

BROOM JUMPNG CEREMONY:

We end this ceremony with the African American Tradition of jumping of the broom. Blacks were not permitted to marry, so they jumped a broom as a way of ceremonially uniting.

Today it represents great joy and at the same time serves as a reminder of the painful past.

As BRIDE & GROOM jump the broom, they physically and spiritually cross the threshold into the land of matrimony. It marks the beginning of making a home together. It symbolizes the sweeping away of the old and negativity while welcoming the new; making way for all things that are good in their lives. It is also a call of support for the marriage from the entire community of family and friends. BRIDE & GROOM will now begin their new lives together with a clean sweep!

(Bride will take broom & sweep, then hands broom to Groom, in turn places broom on ground.)

Everyone count 1, 2, 3.....Jump together. 1, 2, 3.....Jump!