

of the minister to whom the license was directed. The record was kept very carefully because each clerk was required to account for the fees he received in payment for the licenses. No indication is given as to whether the marriage was ever performed.

In 1865, an act was passed providing for the registration of births, marriages and deaths (Chapter 130, Acts of 1865). It was made the duty of the clerks of the circuit court for the several counties and the Clerk of the Court of Common Pleas of Baltimore City to record this information in specially prepared books that were furnished them by the Secretary of the Senate. The Record of Marriages was to give the date and place of marriage, name, residence and official station of the minister, name, age, color, residence, marital status and occupation of each party, and date of record. This record was indifferently kept in some counties and the Act was eventually repealed in 1882.

The systematic registration of marriages was finally accomplished by the passage of Chapter 497 of the Acts of 1886. The information given is essentially the same as required by the Act of 1865 with the addition of the date the license was issued.

#### APPLICATIONS FOR MARRIAGE LICENSES (AFFIDAVITS OF APPLICANTS)

Record of names, places of residence, ages, color and relationship, if any, of parties applying for marriage licenses as required by Chapter 497 of the Acts of 1886.

#### RECORD OF BIRTHS

Register of births recorded under the provisions of Chapter 130 of the Acts of 1865; gives date and place of birth, name of child, sex, color, names of parents, father's occupation and date of recording. In most counties, this record was poorly kept.

#### RECORD OF DEATHS

Register of deaths recorded under the provisions of Chapter 130 of the Acts of 1865; gives date of death, name, sex, color, marital status, age, residence, occupation, place of death, place of birth, parents' names, residence of parents, cause of death, place of burial and date of recording. Usually contains only a few entries.

#### ELECTION RETURNS (RECORD OF ELECTION RETURNS)

Record of returns of elections transmitted to the clerks of the circuit courts or the Clerk of the Superior Court of Baltimore City as required by law (Section 76, Chapter 202, Acts of 1896).

#### REGISTER OF INTENDED VOTERS (REGISTER OF INTENT, RECORD OF INTENT TO BECOME CITIZENS, CITIZENSHIP RECORDS)

Register of persons declaring their intent to become residents of Maryland (Chapter 133, Acts of 1902; Chapter 540, Acts of 1916). The law requiring such declaration was repealed by Chapter 421 of the Acts of 1949.

#### AFFIDAVITS OF TEMPORARY REMOVAL (AFFIDAVITS OF PERSONS LEAVING STATE TEMPORARILY, DECLARATION OF VOTERS TO RETURN TO STATE)

Record of affidavits filed by persons leaving the state temporarily, asserting they do not intend thereby to change their legal residence and declaring their intent to return to the State on or before six months preceding the next November election (Chapter 2, Acts of 1901;