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Marriage Records of Ashe County, North Carolina

1801-1872

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Introduction

The marriage records of Ashe County, North Carolina are incomplete. Some years ago the

earliest records were either stolen or burned or both. The 2,100 marriage records presented

here are from what remains in the court house in Jefferson, NC; the State Archives, Raleigh,

NC; the Library of Congress and National Archives, Washington, DC; and other sources, i.e.,

pension applications and family bibles when available.

Some of these early records are very difficult to read and the best possible transcription has

been made. Alternative or modern spellings are given when it seemed necessary for clarity or

serious doubt arose. There are conflicting dates on some on the documents, with one stating

one thing and another conflicting with that, in such cases both pieces of information are

presented with no claim to the correctness of either.

The amount of information given for some marriage records is greater than for others, the

pertinent information available is presented, if not, you may assume that it was not given in the

original document.

Formatting of this transcript has been something of a problem because there were different

types of sources used, therefore some blanks will be found as you search for information. The

basic format will be as follows:

GROOM BRIDE DATE SOURCE OF INFORMATION

ADMINISTRATOR BONDSMAN WITNESS(ES)

Source 1 is the marriage register, Ashe County Court House, Jefferson, NC

Source 2 is a collection of loose marriage bonds, Ashe County CH, Jefferson, NC.

Source 3 is the State Archives, Raleigh, NC

Source 4 is other material, pension applications, family bibles, etc.

When searching for marriages in North Carolina (and many other states) prior to 1868,

remember it was perfectly legal to be married and have no written record of the event. North

Carolina recognized marriage by publication of banns, and common law marriages were not

uncommon. In some cases, a common law relationship was established and later a marriage

bond was obtained and a formal marriage took place. After Reconstruction and the North

Carolina Constitution of 1868, a written record should have been made and probably is

preserved. Records after this date may be obtained from the Office of the Clerk of Court, Ashe

County Court House, Jefferson, NC 28640.

Groom Bride Date SOURCE

Administrator Bondsman Witness(es)

Osborn, Alexander Osborn, Polly 10/25/1855 1,3

J. W. Fisher Robert Gambill

Osborn, C. W. Greer, Elizabeth 2/7/1866 1,3

A. McEwen George Osborn

Osborn, Calvin Shules, Martha 3/12/1853 4

Osborn, Clemas Brown, Nancy Caroline 3/18/1855 1,3

C. H. Johnson, J.P. J. A. King, D.C.

Osborn, David Sheets, Susan 5/11/1867 1,3

J. W. Fisher John Petty G. W. Ketchum

Osborn, David Graybeal, Mary Jane Maxwell 11/17/1866

1,3

John Graybeal Jacob Roton

Osborn, Eli Austin, Polly 11/11/1854 1,3

Henry R. Vanover Jno. A. Jones

Osborn, Enoch Sapp, Rebecca 3/18/1859 1

Jno. Eldreth

Osborn, Enoch Dougherty, Hannah 9/2/1855 1,3

J. A. King Robert Gambill

Osborn, Enoch Smith Jones, Carrie 6/25/1906 4

Osborn, F. L. Weiss, Melvina 10/12/1858 1,3

Jno. F. Greer, J.P. J. M. Gentry, D.

Osborn, George H. Wilson, Frankey C. 12/17/1866 1,3

George Cole, J.P. Jacob Roton

Osborn, Granvill Graybeal, Mariann 6/8/1867 1,3

James Wagg S. Pennington

Osborn, Harrison Price, Dialpha 12/8/1866 1,3

George Cole, J.P. Jacob Roton

Osborn, Hiram Maddrin, Rebecca Vanover 9/23/1866 1,3

Jno. Osborn, J.P. Jacob Roton

Osborn, James Miller, Clemenzy 12/23/1865 1,3

J. B. Miller, J.P. S. M. Carson, D.

Osborn, James C. Burke, Susan 10/15/1865 1,3

Reuben Kilbu Jno. Eldreth

Osborn, James R. Asbury, Sarildy 5/20/1867 3

Andrew Powers R. T. Hardin

Osborn, Jesse Farmer, Lucinda 5/13/1848 2,3

William Weaver Nathan Weaver

Osborn, Jesse M. Osborn, Lucindy 8/8/1857 1,3

R. Jones James Osborn R. Jones, D.C.

Osborn, John Jones, Polly 4/10/1853 1,3

Samuel Sapp, J.P. J. Baker, D.C.

Osborn, John S. Williams, Hannah 9/5/1855 1,3

J. A. King Enoch Osborn J. A. King

Osborn, Jonathan Brown, Nancy 5/2/1861 4

James Sapp, J.P. Jno. Eldreth, J.P.

Osborn, Jonathan Stamper, Mary 10/14/1849 2,3

Nelson C. Woo. Nathan Weaver

Osborn, Mathias Price, Catherine 12/23/1866 1,3

R. Kilby R. T. Hardin, C.

Osborn, Noah Dolinger, Nancy 3/27/1861 3

William Sexton, J.P. S. P. Wagg, D.C.

Osborn, Richard F. Wilson, Nancy E. 12/17/1866 1,3

George Cole, J.P. Jacob Roton

Osborn, Washington Sheets, Mima 6/6/1853 1,3

Joshua Long Jasper Osborn Nathan Weaver

Osborn, William Lewis, Serena 1/18/1868 3

R. T. Hardin, C.

Osborn, William Cole, Elizabeth 11/3/1851 1,3

Jno. Parsons, J.P. Solomon Parsons Solomon Parsons

Osborn, William E. Osborne, Rebecca Lavina 4/21/1907 4

Osborn, William H. Clear, Polly A. 12/27/1863 1,3

Andrew Powers James Wagg, Clk.

Osborn, Zadoch Hopper, Catherine 11/17/1849 2,3

Eli Osborn Nathan Weaver

Osborne, Alexander Cole, Louanna 11/18/1866 1

George Cole

Osborne, Andrew Eastridge, Mary 9/23/1861 1

John Osborne

Osborne, Caleb Lewis, Letty 5/23/1851 1

Jesse Farmer

Osborne, Calvin Sheets, Martha 3/12/1853 3

Jasper Osborne Nathan Weaver

Osborne, Ephraim Osborne, Barbara \_\_ 1

John Eldreth

Osborne, Gideon Lewis Osborne, Margaret 9/8/1877 4

Osborne, Isom Osborne, Silvia 2/5/1852 1

C. H. Doughten

Osborne, James Arthur Osborne, Amanda Elizabeth 6/13/1909

4

Osborne, James R. Ashley, Lucinda 5/30/1867 1

Andrew Powers

Osborne, John Ashley, nancy 1/10/1870 4

Osborne, Jonathan Crows, Polly 6/23/1853 1

C. H. Doughten

Osborne, Joseph Estil Osborne, Zilpha 12/15/1879 4

Osborne, Robert Caldwell, Mary 9/21/1868 1

R. Kilby

Osborne, Thomas Brown, Catherine 9/28/1865 1

C. H. Johnston

Osborne, Wiley Roark, Abigail 12/22/1868 1

J. J. Brown

Wilson, Isaac Greer, Caroline 3/24/1849 2,3

Abner Smith G. M. Bingham