

Marriage Record

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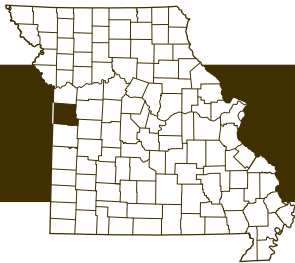
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Marriage records have been kept since before Missouri was a state, but marriage licenses were not required until 1881. Early records included very little information about the couple who were married. Today, marriage records are kept by the recorder of deeds in the county that issued the license.

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