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# Administrative Information

## Access Restrictions

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## Use Restrictions

There are no restrictions.

## Acquisition Information

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## Separated Material

The original compilations are found at the Library of Virginia's State Records Center.

## Related Material

Additional City of Lynchburg 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

The City of Lynchburg was established in 1786. It was incorporated first as a town in 1805 and then as a city in 1852. Parts of Campbell and Bedford counties were annexed to the city in 1976. Located in Campbell County, the city was named for John Lynch, the owner of the original town site.

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, 1805-1853, is essentially divided into two sections. The first section covering pages 1-165, 1805-1853, 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. In addition, two marriages of free persons of color are noted on page 136--both dating from 1850. The second section covering pages 167-168, 1832-1845, records the dates of the ordination bonds, the names of both parties, the minister's name and the religious denomination of the minister.

An Index to Marriage Register, 1805-1853, is a separate volume. It is a copy of a typewritten manuscript and 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

Lynchburg (Va.). Circuit Court.

Christian sects--Virginia--Lynchburg.

Clergy--Virginia--Lynchburg.

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Marriage--Virginia--Lynchburg.  
Lynchburg (Va.)--History--19th century.  
Indexes(reference sources)--Virginia--Lynchburg.  
Local government records--Virginia--Lynchburg.  
Marriage records--Virginia--Lynchburg.  
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