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Handwriting Example XV

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This is a *Lysnings-och vigselbok* (banns and marriages book) from Nordmark in Värmland.

A couple usually married in the bride's home parish. When a couple wanted to marry they had to go and see the local clergyman and he would then write the banns (*lysning*) on a

sheet of stamped paper, and collect a fee for this. The amount varied according to the finances of the couple. The banns were read in church for three Sundays in a row, and if anyone was opposed to this marriage, this was the time to tell the clergyman. If one or both of the parties involved had been married before, then there is often a note that the probate of the deceased husband/ wife had been shown to the clergyman and all estate matters were completed.

The solution to the handwriting is on p. 22.

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