

**STATE OF MARYLAND  
MARYLAND STATE ARCHIVES  
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ANNAPOLIS, MD 21401**

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**APPLICATION TO SEARCH FOR AND COPY MARRIAGE LICENSE OR RECORD, 1776-1914**

Please note: There are no actual marriage certificates before the year 1915. The marriage record before 1915 consists of a single line entry in a marriage record book giving the names of the bride and groom, the date, and sometimes the name of the officiant. Marriage licenses were required for whites (but not for African Americans) to marry in Maryland beginning in 1776, but do not necessarily prove that the marriage occurred. Marriage records, 1865-1884, do prove a marriage for whites and for African Americans after 1867, but were inconsistently recorded.

**PLEASE PRINT INFORMATION NEEDED TO LOCATE THE MARRIAGE LICENSE OR RECORD.**

Groom's name \_\_\_\_\_  
(first/middle/last)

Bride's name at time of marriage \_\_\_\_\_  
(first/middle/last)

Date of marriage \_\_\_\_\_  
(month/day/year)

Place of marriage \_\_\_\_\_  
(city/county)

**FEES:** All documents are certified. The non-refundable fee is \$35.00 per copy. If the search provides no record, the fee is not returned, and a letter confirming that the Archives does not hold the document will be issued. Payment can be accepted by personal or corporate check or money order (payable to the Maryland State Archives), or major credit card (MasterCard or Visa.) You may order in person at the Archives, by United States Mail, by fax to 410-974-2525, or by email to [msahelp@mdsa.net](mailto:msahelp@mdsa.net).

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**CITY/STATE/ZIP CODE** \_\_\_\_\_

**TELEPHONE #** \_\_\_\_\_

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**CREDIT CARD (VISA, MASTERCARD ACCEPTED)** \_\_\_\_\_

**CREDIT CARD #** \_\_\_\_\_

**EXPIRATION DATE** \_\_\_\_\_

**SECURITY CODE (LAST 3 NUMBERS ON BACK OF CARD IN SIGNATURE.)** \_\_\_\_\_

**NAME OF CARDHOLDER** \_\_\_\_\_