

John Dodge/Theodocia Dodge Marriage Bond

Know all men by these presents that we John Dodge and Richard Winchester are held and firmly bound unto the commonwealth of Kentucky in the Just and full sum of fifty pounds united states currency which payment well and truly to be made and done we bind ourselves our heirs jointly severally and firmly by these presents sealed with our seals and dated this 30th day of July 1811.

The condition of the above obligation is such if there should be no legal cause to obstruct a marriage shortly to be solemnized between the above bound John Dodge and ? Theodocia Dodge for which a license this day issued then the above obligation to be void else to remain in full force and virtue in law.

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John Dodge seal

Samuel Haycraft ?

Richard Winchester seal

Affidavit from Minister

This is to certify that on the first day of August 1811 John Dodge and Theodosha Dodge came before me and was joined together in holy wedlock according to the rite and ceremony of the Methodist Episcopal church given under my hand this 24th day of July 1812.

Lewis Chastain EMEC?

Transcribed as written, all spelling and punctuation, by Barbara Middleton on 02 Feb 2002.

Notes: The ? is for words that are illegible. Samuel Haycraft was a court person, judge or clerk.

John and Theodocia's date of marriage is widely reported as 24 Jul 1812. That is actually the date of the affidavit. The marriage date was 01 Aug 1811.