

"Easter Weddings in 1901"

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The Easter Holiday season in 1901 was observed in traditional ways with special church services and Sunday school activities. Local couples also chose the time to exchange their wedding vows. The April 13, 1901 issue of the American Sentinel newspaper reported on local weddings under the headline of "Wedding Bells":

Philbin-Baer.

Miss Gertrude Ridgely Baer, daughter of ex-Justice William H. Baer, of this city, was married on Monday morning to Mr. Henry J. Philbin, 1615 North Calvert street, Baltimore. The ceremony was performed in the parlors of the residence of Rev. F. X. Brady, pastor of St. Ignatius' Church, by Rev. Father Brady. Mrs. W. C. Wickert, sister of the bride, and Dr. J. S. McKee were the attendants. The bride was gowned in a mode-colored tailor-made suit, with hat and gloves to match, and carried roses. Mr. and Mrs. Philbin left for a trip to Atlantic City and will reside at the Jefferson, Baltimore.

Irwin-Hamilton.

The wedding of Miss Florence Irene Steele Hamilton, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. C. J. Hamilton, 1523 West Fayette street, Baltimore, to Mr. Patrick Henry Irwin, Jr., son of Mr. P. H. Irwin, assistant chief engineer of the Baltimore and Ohio Railroad Company, took place Monday afternoon at 4 o'clock in the parsonage of St. Martin's Catholic Church, Fulton avenue and Fayette streets, Baltimore. Rev. Thomas J. Broydrick, the pastor, performed the ceremony. Only the immediate families of the contracting parties were present. After the reception Mr. and Mrs. Irwin left on a wedding trip. For the present they will reside in Camden, N.J.

Dickey-Stoner.

Miss Maggie O. Stoner, daughter of Mrs. Anna E. Stoner, formerly of this county, and Rev. John M. Dickey, eldest son of Rev. Robert L. Dickey, were married in Baltimore on Thursday at noon. The ceremony, which took place at the residence of the groom, 2108 East Lombard street, was performed by Rev. John M. Holmes, who was assisted by Rev. Eugene Macosky. The bride was attired in a gown of mode Venetian cloth and carried a cluster bouquet of white carnations. The bridesmaid was Miss Anna E. Dickey. The best man was Rev. B. Franklin Ruley, of Mellville, Del. After the wedding ceremony the bridal couple left from Mount Royal Station for a wedding tour. They will make their home at St. Michaels, Md., where the groom will assume the charge of the Methodist Protestant Church. The bride is a granddaughter of Mrs. Mary C. Stoner, of this district.

Jones-Gambrill.

Miss Blanche Gambrill, youngest daughter of Mr. James H. Gambrill, of Frederick, and Mr. T. Poole Jones, son of Mr. Albert Jones, of Mt. Airy, were married in All Saints' Episcopal Church in the first named place on Wednesday. The ceremony was performed by the Rev. Osborne Ingle. Mr. William Jones, of Baltimore, was best man and Miss Margaret Jones, sister of the groom, was maid of honor. The ushers were Messrs. Edwin C. Markell and Richard Potts, of Frederick; W. Frank Thomas, of

Westminster; Lowndes Bennett and Mr. Gaither, of Baltimore; Miss Emily Maulsby, of Frederick; Miss Nannie Jones of Mount Airy, and Miss Bettie Shriver, of Westminster, were the bridesmaids. Guests were present from Hagerstown, Westminster, Baltimore, Washington and other cities. A wedding breakfast was served after the ceremony at the Markell mansion on Patrick street. The bride is a sister of Mrs. John M. Roberts, of this city.

Miller-Robertson.

A very pretty home wedding was solemnized at the residence of the bride's father, Mr. Samuel Robertson, near Warfieldsburg, on Tuesday evening, 26th ult. The contracting parties were Mr. Robertson's daughter, Miss Bertie Robertson, and Mr. Frank Miller. Miss Daisy Robertson, sister of the bride, was maid of honor, and Mr. Newcomer, of Wakefield, best man. The bride wore a gown of sky-blue silk, trimmed with white satin ribbon and lace, and carried white lilies. Her maid of honor wore a gown of light-colored cloth, trimmed with white satin and ribbon. The groom wore the customary black with white tie. The marriage ceremony was performed by Elder Jeremiah Brown, of the German Baptist Church, New Windsor. After congratulations the guests were invited to the dining room, where an elegant wedding luncheon of cake, confectionery, ice cream and fruits of the season was served. Those present were: Mr. and Mrs. Samuel Robertson, Mr. and Mrs. James Robertson, Mr. and Mrs. V. B. Sellman, Mr. and Mrs. David Robertson, Mr. and Mrs. Wm. Robertson, Mr. and Mrs. O. E. Hyde, and Mrs. And Mrs. F. W. Robertson, Mr. and Mrs. Jesse C. Robertson; Mr. and Mrs. James J. Robertson, of Wakefield; Mr. and Mrs. Harley Marley, Mr. Charles Zile, of Uniontown; Mr. and Mrs. Jesse A. Robertson, Mr. and Mrs. Harry Robertson, Misses Minnie Miller, Alice, Effie, Lizzie, Pauline, Hazel, Grace and Martha Robertson, Messrs. Claude Marley and Leonard Robertson. The bride received many useful presents.

Nusbaum-Hill

On April 4, 1901, at 7 P.M., a quiet but impressive marriage ceremony was performed by the Rev. Arthur E. Slagle, of Carrollton Circuit, M. E. Church. The contracting parties were Miss Fannie, one of the daughters of Mr. Arthur Hill, of Eastview, and Mrs. Harvey Nusbaum, of Medford. Miss Mattie Hill, of Baltimore, was maid of honor and Mr. Harry Fleagle, of Mayberry, acted as groomsman. The bride exhibited a very neat appearance in a gown of tan cloth, trimmed in satin, laces and brown velvet. She carried a handsome bouquet of white bridal roses. The bridegroom was attired in a full dress suit of black cloth. The bridal party entered the parlor to the sweet and cheering strains of Mendelsohn's wedding march, which was rendered by Mrs. Norris Stocksdale, an aunt of the bride. After the ceremony the guests were invited to the dining room and partook heartily of the refreshments, which consisted of ice cream, cake, oranges, bananas, apples, cocoa, various kinds of fruits, candies, etc. After the luncheon all re-entered the parlor, where a most enjoyable evening was spent and then the guests retired to their respective homes, leaving very best wishes with the newly wedded pair for a long and happy life. Among those present were: Mr. and Mrs. Arthur Hill, Mr. and Mrs. James Hill, Mr. and Mrs. Norris Stocksdale, Misses Mattie Hill, Emma Hill, Lelia Hill, Margie Hill, Mildred Hill, Bertha Hill, Mr. Harry Fleagle, Mr. Herbert Hill, Master Talmage Hill; Miss Gertrude C. Shipley and Mrs. Ulysses H. Shipley of Sandyville.

Easter Greetings from the Board and Staff of the Historical Society of Carroll County.



A cherub proclaimed "Easter Greeting" on this post card mailed to Miss Minta Shipley of Westminster in 1911. The sender wrote, in part, "I wish you all a happy Easter, and all good health. I am not well, and in addition to rheumatism and night wakefulness and day sleeplessness, I have pinkeye." Historical Society of Carroll County postcard collection.