

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.

Boone v. Purnell, 28 Md. 607. Denison v. Denison, 35 Md. 361. Redgrave v. Redgrave, 38 Md. 97.

P. G. L., (1866,) art. 60, sec. 5. 1886, ch. 497.

5. Before the clerk of any of said courts shall issue any such license, he shall examine, on oath, the person making application for the same, to ascertain first, the full names of the parties; second, their places of residence; third, their ages; fourth their color; fifth, whether married or single; sixth, whether related or not, and if so, in what degree of relationship; which facts shall be set out in a printed form, to be signed by the person making the application.

Ibid. sec. 6. 1865, ch. 130. 1866, ch. 102. 1882, ch. 357. 1886, ch. 497.

6. The clerk of each of said courts shall procure and keep a suitable and well-bound book in his office and among his records, to be called "The Marriage License Book," in which he shall make a complete record of the issuing of said license, and all the matters which he shall be required to ascertain, relative to the rights of said parties to obtain said license, in which record shall appear in regular order the items testified to by the applicants for the marriage license as above set forth; and the names of each of the contracting parties shall be properly indexed; and upon the return of the certificate aforesaid, it shall appear in said record when the same was filed, and the name of the minister, or other person or persons by whom the ceremony was performed.

Ibid. sec. 7. 1886, ch. 497.

7. No such license shall issue unless the male be above the age of twenty-one years, and the female above the age of sixteen years; provided, however, that if the parents or guardian assent thereto in person, or by writing, attested by two witnesses, such license may issue, and the fact of such assent shall be made part of the record aforesaid.

1886, ch. 497.

8. If, in the course of the examination of any applicant for a marriage license, it shall appear to the clerk of the court that any