

North Carolina Marriage Bonds, 1741-1868

Groom: Isaac Willaby
Bride: Elizabeth Willaby
Bond_Date: 22 Aug 1792
Bond #: 000003800
Level Info: North Carolina Marriage Bonds, 1741-1868
ImageNum: 008649
County: Bertie
Record #: 01 072
Bondsman: Wm. X Willaby
Witness: Stevens Gray

Source Information

Ancestry.com. *North Carolina Marriage Bonds, 1741-1868* [database on-line]. Provo, UT, USA: Ancestry.com Operations Inc, 2000.

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About North Carolina Marriage Bonds, 1741-1868

When planning to marry, the prospective groom took out a bond from the clerk of the court in the county where the bride had her usual residence as surety that there was no legal obstacle to the proposed marriage. On file in the North Carolina State Archives are 170,000 marriage bonds, covering the years 1741-1868. These records were abstracted by the Works Progress Administration. Most of the bonds contain the following information: groom's name, bride's name, date of bond, bondsmen, witnesses. For those with ancestors in early North Carolina, this will be a helpful database. Additional information may include parents' names, date of the marriage, person performing the ceremony, and other similar data.