GUIDE TO MARRIAGE CERTIFICATES

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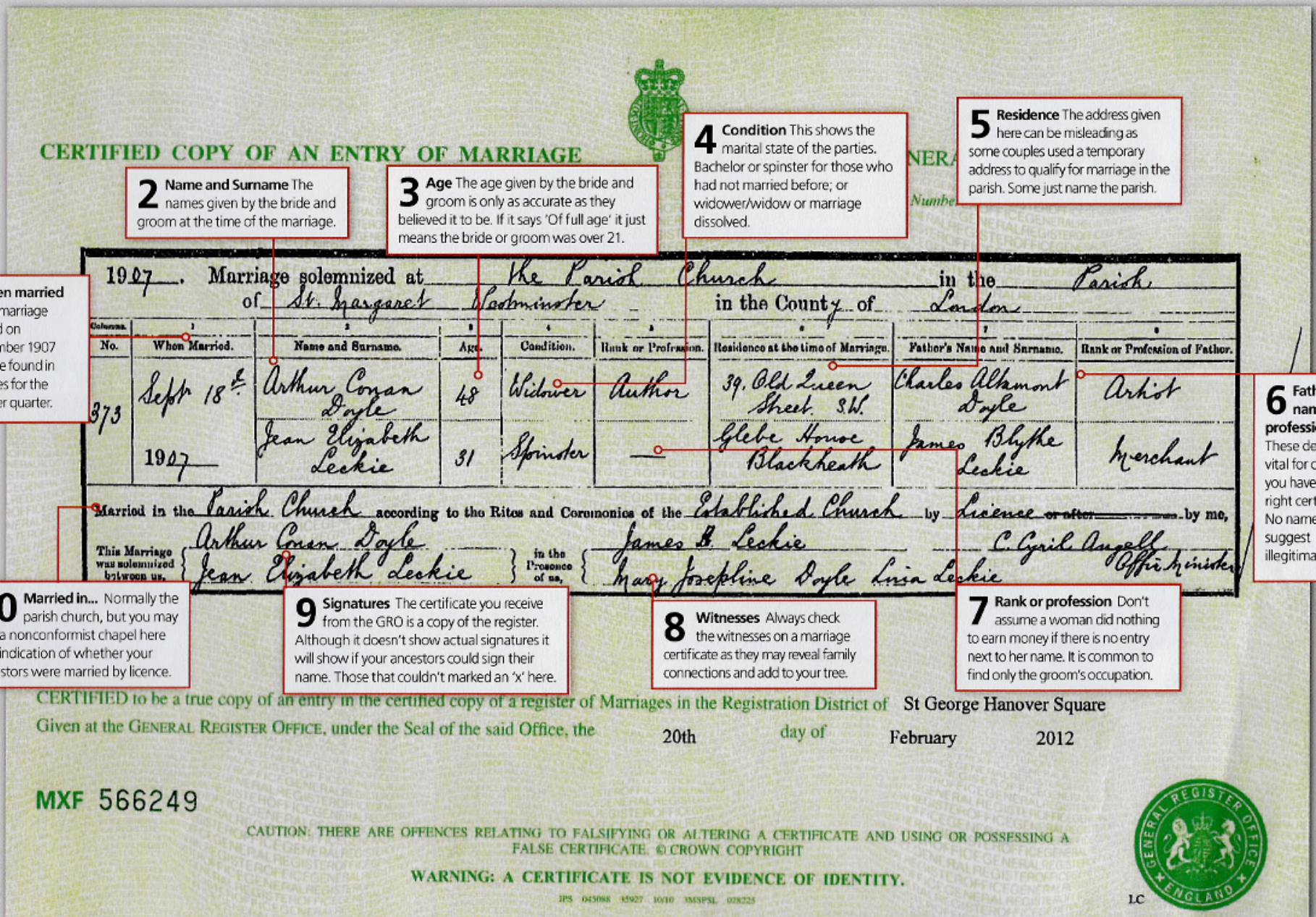

CERTIFIED COPY OF AN ENTRY OF MARRIAGE

1 When married This marriage happened on 18 September 1907 so it will be found in the indexes for the September quarter.

2 Name and Surname The names given by the bride and groom at the time of the marriage.

3 Age The age given by the bride and groom is only as accurate as they believed it to be. If it says 'Of full age' it just means the bride or groom was over 21.

4 Condition This shows the marital state of the parties. Bachelor or spinster for those who had not married before; or widower/widow or marriage dissolved.

5 Residence The address given here can be misleading as some couples used a temporary address to qualify for marriage in the parish. Some just name the parish.

1907. Marriage solemnized at The Parish Church in the Parish of St. Margaret Westminster in the County of London

Columns. No.	1 When Married.	2 Name and Surname.	3 Age.	4 Condition.	5 Rank or Profession.	6 Residence at the time of Marriage.	7 Father's Name and Surname.	8 Rank or Profession of Father.
373	Sept. 18th 1907	Arthur Conan Doyle	48	Widower	Author	39, Old Queen Street. S.W.	Charles Altamont Doyle	Artist
		Jean Elizabeth Leckie	31	Spinster	—	Glebe House Blackheath	James Blythe Leckie	Merchant

Married in the Parish Church according to the Rites and Ceremonies of the Established Church by Licence ~~or after~~ by me, C. Cyril Angell Officiating Minister

This Marriage was solemnized between us, Arthur Conan Doyle, Jean Elizabeth Leckie. In the Presence of us, James B. Leckie, Mary Josephine Doyle, Lisa Leckie.

6 Father's name and profession These details are vital for checking you have the right certificate. No name would suggest illegitimacy.

7 Rank or profession Don't assume a woman did nothing to earn money if there is no entry next to her name. It is common to find only the groom's occupation.

8 Witnesses Always check the witnesses on a marriage certificate as they may reveal family connections and add to your tree.

9 Signatures The certificate you receive from the GRO is a copy of the register. Although it doesn't show actual signatures it will show if your ancestors could sign their name. Those that couldn't marked an 'x' here.

10 Married in... Normally the parish church, but you may find a nonconformist chapel here and indication of whether your ancestors were married by licence.

CERTIFIED to be a true copy of an entry in the certified copy of a register of Marriages in the Registration District of St George Hanover Square

Given at the GENERAL REGISTER OFFICE, under the Seal of the said Office, the 20th day of February 2012

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