

"The History of Marriage," a work in progress

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On November 18, 2003 the Massachusetts Supreme Judicial Court ruled that it was unconstitutional to deny a woman the right to marry a woman or a man the right to marry a man.

The first same-sex marriage in the United States was performed in Cambridge, Mass., on May 17, 2004, the deadline specified by the court to make the ruling law.

This is an abstract record of same-sex wedding announcements published in various newspapers in Massachusetts during the first year of gay marriage, from May 17, 2004 to May 17, 2005.

were married home justice peace officiated ceremony left photo is is attendance were couples number friends will be known is grants manager fund graduated university received masters degree counseling university is stay at home graduated college is pursuing masters degree physical education couple were joined commitment ceremony barn college campus photo here is ceremony.

were married home rev. dr. officiated ceremony left photo is late is ring bearers were reception was held couples home trip served honeymoon is self employed illustrator graduated state university is self employed alternative health care provider massage therapist bodyworker graduated university university year is pursuing masters degree public health have been couple years.

were married steps town hall joint ceremony friends justice peace officiated ceremony left photo is is rings bearers were reception was held is day habilitation supervisor graduated is preschool teacher preschool graduated couple were joined commitment ceremony photo here is ceremony.

were married home justice peace officiated sunset ceremony was honor was was flower following reception street caf couple honeymooned left

photo is research associate university health center graduated college received masters degree sport psychology college will be known is pediatric nurse practitioner day hospital graduated community college received masters degree nursing university.

were married home justice peace officiated ceremony left photo late is attendance were couples children will be known is licensed practical nurse health care center received certificate practical nursing community college works health care center certified nurses assistant graduated state college is pursuing certificate practical nursing community college couple were joined commitment ceremony.

were married anniversary date justice peace performed ceremony was held home have shared attendance were as well as household cats is staff technical writer embedded hardware software company is customer service representative medical industry.

parents werent thrilled found out was marrying is not think wasnt had problem being rather were concerned just years age year law school college was too young get married response was were married age gets earned undergraduate degree university anyway nearly years together there was no question undergraduate college would get married eventually why wait are old souls think friends are older says noting closest friends are couple somethings just seemed so right never even questioned mean couldnt imagine not being allowed hospital some emergency happening am kind worry wart large circle friends was surprised receive invitation wedding lavish affair held club was attended guests only thing is were goddamnit ever would have thought would beat says other there was no real shock met were year old college freshmen differ details encounter there was far too much drinking involved back then confesses agree was eventually made move found together group mutual friends said are shy is okay recalls didnt say says was shy was definitely interested thought was adorable says friends had warned was trouble was little hellion admits was clubs had just started coming out experience was trouble was just never afraid say was thinking was quiet good boy not long pair became inseparable despite contrasting personal styles was just brilliant says attraction gorgeous brilliant shy mean never told talked too much was amazing contrast is lot more outgoing crazy relates is party planner fun side published novel called is now putting skills work endeavor called event planning service has started close friend wasnt always good times years relationship decided had had enough was too crazy was going too much was going every night wasnt concentrating school explains ended relationship stopped taking phone calls planned fly parents home school break little breathing room headed take mind breakup is now able look back split some humor time was completely incapacitated says pulling together long enough attempt reunion loaded picnic basket champagne cheese left teeny tiny plane demanding have picnic park leaving is beautiful day park love am sitting there weeping bawling beautiful spread cheese am just crying screaming crying recalls resisted says was really hard had put foot some point left flew evening another effort distance love troubles drove visit friend former air force fighter pilot course visit related story how once had eject aircraft war zone asked was going mind confronted potential death confessed thought ejected was had never revealed true feelings man loved hearing tale regret knew had try again short time later was car driving south continued refuse calls made drove time arrived doorstep

early next morning says was ready give in were magic words am sorry want change want spend rest lives together recalls is exactly intend do.

right was married late ceremony performed house communications direct national nonprofit holds undergraduate graduate degrees college promotes progressive books company public relations graduated university received masters degree university couple live.

left were married parish church late late couple employees university live.

left were married district court holds degree university university university school law practicing attorney middle school guidance counselor graduated university received masters degree college couple live.

left were married garden ceremony home attorney department housing urban development graduated university received law degree university late assistant professor university graduated university completing doctorate university.

were married top mount justice peace officiated ceremony left photo is late is late were couples children reception was held home friends is science teacher high school graduated college received masters degree education university is physics professor college graduated mount college received doctorate optical sciences university have been couple years.

were married churches rev. dr. officiated ceremony left photo is late formerly is is sexton churches graduated university is pursuing masters degree divinity divinity school graduated university received law degree university.

left were married city hall graduate state college received masters degree university employed life financial graduate student university employed university couple live.

were joined marriage vacation home justice peace human resources manager graduated university university physician graduated university institute technology university couple traveled live.

were married couples home ceremony officiated late late professor community college graduate state university received masters degree university late graduated university received medical degree university in private practice.

right were married civil ceremony presided city clerk late psychotherapist private practice associates graduated university divinity school university graduated university university medical school medical director home school couple traveled live.

years together pictured left right werent expecting wedding pack such emotional wallop did couturier specializes custom evening wear was little self conscious says common feeling many client are marrying later life feel little silly have been living together get all dolled up put big white veil on march down aisle think oh god is going be snickering back says year old instructor school fashion design time rehearsal dinner eve wedding

rolled around didnt feel just really felt wonderfully supported affirmed felt monumental actually didnt expect ceremony took place anniversary couple friends married soon political financial reasons says vice president ad agency couple did not feel pressured do have no children had previously taken steps protect themselves legal documents wills medical directives powers attorney kind felt like were getting married almost could is turned out really did feel monumental there was point during ceremony where felt like time stopped looked said can believe kind couldnt know were literally surrounded family friends exchanged vows were married center rotunda room hotel encircled guests included are deceased close friend officiated ceremony couple met briefly restaurant mutual friend was student university was studying school fashion design early thought was adorable recalls had on gray suede jacket had sort gray blue eyes just looked very very handsome sense humor instantly attracted even right away very time met was just really fun funny doesnt take all that seriously paths crossed again wedding would be months saw again when unexpectedly moved into condo very same building where was living social circles overlapped found spending more more time together about months casual socializing friends finally wound up dinner date holiday weekend can recall exactly how happened would really say was fate is only way can explain admits basically kind did have huge crush decision get married equally organic more decades togetherness there were rings violins there definitely was moment were should do years seems is obvious still needs be spoken whats secret long happy union joke time wanted get divorced same time laughs more serious note says many relationships fail couples arent honest degree are willing commit dont want be alone asserts do want be married does not count wafflers cant imagine life says.

late late were married home artist associate professor college art manager government relations couple reside.

were married anniversary day met home justice peace officiated ceremony left photo is late is late attendants were ring bearers were couples dogs ceremony couple guests dined grill is executive director association of councils aging graduated college is gardener no. 1 assistant curator college graduated state university.

were married home u.s. congressman representing southeastern serves various boards including island alliance harbor islands national park graduate university financial adviser financial advisers couple live.

love respect trust forgiveness compromise partnership elements say are foundation lasting relationship realization came held lengthy discussions not would get legally married having been together more years marriage became possibility had never thought explains had talked decided didnt want just get married could spent long time thinking marriage would be was really getting in touch really wanting be forever really wanting create family adds is interesting is words came up sort represented had gone through coming together worked very hard relationship dont take granted actively sort work remind wedding ceremony close friends took minutes offer personal reflections meaning words rather move front room make remarks speaker stood spoke seat audience says brought audience together close made much more intimate kind space were married evening ceremony college club more friends family members rev. longtime friend family officiated guests attendance native was

overwhelmed turned face audience during offering peace ceremony everything happened so fast point hadn't really been able to see whole crowd was says was pretty amazing just see people knows know have known years known years family just room was pretty amazing there were people everywhere went effort think was most memorable part wedding me grew up was particularly touched toast offered reception best man is long term committed relationship lives think is easy forget being person is be person somewhere else says wedding toast explains was lovely perspective how meaningful important is more just how meant lot come see future is couple did not rush decision get married healthcare emergency helped crystallize desire formalize lifelong commitment last experienced serious unexpected health crisis necessitated surgery hospital stay months long convalescence home was intensive care says could not imagine tubes coming out marketing public relations director health educational facilities authority experience drove home necessity being legally able to make medical decisions partner nursed back health security administrator registry motor vehicles realized was too good let slip away had really depend lot little things big things says was just clear goodness is is prompted propose marriage midst recovery was just very sentimental moment was just feeling very loved cared for says believe exact words were really want marry recalls then said well is proposal was uh huh sure yeah says jokes being mind pain medication time was funny just ran laughs mean end week had sorts ideas had made some calls caterers places have.

were married rabbi employed college graduated college received masters degree university graduate university stand up comedian marketing director online reference service late couple live family.

were married rose garden child's park justice peace officiated ceremony wedding led mayor took place following day couples house left photo is late formerly is late formerly was ring bearer readers were following reception at chinese restaurant couple honeymooned is nurse practitioner health center hosts blame blues graduated university is founder director real cost prisons project national education organizing effort aimed challenging mass incarceration is fund raising organizational development consultant local national organizations took part non degree program history college graduated university program university.

right were married city hall graduate college works local theater late graduate university manager couple live.

right late were married island beach graduate state university is real estate appraiser graduated academy university owns steel supply company couple live.

right were married home justice peace staff optometrist medical associates eye associates graduated college received doctoral degrees university college of optometry graduate university administration officer university.

late were married city hall deputy director university art museums received bachelors masters university doctorate conservatory music graduated college received masters degree university vice president investments couple live.

were married home ceremony presided over city clerk graduated college employed organ and piano late artist student school fine arts graduated university couple live.

right were married their home ceremony presided rev. late retired telecommunications installation manager innkeeper bed breakfast director hotel restaurant services.

rev. dr. were married private ceremony minister community churches founding member religious coalition freedom marry adjunct instructor two local institutions faculty assistant business school couple live.

were married city hall presided financial adviser financial advisers graduated college holds masters degree college college photographer senior manager graphics digital printing company candidate certificate design.

wasnt exactly office romance did find love workplace years truck driver made multiple daily deliveries bank headquarters general mail facility road works postal service made daily deliveries same place despite regular routines not once did paths cross snowstorm winter caused arrive facility earlier usual effort finish deliveries roads got too messy particular bounded facility dropped off express mail headed door very moment entered building made eye contact kept going got minivan headed street next stop expo not long after reached destination noticed large truck pulling gate vast parking lot said bingo is following knew would just knew would follow recalls scribbled name phone number postal service delivery slip rode elevator floor conference center quickly made delivery hurried building truck had disappeared circled building van no avail was hauling rig expansive lot searching minivan shortly pulled u turn headed other direction saw driving worsening weather wasnt mood small talk just reached handed slip said think are really hot dont have time shit call got back minivan drove away was meant be says had recently ended relationship wasnt necessarily looking decide dont want relationship right comes along would be days before picked phone very moment impatient was composing personal ad missed connection variety hope catching attention met coffee morning continued do so everyday remainder workweek time some friends hit ski slopes morning recalls just didnt feel like skiing was mind whole time headed back called date night months later moved hometown live took up skiing took up inquiring would get married kept hearing are going ask marry are going ask marry reveals did not protests laugh yes did finally proposed ski trip returned hotel dinner date took edge nerves martini early notes got bended knee opened ring box matching gold wedding bands popped question by roaring fire tears started falling head says was totally shocked says totally shocked were married home justice peace ceremony reception attended friends family members legal marriage presided was smaller affair attended people out following brief ceremony group headed couples residence fired up grill wedding notes was merely cement legal status married couple far are concerned wedding is anniversary says now have got legal protections explains happens happens happens have got legal protections.

left were married park science teacher technical high school graduate employee graduate state university.

were married home justice peace officiated ceremony left photo is late formerly is late attendants were was flower reception was held couples home plan honeymoon is executive director cancer house graduated state university state college received masters degree social work university school social work is genetics associate medical center graduated state college received masters degree medical genetics university.

left were married home farm graduate college selectman it consultant farmer graduated university received masters degree polytechnic institute software consultant couple live farm cats sheep goats chickens turkeys pigs peacocks.

left were married home couple live.

right were married parish unitarian universalist late physical therapist assistant sailmaker sailmakers medical laboratory technologist health couple traveled to live.

were married home senior project manager healthcare graduated university received masters degree university graduated received masters degree chief operating officer couple live.

were married anniversary commitment ceremony home justice peace officiated ceremony left photo is is late formerly is writer has published books adults children graduated university is communications coordinator city graduated high school.

would be hard pressed find more personal wedding ceremony wedding held couples backyard exception food catered square couple worked friends put together every part event music invitations ceremony couples close friends rev. priest officiated working couple are not religious designed ceremony fit tee was not traditional ceremony helped walk some parts might want include explained began ceremony welcoming invocation read poem couple exchanged vows think writing vows having opportunity speak front family friends was really important pretty powerful have do same share thoughts deepest feelings said vice president institute incoming executive director attorney formerly headed up law project insisted low key intimate ceremony what would call big production sort said couple invited guests including friends relatives country many guests pitched help put together do shindig neighbors living unit next door family condo spruced up back yard make welcome setting ceremony colleagues designed invitations using superimposing head picture wedding dress head picture tuxedo invitation was similar image only heads switched included message dress is optional back invitation couples heads were placed everything basketball uniforms biking attire formal wear was really creative set scene wasnt traditional wedding all trappings said said having closest friends relatives day help mark legal recognition marriage most important part ceremony was just very moving people had sort been all sorts permutations world had managed maintain enough continuity folks loved people were most important were there think was most special thing said couple had been together years had never held any sort commitment ceremony marriage part wanted wait could enjoy legal recognition ceremony was powerful said did not fundamentally change relationship personal level have say honesty marriage didnt change feeling commitment said lawyer theres

knowing law recognizes relationships choose enter into are no longer excluded are has very powerful statement said anniversary only month away couple said have not yet decided will celebrate large part have spent years celebrating anniversary beginning relationship began attached anniversary as said getting married was wonderful was so powerful didnt really change relationship said sense is more arbitrary marker when got together is really changed life was meeting getting involved with is deepest most powerful celebration have was fabulous experience.

were married unitarian society rev. dr. officiated ceremony left photo is is late attendants were couples reception is planned is stay at home graduated graduate center city university is gifts coordinator advancement department college graduated university.

were married home rabbi officiated ceremony right photo is late is late junior were couples was ring bearer reception was held couples home will be known is physician at medical group graduated university received medical degree medical college will be known is physician assistant medical group graduated university received postgraduate degree physician assistantship school medicine health sciences university have been couple years.

early days romance reads like case study out guide relationships is it date just coffee guide dating sex romance was vexed variation age old question finally mustered guts invite lunch afternoon months socializing casually group mutual friends was pretty excited recalls still wasnt sure was asking out real date were just going hang out friends course secretly had hots very introduction cafe was shy was suffering crisis self doubt thought was way league all admits is major reasons didnt ask out is very classy fact is yoga practitioner was slight cause concern seemed was higher plane rest out getting drunk being silly laughs just was drawn immediately was smooth sailing date ended making plans get together again time was sure make intentions clear asked out again later week explains was would be date year later year old university research scientist assistant professor student school massage were married intimate ceremony reverend were joined legal ceremony justice peace beforehand residents will celebrate marriage nearly friends family reception house was inspired propose couple attended wedding native as talk turned possibility own nuptials flight back told would marry tomorrow asked was all needed hear following weekend was search perfect engagement ring and plotting perfect proposal would pop question trip ski resort slope side suite reserved especially occasion picked up custom made ring instantly ditched plan ring just few minutes burned hole hand explains went home declared was appreciation day no apparent reason told oblivious future bride was taking out dinner already midst making dinner home declined agreed go out afterwards given is dessert restaurant was further baffled insistence bringing chocolate box eatery decided make best odd behavior was thinking is fine can have little snack chocolate eat cake drew line however insisted open candy box restaurant said am not going open am not going eat chocolate chocolate restaurant laughs was telling open where was seated would be little more incognito outside could open was sitting corner eventually persuaded open box surprise contained even better ring box opened ring know course freaked out says apparently did just stared sort dumbfounded recounts finally was do have ask asked very cute definitely

was nervous have ever been life explains moment silence do lot public speaking things would normally make nervous took cake then again growing up wasnt exactly conducive dreams wedding points out even had supportive family met shortly relocating home state notes timing shortly supreme judicial court ruled couples were entitled marry was fortuitous think have been helped way says certainly would be exactly same point probably rings fingers would certainly still be love still together seems fate should have met just sjc finalized historic decision says are married year later very happy story certainly not happens anywhere else.

are proof positive adversity breeds opportunity were married deck home justice peace surrounded small group friends family describes old fashioned courtship date was as mundane as was momentous meeting online arrived home month later date was flabbergasting love sight recalls year old can tell was just pure chemistry met agrees year old just knew heart was those inexplicable things just knew know sounds like cliché just knew was extremely unusual just type completely spent next several hours front porch deep conversation eventually made driveway car was parked didnt get very far glow beautiful moon listened oldies about hours car says ensuing months love blossomed warm summer nights coffee cookies conversation same front porch courting dance was borne more out necessity inherent romanticism was born syndrome degenerative congenital condition has left blind deaf though hearing has been partially restored cochlear implants dinner dates noisy restaurants werent option had do unconventional stuff where could be close enough have conversation how many times have gone dinner not been able hear says did want talk might never have met were not willingness give dating another try ending ultimately unhealthy year relationship confidence boosted partially restored hearing somewhat reluctantly ventured world online personal ads had never done like before said only last time will ever do explains said will only do couple weeks then call quits was just going give shot was what did some encouragement was doing little fishing web having recently ended relationship years was captivated interests century literature tastes film music beautiful smile are capricorns physical limitations were inconsequential was cares has had experience world has seen wealth foreign films has deep appreciation music know is not brain damaged certainly are attractive qualities mate knew was love answered door date said are months later month after state supreme judicial court ruled couples could legally marry was time christmas shopping mutual marriage proposals was shopping ring says little did know so was see capricorns are entrepreneurial people grab life horns rush emotion cant recall pop question have imagine pretty overwhelming says wedding videographer was doing double duty that day past years has chronicled life syndrome slowly robbed sight derailing career painter hearing documentary titled had easy film is now final editing stages documenting years loss filming wedding says was surreal eyes would fill up sound editor would say dont sniffle going pick up says had be careful had come out year relationship was bad know dating hard explains having put ad web site saying legally deaf blind is hard thing do fact did was married next year couldnt have written better couldnt have made up is unbelievable perhaps is even has difficulty finding words describe joy felt exchanged vows presence friends family just was moment had dreamed about happened most more is having met love life says sometimes takes long time wait that person come does happen adds found this this wonderful.

right late late were married light.

were married unitarian society officiating ceremony were justice peace cousin left photo is is late formerly was honor junior were flower were couples was honor couples was ring bearer reception was held country club is food service director graduated international college is director graduated college.

right parents deceased were married justice peace presided graduate military academy project manager marketing communications.

left late were married private ceremony graduated high school attended state university graduated high school college couple realtors real estate traveled live.

left were married church unitarian universalist late psychologist university private practice graduate university university university late graduate university university instructional designer microsystems couple reside.

were married home justice peace officiated ceremony couples was attendance left photo is special education humanities teacher campus regional high school graduated state university received masters degree education graduated university received masters degree counseling psychology graduate school spring couple were joined commitment ceremony photo here is ceremony.

left were married arboretum late senior vice president object relational technologies psychotherapist late couple live plan travel.

is low key attorney is outgoing wisecracking travel agent graphic designer is why relationship nearly years has worked so well quiet shy am out there friggin limb planet havent even named yet says works think when go out there some sort place some branch there ground differing personalities are most obvious way went about proposing make relationship permanent vacationing favorite bed and breakfast northern couple traveled picturesque town stood romantic spot by bridge waterfall overlooking lake town center produced karat gold wedding band share life romantic aura punctured confesses opened ring box ring fell out box rolled lake had reach into water get friggin thing recalls was beautiful moment began wearing identical ring contrast staged own proposal home christmas morning state supreme judicial court ruled couples had right marry last gift gave was jack in the box induced shudder revulsion recipient urged partner crank up box hail to the chief jingled end out popped engagement ring taped head note will marry know how felt this thought was kind ironic put ring top head explains got down knee said yes couple was legally married birthday home in law ceremony officiated justice peace hosted relatives friends outdoor mardi gras themed reception complete feather boas masks juggler magician plenty mardi gras beads wedding day says was learning experience some guests lot family is italian american knew loved didn t know what expect wedding explains think probably thought were all gonna come down cha cha heels think were pleasantly surprised how touching was had people there knew loved wanted see get married think saw how committed were there wasnt dry eye house proudly proclaims got together dinner date little town hall restaurant meeting online say had nice time agreed see

again some details that night are dispute had pink shirt recalls had pink shirt retorts was faded red shirt faded pink says made another stunning wardrobe choice wedding day further highlights opposites attract dynamic relationship both initially agreed married dark suits changed rules surprise showed up nuptials clad white zoot suit purple pin stripes purple shoes brilliant purple shirt there am dark suit says coming down aisle this costume was not costume protests got whole thing international thing said walked down aisle was just cant help was not be outdone surprise department ceremony presented spouse little birthday present engagement ring diamonds exact match had presented christmas morning months before course was bawling eyes out says.

right were married street church graduate college art architectural center architectural association teaches college architectural center graduated university architect associates couple live.

term marriage referred living together recent marriage neither spouse wore dress much disappointment nosey couple wedding ceremony was coming close chapel church couple passers by waited outside catch glimpse what was wearing guests had chance explain newlyweds emerged greeted celebratory shower birdseed disgruntled guess is weddings onlookers close friend couple rt. rev. bishop presided over simple religious ceremony incorporated mixture scripture music poetry more friends family including friends welcomed couple married life president group communications consulting firm has degrees state university university is architect associates graduated institute of technology university wedding program began few remarks marriage written couple read aloud rev. what is unusual day program reads is we are not embarking journey love hope are pausing reflect years journey expectation many days come couple met years ago christmas party weeks later trudged noreaster get date showing movie says cancelled scheduled date do laundry persisted knew was special says elusive quality says cant remember exactly was attracted knows was cute is been years says basically are old farts relationship has weathered job relocations local distant despite being together long couple had not considered marriage recently originally opposed whole idea couple began rethink long held beliefs serving best friends wedding summer figured why says couple decided might well do legally could were never formalities marriage was no official proposal simply decided make official still says marriage is not admits married life has perks does feel little different says am not so sure how is just nice says be able check married box forms something couple could never do before not couple had married would still have all things brought together place says partner work together well have common separate interests instance while both men enjoy outdoors prefers gardening gets thrills jumping off cliffs paragliding couple loves travel everything goes fine wine good food arts will be enjoying honeymoon.

left late late rev. were married home graduate university retired teaching high school director community support services center graduated university received masters degree university couple will take cruise.

were married library rev. officiated ceremony left photo is late is members wedding party were couples reception was held grill will be known is library director memorial library graduated regional school university received masters degree library science state university is risk

safety specialist foods market graduated regional high school have been couple years.

were joined marriage inn justice peace reception immediately followed is is late chose be best attendants were was flower chose best ushers were is taking name is executive vice president realty advisors inc is freelance photographer couple honeymooned.

left were married unitarian universalist occupational therapist graduate university retiree.

were married house justice peace officiated ceremony left photo is is following reception house couple honeymooned is financial management consultant attended university received masters degree business administration school management is administrator institute jewish philanthropy graduated university received masters degree public health university have been couple years were joined commitment ceremony.

were married academy music justice peace officiated ceremony left photo is late is late was honor was best reception was held couples home will be known is director finance regional graduated high school college will be known is director information services town graduated university received masters degree information technology university.

were married home rev. unitarian universalist minister officiated ceremony left photo is is reception was held couples home plan honeymoon will be known is english teacher regional high school graduated college received masters degree social justice education college will be known is assistant features editor writes column life graduated college couple were joined commitment ceremony.

wedding had just thing common married else was different legal status counted number guests size family counting there are now briefly discussed having some sort wedding party exchange vows quickly dismissed idea had already done lovely ceremony involving orange gladiolas broom guitar strumming folkie is not something wanted go through again was scheduled arrive c section didnt feel quite right plan reception hadnt managed find time put babys crib together decided get hitched shot gun wedding style soon possible was born was only months ago is hard conjure uncertainty enveloped build up date decision granting civil marriage rights couples was set go effect were predictions confusion chaos gawdy style behavior streets hello was sense it really wasnt going happen thered be some last minute court glitch style stand anti zealots involving dispatch national guard troops prevent couples gaining entry city town clerks offices around state thought would truly be able get married just didnt feel real is why plotted details marriage were special ops team were stealth giving out details pending nuptuals strict need to know basis hence obstetrician knew about plans did not packed only essentials diaper bag drivers licenses lollipop stave off tantrums hired photographer record entire thing black and white case ever needed prove really happened told doctor plans discussion book c section just laughed is inherently funny being months pregnant planning wedding not necessarily got joke was after all months pregnant then hugged agreed if all went well could theoretically discharged hospital early enough head nearest city hall toddler baby and to be tow during birth read underwent major abdominal surgery plans get married just days later was big topic

conversation nurses anesthesiologist really could have given little more juice digress was most part an after thought came out tipped scales pounds ounces that is imagine is how celebrities sometimes feel people dont know are nevertheless interested details wedding was discharged day early packed up drove town hall even live wanted be able find parking space close town hall point longest distance had walked was hospital room nursery about feet we didnt want stand line see longest distance walked was great mood percocet will do was uncharacteristically curmudgeonly dont see why should be so happy finally get something should have had all along grumbled then there were people handing out flowers complete strangers just hanging out wish well city employee asking sign memory board day marriage application were overcome so much couldnt even look years meeting falling love were weirdly shy showing just how much moment meant let tell is rare feeling let say again years left town hall volunteers gave wedding cake returned days later be married town clerk wedding ceremony wasnt nearly emotional applying marriage license cant say why maybe is had done before maybe is were little squirmy maybe is finally believed whole thing was real had asked before wedding thought would feel any different afterwards would have said no months into whole legally married thing have say yes does feel different cant get rid now can would be so much work fact like end fights arguments heated discussions taunting are going take divorce court inevitably cracks up is not romantic all readers out there long term relationships belts know exactly what am talking about.

ask how long spouse were together got married hesitation replies let see can do math right would have been years months days is keeping equally close tabs relationship blossomed mutual friend hooked up blind date christmas party people ask how long have been together am well is going years are blind date are is amazing everyday is something new pictured left were married hotel officiated ceremony was attended more couples friends family members was celebration marked sound music serenades best opera singer performed selection composed couples friends cousin wowed crowd rendition tune eyes dj went work crowd kicked up heels oh god danced says are dance is do sweetest sound was hearing present couple had chosen hyphenate last names was time heard else say was just sort overwhelming good way insurance claims analyst mutual trained opera singer runs own health nutrition company were drawn blind date nearly years ago vastly different family backgrounds is self described traditional old school catholic yankee is biracial native bible belt roots then connected silliest things notes mutual appreciation era morning cartoons topic conversation dominated hours date thing talked was kids watched recalls laughing remembered channel course think was dont remember is live initial attraction had doubts relationship having come out age more conservative began dating college encountered few openly people age would end up dating were years older was trend followed expressed concern age friend made pointed observation said have talked ever went out shut up just do did have been together ever doubts were long gone time proposed trip where sang opening art gallery was working time festivities was having bad day having lost mother just months found suddenly overwhelmed grief went back house was really upset says listened time ranted how horrible world is casually got up plucked luggage seconds later is down knee opens box face froze recounts saw rings just started cry took say says just started crying made cry was followed many yeses honestly

cant remember what said was shock says could see was ring fact was going marry there was no question no question day there was no question was going be forever blind date did.

chose marry day gay pride parade wanted private ceremony be celebratory special thats exactly how was even nearly years together relationship has evolved grown over years things are still there says year old know care very deeply love at least speaking love more did years ago would say thats pretty accurate says couple made vows garden ceremony home justice peace day remember honor best were best friends dinner celebration was held grill was small twist fate brought together were introduced mutual friend was living having just relocated native afternoon not long after called home work asked friend lunch minute said no recalls said well is there date was lunch that afternoon sometimes fate needs little more massaging few weeks after lunch date found need typewriter prepare cover letters applied jobs area was few people knew city called ask had typewriter said did asked could come borrow do cover letters said didnt have typewriter had to go borrow friends when got there didnt really know it wasnt typewriter there was typewriter thats all needed there was more smitten plot arranged typewriters true owner invite couple out drinks later that night insure completion cover letters would be delayed time returned little break was too late finish work conveniently too late make trek home place that big mile trip rest as say history couple now calls home native is clinical social worker comprehensive school age parenting program mental health association is employed system analyst commonwealth will mark anniversary wedding celebration whats secret longevity would think fact willing allow relationship grow change time think things learned taken away theres cycles relationship marriage seems run every years are mode then switch are different levels sort need be willing make adjustments go change grow is slightly less philosophical dont know what secret is laughs did would bottle jokingly would say guess just always give own way adds then works out fine.

right months preceding marriage were whirlwind wedding planning kind had every little dream having big wedding laughs settling color scheme lilac pale pink and white be exact shopping vases votives candleholders cake knife wooing overbooked florist renting tent tables chairs guests couple orchestrated every detail elegant tasteful wedding dreams right down lavender pink colored tulip bulbs were wrapped festive netting given wedding favors was said done couple had logged roughly trips home southern coast where held wedding reception were legally joined small ceremony home later day midst minding minutest details managed squeeze weeks dance lessons dance studio time took floor dance married couple strains ballad last were pretty light fee speak told people didnt want go front everyone have dancing looking gorillas confides wedding came years day meeting after becoming acquainted online web site gay.com arranged date at restaurant sparks flew burgers fries few games pinball think there was definitely something there recalls think kind knew there was something there was common bond get go thing are bears explains like bears thats always plus even before met was smitten online photo sporting leather jacket beard mustache having left unhealthy relationship year before be turned off drama encountered dating pool says most attractive quality normality course blue eyes contrast strikingly silver hair didnt hurt either actually pictures gay.com profile did not do justice says was very surprised when actually saw just

was not very photogenic months later popped question during weekend retreat bed breakfast had just taken sunset poolside perch inns backyard when made move thought is want to do now recalls got down knee asked be committed luck would have decided postpone setting date order save money complete refinancing home names months proposal supreme judicial court ruled same sex couples were entitled marry state of vows commitment planned make would now be legally recognized couple returned scene proposal wedding was officiated rev. served best best was friend couples pets served ringbearers outfitted rainbow garter fashioned collar affixed small satchel containing wedding band dog white was escorted down aisle rainbow leash groomer similarly decked out cat coon calico mix was escorted celebrated friends family reception harbor inn presence so many loved including nieces nephews wedding says made day truly memorable was so happy actually personally were family members had not seen years funeral explains know are other side state had reopened some lines communication family members broke some others unfortunately adds know people mattered were there contrast will always remember feeling intimacy exchanged wedding vows was like rest world had stopped says could not hear anything except talking was like own universe moment together.

met way most people did back met bar through mutual friend says slight smirk adds had both dated club village nightspot met long gone relationship has endured nearly years were wed civil ceremony officiated by city clerk home private ceremony was attended couples close friends more friends family witnessed blessing couples holy union at church candlelight service presided associate rector rector was such blessing ceremony ever be held historic church square celebrated reception club service week meeting had date at cafe pretty much connected recalls time was living began dating regularly began spending more more time away condominium time was renovation ended up spending more time then partly renovations slowed down laugh months together purchased home sold condo moved relocated years ago eventually became clear were long haul dont think is moment know says architect think reached point started talking future future was together became comfortable making type decision just grew understanding expectation would spend rest lives together there is no secret lasting relationship says is retired corporation just love hard work love continues grow any relationship individuals put together theres lot give take there explains is important part civil marriage became option couple was not question decided have civil ceremony sooner rather later says someone figured out way prevent doing did earlier initially viewed afternoon civil ceremony formality was work up until hours nuptials headed work next day took on more profound meaning once slipped wedding band left ring finger became so aware so aware rings other peoples fingers says didnt hit eventually hit how important is are else says just else agrees relationship am married have that band left ring finger world knows is making difficult guess is now observes laugh is memories religious blessing hold closest hearts was definitely more special have much fonder memories blessing family friends were there were able share big step people.