

Kentucky Marriage Records, 1852-1914

Name:	Isaac Willoughby
Age:	21
Est. Birth Year:	abt 1835
Residence:	Butler
Spouse Name:	Eliza Smith
Spouse Age:	21
Est. Spouse Birth Year:	abt 1835
Spouse Birth Location:	Grayson
Spouse Residence:	Butler
Marriage Date:	14 Jan 1856
Marriage Location:	Butler
County of Record:	Butler

Source Information

Ancestry.com. *Kentucky Marriage Records, 1852-1914* [database on-line]. Provo, UT, USA: Ancestry.com Operations Inc, 2007. Original data: Kentucky. *Kentucky Birth, Marriage and Death Records – Microfilm (1852-1910)*. Microfilm rolls #994027-994058. Kentucky Department for Libraries and Archives, Frankfort, Kentucky.

About Kentucky Marriage Records, 1852-1914

This database is an index to Kentucky marriages from 1852-1914. Information that may be found in this database for each entry includes the following:

Names of bride and groom

Ages of bride and groom

Birthplaces of bride and groom

Residences of bride and groom

Parents' birthplaces

Marriage date

Marriage place

While all Kentucky counties except for McCreary and Mercer are included in this database, there may not be records for all years between 1852-1914 for each county. See below for a list of years included for each county.

Where to Go From Here:

Marriage records are great sources for genealogists because they document an individual in a particular place and time as well as provide details about that person's marriage.

It is important that you use the information found in this database to locate your ancestor in the original records that this index references. Usually more information is available in the records themselves than is found in an index. For example, marriage records sometimes provide the birth dates of the bride and groom, their parents' names, and witnesses' names (often family members), in addition to the information listed in this index.

The Kentucky Office of Vital Statistics maintains marriage records from June 1958. Records of marriage occurring before 1958 must be obtained from the county clerk of the county in which the marriage license was issued.

About Marriage Records in General:

Marriage licenses are the most common marriage records in the United States. They are issued by the appropriate authority prior to the marriage ceremony, and they have come to replace the posting of banns and intentions. Marriage licenses, which grant permission for a marriage to be performed, are returned to civil authorities after the ceremony.

Marriage licenses exist in varying forms. A standard form generally asks for the names of the bride and groom, their residence at the time of application, the date the marriage was performed, the date the license was issued, the place of the marriage, and the name of the person performing the marriage ceremony.

Marriage certificates are given to the couple after the ceremony is completed and are thus usually found among family records. There are exceptions, however. [Some] certificates...are similar to marriage licenses issued in other places. The bride and groom usually receive a marriage certificate for their family records containing similar historical information, signatures of witnesses, etc.

Taken from Cerny, Johni and Sandra H. Luebking, "Research in Marriage and Divorce Records." In *The Source: A Guidebook of American Genealogy*, ed. Loretto Dennis Szucs and Sandra Hargreaves Luebking (Salt Lake City: Ancestry, 1997).

Counties and Years Included in this Database:

Adair: 1852-1859, 1861, 1874-1878, 1893-1894, 1903-1904, 1906-1907
Allen: 1852-1859, 1861, 1874-1875, 1878, 1899-1900, 1903-1904, 1908-1911, 1913-1914
Anderson: 1852-1859, 1874-1876, 1878
Ballard: 1852-1854, 1856-1859, 1875-1878, 1893, 1913-1914
Barren: 1852-1859, 1861, 1877-1879
Bath: 1852-1859, 1875-1878
Bell: 1874-1878
Boone: 1852-1859, 1861, 1874-1878
Bourbon: 1852-1859, 1874, 1876-1879
Boyd: 1875-1878, 1903-1904, 1906-1907, 1909
Boyle: 1852-1859, 1875-1876, 1878, 1901, 1904
Bracken: 1852, 1854-1859, 1861, 1875-1878, 1893-1894, 1903-1904
Breathitt: 1852-1859, 1874-1878
Breckinridge: 1852-1861, 1874-1878, 1893-1894, 1904
Bullitt: 1852-1859, 1861, 1878, 1893-1894, 1903-1904, 1906-1907
Butler: 1852-1860, 1874-1878, 1902-1904, 1906-1909
Caldwell: 1852-1859, 1861, 1874-1875, 1878
Calloway: 1852-1859, 1874-1878, 1903-1904, 1906-1909
Campbell: 1852-1859, 1877-1878, 1906-1907
Carlisle: 1893-1894, 1901, 1904, 1907
Carroll: 1852-1859, 1875-1878
Carter: 1853-1859, 1861-1862, 1875-1878, 1901, 1903-1905
Casey: 1852-1859, 1861, 1874-1878, 1902-1904, 1906-1909
Christian: 1852-1859, 1861, 1874-1878, 1902-1904, 1906-1907
Clark: 1852-1859, 1861, 1874-1878, 1893-1894, 1900-1901, 1903-1904
Clay: 1852-1859, 1861, 1874, 1876, 1878, 1904, 1908-1909
Clinton: 1852-1859, 1878, 1893-1894, 1903
Crittenden: 1852-1859, 1861, 1874-1878, 1894, 1900-1901, 1903-1904, 1908-1909
Cumberland: 1852-1859, 1861, 1874-1878, 1893-1894, 1903-1904, 1906-1907
Daviess: 1852-1857, 1859, 1861-1862, 1874
Edmonson: 1852, 1854-1859, 1874-1879, 1893
Elliott: 1874-1878, 1909-1910
Estill: 1852-1859, 1861, 1874, 1878
Fayette: 1852-1859, 1861-1862, 1903-1905
Fleming: 1852-1853, 1855-1859, 1874-1876, 1878-1879, 1907-1908
Floyd: 1855-1859, 1874-1878, 1894, 1903-1904
Franklin: 1852-1859, 1861, 1874-1878, 1903
Fulton: 1852-1859, 1874-1878, 1893-1894, 1902-1904, 1907-1909
Gallatin: 1852-1859, 1861, 1874-1879
Garrard: 1852-1859, 1874-1879
Grant: 1852-1859, 1874, 1876, 1878
Graves: 1852-1853, 1855-1859, 1874-1879, 1903-1904, 1906-1909
Grayson: 1852-1859, 1861, 1874-1878, 1901-1904, 1906-1907
Green: 1852-1853, 1855-1859, 1861, 1874-1878, 1893, 1903
Greenup: 1852-1859, 1874-1878

Hancock: 1853-1859, 1861, 1874-1879, 1892-1893, 1906-1907
Hardin: 1852-1859
Harlan: 1852-1859, 1861, 1875-1879, 1903-1904
Harrison: 1852-1859, 1876-1878
Hart: 1852-1854, 1856-1859, 1861, 1874-1877, 1892-1893, 1907
Henderson: 1852-1860, 1874-1878, 1903-1905, 1907
Henry: 1852-1859, 1874-1877
Hickman: 1852-1859, 1861, 1874-1878, 1893-1894, 1900-1901, 1904, 1908
Hopkins: 1852-1859, 1861, 1874-1878, 1893-1894, 1903, 1907
Jackson: 1857-1859, 1874-1879, 1900-1901, 1904, 1909-1910
Jefferson: 1852, 1854-1860, 1892-1894, 1901, 1903-1904, 1906, 1908-1909
Jessamine: 1852-1859, 1874-1877, 1898, 1903-1904, 1906-1907, 1909
Johnson: 1852-1859, 1861, 1874-1878, 1902-1904
Kenton: 1852-1859, 1874-1879, 1903-1904, 1906-1907
Knott: 1902-1903, 1907-1908
Knox: 1852-1859, 1874-1879, 1893-1894, 1903-1904, 1907
Larue: 1852-1859, 1861, 1874-1878, 1903, 1906-1908
Laurel: 1852-1859, 1861, 1874-1878, 1900-1901, 1904
Lawrence: 1852-1859, 1874-1878, 1903-1904, 1906-1908
Lee: 1874-1879, 1902-1904, 1907-1908, 1910
Leslie: 1878-1879, 1900-1901, 1903-1904, 1914
Letcher: 1852-1856, 1859, 1874-1878, 1906-1907
Lewis: 1852-1859, 1861, 1875-1878
Lincoln: 1852-1859, 1875-1878
Livingston: 1852-1859, 1861, 1875-1878, 1903, 1907, 1909
Logan: 1854-1859, 1861, 1874-1876, 1878
Lyon: 1853-1859, 1861-1862, 1874-1878, 1893, 1903, 1906-1907
Madison: 1852-1859, 1874-1878, 1894, 1903-1904, 1907
Magoffin: 1861, 1874
Marion: 1852-1858, 1874-1876, 1893-1894, 1901, 1904
Marshall: 1852-1859, 1861, 1874-1878, 1893-1894, 1903-1904, 1913-1914
Martin: 1874-1878, 1900-1901, 1909-1910, 1914
Mason: 1852-1853, 1855-1859, 1861, 1874, 1904, 1907-1908, 1914
McCracken: 1852-1859, 1874-1879, 1893-1894, 1903-1904, 1906-1909
McCreary: no marriage records available
McLean: 1854-1859, 1861, 1876, 1900-1901, 1903-1904
Meade: 1853-1859, 1861, 1874-1877, 1894, 1900-1901, 1906-1909
Menifee: 1874-1878
Mercer: no marriage records available
Metcalf: 1861, 1874-1878, 1906-1907
Monroe: 1852-1859, 1874-1878, 1894, 1906
Montgomery: 1852-1859, 1861, 1874-1878, 1894
Morgan: 1852-1859, 1861, 1874-1878, 1893, 1900-1901, 1903-1904, 1909-1910
Muhlenberg: 1852-1859, 1861, 1874-1878
Nelson: 1852-1859, 1861, 1874-1878, 1903-1904, 1906-1907
Nicholas: 1852-1859, 1876-1878
Ohio: 1852-1859, 1861, 1874-1878, 1906-1909
Oldham: 1852-1859, 1861, 1874-1879
Owen: 1852-1857, 1859-1860, 1874
Owsley: 1852-1859, 1874, 1876-1879, 1903-1904, 1908-1910
Pendleton: 1852-1859, 1874-1878
Perry: 1852-1859
Pike: 1852-1859, 1874-1878, 1893-1894, 1901, 1903-1904, 1906-1909
Powell: 1852-1859, 1861, 1874, 1878
Pulaski: 1852-1859, 1861, 1874-1878
Robertson: 1874-1875, 1877-1878, 1909, 1914
Rockcastle: 1852-1859, 1874-1878
Rowan: 1856-1859, 1874-1878, 1893, 1906
Russell: 1852-1859, 1874-1875, 1878, 1903-1904, 1906
Scott: 1852-1859, 1874, 1876-1879
Shelby: 1852-1859, 1861, 1874-1876, 1878
Simpson: 1852-1859, 1874-1878, 1906-1907

Spencer: 1852-1859, 1861, 1874-1878, 1894
Taylor: 1852-1859, 1861, 1874-1879, 1893-1894, 1901, 1903-1904, 1909
Todd: 1852-1859, 1874-1879, 1903-1904, 1906-1907
Trigg: 1852-1859, 1861, 1874-1879, 1903-1904, 1906-1909
Trimble: 1852-1858, 1874-1878, 1893-1894
Union: 1854-1857, 1859, 1861, 1874-1876, 1878
Warren: 1852-1859, 1861, 1874, 1876-1878, 1903-1904, 1906-1908
Washington: 1852-1858, 1874-1878
Wayne: 1852-1859, 1874, 1878
Webster: 1874-1877, 1907
Whitley: 1852-1859, 1861, 1874-1878, 1893-1894, 1900-1904, 1907-1910
Wolfe: 1861, 1874-1878, 1903, 1907, 1909
Woodford: 1852-1859, 1861, 1874-1878