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Westchester County Marriage Notices  
in the *Eastern State Journal*,

May 1845 - April 1875

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## Introduction

The *Eastern State Journal*, published in White Plains, N.Y., by Edmund G. Sutherland, began in May 1845. Typical of newspapers of the day, it was a four-page weekly. Most of the front page consisted of literary offerings -- serialized fiction and essays. Politics took up most of page two; the *Eastern State Journal* was devotedly Democratic in its editorial views and policies. What local news was published appeared on page three, and part of that local coverage was lists of marriages, not just in White Plains, but weddings taking place throughout Westchester County and the surrounding area. Only three times in the thirty years covered in this volume are there descriptions of the weddings in addition to the listings of names, places and dates. These three, transcriptions of which are included in this volume, indicate the wide range of weddings during this period, from elegant social affairs to "shot-gun" ceremonies in the District Attorney's office! In all, there are over 5,000 entries in the weddings listings from May 1845 through April 1875 in the *Journal*.

When using this volume, remember the following:

1. The date in parentheses is the date of the newspaper issue. Usually, but not always, the date of the wedding is given. When it is not, the words "no date" indicate this; it can be presumed that the wedding took place probably in the two weeks prior to the date of the newspaper.
2. Full entries are given under the groom's name, with cross references from the bride's name. Other relevant people are cross referenced also, except when they have the same surname as the bride or groom. When searching a particular surname, therefore, all entries for that surname should be read.
3. Variant spellings should also be checked, as names are given exactly as they appear in the newspaper. Names beginning with Mc are filed alphabetically as if they were Mac.
4. Occasionally, a marriage was reported as a news item, rather than appearing in the marriage column. In this case, the notation "news item" appears in the listing in this volume. There is no other information to be gleaned, however, from seeing the actual newspaper -- all relevant information is included in this publication.
5. The Westchester County Historical Society's file of the *Eastern State Journal* is substantial but not complete. Approximately 60 of the 1560 issues published in the 30-year period from May 1845 through April 1875 are lacking. The missing issues are scattered throughout the file.
6. A few pages in this volume appear short. This is due to the vagaries of computers, and does not mean that there are entries missing.

- SEARLES, Benjamin. Married, Sept. 2, 1851, by Rev. D.W.C. Van Gaasbeek, to Phebe D. Sniffin, both of Yorktown. (Sept. 19, 1851)
- , Elizabeth see WILLIAMS, William Augustus
- [37359] Ella F. see JERMAN, T. L.
- SEARS, J. R., of Leavenworth, Kansas. Married, in Peekskill, July 14, 1873, by Rev. O.V. Amerman, to Mrs. C. A. Hinman of Peekskill. (July 25, 1873)
- SECLA, Cyrus, of Carmel. Married, at the parsonage, Shrub Oak, June 22, 1853, by Rev. S.B. Andrus, to Phebe Jane Tompkins, of Phillipstown. (July 8, 1853)
- SECOR, Egbert, of Yorktown. Married, at Knoll Cottage near Peekskill, Jan. 2, 1862, by Rev. Benjamin Curry, to Mary R., youngest dau. of Rev. Curry. (Jan. 10, 1862)
- , J. Frank. Married, at "Rocky Rest" near Peekskill, Jan. 21, 1875, by Rev. Daniel D. Curry of New York, to Sarah Frances, dau. of John B. Hobby. (Jan. 29, 1875)
- , Julia S. see CHAMPLAIN, Darius
- , Kate see FOWLER, Orville
- , Mary H. see INGERSOLL, Gedney S.
- , William Henry, of Mamaroneck. Married, in New Rochelle, Dec. 31, 1851, by Rev. Charles B. Sing, to Hester Ann Williams of New Rochelle. (Jan. 2, 1852)
- SEE, Deborah S. see BOUTON, John
- , Evalina see CORNELL, Abraham C.
- , Henrietta see ACKERMAN, Jacob
- , Ida E. see CONKLIN, James
- , Israel. Married, in Mount Pleasant, June 13, 1849, by Rev. Mr. Wilson, to Eliza, eldest dau. of William Brown, all of Mount Pleasant. (June 22, 1849)
- , J. J. Married, in Tarrytown, July 30, 1873, by Rev. J.P. Hermance, to Emma R. Birdsall, both of Tarrytown. (Sept. 5, 1873)
- , Jonathan, formerly of Mount Pleasant. Married, in Staten Island, Oct. 16, 1845, by Rev. James Brownlee, to Eleanor Ann Johnson of Staten Island. (Oct. 30, 1845)
- , Julia A. see VAN TASSEL, John
- , Maria L. see MYERS, Henry S.
- , Martha Jane see DEAN, George
- , Mary Ann see JOHNSON, J. G.
- , Peter. Married, in Tarrytown, Feb. 1, 1846, by Rev. J. Wilson, to Mrs. Deborah Bassett. (Feb. 5, 1846)
- , Robert. Married, in Sing Sing, Dec. 25, 1872, by Rev. G. H. Gregory, to Alice Lawrence. (Jan. 3, 1873)
- , Susan D. see ADAMS, John Q.
- SEEL, Charles. Married, in Yonkers, March 31, 1872, by Rev. A. A. Lings, to Ellen Bergen, both of Yonkers. (April 5, 1872)