

Arkansas State Archives

## Arkansas Digital Archives

---

L.C. Gulley collection, 1819-1898

State government records

---

### Undated [1835]: An act further to suppress vice and immorality

Follow this and additional works at: <https://digitalheritage.arkansas.gov/gulley>



Part of the [United States History Commons](#)

---

#### Recommended Citation

Undated [1835]: An act further to suppress vice and immorality, L.C. Gulley collection, Arkansas State Archives, Little Rock, Arkansas.

Use and reproduction of images held by the Arkansas State Archives without prior written permission is prohibited. For information on reproducing images held by the Arkansas State Archives, please call 501-682-6900 or email at [state.archives@arkansas.gov](mailto:state.archives@arkansas.gov).

151

An Act further to suppress Vice and  
Immorality -

Sec. 1<sup>st</sup> Be it enacted by the general  
assembly of the Territory of Arkansas  
- Cas. That all persons living together  
as Man & Wife, without being first  
lawfully married, are hereby declared  
to be guilty of a misdemeanor, and on  
conviction thereof in a court of record  
by indictment or information, shall  
be fined by the court before <sup>which</sup> such con-  
-viction shall be had in a sum  
not exceeding or be  
imprisoned not exceeding  
months, or both at the discretion  
of such court.

Sec. 2<sup>d</sup> Be it further enacted, that in  
all such cases of indictment it is  
hereby declared sufficient evidence  
to produce a conviction, on proving  
the cohabiting of such persons, or their  
living together representing themselves  
as Man and Wife, unless the persons  
so indicted shall prove a lawful mar-  
-riage, and the burden of proving such  
marriage is hereby imposed on -

An Act further  
to suppress vice  
& immorality

Such persons as are directed

Let 3<sup>d</sup> Be it further enacted that this  
act shall take effect from and  
after the passage thereof.

*[Faint, illegible handwritten text, likely bleed-through from the reverse side of the page.]*

*[The right page of the document is mostly blank, showing the texture and creases of the aged paper.]*