

Marriage License Fee Fund.

LIST OF MARRIAGE LICENSE AGENTS IN UPPER CANADA.

NAME.	RESIDENCE.
Adams, Elias S. ...	St. Catharines.
Alling, Robert ...	Guelph.
Alley, Gerald ...	Orillia.
Bellairs, J. P. ...	Port Burwell.
Bower, William ...	South Gower.
Burke, G. T. ...	Richmond.
Burke, G. R. ...	Bytown.
Buchanan, J. S. ...	Adelaide.
Barwick, H. C. ...	Woodstock.
Bell, Robert ...	Carleton Place.
Bridford, David ...	Richmond Hill.
Conte, Dr. D. ...	Merrickville.
Chisholm, R. K. ...	Oakville.
Cameron, John ...	River Raisins.
Cameron, Malcolm ...	Sarnia.
Cosgrave, William ...	Chatham.
Campbell, Alexander ...	Napanee.
Cummings, J. H. ...	Chippawa.
Chep, James ...	Ancaster.
Davis, Joseph ...	Waterloo, Wellington District.
Daly, J. C. W. ...	Stratford, Huron.
Ewart, J. B. ...	Dundas.
Farrell, J. P. ...	Dunnville.
Hopper, Arthur ...	Huntley.
Harris, John ...	London.
Jarvis, F. Starr ...	Toronto Township.
Grinton, William ...	Blenheim.
Graham, Dr. James ...	Woodhouse.
Green, Rev. T. ...	Wellington Square.
Keefer, Jacob ...	Thorold.
Lawson, William ...	Cavan.
McCaig, John ...	Whitby.
McKenzie, Murdoch ...	St. Thomas.
McLean, Archibald ...	Lochiel.
McMicken, Gilbert ...	Queenston.
McNab, Knight, Sir A. N. ...	Hamilton.
Malloch, George ...	Brockville.
Merigold, William ...	Beechville.
Mortimer, Cecil ...	Pictou.
McCormick, Thomas ...	Niagara.
McKay, William J. ...	Bath.
Morris, Alexander ...	Perth.
Mercer, Andrew ...	City of Toronto.
Nelles, R. F. ...	Grimsby.
Osler, Rev. F. L. ...	Tecumseth.
Pringle, J. D. ...	Cornwall.
Parker, Thomas ...	Belleville.
Patton, Andrew ...	Prescott.
Richardson, William ...	Brantford.
Rich, William B. ...	Goderich.
Roe, William ...	Newmarket.
Shaw, James ...	Smith's Falls.
Smith, John ...	Paris.
Sampson, Dr. J. ...	Kingston.
Stewart, T. A. ...	Peterboro'.
Stanton, Charles ...	Fort Erie.
Shade, Absalom ...	Galt.
Switzer, Tobias ...	Albion.
Switzer, Benjamin ...	Streetsville.
Tracy, Richard ...	Norval.
Throop, R. H. ...	Cobourg.
Thompson, David ...	Indiana.
Treadwell, Charles P. ...	L'Orignal.
Whitehead, G. W. ...	Burford.
Ward, Thomas ...	Port Hope.
Wilkinson, J. A. ...	Sandwich.
Young, Reuben ...	Carrying Place.
McMullan, Rev. D. ...	Illier.
Holden, James ...	Williamsburgh.

LIST OF MARRIAGE LICENSE AGENTS IN LOWER CANADA.

NAME.	RESIDENCE.
Anderson, Rev. J. ...	Melbourne.
Butler, Rev. J. ...	Kingsey.
Bottrell, Rev. E. ...	Dunham.
Balfour, Rev. A. ...	Waterloo, Sheldord.
Doolittle, Rev. L. ...	Sherbrooke.
Fleming, Rev. C. B. ...	Melbourne.
Flanagan, Rev. J. ...	Leeds.
Hale, Rev. R. N. ...	Stanstead.
Jackson, Rev. C. ...	Hatley.
Johnston, Rev. J. ...	Aylmer.
Land-dell, Rev. R. ...	Dannville.
Milne, Rev. George ...	New Carlisle.
Parker, Rev. A. J. ...	Dannville, Shipton.
Reid, Rev. C. P. ...	Compton.
Ross, Rev. G. M. ...	Drummondville.
Steven, Rev. J. ...	Campbelltown, Ristigouche.
Slack, Rev. G. ...	Granby.
Montzambert, C. N. ...	Three Rivers.
Ross, Arthur ...	Montreal. } These are the two
Roche, A. R. ...	Quebec. } principal Agents.

Any Clergyman applying for Licenses is supplied, but these are all that appear on my books.

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T. DOUGLAS HARRINGTON,  
Receiver of Marriage License Fees.

Montreal, 30th January, 1845.

TUESDAY, 11th February, 1845.

D. Thompson, Esquire, a Member of the Committee, examined:—

31. The Committee perceive by the return laid before them by Mr. Harrington, that you are one of the Agents for the giving of Marriage Licenses to those in your neighbourhood applying for them; is such the case?—Yes, my name stands as such on the books.

32. How much do you charge for each Marriage License?—Never more than thirty shillings, and sometimes less.

33. By what authority do you claim the fee of thirty shillings?—By my instructions from the Governor's Private or Civil Secretary, which authorize me to receive upon each License thirty shillings, remitting twenty shillings to the office. I beg to explain, that although I appear on the books as the Agent, the matter is managed by my clerks, who have my authority to retain the fee of 10s. as a perquisite for the said service.

34. How many Licenses do you on an average issue annually?—Not exceeding two dozen.

35. Do applicants complain of this fee?—I cannot say they do, but I am satisfied that were it reduced to one half, the total of the receipts to the Treasury would be doubled.

36. Ought the fee on Marriage Licenses to be regulated by a law, or would it in your opinion be better to leave it as it is?—Decidedly, by a law, and to form a part of the Public Revenue, which would prevent the notorious system of extortion too lamentably practised by many of the issuers.

WEDNESDAY, 19th February, 1844.

Sir Allan N. MacNab, Speaker of the Legislative Assembly, called in and examined:—

37. The Committee perceive by the Report before them, that you are one of the Agents for issuing Marriage Licenses, is such the case?—Yes.

38. How much do you charge for such License?—I cannot say, as I never issued a Marriage License myself; it was always done by those in my office. I lately called at the Secretary's Office, and had my name struck off the list of Agents for issuing Marriage Licenses.

Ordered, That the Bill and Report be committed to a Committee of the whole House on Wednesday next.

Ordered, That the said Report and Evidence appended thereto, be printed in each of the English and French Languages for the use of the members of this House.

On motion of Mr. Colville, seconded by Mr. Méthot,

Resolved, That this House do now resolve itself into a Committee of the whole House, to consider the expediency of repealing so much of the Ordinance, 25th George III., chap. 4, as prohibits Notaries from acting as Clerks of Courts in Lower Canada.

Notaries acting as Clerks of Courts.

The House accordingly resolved itself into the said Committee.

Mr. Boulton took the chair of the Committee, and after some time spent therein,