



The wedding party — comprising numerous ushers and bridesmaids, as well as flower girls and pages — forms a receiving line following the brief nuptial ceremony.

I DO!



Upon arriving at the Brooks Grove Church, a bridesmaid steps down from a horse-drawn carriage with the help of an usher.

Museum re-enacts Victorian nuptials

Wedding bells rang at the Genesee Country Museum in Mumfords July 26 as museum employees and volunteers re-enacted a Victorian wedding of the 1890s. The wedding, which was held in the Brooks Grove Church in the museum compound, attracted a crowd of about 1,000 people who packed the church and overflowed onto the church steps. The wedding party arrived for the afternoon ceremony in a horse-drawn carriage shortly before the brief exchange of vows. Following the wedding, a reception was held in the town hall and the newlyweds departed for an "out-of-town" honeymoon. Fran Merkel, head seamstress at the museum, created each of the reproduction gowns for the wedding.



After the couple exchanges "vows," bridesmaids lift the bride's "modesty veil," allowing the bride and groom to kiss. The reproduction gowns were created especially for this annual event.

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