

A Married Couple

Two mothers of unremarkable origin or achievement give birth. The children mature to adulthood, meet, fall in love, and marry. Both, like their mothers, are illiterate. They discovered they were meant for each other while dating. Now they live each day with love, anonymity, and with all the equanimity life allows. Though childless, they remain supremely happy till the end of their lives.

Yet, they leave no evidence for future generations that they have ever lived. No object or location memorializes them. No note or document written by them, about them, or referring to them exists. Although they would have been shining examples to the world of how to love and happy be with another, for all practical purposes they and their marriage has never been.

How many such marriages have existed?

