

June 2006 [Note: these are very poor quality and some is not readable]

No. 17359, Cover Sheet

Marriage License, Adult

[only because I know who this is can I barely make out the names]

Last date is April 1, 1897

Registered April 7th 1897, Marriage Register 3 page 168

Application for the Marriage License, No 17359

[I cannot make out what the questions are and most of the answers] What little you can see is ...

Lewis C. Whitson born or resides Manhattan, Will County Age: 20

L. Blanche Nelson

Charles Whitson attests as Witness

David Whitson does hereby certify that I am the father of Lewis C. Whitson and that he is Twenty years ... I do hereby consent to this marriage of my said son Lewis C. Whitson ...

L. Blanche Nelson and hereby authorize said County Clerk to issue a license for such Witness my hand at Manhattan this 27th day of March ---7

s/s David Whitson & Charles Whitson

Charles Whitson being duly sworn, deposes and [Clarence?] Schroeder attested as witnesses, the signature of David Whitson the father of Lewis C. Whitson ... Dated March 29th 1897

The Return of Marriage is so bad you can only make out the signature of Lewis & Blanche and at the bottom "I hereby certify that the above is correct Return of a Marriage solemnized by me O. C. Dickinson Clergyman Dated at Wilton Center this 30th day of March 1897"

Marriage License, No. 17359

Marriage may be celebrated between Mr. Lewis C. Whitson of [Manhattan] in the county of Will ... of the age of Twenty years and Miss L. Blanche Nelson of Peotone in the County of Will ... of the age of Twenty One years dated 29th day of March 1897.

State of Illinois Will county} I, O. C. Dickinson a Clergyman hereby certify that Mr. [Lewis C. Whitson] and Miss L. Blanche Nelson were united in Marriage by me at Wilton Center, in the County of Will and State of Illinois on the 30th day of March, 1897. [Looks like (Orville) C. Dickinson as his signature]