

Name of First 100 Wedding Parties in County are Listed

Circuit Records at Court House Searched for Early Marriages—First Was In 1819

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Names are interesting. Isolated by time or geography, they may not be so much so, but we feel that a record of the first 100 marriages in Cooper county might catch the eye of many of the readers of the Advertiser, who are descended from these pioneer men and women who repeated marriage vows in a county still inhabited by wild Indians. The Advertiser indebted to Circuit Clerk Albert Hoff, who permitted us to search the court house records.

In copying the names there is considerable chance for error, for the records are old and dim, and some of the writing is not what it might be. If you find an ancestor here, you are welcome; if you like the story, tell us so.

The first marriage in the county should receive some "special" space, we believe. We will copy it verbatim from the record:

"Be it known unto all persons whom it may concern that I Benjamin Proctor, a minister of the gospel, on the eleventh day of February, 1819, solemnized the ceremonies of matrimony betwixt John Turner of the one part and Nancy Campbell of the other.

Given under my hand this day and date above mentioned.
Benjamin Proctor

Following are the first 100 recorded Cooper county marriages; the men's names are given in alphabetical order under each year:

- 1819.
- Brown, Cicero, and Elizabeth Jufres—Sept. 28.
- Bullard, Nathaniel, and Sally Langley—Oct. 21.
- Cole, Holbert, and Anna—Dec. 28.
- Cowin, Henry, and Honor Howard—July 28.
- Deckard, James, and Christina Crawford—Sept. 12.
- Forse, Charles, and Betsy Connor—Sept. 7.
- Green, John, and Nancy Boyd—May 6.
- Hall, William, and Sally Estes—Dec. 9.
- Ish, William, and Martha Huklin—June 7.
- Lakey, Joshua, and Polly Brown—Aug. 20.
- Lemey, Patrick, and Jane Hogg—Dec. 30.
- Meadows, Jeremiah, and Anne Musick—June 28.
- Potter, William, and Nancy Dilard—Nov. 18.
- Russell, Andrew, and Mornan Martin—Aug. 8.
- Smith, John, and Sally McMahan—May 3.
- Swearfngen, William, and Polly Hirley—Sept. 2.

- Tonillo, George, and Sally Davis—Nov. 21.
- Turner, John, and Nancy Campbell—Feb. 11.
- Young, William, and Elizabeth Ca-tron—Nov. 30.
- 1820
- Allson, Thomas, and Sarah Hall—Dec. 6.
- Backster, John, and Patsy Mullins—July 16.
- Campbell, James, and Elizure Ann Jennings—April 4.
- Clark, Rensselaer, and Nancy Tarwater—Jan. 27.
- Clay, Johnson, and Rebecca Collet—May 4.
- Collens, James, and Rebecca Chapman—Feb. 28.
- Colter, David, and Eliza Stone—April 13.
- Compton, Gersham, and Jane Davis—Feb. 27.
- DeWitt, Larkin, and Hannah Ewing—July 20.
- Dial, Stephen, and Deborah Stone—Aug. 27.
- Godden, Joseph H., and Jalne Allen—March 14.
- Harris, Reuben B., and Ann Brown—June 22.
- Harley, Andrew B., and Peggy Galbreath—June 25.
- Hill, John, and Sucky James—Oct. 15.
- Howard, Charles, and Elizabeth Mulkey—April 26.
- Huff, A., and Newsany Mullin—Jan. 20.
- Johnson, John, and Sarah Moore—Dec. 24.
- Mahon, David P., and Susan Letchworth—Sept. 17.
- McDaniel, William, and Katy Fisher—March 16.
- Meray, William D., and Sally W. Renick—Oct. 24.
- Miller, William, and Sally Mulky—Aug. 31.
- Parny, William, and Polly Exeon—Jan. 3.
- Proctor, John, and Lily West—Nov. 5.
- Roberston, John, and Phamy Ca-tron—June 13.
- Rogers, Wm. M., and Polly Lillard—March 14.
- Smallwood, Bushnell, and Peggy Driscoe—Sept. 13.
- Stephens, Lawrence, and Margaret Moore—Sept. 24.
- Thomas, Jacob, and Catherine Woolery—April 27.
- Thornton, John, and Katharine Hogg—Dec. 7.
- Wells, Joseph, and Sally Bradley—March 28.
- White, William, and Nancy Nave—March 5.
- Whitson, Thompson, and Hannah Marr—March 26.

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Son