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Additional Louisa County Marriage Records can be found on microfilm at the Library of Virginia. Consult ["A Guide to Virginia County and City Records on Microfilm."](#)

Historical Information

Louisa County was formed from Hanover County in 1742. The county was named for Louisa, a daughter of George II.

Prior to 1853, when the Commonwealth began recording vital statistics, Virginia marriages were recorded at the county or city level. Beginning in 1661, in order to be married by license, the groom was required to go before the county clerk and give bond with security that there was no lawful reason to prevent the marriage. The license, issued then by the clerk, was given to the minister who performed the service. Written consent from a parent or guardian was needed for individuals younger than twenty-one years.

Scope and Content

Marriage Register, 1766-1861, is divided into two separate volumes. The first volume covering pages 1-259, 1766-1834, records the date of the marriage bond, the names of both parties, the names of the parents or guardians present and the names of the security or witnesses in attendance. The second volume covering pages 260-520, 1834-1861, essentially records the same information found in the first volume. Pages 359-486 of this volume, however, detail a separate section. Recorded on these pages are the date of the marriage, the names of both parties, the minister's name and the religious denomination of the minister.

An Index to Marriage Register, 1766-1861, is also a separate volume. It contains the first and last names of both parties. It is arranged alphabetically from A-Z and in addition, lists alternate spellings of last names.

Access Terms

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