RALEIGH, N.C. — Sara Branch and Richard Larison exchanged wedding vows on Sept. 28, at Hidden River, Swannanoa, N.C. with Dr. Jeanne Matthews Sommer officiating.

Parents of the couple are Troy and Anita Branch of Paulding and Theresa Crites of Columbus.

The bride arrived at the ceremony in a horse-drawn carriage and was given in marriage by her father.

She wore a short printed organza tea-length gown in a soft white color. She wore a matching tulle blusher veil and carried a bouquet of yellow and white flowers.

Serving as matron was of honor was Kelli Hilvers of Whitehouse, sister of the bride.

Bridesmaids were Theresa Fagundes of Lexington, Ky.; Jaime Kipfer of Payne and Heidi Bickford of Seattle, Wash., all friends of the bride.

Serving as best man was Zach Gallentine of Chicago, friend of the groom.

Groomsmen included David Janning of Columbus; Tim Anderson of New Haven, Conn. and Dan Sloyer of Columbus, all friends of the groom.

A reception was held immediately following the ceremony at Hidden River for approximately 65 guests. The couple honeymooned in Ashville, N.C. and will make their residence in Raleigh, N.C.

The bride graduated from the University of Kentucky with a master's of physicians studies. She is employed as a physician's assistant at Carolina Rehabilitation and Surgical Associates in Raleigh.

The groom graduated from Asbury University with a bachelor of arts in philosophy and art. He is employed as a programmer analyst at Asbury University.