

Warrick County: Marriages and Marriage Licenses
Listed in the *Boonville Weekly Enquirer*, January 6 to April 28, 1922

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Most states require couples to apply for marriage licenses. In the modern era, licenses “serve an administrative or evidentiary function for legal purposes.” Historically, they were used to enforce marriage laws and ensure that a marriage would conform with societal values and morals.¹ They are also useful when tracking familial relations. The following is a list of marriage announcements and licenses from one small town in southern Indiana. The town, Boonville, was incorporated in 1858. It was named for Ratliff Boon, a lieutenant Indiana governor and acting governor, as well as a six-term U.S. House representative from Warrick County.²

Below is a list of fifty-nine couples whose unions were announced in the *Boonville Weekly Enquirer* from January 1922 through April 1922. Beginning on March 17, 1922, the column title shifted from “Marriages” to “Marriage Licenses.”³ As before, each name continued to be listed along with the city or town the individual was from.

Notes

1. “Why Must People Get a Marriage License?” Scaringi Law Blog, scaringilaw.com/blog/2020/january/why-must-people-get-a-marriage-license-/.
2. “City History,” City of Boonville Indiana, https://www.cityofboonvilleindiana.com/about_boonville/city_history/index.php.
3. All announcements come from 1922 weekly issues of the *Boonville Weekly Enquirer* of Boonville, Indiana. Announcements in the weeks of January 6 to March 10 appear under the title “Marriages,” while the March 17 to April 28 announcements are listed under “Marriage Licenses.” All issues can be found on Newspapers.com, Ancestry.

“Marriages,” *Boonville Weekly Enquirer*, January 6, 1922

Jas. R. Chambers, Lynnville, and Christina Southwood, Folsomville.

John J. Eifler and Magdalena E. Geyer, both of Boonville.

Ernest L. Sargent and Kathryn Spradley, both of Tennyson.

W. C. Roeder and Minnie A. Helms, both of Boonville.

Herman J. Martin, Chandler, and Hazel L. White, Boonville.

“Marriages,” *Boonville Weekly Enquirer*, January 13, 1922

John M. Spaetti of Newburg and Marv K. Nurrenbern of Mt. Vernon.

John F. Horn and Esther Gammon, both of Tennyson.

Robert Gibson and Inez Barrett, both of Spottsville, Ky.

Jacob Trapp and Clara L. Hoerer, both of Evansville.

“Marriages,” *Boonville Weekly Enquirer*, January 20, 1922

William Beloat to Mary Effinger, both of Evansville.

Claud L. Sisk, Earlington, Ky., to Nora E. Born, Evansville.

Louis F. Elmendorf to M. Louise Ballard, both of Evansville.

“Marriages,” *Boonville Weekly Enquirer*, February 3, 1922*

Jerome B. Vize and Norma M. Ossenberg, both of Evansville.

“Marriages,” *Boonville Weekly Enquirer*, February 10, 1922

Lemuel Lee to Clesta A. Sharp, both of Boonville.

Clyde B. Christian to Etta M. Whitley, both of Evansville.

Roy D. Adams to Dorothy Adams, both of Evansville.

Clifford Leathes to Lydia Howes, both of Boonville.

Lee E. Harper of Tennyson to Mina E. Reed of Boonville.

“Marriages,” *Boonville Weekly Enquirer*, February 17, 1922

Ervin F. Schwerdtfeger of Lynnville to Velma L. Lankford of Evansville.

Bert F. Morris to Florence M. Chasteen, both of Tennyson.

Paul H. Williams to Leona Williams, both of Boonville.

“Marriages,” *Boonville Weekly Enquirer*, March 3, 1922*

Haskell A. Sharp to Genevieve Buickel, both of Boonville.
Joseph D. Smith of Petersburg to Hannah E. Boyd of Gentryville.
Noble R. Samples of Boonville to Inez P. Baker of Evansville.
Allie R. Cummings to Jennie Tucker, both of Evansville.
Louis A. Krusenklous to Lora C. Ludwig of Dale.
Huston Porter of Evansville to Myrtle J. Ringer.

“Marriages,” *Boonville Weekly Enquirer*, March 10, 1922

Merrill F. Sheridan, Crossville, Ill., to Jessie M. Pfister, Carmi, Ill.
Clarence R. Gentry, Folsomville, to Nora Evans, Folsomville.
Ezra Nixon, Stendal, to Etta M. Raney, Folsomville.

“Marriage Licenses,” *Boonville Weekly Enquirer*, March 17, 1922

Harvey M. Smith of Tennyson and Mary C. Skelton of Evansville.
Harry R. Rohrbacher and Maud G. Sturgeon, both of Evansville.
Herschel J. Toler to Gertrude A. Meadors, both of Boonville.

“Marriage Licenses,” *Boonville Weekly Enquirer*, March 24, 1922

Arthur W. Hausserman to Minnie E. Hausserman, both of Evansville.
Wesley E. Kemper of Stendal to Minnie L. Medcalf of Lincoln City.
Henry L. Donner to Anna Perkins, both of Evansville.
Ben G. Farris to Alma L. Bowles, both of Madisonville, Ky.
Gilbert J. Mottley of Chandler to Mary C. Splittorff of Boonville.

“Marriage Licenses,” *Boonville Weekly Enquirer*, March 31, 1922

Horace R. Winsett, DeGonia, to Clara A. Henager, Tennyson.
John T. Powers, Evansville, to Ollie B. West, Boonville.
Wm. B. Robinson to Lora M. Hart, both of Folsomville.
Delbert H. Dugan to Orilla A. Klobenspies, both of Howell.
J. Virgil Kelle[y/v], Boonville, to Helen Dick, Evansville.

“Marriage Licenses,” *Boonville Weekly Enquirer*, April 7, 1922

Edward A. Eble to Mary C. McCullough, both of Boonville.

Roy A. Bruce to Pearl A. Powers, both of Dale.

Roy Num of Chandler to Clara A. West of Newburg.

“Marriage Licenses,” *Boonville Weekly Enquirer*, April 14, 1922

Frank C. Wilhelm to Esther H. Schiffer, both of Evansville.

Rufus D. Simpson of Boonville and Nellie E. Bradshaw of Lynnville.

Leors Harry and Zulieka West of Folsomville.

“Marriage Licenses,” *Boonville Weekly Enquirer*, April 21, 1922

John T. Clopton to Martha M. Caldwell, both of Evansville.

Geo. A. Ernspieger to Edna R. Lemar, both of Evansville.

Alvah S. Phillips to Lula D. Phillips, both of Tennyson.

Geo. Spradley to Nettie M. Broshears, both of Tennyson.

Earl R. Gibbons to Effie O. House, both of Harrisburg, Ill.

Lonnie Bottoms of Earlington, Ky., to Bernice Learnard of Evansville.

“Marriage Licenses,” *Boonville Weekly Enquirer*, April 28, 1922

Russell W. Alvey of Inglefield to Tessie M. Grandstaff of Boonville.

Clyde Moore to Elizabeth R. Laugel, both of Evansville.

Arthur A. Schaperjohn to Lillie A. Butcher, both of Elberfeld.

Henry M. Douglas, Ohio county, Ky., to Allene Sights, Henderson county, Ky.

*There were no marriages or marriage licenses listed for the *Boonville Weekly Enquirers* dated January 27, 1922, or February 24, 1922.