Boyd/Bloyd; Stewart/Steward; Goard/Godard; M. Marrs/Tillars
- 1849: Short/Stout; Bell/Beal; Hunter/Hunton
- 1850: Harris/Harrer      1851: Stell/Steel; Skelton/Shelton
- 1853: Langford/Lankford; Deavin/Dearin; Mahaly.../Mahaly Clery  
Sarah Sh.../ Sarah Sherrel
- 1854: Rhea/Reed; Kirby/King
- 1855: Counter/Coulter; Castleman/ McCastleman
- 1856: Woodrull/Woodruff; Myron O.../Myron Durkee
- 1857: Brown/Barron; Witt/Wiëtt; Baker/Barker; Wm Torenzy/W T Hill
- 1858: Pine/Fine; Cott; C. x; Lively/Linly; Walker/Walther
- 1859: Haverson/Harrison; Woodley/Woolsey; Joseph L.../Lewallen  
Stevenson/Stiverson; Joseph Alexander/ Joseph A. Land
- 1860: Squire Marrs/Samuel Marrs; Green/Greer; Fish/Fisk  
Burger/Burgess; Moon/Moore; Saxton/Sexton; Center/Carter
- 1861: Carn.../Cary; Case/Ross; Will/Winn; Harris/Hood; Brgne/Bryne  
Free/Tfree; Poughton/Loughton
- 1865: Elizabeth R..../ Elizabeth Ramsey
- 1866: Marvel/Howell; Gavin/Gwin; Word/Ward; Gardintnin/  
Gardenhire
- 1867: James/Jones; Aker/Whitaker; Boland/Ballard; Maris/Marrs
- 1868: Mary T.../Mary Tunnell; Twiley/Lively; Foster/Fowler;  
Beyer/Bayer; Kimbrough/Kimbrell; Harms/Harnes/Harris;  
Blake/Black; Gunter/Gunterman
- 1869: Morrow/Morrison; Woods/Wade; Corvin/Cavin; Stout/Stone;  
Barrett/Barnett; Benson/Henson; R Emmaline/ R E Nunnly