

# THE PARISH CHURCH OF ST JOHN-AT-HAMPSTEAD

## REGISTERS AND RECORDS



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*The Marriage Act. Enacted 1754.*

**R E G I S T E R**  
O F  
**B A N N S and M A R R I A G E S,**

Published or Solemnized

In the Parish of

Pursuant to the Form

**Prescribed by an Act of Parliament**

Passed in the Twenty-sixth Year of King GEORGE II.

INTITLED,

*An Act for the better Preventing of Clandestine Marriages*



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II II.  
S  
, & Hibernia,  
XTO.  
in at Westminster,  
anno Dom. 1747, in  
reign of our Sovereign,  
by the Grace of God,  
King of Great Britain,  
France, and Ireland,  
&c.  
Prorogations to the  
Sixth Session of

His most Excellent  
Majesty. 1753.

*George the Second the Sixteenth King of Great Britain*

The Marriage Act Enacted 1754.

Printed by the King's Printer at Westminster

Forms of MARRIAGE REGISTERS filled up.

I. A Form when the Marriage is solemnized by Banns, and the Parties of Age. N<sup>o</sup> 1.

Samuel Roberts - - - - of [this] Parish, Widower, - - - - and Sarah Selby, Widow, - - - - of [the] Parish of St. Margaret in the Liberty of Westminster, and County of Middlesex, - - - - were Married in this [Church] by [Banns] - - - - this seventh - - - - Day of July, in the Year One Thousand Seven Hundred and Fifty-four - - - - by me Robert Wight [Vicar].

This Marriage was [Solemnized between Us] Samuel Roberts, [Solemnized between Us] Sarah Selby. In the [Presence of] Robert Dunbars, [Presence of] James Preston.

II. A Minor by Licence with Consent of Parents or Guardians. N<sup>o</sup> 2.

Richard Emmerston - - - - of [the] Parish of St. Luke, in the County of Middlesex, a Minor, and Anne Hopkins - - - - of [the] Parish of St. Peter's, Cornhill, in the City of London, Spinster, - - - - were Married in this [Church] by [Licence] with Consent of [Guardians] - - - - this twenty sixth - - - - Day of May, - - - - in the Year One Thousand Seven Hundred and Fifty-four, - - - - by me Thomas Hodgkin [Rector].

This Marriage was [Solemnized between Us] Richard Emmerston, [Solemnized between Us] Anne Hopkins. In the [Presence of] Richard Whitehead, [Presence of] Henry Dormer.

III. By Banns, when one lives in an extra-parochial Place. N<sup>o</sup> 3.

John Davis - - - - of [the] Parish of St. Mary, Ilfington, in the County of Middlesex, - - - - and Elizabeth Moore, a Minor, - - - - of [the] Liberty of St. Martins Le Grand, - - - - were Married in this [Church] by [Banns] with Consent of [Parents] - - - - this third - - - - Day of October, - - - - in the Year One Thousand Seven Hundred and Fifty-four - - - - by me Stephen Archer [Curate].

This Marriage was [Solemnized between Us] John Davis, [Solemnized between Us] Elizabeth Moore. In the [Presence of] Charles Harris, [Presence of] Mary Reynolds.

IV. A Form by Licence, and by Order from the High Court of Chancery. N<sup>o</sup> 4.

Sir Thomas Hopkins - - - - of [the] Parish of Enfield, in the County of Middlesex, Barrister at Law, and Lady Mary Anne Roberts - - - - of [this] Parish, a Minor, - - - - were Married in this [Church] by [Licence] and by an Order from the High Court of Chancery, - - - - this eleventh - - - - Day of June, - - - - in the Year One Thousand Seven Hundred and Fifty-four - - - - by me Roger Shackleton [Minister].

This Marriage was [Solemnized between Us] Thomas Hopkins, [Solemnized between Us] Mary Anne Roberts. In the [Presence of] Jeremiah Saunderton, [Presence of] Thomas Cooke.

Form of Filling up

Anno Regni GEORGI II. REGIS

Magna Britania, Francia, & Hibernia, VICEIMO SEXTO.

At the Parliament begun and holden at Westminster, the Tenth Day of November, Anno Dom. 1747, in the Twenty first Year of the Reign of our Sovereign Lord GEORGE the Second, by the Grace of God, of Great Britain, France, and Ireland, King, Defender of the Faith, &c. And from thence continued by several Prorogations to the Eleventh Day of January, 1753, being the Sixth Session of this present Parliament.



LONDON: Printed by Thomas Baskett, Printer to the King's most Excellent Majesty; and by the Signs of Robert Baskett. 1753.

The Marriage Act Enacted 1754.

George the Second by the Grace of God King of Great Britain

FORMS OF MARRIAGE REGISTERS filled up.

I. A Form when the Marriage is solemnized between Us

Samuel Roberts - - - of the Parish of St. Margaret in the Liberty of

MARRIED in this [Church] by [Banns] this seventh and Fifty-four

This Marriage was solemnized between Us Samuel Roberts, In the Presence of Robert Dunbarr, James Preston.

II. A Minor by Licence

Richard Emmerlon - - - in the County of Middlesex, a Minor, and in the Parish of St. Peter's, Cornhill, in the City

MARRIED in this [Church] by [Licence] with this twenty sixth and Fifty-four

This Marriage was solemnized between Us Richard Emmerlon, In the Presence of Richard Whitehead, Henry Dormer.

III. By Banns, when

John Davis - - - in the County of Middlesex, Liberty of St. Martins Le Grand,

MARRIED in this [Church] by [Banns] with this third Day of and Fifty-four

This Marriage was solemnized between Us John Davis, Elizabeth Moore. In the Presence of Charles Harris, Mary Reynolds.

IV. A Form by Licence, when

Sir Thomas Hopkins - - - in the Parish, a Minor, MARRIED in this [Church] by [Licence] and this eleventh Day of

and Fifty-four This Marriage was solemnized between Us Thomas Hopkins, Mary Anne Roberts. In the Presence of Jeremiah Saunderson, Thomas Cooke.

Form of Filling

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Anno vicefimo sexto

Georgii II. Regis.

An Act for the better preventing of Claufestine Marriage.



Whereas great Difficulties and Inconveniencies have arisen from Claufestine Marriages; for preventing thereof for the future, be it enacted by the King's most Excellent Majesty, by and with the Advice and Consent of the Lords Spiritual and Temporal, and Common in this present Parliament assembled, and by the Authority of the same, That from and after the Twenty fifth Day of March, in the Year of our Lord One thousand seven hundred and fifty four, all Banns of Matrimony shall be published in an audible

Publication of Banns.



The Marriage Act Enacted 1754.

Copy the Book to the General Assembly of Scotland

Forms of MAR

I. A Form when the Marriage

Samuel Roberts - - - - of [th

Parish of St. Margaret in the Liberty of  
Married in this [Church] by [Banns]

this seventh - - - -  
and Fifty-four - - - -

This Marriage was [Samuel Roberts,  
solemnized between Us] Sarah Selby.

In the [Robert Dunbar,  
Presence of] James Preston.

II. A Minor by Licen

Richard Emmerion - - - -

in the County of Middlesex, a Minor, and  
Parish of St. Peter's, Cornhill, in the City

Married in this [Church] by [Licence] with  
this - - - - twenty sixth - - - -

and Fifty-four - - - -

This Marriage was [Richard Emmerion  
solemnized between Us] Anne Hopkins.

In the [Richard Whitehead,  
Presence of] Henry Dornier.

III. By Banns, wh

John Davis - - - -

in the County of Middlesex, - - - -  
Liberty of St. Martin's Le Grand,

Married in this [Church] by [Banns] with  
this - - - - third - - - - Day of

and Fifty-four - - - - by m

This Marriage was [John Davis,  
solemnized between Us] Elizabeth Moore.

In the [Charles Harris,  
Presence of] Mary Reynolds.

IV. A Form by Licence,

Sir Thomas Hopkins - - - -

Parish, a Minor,  
Married in this [Church] by [Licence] and

this - - - - eleventh - - - - Day

and Fifty-four - - - -

This Marriage was [Thomas Hopkins,  
solemnized between Us] Mary Anne Robert

In the [Jeremiah Sauderton,  
Pres. of] Thomas Cooke.

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anner in the Parish Church, or in some Publick Chapel, in which Publick Chapel Banns of Matrimony have been usually published, or of belonging to such Parish or Chapel wherein the Persons to be married shall dwell, according to the Form of Words prescribed by the Rubrick prefixed to the Office of Matrimony in the Book of Common Prayer, upon Three Sundays preceding the Solemnisation of Marriage, during the Time of Morning Service, or of Evening Service, (if there be no Morning Service in such Church or Chapel) upon any of those Sundays, immediately after the Second Lesson: And whenever it shall happen that the Persons to be married shall dwell in divers Parishes or Chapels, the Banns shall in like Manner be published in the Church or Chapel, belonging to such Parish or Chapel wherein each of the said Persons shall dwell; and where both or either of the Persons to be married shall dwell in any Extraparochial Place (having no Church or Chapel wherein Banns have been usually published) then the Banns shall in like Manner be published in the Parish Church or Chapel belonging to some Parish or Chapel, adjoining to such Extraparochial Place: And where Banns shall be published in any Church or Chapel belonging to any Parish adjoining to such Extraparochial Place, the Parson, Cur, Minister, or Curate, publishing such Banns, shall, in Writing under his Hand, certify the Publication thereof, in such Manner as if either of the Persons to be married dwell in such Parish or Chapel; and that all over the Rules prescribed by the said Rubrick concerning the Publication of Banns, and the Solemnisation of Matrimony, and not hereby altered, shall be duly observed; and that in all Cases where Banns shall have been published the Marriage shall be solemnized in one of the Parish Churches or Chapels where such Banns have been published, and in no other Place whatsoever.

Provided always, as it is hereby further enacted, That no Parson, Cur, Minister, or Curate, shall be obliged to publish the Banns of Matrimony between any Persons whatsoever, unless the Persons to be married shall, Seven Days at least before the Time required for the first Publication of such Banns respectively, be known, or cause to be known, to such Parson, Cur, Minister, or Curate, Notice in Writing of their true Christian and Surname, and of the House or Houses of their respective Abodes within such Parish, Chapel, or Extraparochial

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Extraparochial Place as aforesaid, and of the Time during which they have dwelt, inhabited, or lodged in such House or Houses respectively.

Provided always, and be it enacted by the Authority aforesaid, That no Parson, Minister, Cur, or Curate, solemnizing Marriages after the Twenty fifth Day of March, One thousand seven hundred and fifty four, between Persons, both of Whom shall be under the Age of Twenty one Years, after Banns published, shall be punishable by Ecclesiastical Censures for solemnizing such Marriages without Consent of Parents or Guardians, whose Consent is required by Law, unless such Parson, Minister, Cur, or Curate, shall have Notice of the Dissent of such Parents or Guardians; and in case such Parents or Guardians, or One of them, shall openly and publicly declare, or cause to be declared, in the Church or Chapel, where the Banns shall be published, at the Time of such Publication, his, her, or their Dissent to such Marriage, the Publication of Banns shall be absolutely void.

And it is hereby further enacted, That no Licence of Marriage shall, from and after the said Twenty fifth Day of March, in the Year One thousand seven hundred and fifty four, be granted by any Archbishop, Bishop, or other Ordinary or Person having Authority to grant such Licences, to solemnize any Marriage in any other Church or Chapel, than in the Parish Church or Publick Chapel of or belonging to the Parish or Chapel, within which the usual Place of Abode of One of the Persons to be married shall have been for the space of Four Weeks, immediately before the granting of such Licence; or where both, or either of the Parties to be married shall dwell in any Extraparochial Place, having no Church or Chapel wherein Banns have been usually published, then in the Parish Church or Chapel belonging to some Parish or Chapel adjoining to such Extraparochial Place, and in no other Place whatsoever.

Provided always, and be it enacted by the Authority aforesaid, That all Parishes, where there shall be no Parish Church or Chapel belonging thereto, or none wherein Divine Service shall be usually celebrated every Sunday, may be deemed Extraparochial Places for the Purposes of this Act, but not for any other Purpose.

Provided always, That nothing herein before contained shall be construed to extend to deale the Archbishop of Canterbury and his Successors, and to their proper Officers, of the Right which hath hereto been used, in

Minister not punishable for solemnizing Marriage after Banns published, where the Curate or Curate is Dissent.

But where such Dissent shall be given, Publication of Banns to be void.

Places which may be deemed Extraparochial by this Act.

Archbishop of Canterbury, Right to grant Special Licences reserved.

The Marriage Act Enacted 1754.

This is the first time that the Queen's Majesty has been so long in Parliament.

Forms of MAR

I. A Form when the Marriage

Samuel Roberts - - - - of the  
 Parish of St. Margaret in the Liberty of  
 Married in this [Church] by [Banns] on  
 this seventh - - - - Day  
 and Fifty-four - - - -  
 This Marriage was solemnized between Us  
 Samuel Roberts,  
 Robert Dunbar,  
 James Preston.

II. A Minor by Licen

Richard Emmerfon - - - -  
 in the County of Middlesex, a Minor, and  
 Parish of St. Peter's, Cornhill, in the City  
 Married in this [Church] by [Licence] on  
 this twenty sixth - - - -  
 and Fifty-four - - - -  
 This Marriage was solemnized between Us  
 Richard Emmerfon  
 Anne Hopkins.  
 Richard Whitehead,  
 Henry Dormer.

III. By Banns, wh

John Davis - - - -  
 in the County of Middlesex,  
 Liberty of St. Martins Le Grand,  
 Married in this [Church] by [Banns] with  
 this third - - - - Day  
 and Fifty-four - - - -  
 This Marriage was solemnized between Us  
 John Davis,  
 Elizabeth Moore.  
 Charles Harris,  
 Mary Reynolds.

IV. A Form by Licence,

Sir Thomas Hopkins - - - -  
 Parish, a Minor,  
 Married in this [Church] by [Licence] on  
 this eleventh - - - - Day  
 and Fifty-four - - - -  
 This Marriage was solemnized between Us  
 Thomas Hopkins,  
 Mary Anne Robe  
 Jeremiah Saunderson,  
 Thomas Cooke.

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biectue of a certain Statute made in the Twenty fifth  
 Year of the Reign of the late King Henry the Eighth,  
 intituled, An Act concerning *Peter Pence* and Dispensa-  
 tions; of granting Special Licences to marry at any con-  
 venient Time or Place.

Surrogate de-  
 puted to grant  
 Licences, to  
 take an Oath  
 of Office, and  
 give Security.

Provided always, and be it enacted, That from and  
 after the Twenty fifth Day of March, in the Year One  
 thousand seven hundred and fifty four, no Surrogate de-  
 puted by any Ecclesiastical Judge, who hath Power to  
 grant Licences of Marriage shall grant any such Licence  
 before he hath taken an Oath before the said Judge faith-  
 fully to execute his Office, according to Law, to the best  
 of his Knowledge, and hath given Security by his Bond  
 in the Sum of One hundred Pounds to the Bishop of  
 the Diocese, for the due and faithful Execution of his said  
 Office.

Persons con-  
 sidered of so-  
 lemnizing Ma-  
 trimony, with-  
 out Publication  
 of Banns, or  
 Licence first  
 had, or in any  
 other Place  
 than a Church  
 or Publick  
 Chapel, except  
 by Special Li-  
 cence.

And whereas many Persons do solemnize Marriage  
 in Houses and other Places without Publication of  
 Banns, or Licence of Marriage first had and obtained;  
 Therefore, for the Prevention thereof, be it enacted, That  
 if any Person shall, from and after the said Twenty fifth  
 Day of March, in the Year One thousand seven hundred  
 and fifty four, solemnize Marriage in any other Place  
 than a Church or Publick Chapel, where Banns have been  
 usually published, unless by Special Licence from the Arch-  
 bishop of Canterbury; he shall solemnize Marriage with-  
 out Publication of Banns, unless Licence of Marriage  
 be first had and obtained from some Person or Persons  
 having Authority to grant the same, every Person know-  
 ingly and wilfully offending, and being lawfully con-  
 vided thereof, shall be deemed and adjudged to be guilty  
 of Felony, and shall be transported to some of His Ma-  
 jesty's Plantations in America, for the Space of Fourteen  
 Years, according to the Laws in Force for Transportation  
 of Felons; and all Marriages solemnized from and after  
 the Twenty fifth Day of March, in the Year One thou-  
 sand seven hundred and fifty four, in any other Place  
 than a Church or Publick Chapel, unless by Special  
 Licence as aforesaid, or that shall be solemnized without  
 Publication of Banns, or Licence of Marriage from a  
 Person or Persons having Authority to grant the same,  
 first had and obtained, shall be null and void to all Intents  
 and Purposes whatsoever.

to be transpor-

and the said  
 Marriages to  
 be null.  
 Prosecution for  
 the same to be  
 commenced  
 within 3 Years.

Provided, That all Prosecutions for such Felony shall  
 be commenced within the Space of Three Years after the  
 Offence committed.

Provided

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Provided always, That after the Solemnization of any  
 Marriage, under a Publication of Banns, it shall not be  
 necessary in Support of such Marriage, to give any Proof  
 of the actual Dwelling of the Parties in the respective  
 Parishes or Chapels where the Banns of Marriage were  
 published; or where the Marriage is by Licence, it shall  
 not be necessary to give any Proof that the usual Place  
 of Abode of One of the Parties for the Space of Four Weeks  
 as aforesaid, was in the Parish or Chapel where the Mar-  
 riage was solemnized; nor shall any Evidence in either  
 of the said Cases be received to prove the contrary in any  
 Suit touching the Validity of such Marriage.

Proof of the  
 Parties Dwell-  
 ing in the Pa-  
 rishes, or  
 Chapels, or  
 the usual Place  
 of Abode, shall  
 not be receiv-  
 ed, nor need  
 any Proof be  
 given of the  
 Validity of  
 such Marriage.

And it is hereby further enacted, That all Marriages  
 solemnized by Licence, after the said Twenty fifth Day  
 of March, One thousand seven hundred and fifty four,  
 where either of the Parties, not being a Widower or  
 Widow, shall be under the Age of Twenty one Years,  
 which shall be had without the Consent of the Father of  
 such of the Parties, to be under the Age of Twenty one Years,  
 first had and obtained, or if either of the Guardian or  
 Guardians of the Person of the Party so under Age,  
 lawfully appointed, or One of them; and in case there  
 shall be no such Guardian or Guardians, then of the Mo-  
 ther (if living and unmarried) or if there shall be no  
 Mother living and unmarried then of a Guardian or  
 Guardians of the Person appointed by the Court of  
 Chancery, shall be absolutely null and void to all Intents  
 and Purposes whatsoever.

Marriages  
 solemnized by  
 Licence, with-  
 out Consent of  
 the Parents or  
 Guardians,  
 where either  
 of the Parties  
 (not being a  
 Widower or  
 Widow) shall  
 be under the  
 Age of Twenty  
 one Years, shall  
 be null and void.

And whereas it may happen that the Guardian or  
 Guardians, either of either of the Parties to be  
 married, or One of them, is under Age as aforesaid,  
 may be Non Compos Mentis, may be in Parts beyond  
 the Seas, or may be induced unlawfully, and by undue  
 Coercions to abuse the Trust reposed in him, her, or them,  
 by refusing or withholding his, her, or their Consent to a  
 proper Marriage; be it therefore enacted, That in case  
 any such Guardian or Guardian either of either of  
 the Parties, or any of them, whose Consents made necessary as  
 aforesaid, shall be Non Compos Mens, or in Parts beyond  
 the Seas, or shall refuse or withhold his, her, or their  
 Consent to the Marriage of any Person, it shall and  
 may be lawful for any Person desirous of marrying,  
 in any of the before-mentioned Cases, to apply by Peti-  
 tion to the Lord Chancellor, Lord Keeper, or the Lords  
 Commissioners of the Great Seal of Great Britain for  
 the time being, who is and are hereby empowered to pro-  
 ceed upon such Petition, in a summary Way; and in  
 such Case

Where the  
 Guardian or  
 Mother shall  
 be Non Compos  
 Mentis, or in  
 Parts beyond  
 the Seas, or  
 shall be induced  
 unlawfully, and  
 by undue Coer-  
 cions, to abuse  
 the Trust reposed  
 in him, her, or  
 them, the Consent  
 to a Marriage  
 shall be null and  
 void.

The Parties  
 may apply to  
 the Lord  
 Chancellor,  
 Lord Keeper,  
 or the Lords  
 Commissioners  
 of the Great  
 Seal.

The Marriage Act (Anno 1754)

Forms of MAR

I. A Form when the Marriag

Samuel Roberts - - - of thi  
 Parish of St. Margaret in the Liberty of  
 Married in this [Church] by [Banns]  
 this seventh - - -  
 and Fifty-four - - -  
 This Marriage was } Samuel Roberts,  
 solemnized between Us } Sarah Selw.  
 In the } Robert Dunbars,  
 Presence of } James Preston.

II. A Minor by Licen

Richard Emmerlon - - -  
 in the County of Middlesex, a Minor, an  
 Parish of St. Peter's, Cornhill, in the Cit  
 Married in this [Church] by [Licence] w  
 this - - - twenty sixth - - -  
 and Fifty-four - - -  
 This Marriage was } Richard Emmerlon  
 solemnized between Us } Anne Hopkins.  
 In the } Richard Whitehead,  
 Presence of } Henry Doerner.

III. By Banns, wh

John Davis - - -  
 in the County of Middlesex,  
 Liberty of St. Martins Le Grand, - - -  
 Married in this [Church] by [Banns] wit  
 this - - - third - - - Day o  
 and Fifty-four - - - by  
 This Marriage was } John Davis,  
 solemnized between Us } Elizabeth Moore.  
 In the } Charles Harris,  
 Presence of } Mary Reynolds.

IV. A Form by Licence,

Sir Thomas Hopkins - - -  
 - - -  
 Parish, a Minor,  
 Married in this [Church] by [Licence] at  
 this - - - eleventh - - - Day  
 and Fifty-four - - -  
 This Marriage was } Thomas Hopkins  
 solemnized between Us } Mary Anne Robe  
 In the } Jeremiah Saunderson,  
 Presence of } Thomas Cooke.

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And being approved by the Council, shall be the usual

And the said Marriage proposed, shall upon Examination appear to be proper, the said Lord Chancellor, Lord Keeper, or Lords Commissioners of the Great Seal for the time being, shall judicially declare the same to be so by an Order of Court, and such Order shall be deemed and taken to be as good and effectual to all Intents and Purposes, as if the Guardian or Guardians, or other of the Person so petitioning, had consented to such Marriage.

And it is hereby further enacted, That in no Case whatsoever, shall any Suit or Proceeding be had in any Ecclesiastical Court, in order to compel a Celebration of any Marriage in facie Ecclesie, by reason of any Contract of Marriage, whether per verba de presenti, or per verba de futuro, which shall be entered into after the Twenty fifth Day of March, in the Year One thousand seven hundred and fifty four; any Law or Usage to the contrary notwithstanding.

And for preventing usage Entries and Abuses in Registers of Marriages; be it enacted by the Authority aforesaid, That on or before the Twenty fifth Day of March, in the Year One thousand seven hundred and fifty four, and from that time afterwards as there shall be Occasion, the Archdeacons and Chapelwardens of every Parish or Chapel shall provide proper Books of Marriages and Banns of Marriage respectively, there published or solemnized shall be registered, and every Page thereof shall be marked at the Top, with the Figure of the Number every such Page, with the Figure of the Second Leaf with Number One; and every Leaf or Page so numbered shall be ruled with Lines in proper and equal Distances from each other, or as near as may be; and all Banns and Marriages published or celebrated in any Church or Chapel, or within any such Parish or Chapel, or by some other Person in his Presence and by his Direction; and such Entries shall be made aforesaid, on or near such Lines in successive Order, here the Paper is not damaged or decayed by Accident; Length of Time, until a new Book shall be thought proper or necessary to be provided for the same Parish, and then the Directions aforesaid shall be observed in every such new Book; and all Books provided aforesaid, shall be deemed to belong to

Churchwardens to provide proper Books in which are to be registered all Marriages and Banns solemnized and published;

the same to be signed by the Minister;

and the Books to belong to the Parish, and to be kept for publick Use.

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to every such Parish or Chapel respectively, and shall be carefully kept and preserved for publick Use.

And in order to preserve the Evidence of Marriages, and to make the Proof thereof more certain and easy, and for the Direction of Ministers in the Celebration of Marriages and registering thereof, be it enacted, That from and after the Twenty fifth Day of March, in the Year One thousand seven hundred and fifty four, in the Celebration of Marriages shall be solemnized in the Presence of Two or more credible Witnesses, besides the Minister who shall celebrate the same; and that immediately after the Celebration of every Marriage, an Entry thereof shall be made in such Register to be kept as aforesaid; in which Entry of Register it shall be expressed, That the said Marriage was celebrated by Banns or Licence; and if both or either of the Parties married by Licence, as the Case shall be; and shall be signed by the Minister with his proper Addition, and also by the Parties married, and attested by such Two Witnesses; which Entry shall be made in the Form or to the Effect following; that is to say,

A. B. of [the] Parish  
 and C. D. of [the] Parish  
 were married in this [Church] by [Banns] with Con-  
 of [Parents] this [Chapel] Licence fent of  
 in the Year [Guardians] this Day of  
 by m. J. J. [Rector] [Vicar] [Curate]

This Marriage was solemnized between us A. B. C. D. in the  
 Presence of E. F. G. H.

And be it further enacted by the Authority aforesaid, That if any Person shall, from any after the Twenty fifth Day of March, in the Year one thousand seven hundred and fifty four, with Intent to elude the Force of this Act, knowingly and wilfully make or cause to be inserted in the Register Book of such Parish or Chapel as aforesaid, any false Entry of any Matter or Thing relating to any Marriage; or falsly make, alter, forge, or counterfeit, or cause or procure to be falsly made,

Marriages to be solemnized in the Presence of Two Witnesses, besides the Minister, and to be properly registered.

and signed by the Minister, and attested by such Two Witnesses.

In Form, or to this Effect,

Persons convicted of making or falsly inserting in the said Register,

or of forging, or any such Entry.

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This is the form of the Marriage Act 1754.

The Marriage Act (Anno 1754)

This Act shall be read in all Parish Churches and Publick Chapels

**Forms of MAR**

**I. A Form when the Marriag**

Samuel Roberts - - - - of [the  
 Parish of St. Margaret in the Liberty of V  
 Married in this [Church] by [Banns] -  
 this seventh - - - -  
 and Fifty-four - - - -  
 This Marriage was [Samuel Roberts,  
 solemnized between Us] Sarah Selby.  
 In the [Robert Dunbar,  
 Presence of] James Preston.

**II. A Minor by Licen**

Richard Emmerico - - - -  
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 Parish of St. Peter's, Cornhill, in the Cit  
 Married in this [Church] by [Licence] w  
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 and Fifty-four - - - -  
 This Marriage was [Richard Emmerico  
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 In the [Richard Whitehead,  
 Presence of] Henry Dormer.

**III. By Banns, wh**

John Davis - - - -  
 in the County of Middlesex,  
 Liberty of St. Martins Le Grand, - -  
 Married in this [Church] by [Banns] with  
 this - - - - third - - - - Day  
 and Fifty-four - - - -  
 This Marriage was [John Davis,  
 solemnized between Us] Elizabeth Moore.  
 In the [Charles Harris,  
 Presence of] Mary Reynolds.

**IV. A Form by Licence,**

Sir Thomas Hopkins - - - -  
 Parish, a Minor,  
 Married in this [Church] by [Licence] a  
 this - - - - eleventh - - - - Da  
 and Fifty-four - - - -  
 This Marriage was [Thomas Hopkins  
 solemnized between Us] Mary Anne Robe  
 In the [Jeremiah Saunderton,  
 Presence of] Thomas Cooke.

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altered, forged, or counterfeited, or act or assid in falsely making, altering, forging, or counterfeiting any such Entry in such Register; or falsely make, alter, forge, or counterfeit, or cause or procure to be falsely made, altered, forged, or counterfeited, or assid in falsely making, altering, forging, or counterfeiting any such Licence of Marriage as aforesaid; or utter or publish as true any such false, altered, forged, or counterfeited Register as aforesaid, or a Copy thereof, or any such false, altered, forged, or counterfeited Licence of Marriage respectively, to be stile, altered, forged, or counterfeited; or if any Person shall, from and after the said Twenty fifth Day of March, wilfully destroy, or cause or procure to be destroyed, any Register Book of Marriages, or any Part of such Register Book, with Intent to avoid any Marriage, or to assist any Person to any of the Penalties of this Act, every Person so offending, and being thereof lawfully convicted, shall be deemed and adjudged to be guilty of Felony and shall suffer Death as a felon, without Benefit of Clergy.

Provided always, that this Act, or any thing therein contained, shall not extend to the Marriages of any of the Royal Family.

Provided likewise, that nothing in this Act contained shall extend to that Part of Great Britain called Scotland, nor to any Marriage amongst the People called Quakers, or amongst the Peasants professing the Jewish Religion, where both the Parties to any such Marriage shall be of the People called Quakers, or Persons professing the Jewish Religion respectively: nor to any Marriages solemnized beyond the Seas.

And be it further enacted by the Authority aforesaid, that this Act shall: publicly read in all Parish Churches and Publick Chaps, by the Parson, Vicar, Minister, or Curate of the respective Parishes or Chapels, on some Sunday immediately after Morning Prayer, or immediately after Evening Prayer, if there shall be no Morning Service on that Day, in each of the Months of September, October, November, and December, in the Year of our Lord One thousand seven hundred and fifty three, and afterwards at the same Times, on four several Sundays in each Year (th is to say) The Sundays next before the Twenty fifth Day of March, Twenty fourth Day of June, Twenty ninth Day of September, and Twenty fifth Day of December respectively, for Two Years, to be computed as and immediately after the first Day of January, in the Year One thousand seven hundred and fifty four.

I N I S



T H E  
**REGISTER - BOOK**

For the Registering of all

**BANNS and MARRIAGES,**

Published or solemnized

In the Parish-Church of the Parish of  
*Hampstead in the County of Middlesex.*

Provided by the Church-Wardens of the said Parish, in  
pursuance of the Statute of the Twenty-seventh Year of  
his present Majesty King *GEORGE* the Second,  
Intituled, *An Act for the better preventing of Clau-*  
*destine Marriages*, which Act commenced from the  
Twenty-fifth Day of *March* in the Year of our Lord  
One Thousand Seven Hundred and Fifty-four.

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The Form of an Entry of Publication of Banns.

The Banns of Marriage between A. B. of  
and C. D. of were duly published in this  
Church for the {first  
second} Time, on Sunday the  
third  
Day of  
Hundred and in the Year One Thousand Seven

J. J. Rector }  
Vicar }  
Curate }

The Form of an Entry of a Marriage.

A. B. of and C. D. of  
were married in this Church by {Banns } this  
Licence\* }  
Day of in the Year One Thousand Seven  
Hundred and by me

J. J. Rector }  
Vicar }  
Curate }

This Marriage was solemnized between us A. B. C. B. late C. D.  
in the Prefence of E. F. G. H.

\* Infert these Words, viz. with Consent of { Parents } where both, or either  
of the Parties to be married by Licence, are under Age. } Guardians }

(1754)



N<sup>o</sup> 1 Thomas Groves, of the Parish of Hampstead in the  
County of Middlesex, Bachelor, aged twenty five years  
and who lives with his Father, Thomas Groves,  
at Hampstead, and has always done so; and  
Anne Toppley, of the same Parish, Spinster, aged  
twenty six years; and has lived at Hampstead  
two years and five months, as Licentiate to Mr.  
William Ansell; were married at Hampstead  
Church between the Hours of eight and twelve  
in the Forenoon, on July the Twentieth 1754  
with Licence from the Arch-Bishop of Canterbury;  
by me

Langhorne Warren, Rector,

This Marriage was solemnized between us  
Thomas Groves, late Ann Groves, late Ann Toppley,  
in the Prefence of William Ansell, of Thomas Ansell,  
Apothecary, and Mrs. Ansell.

N<sup>o</sup> 2 John Beal of this parish, Widower, and Jane  
Playford of the same place, Spinster, were married  
in this Church by Licence from the Arch-Bishop of  
Canterbury, this Twentieth day of July in the year  
one Thousand Seven Hundred and Fifty four, by me  
Langhorne Warren, Rector.

This marriage was solemnized between us  
John Beal, late Jane Playford,  
in the Prefence of Wm. Toyner,  
Apothecary, and Mrs. Toyner.

N<sup>o</sup> 3 Henry Sumner of the parish of St. Luke Horsley Down in the  
County of Surrey, Bachelor, and Katherine Simmonds  
of this parish, Spinster, were married in this Church by  
Licence from the Bishop of London, this Twentieth day  
of July in the year one Thousand Seven Hundred and  
Fifty four, by me, Langhorne Warren, Rector.

This Marriage was solemnized between us  
Henry Sumner, late Katherine Simmonds,  
in the Prefence of Wm. Toyner, Apothecary, and Mrs. Toyner.

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N<sup>o</sup>. 4.

6

Jeremiah Meers, Bachelor and Elizabeth Bull, Spinster, both of this parish were married in this Church by Banns, this fourteenth day of October, in the year one Thousand Seven Hundred and Fifty-four.

by me  
Leahorn Warren, Rector.

This Marriage was solemnized between us <sup>Jeremiah Meers</sup> <sup>Elizabeth Bull</sup> in the presence of Elizabeth Meers, late Mrs. Bull, John Meers, & Tho. Griffith.

N<sup>o</sup>. 5.

7

Richard Horsley of the parish of Christ-Church in the County of Middlesex Bachelor, and Mary Miller of this parish Spinster were married in this Church by Licence from the Bishop of London this Tenth day of October, in the year one Thousand Seven Hundred and Fifty-four.

by me  
Leahorn Warren, Rector.

This Marriage was solemnized between us <sup>Richard Horsley</sup> <sup>Mary Miller</sup> in the presence of Richard Horsley, Mary Miller, late Mary Miller.

In the presence of  
Ralph Bull  
Abra<sup>m</sup>. Armstrong

N<sup>o</sup>. 6.

8

Francis Scott of the parish of St. Martin in the Liberty of Westminster & County of Middlesex, Bachelor, and Elizabeth Lane, of the Parish of Hampstead in the said County, Spinster, were married in this Church by Banns this ninth day of November, A.D. in the year 1754.

by me  
Leahorn Warren, Rector.

This Marriage was solemnized between us <sup>Francis Scott</sup> <sup>Elizabeth Lane</sup> in the presence of Elizabeth Lane, late Elizabeth Lane.

William Wilson  
Par. Vicar

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N<sup>o</sup>. 7.

9

Newman Harris of the Parish of Hampstead in the County of Middlesex Bachelor and Elizabeth Davis of the same Parish Spinster were married in this Church by Licence with Consent of Parents this twenty sixth day of December in the year of our Lord 1754.

by me  
Sam<sup>l</sup> Harris, Curate

This Marriage was solemnized between us <sup>Newman Harris</sup> <sup>Elizabeth Davis</sup> in the presence of us?

John Davis  
Abra<sup>m</sup>. Armstrong

N<sup>o</sup>. 8.

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John Palmesley of the Parish of Hampstead in the County of Middlesex Bachelor and Sarah Johnson of the same Parish Spinster both of full age were married in this Church by Licence this eleventh day of February in the year of our Lord 1755.

by me  
Sam<sup>l</sup> Harris, Curate

This Marriage was solemnized between us <sup>John Palmesley</sup> <sup>Sarah Johnson</sup> in the presence of us?

Abra<sup>m</sup>. Armstrong  
J. Ingot Hawkes

N<sup>o</sup>. 9.

James Prichard of the Parish of Hampstead in County of Middlesex Bachelor, and Sarah Franklin of the same Parish Spinster both of full age, were married in this Church by Licence this twenty sixth day of March in the year of our Lord 1755.

by me  
Leahorn Warren, Rector.

This Marriage was solemnized between us <sup>James Prichard</sup> <sup>Sarah Franklin</sup> in the presence of us?

Abra<sup>m</sup>. Armstrong

