

# How to Have a Lawful Wedding

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Lucy Claudia Call Whinnery© and Isaac Thomas Ayres©  
Joined in Lawful Marriage on Sunday, the 3<sup>rd</sup> of October in the year 2021  
on Delaware, Ohio

My daughter, Lucy, and her husband, Isaac, wanted to begin their life together without contracting with the government or ask permission to get married. So, together we created a path for them to have a lawful wedding. No one in the Ohio Assembly Land and Soil Jurisdiction had experience a lawful wedding, so we figured out how to do one using the principles of self-governance, Anna's writings, and the Instructions for the Solemn Record and Proclamation of Marriage. See <https://tasa.americanstatenationals.org/marriage-paperwork/>

Bouvier's Law Dictionary 1856 edition [https://constitution.org/1-Constitution/bouv/bouvier\\_m.htm](https://constitution.org/1-Constitution/bouv/bouvier_m.htm) :

"The common law requires no particular ceremony to the valid celebration of marriage. The consent of the parties is all that is necessary, and as marriage is said to be a contract jure gentium, that consent is all that is needful by natural or public law."

Here's our 10 Step process for How to Have a Lawful Wedding.

## 1. The Bride and Groom each correct their status.

- a. Remember, United States Citizens/U.S. Citizens/citizens of the United States must ask for permission to do anything, thus the "requirement" to apply for a Marriage License.
- b. Americans don't need permission. Isaac and Lucy wanted to ensure their right to get married without asking for permission.
- c. On Isaac's 21<sup>st</sup> birthday he came home to the Land and Soil by completing his 1779 Declaration and 2 Witness Testimonies and put them on the public record by publishing them on the LRS.
- d. Lucy won't be 21 until February 2022, so she can't do her 1779 and 2 Witness Testimonies until then. Her father and I each corrected our statuses earlier in 2021 and did a Baby Deed on her, put in on the public record by publishing it on the LRS, took out an ad in our local paper (yes, 20 years after the fact, but better late than never!), and sent a copy of the recorded Baby Deed to the Secretary of State of Ohio (State she was born on).

## 2. Choose your officiant.

- a. An officiant is simply someone who conducts a religious or civil ceremony.
- b. You can use a licensed/ordained officiant if you wish. Totally up to you.
- c. On the Land and Soil, they do not have to be licensed or ordained because living people are individual sovereigns and therefore do not ask for permission to be able to marry someone.
- d. You simply need a wo/man of honor who is willing to lead you in your vows.
- e. The authority to declare two people husband and wife comes not by licensing or ordainment, but by witnessing the vows taken by the man and woman.

- f. Lucy and Isaac asked Lucy's grandpa (my dad) to perform the ceremony. He is not ordained or licensed, but he is an elder in our faith (Christianity).
- g. They explained to him that they wanted a lawful wedding, not a legal one, which meant they wouldn't be applying for a marriage license or registering their marriage with the State of Ohio/ STATE OF OHIO. He agreed to perform the ceremony on the conditions that we provide instructions for a lawful wedding, and that it be a Christian ceremony.

**3. Determine the venue and type of ceremony.**

- a. Lucy and Isaac chose an old church that had been converted into a venue, and decided they wanted a traditional Christian wedding.
- b. This allowed them to have the charm and beauty of an old church building, and keep the traditions of our Christian faith, but not have the regulations of an official church organization.
- c. Not using an organized church, an ordained minister or Justice of the Peace meant no one was worried about a marriage license.
- d. Lucy and Isaac wrote their own vows.
- e. My dad looked up the order and wording for a traditional Christian wedding online.
- f. I gave him Anna's article #1833 Lawful Marriage vs Legal Marriage <http://annavonreitz.com/lawfulmarriage.pdf>
- g. The one thing he couldn't figure out was how to pronounce them husband and wife.
- h. Using article #1833 and the instructions for the Solemn Record and Proclamation of Marriage, we chose to use the verbiage: "And now, according to the law of Scripture and in keeping with the traditions of our faith, I pronounce you husband and wife."

**4. Pick your 2 Witnesses.**

- a. Lucy and Isaac chose her father and me because of our American State National status. This avoided having to explain to anyone what the witnesses need to do and why they weren't doing a marriage license.
- b. Anyone over 21 who attends the wedding can serve as a witness on the Proclamation. They do not have to be status corrected. It just makes it easier to get the document signed and thumb printed if they are.

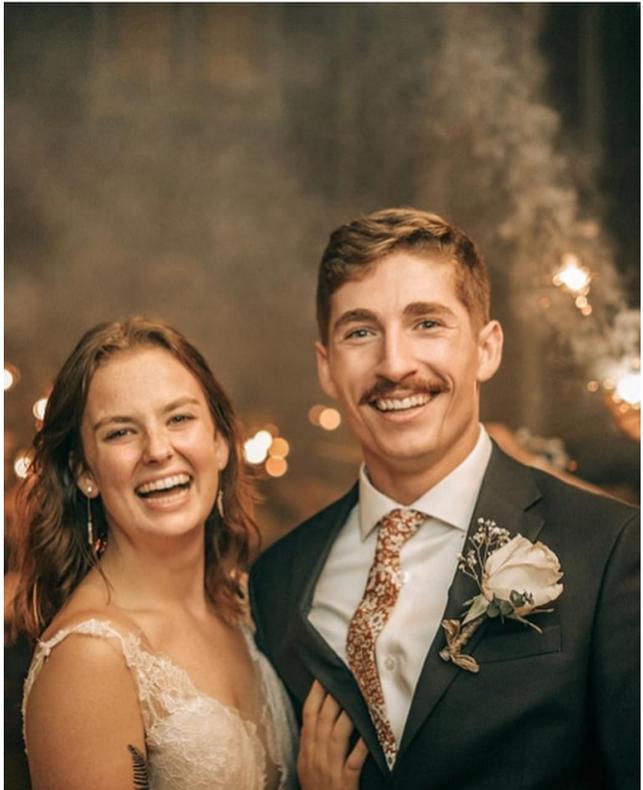
**5. Get the following items before the wedding and be sure to take all of them with you to the ceremony:**

- a. At least six (6) copies of the Solemn Record and Proclamation of Marriage. (See instructions for that document.)
- b. Red ink pad
- c. Red ink pen
- d. Blue ink pen
- e. Baby wipes (to clean thumbs)

6. **As soon as the ceremony is over, and before going to the reception, have the 2 witnesses and the officiant autograph *each* of the printed documents. (See instructions for who gets one of the autographed originals.)**
7. **After the honeymoon, create 2 Cover Sheets, 1 for the bride and 1 for the groom. (See Lucy and Isaac's cover sheets)**
8. **Send the 2 Cover Sheets and 1 Autographed Original Proclamation to your Recording Secretary to put on the public record by publishing on the LRS or LRO.**
  - a. This is to be a joint recording which means there is only 1 Recording Number used for 2 separate publishings. 1 under the Bride's name and 1 under the Groom's name.
  - b. See Lucy and Isaac's documents for reference.
9. **Get a Geneva Bible and begin the family record.**
  - a. Part of my wedding present to my children is a Geneva Bible for recording life events for their new family.
  - b. I couldn't find a reasonably priced Geneva Bible that had Family Record pages in it, so I created my own pages via WORD. I printed them on lightweight card stock, cut them to fit, and taped them onto the blank pages of the Bible using acid-free double-sided tape. (See attached photos)

## **10. Educate and Inform**

- a. Using the Solemn Record and Proclamation of Marriage and Geneva Bible in place of a marriage license will be easier for some people and in some places than others.
- b. In addition to doing the Solemn Record and Proclamation of Lawful Marriage, you also have the right to get a marriage license if you want one. It may make it easier for you to do both. You will have to research and decide for your own purposes what is best for you.
- c. Lucy and Isaac have chosen to use only the Solemn Record and Proclamation and the Geneva Bible as their proof of marriage.
- d. While Isaac is currently serving in the military, he and Lucy do not want her to be a dependent and therefore they're not going to access the increased pay or try to get her on his health insurance.
- e. They are choosing right now to maintain as much sovereignty as possible, even if it means money is a little tighter, and they use different health insurance for her.
- f. Their parents work for themselves and pay for all their own insurance, so it is not foreign to either of them to do the same.
- g. You can list anyone you wish as beneficiary on your life insurance policy. You do not need to prove relationship.
- h. You can open bank accounts with anyone you wish. You do not need to prove relationship. Be sure to grant each other right of survivorship on all your accounts.
- i. Some employers and health insurance companies will accept the Solemn Record and Geneva Bible as proof of marriage. Some will not.



**The Geneva Bible**  
1560 Edition

There is a line of religious persecution... the work of... the Geneva Bible stands as a landmark in the history of the English Bible.

Humanity's discovery of the remarkable type... the explanation of new Bible translations in the sixteenth century... William Tyndale, Miles Coverdale, and Thomas Matthew sought to cast the Scriptures in the common people's language... "that no man should know more of [them] than the educated man."

But translating the Word of God into the vernacular was a task... the Geneva Bible itself, appearing in April or May 1560, bore the marks of the Geneva Bible as well as among those who were not printed in available roman type... the placement of marginal and explanatory commentary in the margins, type, which was illustrating biblical scenes, and words or phrases at the head of pages to promote Scripture memorization.

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From 1571 until 1688 at least one new edition of the Geneva Bible appeared each year. Along with other Bibles in the sixteenth century, the Geneva Bible was published in a translation format that made it more portable, as well as affordable, for a greater audience than the previous quantity and expensive Latin volumes. And when the Authorized Version of 1611 (King James Version) would eventually replace the Geneva Bible in popularity, it is estimated that material from the Geneva account for 10 percent of the finished text of the AV.

English writers who migrated to the New World loved the Geneva Bible. It is probable that the Geneva Bible came to America in 1607 and was used in the Massachusetts colony. Thirty years later, the Pilgrims brought it with them on the Mayflower's previous voyage to religious freedom.

*The Family Bible*  
for  
*Lucy Claudia Colt Whitney*  
and  
*Isaac Thomas Ayres*

*Joined in Holy Matrimony and Lawful Marriage*  
on  
*Sunday the 3<sup>rd</sup> of October*  
*The Year of Our Lord 2021*  
*Delaware, Ohio*

*Family Record started in the hand*

*Bibi's Family Tree*

*Isaac's Family Tree*

*Our Children*

Name	Birthplace	Date

*Their Marriages*

Name	Where	Date

*Our Grandchildren*

Name	Birthplace	Date

*Their Marriages*

Name	Where	Date

*Our Great-Grandchildren*

Name	Birthplace	Date

*Deaths*

Name	Where	Date

*Disceases*

Name	Where	Date



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## Ohio Assembly Recording—Land Recording System Publishing

John Allen Ayres, Sara Jeanette Cordle, Grantors  
Isaac Thomas Ayres, American State Grantee

**This Cover Sheet (1 page)**

**Solemn Record and Proclamation of Lawful Marriage (1 page)**

**(Total Cumulative Pages 2)**

Return To: Ayres, Isaac Thomas  
% 650 Kensington Drive  
Gahanna, Ohio [43230]

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Daniel Francis Whinnery, Erin Eileen Ann O'Donnell, Grantors  
Lucy Claudia Call Whinnery, Grantee

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## Solemn Record and Proclamation of Lawful Marriage

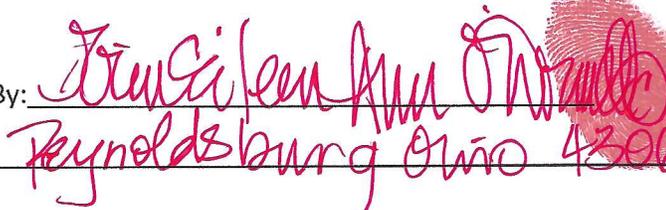
This Solemn Record and Proclamation of Lawful Marriage is Witnessed and Proclaimed in all Jurisdictions of Air, Land, and Sea, and this is Evidence both Public and Private of a Sacred Covenant of the Hearts, of an Agreement of the Minds, and of a Binding of the Wills now referenced before Man and God:

On the 3<sup>rd</sup> day of October 2021 in Delaware, Ohio, were joined in the Holy and Honorable Estate of Marriage: the Man known as: Isaac Thomas Ayres, born of John Allen Ayres of Grove City, Ohio and Sara Jeanette Cordle of Gahanna, Ohio and the Woman known as Lucy Claudia Call Whinnery born of Daniel Francis Whinnery of Worthington, Ohio and Erin Eileen Ann O'Donnell of Reynoldsburg, Ohio.

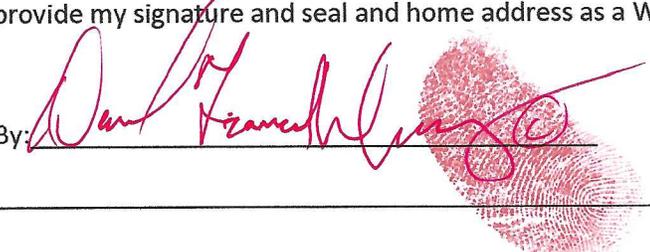
We, the Witnesses to their Vows to each other made before this Community by their own free will, acknowledge and accept their sacred and lawful Union and their Joint Standing as Man and Wife, and recognize them as a Married Couple, owed all Honor, all Rights, and all Natural Benefits of their Union from this 3<sup>rd</sup> day of October 2021 forward:

In Witness Whereof we sign and seal this Solemn Record and Proclamation of Marriage:

**Witness One:** I, Erin Eileen Ann O'Donnell, have read this Proclamation and have Witnessed the Vows referenced herein made by the Bride and Groom, who have willingly and voluntarily entered into Marriage this day in my presence and I provide my signature and seal and home address as a Witness of these facts:

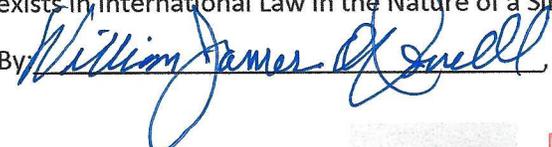
By:  living at: c/o 291 Deer Trail Road  
Reynoldsburg Ohio 43068

**Witness Two:** I, Daniel Francis Whinnery, have read this Proclamation and have Witnessed the Vows referenced herein made by the Bride and Groom, who have willingly and voluntarily entered into Marriage this day in my presence and I provide my signature and seal and home address as a Witness of these facts:

By:  living at: 6590 South Selby Boulevard  
Worthington Oh. [43085]

### Officiant

I, William James O'Donnell, an Elder of the Christian Faith, located at: c/o 4350 East Linda Drive, Port Clinton, Ohio 43452 have this day Witnessed the Marriage Vows of Isaac Thomas and Lucy Claudia Call and I affirm that the ceremony was conducted properly and according to the Public Law of the Ohio State and the traditions of our religion and now exists in International Law in the Nature of a Simple Treaty under the Law of Nations Section 192:

By:  Elder Date: 10/3/21



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