

Watsons' Wives – The Facts
Direct Statements About His Marriage(s)
 Table 1

Case	Were Holmes and Watson residing together?	Married?	Quotes or Observations about Watson's Marital Status
Married			
STOC	No	Married.	<i>"Shortly after my marriage..."</i>
BLAN	No	Married.	<i>"The good Watson had at that time deserted me for a wife."</i>
TWIS	No	Married.	Living with wife.
ENGR	No	Married.	<i>"Not long after my marriage."</i>
BOSC	No	Married.	Living with wife.
DYIN	No	Married.	<i>"... second year of my married life."</i>
SCAN	No	Married.	Sometime after marriage. <i>"I had seen little of Holmes lately. My marriage had drifted us away from each other. My own complete happiness, and the home-centred interests which rise up around the man who first finds himself master of his own establishment, were sufficient to absorb all my attention ..."</i>
FINA	No	Married.	Wife is away upon a visit.
FIVE	No	Married.	Wife at her mothers.
NAVA	No	Married.	<i>"The July which immediately succeeded my marriage..."</i> <i>"My wife agreed with me that not a moment should be lost..."</i>
SECO	Unclear in SECO. No, per NAVA	Married.	Nothing said in story, but in NAVA occurred at same time. In NAVA living with wife, <i>"The July which immediately succeeded my marriage."</i> <i>"My wife agreed with me that not a moment should be lost..."</i>

Not Married		
SCAR	Yes	Not Married. <i>“That very evening I moved my things round from the hotel, and on the following morning Sherlock Holmes followed me with several boxes and portmanteaus.”</i>
SPEC	Yes	Not Married <i>“The events in question occurred in the early days of my association with Holmes, when we were sharing rooms <u>as bachelors</u> in Baker Street.”</i> [Emphasis added.]
BACH	Yes	Not Married. <i>Just before marriage: “It was a few weeks before my own marriage, during the days when I was still sharing rooms with Holmes in Baker Street...”</i>
SIGN	Yes	Not Married. <i>Marries after adventure ends.</i>
Special case		
EMPT	Holmes on Hiatus before story. Nothing said of marital state during adventure.	<i>“In some manner he had learned of my own sad bereavement, and his sympathy was shown in his manner rather than in his words.”</i>