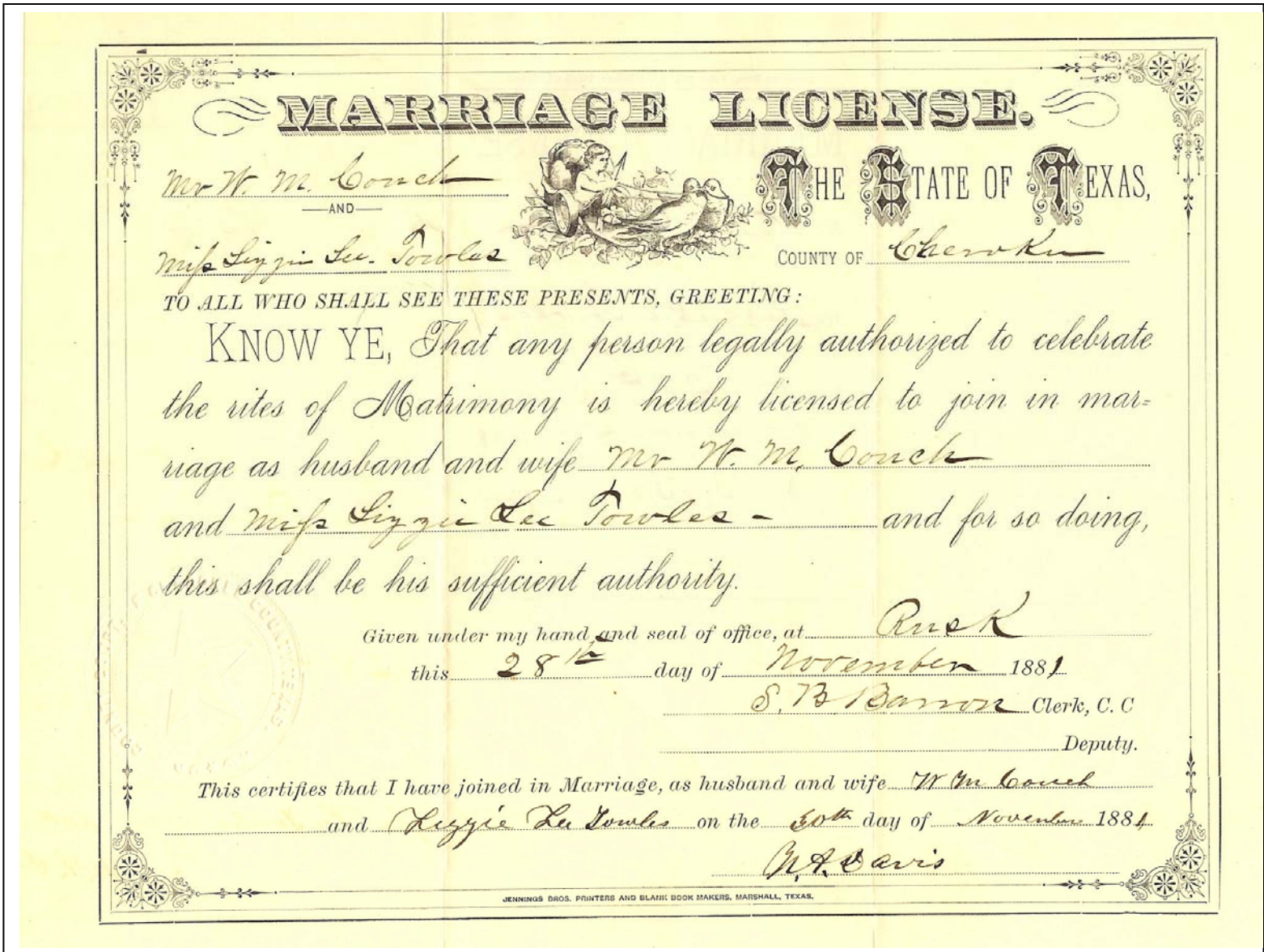


Copy of the Original Marriage License of William M. Couch and Lizzie Lee Towles



**Notes, by Paul David Couch:** Above is a copy of the original marriage license of my great-grandfather, William M. Couch, and my great-grandmother, Lizzie Lee Towles Couch. They were married on November 28, 1881, in Cherokee Co, Texas. William M. Couch's brother, Silas M. Couch, was married on the same day to Carrie Ada Howell. Apparently, it was a joint marriage ceremony.

The story of how I came into possession of this license is rather incredible. First, when I started the genealogy search, I did not know the name of my great-grandfather, as my grandfather, Homer Charles Couch, died when I was only 3 years old, so there was little family discussion with me regarding names, places of residence, etc. As I searched more for information, I located a "Couch cousin", Carolyn Spencer, who works for Boeing. She emailed another Couch cousin, Jerry Benedict. Jerry had picked up the marriage license of my great-grandfather, William M. Couch, as well as the marriage license of his brother, Silas M. Couch at the Cherokee Co, Courthouse, and had forgotten that he had them until I contacted him !

William M. Couch was the son of Drury Couch (b: 1823 in Lawrence Co, Alabama) & Mary (b: Sept 1823 in NC); William M. Couch was the grandson of Henry Couch (b: ca. 1786); great-grandson of John Couch (b:ca. 1745 in VA or NC); and great-great-great grandson of Thomas Couch, Jr. (b: ca. 1710/1730 in Virginia).

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# MARRIAGE LICENSE.

Mr. *W. M. Couch*

—AND—

Miss *Lizzie Lou Fowler*

Issued *28<sup>th</sup>* day of  
*November* 188*1*

*S. B. Bann* Clerk.

Deputy.

