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ROMINE MARRIAGES

(from the book "VA & WV Husbands & Wives," Wardell, 1994):::::::

James Conley 1m ASONA ROMINE, 2m 10.13.1825 Nancy Middleton, Hastings Run
(War 1812 Recs)

David Read/Reed m 2.20.1814 NANCY A. ROMINE, Harrison Co (War 1812 Recs)

John Roach m ca 1823 SARAH ROMANS, Grainger Co TN?

Richard Gee m 2.16.1792 MARY/POLLY ROMINE, Culpepper Co

? ROMINE m ca 1791 Sally Maples, Pittsylvania Co?

JOHN ROMINE m ca 1785 Rebecca ?, Loudoun Co?

JOHN RUNYON m 2.19.1778 Mary/Polly Conklin, NJ

(? marks as per text)

For those of us who are having trouble locating VA & WV records on our
Romines, I found this interesting paragraph in the Foreward to this book:

"...Many of the marriages in these 2 states (VA & WV) were never
recorded, or the records were lost. All or a major portion of the public
records of about 30 VA counties were lost due to fires before, during & after
the Civil War. Those lost records included marriage bonds, marriage licenses
& ministers' reports of marriages. Even tho marriages were supposed to be
reported to county clerks, many of the ministers, especially itinerant
clergymen, did not comply. In addition some of the marriages were not
performed by ministers, such as those unions which were the result of the
publication of banns in the various churches. Some unions were made by the
"handfast ceremony," by which a couple would stand up at a public gathering,
raise their clasped hands in the air & declare that, there being no minister
available then, the man & woman intended to live together as man & wife for
one year w/ the proviso that they would be legally joined together by a
minister when one became available. The couple also had the option at the end
of the year to separate without being married. Any child born of such a union
was not considered illegitimate. There were also cases in the earlier days in
VA & WV that couples ran away from home to the West & never were actually
married, but spent the rest of their lives together as man & wife."

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