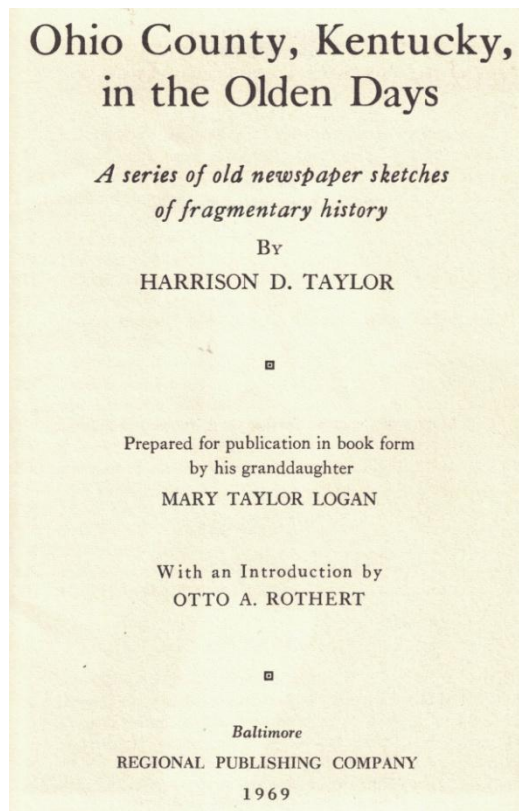


Ohio County Unindexed Marriages

By Jerry Long

There have been three published books that have attempted to index and list some of the marriage records of Ohio County, KY. They are:



“Ohio County Marriage Records, 1799 to 1840”, Ohio County, Kentucky, in the Olden Days, by Harrison D. Taylor & Mary Taylor Logan (Louisville, KY, 1926, reprinted Baltimore, MD: Regional Publishing Company, 1969), pp.135-190. On page 135 the following introduction was printed:

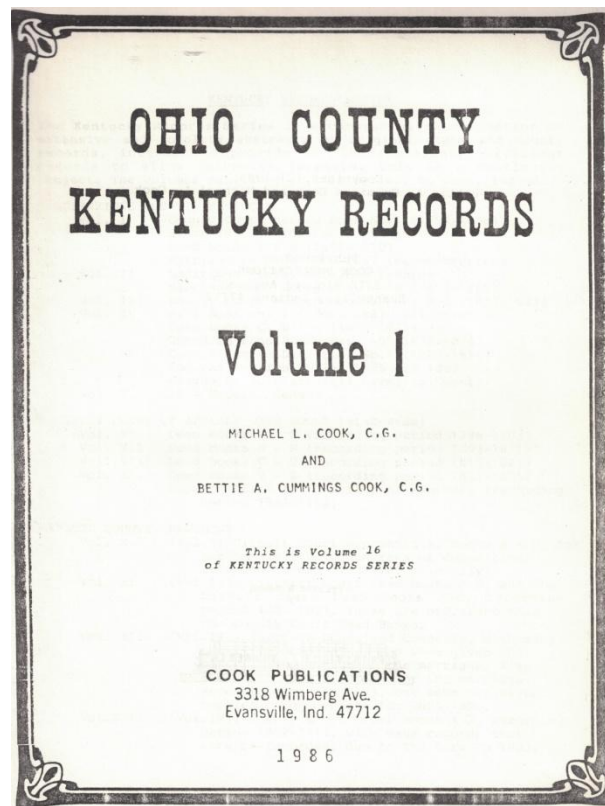
The following list of early marriages was compiled from the original certificates returned by the ministers or county officials who were authorized to perform the ceremony. These more or less loosely filed documents [supplemented by a book of copies of records from 1808 to 1828, indexed and neatly written by Charles Henderson] constituted the only record of early marriages until 1923, when Miss Amelia May Barnett [now Mrs. Whittier W. Rogers], at the request of Mrs. Mary Hale Dean, arranged the mass of papers in chronological order and listed them in a ledger.

It is probable that in Ohio County, as in other counties in early times, ministers sometimes failed to return the certificates until months after they had performed the ceremony, and in some such cases, through error, gave the date of the marriage the same as the date of the belated report. A few marriages are twice recorded all such entries show a variation in the date and in some of the names. How many of the records are missing will never be known, for in those days no memorandum was kept of the blanks that were called for nor of those that had been returned. Some returns may have been lost many years ago after they had been deposited in the county clerk's office, and, as was the case elsewhere in pioneer times, some may never have been turned in at all.

The frequency of bad penmanship and phonetic spelling makes it impossible to prepare a list in which every name and date can be given with exactitude. Erroneous spelling has not been corrected. The only changes made are in some of the Christian names which have been abbreviated to prevent the entry from exceeding one line. In some instances the name of the minister or the bondsman could not be deciphered.

The entries are here published in duplicate with the names of the brides and grooms in alphabetical order. The date of marriage is followed by the name of the person who performed the ceremony, and second by the bondsman who declared that he knew of no legal objection to the proposed marriage.

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Ohio County Kentucky Records, Volume I, Michael L. Cook & Bettie A. Cummings Cook (Evansville, IN: Cook Publications, originally published in 1980 and revised and republished in 1986), "Marriage Bonds and Consents (1799-1880)", 1-135 and "Marriage Addendum", 142-167. The following notes introduced and explained the marriage indexing:

Introduction

The first section of this book contains a revised compilation of a book that was first published by us in 1980, titled Marriages and Early Consents 1799-1880 of Ohio County, Kentucky. This section includes Consents from the files of the Ohio County Clerk's Office, File No. 1 (1799-1807), File No.2 (1808-1813), and File No.3 (1814-1817). These files consisted of small, often wrinkled and tattered, slips, of paper which have in recent years been preserved by placing them between laminated sheets of plastic. One can only guess at the number of these that have disappeared in the intervening years. The information from these Consents has been added to the records of the marriages taken from the Index Volumes of the County Clerk's Office in Hartford, and, for approximately the first forty years of the marriages, the bondsmen and the officiating persons have also been added. In preparing this revised version, every one of the marriages has been checked against the marriage bonds, and this has resulted in a number of corrections as to the spellings, and in correcting several names entirely. It should be noted, however, that the spelling has been preserved as written originally in these records, and a researcher should keep in mind that the names may not be spelled as they are spelled, today, many of them having been written with phonetical spellings by the Clerks. One should consult all possible spellings in the indexes.

In checking the records against the marriage bonds, the Clerk's Office discovered that Marriage Bond Book F (1844-1865) was not included in the Master Index to Marriages. While it contained duplications of some marriage bonds found in other record books, over-lapping the dates 1844 to 1865, approximately three hundred additional marriages were discovered. These have now been added to this compilation, and appears in Section II of this book, with a separate index.

Dates appearing in this book are taken from the File Book and Master Index Book, and are not necessarily the exact date that the marriage ceremony was performed; some dates refer, to date of consent, some to the marriage bond.

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Michael L. Cook, C.G.

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Ohio County Marriage Index

*Volume 1
1799-1905*

and

*Volume 2
1906-1963*

compiled by Timothy D. Cox

Ohio County Marriage Index, Volume 1 – 1799-1905 and Volume 2 – 1906-1963, Timothy D. Cox (Utica, KY: McDowell Publications, 1998). The book contained the following introduction:

This book was compiled from the microfilmed Marriage Index from the Ohio County, KY Courthouse. There are 21,487 marriages from 1799 up to 1963 recorded in the original index and all of them are recorded here in Volumes 1 & 2.

Unfortunately there are another 2,000 or more marriages that were not recorded in the original index. When the index recording project began many years ago, the people responsible for the recording did not include five volumes in the index. Therefore these volumes, E, F, M, N, & P are not included in this book.

When using this book as a reference, please keep in mind that there are several errors in the original index and I have recorded them just as they were recorded in that index. There were several couples that are listed more than once and each listing gives a different date. Just because the date is listed here, do not take this as the actual date of marriage. The researcher must look at the original marriage document to ensure the accuracy of the recorded date as well as the recorded names of the couple.

Timothy D. Cox
September 1996

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Notes on indexing of Ohio County marriages by Jerry Long

1. The 1799-1840 listing of marriages in the 1926 book, Ohio County, Kentucky, in the Olden Days, contains several marriages that do not appear in the subsequent books by Michael & Bettie Cook and Timothy Cox and some are not in the master index at the county clerk's office, Ohio County Courthouse, Hartford, KY.
2. In metal file drawers in the county clerk's office, Ohio County Courthouse, Hartford, KY are original loose marriage documents – these have never been conscientiously cross-checked to see if they are all included in the master index.
3. The early marriages, especially prior to 1870 were haphazardly filed – some were loose documents, or bond books (Books C, D, G & H - copy of license) or marriage registers (Books A, B, E & F - running list of marriage returns). There is duplication between these and also there were entries that were unique to each.
4. When the master index at the courthouse was compiled, by WPA workers during the Depression, it was assumed that all of the marriages in the marriage registers (books A, B, E & F) were included in the bond books (C, D, G & H) and thus were not used in compiling the index. The Cooks after publishing their 1980 book learned of the omission of 315 marriages in Book F and added them in an addendum in their 1986 edition. These 315 marriages were subsequently added to the master index.

5. In 1991 this writer discovered 2 marriages in Book B and 67 marriages in Book E that were not included in the master index. On 5 May 1991 I gave to the Ohio County Court Clerk Robert Magan a list of these marriages, who subsequently had them entered into the master index. This list is found below, it was also published in Kentucky Family Records, Vol. 15, West-Central Kentucky Family Research Association (Utica, KY: McDowell Publications, 1990-1991), 39-40, 46-48 and "Lineage Lines", by Harry D. Tinsley, Times-News, Hartford, KY: 27 June 1991, 12B & 3 July 1991, 12A. This list of unindexed marriages were not included in the marriage books by the Cooks or Cox. I believe there are other marriage records that are not listed in the current master index of Ohio County marriages.

6. The Ohio County marriage books by the Cooks and Cox were compiled from the Ohio County Court Clerk's master index volumes at the Ohio County Courthouse and consequently list the marriage bond (license) dates not the actual marriage date which usually was entered on the original source (book or loose document). Due to this in many family trees the bond date is given as the couple's marriage date. Sometimes they married on the day the license was obtained but in many cases it was not. Frequently they traveled to Hartford one day to get their license and after returning home were married on a subsequent day.

7. During the years of 1852-1861 the state of Kentucky recorded some vital statistics and in the marriages recorded for Ohio County there are some that were not entered in the master index of marriages at the Ohio County Courthouse. These records can be searched in the Ancestry.com online database labeled "Kentucky, U.S., County Marriage Records, 1783-1965".

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The following marriages, recorded in Ohio County, KY marriage book E were not indexed in the marriage master index, at the Ohio County Courthouse. A list of these marriages on 5 May 1991 were submitted to the Ohio County Clerk Robert Magan, who had them recorded in the master index:

Adams, L. B.	-	Frances Mauzy	10 Jan 1861	p.40
"at W. H. Adams"				
Addington, Joshua B.	-	Polly Fulkerson	14 Mar 1861	p.42
Addington, W. B.	-	Newletta Brown	27 Dec 1860	p.40
"at Presley Browns"				
Ashby, John I.	-	Lewdexy A. Ashby	24 May 1860	p.35
"at Peter Ashbys"				
Austin, William	-	Juda A. Chick	3 Jan 1861	p.40
"at B. Chicks"				
Autry, John W.	-	Martha C. Pierce	7 Mar 1861	p.42
Bennett, James H.	-	Susan C. Riley	25 Oct 1860	p.38
"at Benjamin F. Rileys"				
Blalock, George	-	Sarah A. Shields	16 Oct 1860	p.38
"at William Shields"				

Block, David J.	-	Henrietta Phipps	20 May1861	p.43
"at Mrs. Sarah Phipps"				
Boswell, Thomas H.	-	Mahala F. Felix	19 Dec 1860	p.39
"at Philip Felixs"				
Broomfield, Newton	-	Martha F. Morris	1 Feb 1860	p.32
"at Daniel Morris"				
Cates, James	-	Mary Phipps	21 Mar 1861	p.42
"at Mrs. Sarah Phipps"				
Chapman, Hiram	-	Mrs. Eliza Williams	13 Nov1860	p.38
Chapman, Solomon	-	Elizabeth Austin	12 Jan 1861	p.40
"at James Lees"				
Combs, Garland	-	Nancy J. Phillips	28 Jan 1861	p.41
"at Thomas Phillips"				
Crabtree, Ralph P.	-	Amanda M. Bennett	3 Jan 1861	p.40
"at Nathan Bennetts"				
Daniel, Job	-	Sarah E. Christian	19 Dec 1860	p.39
"at Elizabeth Christians"				
Davis, John T.	-	Mary L. Stevens	24 Mar 1860	p.33
"at James Stevens"				
Davis, M. D.	-	Lucinda Kelly	18 Dec 1860	p.39
Dexter, William W.	-	Mary Ann Massey	7 Mar 1861	p.42
"at Benjamin Dexters"				
Dunn, Wiliam S.	-	A. E. James	29 Mar 1860	p.34
"at M. James"				
Etheridge, Aruza	-	Mrs. Bethany Shawler	9 Apr 1863	p.58
"at John Hides"				
Ezell, James J.	-	Minerva J. Daugherty	15 Apr 1860	p.34
"at W. Daughertys"				
Ferguson, G. W.	-	Nancy M. Williams	3 Apr 1861	p.42
"at Frances Coopers"				
Ford, John C.	-	Bettie F. Shanks	14 May1861	p.43
"at Hartford"				
Fulkerson, William T.	-	Amelia B. Hocker	28 Oct 1860	p.38
"at Charles Hockers"				
Gentry, David	-	Amelia C. Austin	15 Oct 1860	p.38
Green, George W.	-	Mrs. Susan Arvin	17 Jan 1861	p.40
"at George Hintons"				
Grigsby, John C.	-	Nancy Rowe	17 Aug1860	p.37
"at William Rowes"				
Hall, Philip F.	-	Cynthia J. Spinks	8 Nov 1860	p.38
"at Philip Spinks"				
Hawkins, John A.	-	Elizabeth Crisp	17 Dec 1857	p.13
"at St. Lawrence Catholic Church"				
Hendricks, Bernard C.	-	Mary D. Coleman	29 Aug1860	p.37
"at William D. Colemans"				
Igleheart, Benjamin T.	-	Matilda C. Patterson	6 Dec 1860	p.39

"at A. Pattetsons"				
Igleheart, Jacob H.	-	Mrs. Catherine Perkins	28 Feb 1861	p.41
"at Point Pleasant"				
Kelley, Philander R.	-	Mary F. Burks	1 Mar 1860	p.33
"at John P. Burks"				
Kimbley, Isaac F.	-	Nancy A. Shultz	23 Aug 1860	p.37
Kirkendoll, L. D.	-	Charlotte Ford	29 Sep 1860	p.37
"at Mark Kirkendolls"				
Leach, Joseph	-	Kitty Ann Kendall	24 Dec 1860	p.39
"at Worden Kendalls"				
Leizure, Reuben	-	Mrs. Eliza A. Milton	22 Nov 1860	p.38
"at F. Sandefurs"				
Liles, Robert L.	-	Supporah Kendall	24 Dec 1860	p.39
"at Worden Kendalls"				
Lowe, Thomas J.	-	Charlotte Smith	21 Jun 1860	p.35
"at David Smiths"				
Maxwell, Cicero	-	Florence Morton	4 Jun 1861	p.43
"at Isaac Mortons"				
Montague, Archibald P.	-	Nancy E. Leach	24 May 1860	p.35
Morris, James	-	Osey Logsdon	31 Jan 1861	p.41
"at J. Logsdons"				
Morris, William H.	-	Eliza Southard	16 Oct 1860	p.37
Nally, A. T.	-	L. O. Strother	11 Oct 1860	p.37
"at Mrs. E. Strothers"				
Newton, Jacob T.	-	Mary L. Bradfield	23 Feb 1860	p.33
"at Elzy Bradfields"				
Park, Jesse	-	Dulsabella Daniel	16 Jan 1861	p.41
"at Miles Daniels"				
Phelps, Golson	-	Catherine Wilson	May 1860	p.35
Renfrow, Edward C.	-	America Sutton	3 Mar 1861	p.42
"at J. C. Suttons"				
Roder, Conrad	-	Margaret A. Ashby	18 Jan 1860	p.32
"at Jesse Ashbys"				
Rogers, Milton	-	Mary E. Langley	24 Sep 1860	p.37
"at Clem Langleys"				
Sharp, Isaac	-	Margaret A. Wilhite	11 Aug 1860	p.36
"at George Dodsons"				
Stevens, John W.	-	Nancy J. Webb	16 Feb 1860	p.33
"at Achilles Webbs"				
Stewart, William Thomas	-	Mary E. Hobdy	1 Aug 1861	p.45
"at R. Hobdys"				
Strother, John F.	-	Ellen Simmons	Jun 1860	p.36
Tanner, Frederick	-	Lucy E. Woodward	27 Dec 1860	p.39
"at Ashford Woodward's"				
Taylor, Francis M.	-	Lucinda C. Cooper	3 Jan 1861	p.40
"at John Coopers"				

Thomas, Benjamin "at Thomas Dukes"	-	Margaret E. Duke	7 Jan 1861	p.40
Ulrey, Silas O. "at Henry Allens"	-	Milley Allen	14 Jan 1861	p.40
Walker, Richard M. "at Frank Sullengers"	-	Amanda E. Sullenger	6 Feb 1860	p.37
Walter, John M. "at James Roachs"	-	Elizabeth Roach	10 Oct 1860	p.37
Ward, James R. "at Sarah Westerfields"	-	Sarah E. Westerfield	20 Feb 1860	p.33
Ward, John B. "at A. B. Bennetts"	-	Mary J. Benton	21 Feb 1860	p.33
Whittinghill, Remus T. "at George W. Turners"	-	Eliza H. Turner -	5 Jan 1860	p.32
Wilson, Johnson "at Harvey Rices"	-	Martha E. Rice	23 Aug 1860	p.37
Wright, Alex'r "at John Powers"	-	Nancy J. Powers	7 Jan 1861	p.40
Yokam, Charles "at Mrs. E. Strothers"	-	NancyM. Strother	11 Oct 1860	p.37

Ohio County, KY Marriage Book B was checked and the following marriages were found to not be recorded in the master index:

Williams, James	-	Elizabeth Tichenor	15 Oct 1842	p.9
Dodson, George	-	Cynthia Ann Hudson	19 Mar 1843	p.8

The following marriages were also not recorded in the master index of marriages at the Ohio County Courthouse:

Albin, Benjamin T. bond by William Faught	-	Cynthia Jane Faught	4 Apr 1842	bond
Albin, Benjamin Talbot bond by Joseph R. Albin	-	Amelia Davis	7 Dec 1838	bond
Ambrose, Preston F.	-	Adaline J. Low	23 Feb 1847	book F-p103
Baize, Charles	-	Matilda H. Shepherd	17 Feb 1844	bond
Brumfield, Woodson	-	Matilda Everon [Heavrin]	15 Oct 1853	bond
Burton, George	-	Mary Pate	16 Jan 1853	
Calloway, William D.	-	Julia Ann McKindley	25 May 1850	
Cox, Samuel, Jr. bond by Henry Wilson	-	Matilda Wilson	24 Aug 1850	bond
Daugherty, Sidney	-	Sarah French	1 Jun 1843	
Douglas, John	-	Sarah French	1843	
Franklin, William H.	-	Letty Jane Woodward	3 Jan 1844	
Hicks, Isaac	-	Elizabeth Royal	3 May 1845	
Hudson, James P.	-	Lucy R. Patton	24 Jun 1852	book F-p120

McKinley, Alexander	-	Mary Coombs	7 Mar 1849	
Preston, William	-	Mary Ann Schorder	14 Jan 1840	
consent by father Frederick Schorder				
Shreader, Frederick	-	Mrs. Milly Williams	9 Mar 1842	bond
Stevens, Henry T.	-	Cerilda C. Bennett	9 Apr 1856	
Tanner, William	-	V. E. Downs	12 May 1845	bond
Thomas, George M.	-	Sarah Ann Keown	29 Jan 1849	

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Generally on the Ohio County marriages prior to 1861 the only information that may have been recorded was –names, marriage date, bond date, parent or guardian’s consent if one of the couple were under legal age (males 21 and females 18), who paid bond, name of celebrant, and sometimes witnesses and place of marriage. Beginning with Marriage Book H (1861) in addition to the preceding data other supplemental information was added – groom & brides’ ages, residences and places of birth, occupation of groom, their parent’s places of birth, and number of times groom and bride have been married. In 1900 beginning with Marriage Book 14 the names of the parents of the groom and bride were recorded. See following example:

Marriage Bond.

THE COMMONWEALTH OF KENTUCKY.

Be it known, That we _____

as principal, and _____

as surety, are jointly and severally bound to the Commonwealth of Kentucky,

in the sum of One Hundred Dollars.

The Condition of this Bond is as follows:

That, whereas, Marriage is intended to be solemnized between the above

bound _____

and _____

Now, if there is no lawful cause to obstruct said Marriage, this Bond shall

be void; otherwise it shall remain in full force and effect.

Dated at _____ County,

this _____ day of _____ 189 _____

Attest: _____

Clerk,
COUNTY COURT.

By _____ D. C.

MALE.

- 1. Date of Marriage _____
- 2. Name of Groom _____
- 3. Residence of Groom _____
- 4. Age of Groom _____
- 5. Number of Marriage of Groom _____
- 6. Occupation _____
- 7. Birthplace of Groom _____
- 8. Name and Birthplace of Groom's Father _____
- 9. Name and Birthplace of Groom's Mother _____

FEMALE.

- 10. Name of Bride _____
- 11. Residence of Bride _____
- 12. Age of Bride _____
- 13. Number of Marriage of Bride _____
- 14. Birthplace of Bride _____
- 15. Name and Birthplace of Bride's Father _____
- 16. Name and Birthplace of Bride's Mother _____
- 17. Remarks _____

N. B.—At Nos. 5 and 13 state whether first, second, etc., Marriage of each or either party

To be married at _____
on the _____ day of _____ 190_____

I CERTIFY that the above is correct to the best of my knowledge and belief.

Witness my hand, this _____ day of _____ 190_____

ATTEST :

CLERK

COUNTY COURT.

MARRIAGE CERTIFICATE.

THIS IS TO CERTIFY, That on the _____ day of _____ 190_____,
the **rites of marriage** were legally solemnized by me between

AND

at _____ in the County of _____
in the presence of _____

Signed,

NOTE.—The Statute requires the names of at least two witnesses to be inserted in the foregoing Certificate.