

## NEW JERSEY STATE BOARD OF HEALTH

AND

## BUREAU OF VITAL STATISTICS.

## INQUIRIES TO BE SUBMITTED TO APPLICANT FOR MARRIAGE LICENSE.

Section 5 of Chapter 193 of the Laws of 1897, entitled "An act concerning marriage licenses," reads as follows: "5. Before any county clerk shall issue any marriage license, as provided in the first section of this act, he shall demand of the party applying therefor, under oath or affirmation, the facts respecting the legality of the same, and he shall issue the said license only if it shall be made to appear before him that no legal impediment to such proposed marriage exists." \* \* \*

~~and~~ The attention of County Clerks is called to the fact that it is unlawful to issue a Marriage License unless all of the following questions are answered.

## QUESTIONS TO THE IDENTIFYING WITNESS.

1. Do you know Ward H. Bent or Sarah E. Cromwell  
Yes
2. How long have you known him (or her), and has your knowledge been intimate or is it that of a casual acquaintance?  
Casual
3. Can you tell what his (or her) occupation is or has been for the past five years?  
Legal merchant
4. Do you know the names of his (or her) parents (or, if an orphan) or guardians, if so name them?  
Edw J & Margaret V Bent
5. How long has he (or she) contemplated marriage with her?  
Three months
6. Has that fact been known to his (or her) parents (or guardian, if any)?  
To her

7. Do you know or have you ever heard of any objection being made by any person or persons to the marriage of Ward H Bent and Sara E Cromwell? If so, state who made that objection and the nature and grounds of the objection?

never hear of any

8. Do you know of any impediment to the marriage of Ward H Bent and Sara E Cromwell? If so, state the character of that impediment?

no of none

9. Have either Ward H Bent or Sara E Cromwell been married? If so, when, where, to whom, and by whom?

Ward H Bent, 1889, P. W. A. Boston

10. If either of them was previously married, how was the marriage state terminated, if at all, by death or by divorce?

wid

11. If the married state terminated by death, when and where did the deceased spouse die? If it terminated by divorce, when and where was the divorce granted? Was it an absolute divorce from the bond of matrimony, a divorce from bed and board, or a mere separation? Produce a copy of the decree of divorce.

Signed, John L. Temple

State of New Jersey,

COUNTY OF

} ss.

and John L Temple being

duly sworn (~~if conscientiously scrupulous of taking an oath, then being duly affirmed~~), on his oath (or ~~affirmation~~) saith that he is John L Temple and is the person named in and who signed the foregoing declaration; that the answers to the questions therein contained are true within the personal knowledge of this deponent (or ~~affirmant~~), and that said answers are true, full and perfect answers to each and all of said questions.

Sworn (or ~~affirmed~~) and subscribed this 26

day of Oct 189 7 before me.

W H Howell

QUESTIONS TO BE PUT TO THE PARTIES.

1. What is your full name; when and where were you born?

Harold H Bent 1852 Oct 15<sup>th</sup> Hampton N.J.

2. What is the full name of your father?

Edwin Jackson Bent

3. What is the full name of your mother and what was her maiden name?

Margaret Tom Dyke Bent, Margaret Tom Dyke Gulick

4. What is your occupation, and how long have you been pursuing your present occupation?

Cigar Merchant

5. Where do you reside, and for how long a time have you been there residing?

Philadelphia 17 years

6. Have you ever been married before; if so, how often, when, by whom, and to whom?

Yes once. Elizabeth D Whidden

7. Are you now married; if so, to whom, and when were you so married?

No,

8. Is your present husband (or wife) alive or dead, and if dead, when and where did he (or she) die?

Dead

9. If you have been divorced or separated from your present husband (or wife), when, where and how were you so divorced or separated? Produce the decree.

Signed,

Harold H Bent

State of New Jersey,

COUNTY OF

} ss.

Harold H Bent

being duly sworn according to law, on his oath say (or ~~alleging themselves to be conscientiously scrupulous of taking an oath~~), being severally affirmed according to law, upon

their solemn affirmation say that they are the persons named in and who signed the foregoing declaration ; that the answers made by them respectively to the questions therein contained are true within their own knowledge, and that they, and each of them, have made full, true and perfect answers to each and every of said questions.

Sworn (~~or affirmed~~) and subscribed this 26 day of Oct  
189 7, before me.

*W. W. Corral*  
*Notary*

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