

the county in which the marriage is to be performed, or if in Baltimore city, from the clerk of the court of common pleas, or unless the names of the parties intending to marry shall be thrice published in some church or house of religious worship in the county where the woman resides on three several Sundays by some minister residing in said county; provided, nevertheless, that any person within this State may marry according to the ceremony used by the society of people called Quakers, the contracting parties signing a certificate to the effect that they have agreed to take each other for husband and wife, and said certificate being attested by at least twelve witnesses; and provided further, that the said certificate shall, within sixty days, be recorded either amongst the records of the society to which either of the contracting parties may belong, or in some court of record in the city or county in which the said marriage may be accomplished. The license required by this article shall be in the following form, to wit: State of Maryland, and county of _____, to any minister of the Gospel, or other officer or person authorized by the laws of this State to solemnize marriage, you are hereby authorized to join together in the holy state of matrimony, according to the rules and ceremonies of your church, society or religious sect, and the laws of this State, A B and C D. Given under my hand and the seal of the circuit court for _____ county (or the court of common pleas of Baltimore city), at _____, this _____ day of _____, A. D., one thousand, nine hundred _____.

_____, *Clerk.*

The license shall have appended to it two certificates framed to correspond with said license, which shall be in form as follows: I hereby certify that on this _____ day of _____, one thousand _____, at _____, A _____ B _____ and C _____ D _____, were by me united in marriage in accordance with the license issued by the clerk of the _____ court for _____ county (or city), Maryland; which certificates shall be signed by the minister or other person who performed the ceremony, giving his name and official character; one of said certificates shall be handed to the contracting parties, and the other shall, within thirty days from the date of the marriage, be returned to the clerk of the court from which it was issued.

No marriage in this state is valid without some sort of religious ceremony. *Denison v. Denton*, 35 Md. 379; *Fornshill v. Murray*, 1 Bl. 482.

The act of 1886, ch. 497, repealed the act of 1886, ch. 261, and also repealed sections 4 to 8 of article 60 of the code of 1860. *State v. Davis*, 70 Md. 239; *Musgrove v. B. & O. R. R. Co.*, 111 Md. 637.

1904, art. 62, sec. 5. 1888, art. 62, sec. 5. 1860, art. 60, sec. 5.
1886, ch. 497. 1906, ch. 766.

5. Before the clerk of any of the courts aforesaid shall issue any license, he shall examine on oath the person making application for same, to ascertain, first, the full name of the parties; second, their place of residence; third, their age; fourth, their color; fifth, whether married or single; sixth, whether related or not, if so, in what degree of