

# Chronology Report

Name: **Charles Slunt**

Parents: Peter Slunt

Life Range 1849 Jul 22-  
1927 Jul 15

1849 Jul 22 Birth: Baltimore,,Maryland USA.<sup>1,2</sup>

1870 Jun 15 Census: Baltimore,,Maryland USA. 19th Ward

1.) **Charles Slunt**, age 22, brush maker, born in MD.

2. Kate Slunt, age 22, born in Ireland.

**NOTE:** This census record was taken the day before their wedding.<sup>4</sup>

1870 Jun 16 Marriage: **Catherine Coffay**. In Immaculate Conception Church,Baltimore,,Maryland USA.

**Charles Slunt** of Baltimore

Son of **Peter Slunt**

&

**Catherine Coffay** of Ireland

Daughter of **John Coffay**

Witnesses: **John Coffay Jr** and **Bridget Coffay** (Catherine's brother and sister)<sup>13</sup>

1871 Apr 5 Son born (#1): **James Michael Slunt**. Born in Baltimore,,Maryland USA. Died before 1880 in Baltimore,,Maryland USA.

1872 Daughter born (#2): **Mary Slunt**. Born in Baltimore,,Maryland USA. Died on 1885 Nov 4 in Baltimore,,Maryland USA.

1873 Jun Daughter born (#3): **Catherine Slunt**. Born in Baltimore,,Maryland USA. Died on 1955 May 10 in Baltimore,,Maryland USA.

1876 Mar 8 Daughter born (#4): **Charlotte (Lotta) Slunt**. Born in Baltimore,,Maryland USA. Died in 1974 Jun in Baltimore,,Maryland USA.

1878 Nov Daughter born (#5): **Emma Slunt**. Born in Baltimore,,Maryland USA. Died on 1973 Jul 26 in Baltimore,,Maryland USA.

Bef 1880 Death of Child (#1): **James Michael Slunt**. In Baltimore,,Maryland USA.

1880 Jan 20 Daughter born (#6): **Rosamond "Rose" Slunt**. Born in Baltimore,,Maryland USA. Died in 1975, buried in St. Catharine's Cemetery,Sea Girt,Monmouth,NJ.

1880 Jun 2 Census: Baltimore,,Maryland USA. Address: 174 Dolphin St., Ward 20

1.) **Charles Slunt**, age 32, brush maker, 3 months unemployed last year, born in Ireland, both parents born in Ireland.

2.) Katharine Slunt, age 30, wife, born in MD. both parents born in MD.

3.) Mary Slunt, age 10, at school

4.) Emma Slunt, age 8, at school

5.) Kate Slunt, age 7

6.) Lotta Slunt, age 5

7.) Rosa Slunt, age 4 months<sup>5</sup>

1883 Apr Son born (#7): **Charles Henry Slunt**. Born in Baltimore,,Maryland USA. Died on 1931 Jul 11 in Baltimore,,Maryland USA.

1885 Sep 28 Son born (#8): **John Raphael Slunt**. Born in Baltimore,,Maryland USA. Died in 1949 Jan in Baltimore,,Maryland USA.

1885 Nov 4 Death of Child (#2): **Mary Slunt**. In Baltimore,,Maryland USA.

1886 City Directory: Baltimore,,Maryland USA.

**Charles Slunt**, police,174 Dolphin St.<sup>6</sup>

1890 May 2 News Item: THE SUN. Baltimore,,Maryland USA.

William Burr and Asbury Milligan, both colored, were arrested by patrolmen **Slunt** and Gartside yesterday, charged with beating George Neal, a colored cartboy, with a baseball bat, on Gold st. near Druid Hill ave.<sup>7</sup>

1890 Jun Daughter born (#9): **Mary Slunt**. Born in Baltimore,,Maryland USA.

1894 City Directory: Baltimore,,Maryland USA. **Charles Slunt**, police, 536 Dolphin St.<sup>8</sup>

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- 1894 Apr 4      Son born (#10):      **James M. G. Slunt.** Born in Baltimore,,Maryland USA. Died on 1927 Nov 4 in Baltimore,,Maryland USA.
- 1895 Jul 29      News Item:            THE SUN. Baltimore,,Maryland USA.  
Patrick Quinn, aged twenty-six years, was committed for court yesterday from the northwestern police station, charged with...stealing three gold and two silver medals, a revolver and a razor...**Round Sergeant Slunt** and Patrolman Forrest arrested Quinn on information received...<sup>7</sup>
- 1895 Sep 9      News Item:            THE SUN. Baltimore,,Maryland USA.  
The Carlton Club whose headquarters are in a stable on Carlton street were raided yesterday by the police and nine boys and youths whose ages range from twelve to twenty years were captured while playing crap. One colored boy was among them. **Round Sergeant Slunt** and ...made the arrests.<sup>7</sup>
- 1896 Feb 7      News Item:            THE SUN PAPER. Baltimore,,Maryland USA. Feb 7, 1896 THE SUN  
**A GIVER OF BRIBES**  
Wm. A. Herrlich, Former Police Backer, Tells His Story  
HE MAKES STARTLING CHARGE  
Says He Gave Money Regularly to Police Captain Shultz and **Round Sergeant Slunt**  
  
Both Officers Deny These Statements at a Hearing Before the Police  
Herrlich stated that he had paid hundreds of dollars to the two officers for the privilege of keeping policy-books at various places in the northwestern district... the money was paid to them for a number of years prior to 1892. To **Sergeant Slunt**, he gave \$10 a month and a box of cigars...which were regularly sent to his home at 536 Dolphin Street..."I always gave him this sum and a box of cigars about the first of every month. I put the money in the cigar-box and either gave it to him at his house on Dolphin street, just around the corner from the station-house, or sent it there by my son, Joe. I first went to see him and fix him because I was told that **Slunt** was a terror and would run me out of business. **Slunt** was at my house only once as far as I remember. This was at the time when he wanted to be made sergeant. He came there to ask me to see some people downtown form him and get their influence."  
Joseph Herrlich corroborated his father's statements about the delivery of money to **Slunt**. "When I took **Slunt's** cigars and he was not at home I saw his wife (**Catherine Coffay Slunt**) She was much obliged and seemed as if she was used to getting such presents."<sup>7</sup>
- 1896 Feb 8      News Item:            Sun Paper. Baltimore,,Maryland USA. From the Baltimore Sun:  
**BEFORE THE COMMISSIONERS**  
Mrs. Shultz and Mrs. Slunt Deny That They Received Money...  
The Accused Captain and Sergeant Say They Took No Bribes for the Protection of Gambling...  
Captain Shultz and **Round Sergeant Slunt** denied under oath before the police board yesterday the charges of William A. Herrlich that they had taken money from him to protect him in keeping policy-books.  
They denied specifically the different statements made by Herrlich in his examination Thursday before the board and asserted also that they had never at any time, under any circumstances, taken money from any one for police protection in unlawful business. Their wives denied that they had received any money for bribes at the homes of the two officers...  
Mrs. Shultz, **Mrs. Slunt, Miss Slunt.**  
Captain Shultz's wife, Mrs. Emma Shultz, and Sergeant Slunt's wife and daughter, **Mrs. Kate Slunt** and **Miss Emma Slunt**, all testified that they were not acquainted with Wm. A. Herrlich or his son Joseph, who was said in the testimony to have been the one who took the alleged bribes to the homes

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- 1896 Mar 5 News Item: of the two officers. They denied positively that any envelope or box had ever been given to them in this way for either Shultz or Slunt.<sup>9</sup>  
 SUN PAPER. Baltimore,,Maryland USA.  
**POLICEMEN ACQUITTED**  
 Captain Schultz, **Sergeant Slunt**, and Lieutenant Carter  
 Revenge Declared to Have Had a Part in the Charges  
 Statements that bribes were paid for protecting policy-players are deemed  
 "Unworthy of Credit"<sup>7</sup>
- 1896 Mar 12 News Item: THE SUN. Baltimore,,Maryland USA.  
 Allowed Gaming on His Premises  
 William Sims, colored, was convicted in the Criminal Court yesterday of  
 allowing gaming on his premises and was sent to jail for eight months. His  
 place was raided by **Sergeant Slunt** and a squad of patrolmen and about a  
 dozen colored men were arrested there while playing crap.<sup>7</sup>
- 1896 Jul 7 News Item: THE SUN. Baltimore,,Maryland USA.  
**Round Sergeant Slunt** yesterday morning arrested Lorenzo Woolford, colored,  
 charged with rioting in Baltimore county on July 4...<sup>7</sup>
- 1897 Mar 27 News Item: THE SUN. Baltimore,,Maryland USA.  
 L.L. Dorman...was committed for court from the eastern police station on  
 seven seperate charges of obtaining money by false representation...Dorman  
 was arrested in the northwestern district Thursday by **Sergeant Slunt**, and  
 while detained at the station house escaped and gave the officers a long  
 chase before he was caught...In September last Dorman was committed for  
 court on five charges..It is a coincident that it was done in the northwestern  
 district by **Sergeant Slunt** at which time Dorman also made an effort to get  
 away by jumping out of a second-story window...<sup>7</sup>
- 1897 Apr 23 News Item: SUN PAPER. Baltimore,,Maryland USA.  
 Charges of inefficiency have been filed with Commissioner Johnson against  
**Round Sergeant Slunt**, of the northwestern district. It was stated to the  
 commissioner by Captain Baker that **Slunt** was not fitted for the position of  
 round sergeant. It is understood that his case will be given an early hearing.<sup>7</sup>
- 1897 May 12 News Item: The Sun. Baltimore,,Maryland USA.  
**THE SERGEANT IS DISMISSED**  
**Round Sergeant Charles Slunt**, northwestern district, against whom charges  
 of incompetency were preferred by Captain Baker, was yesterday dismissed  
 from the force by the police board.

*(Charles Slunt was defended by Police Commissioner Schryver):*  
 "I have known **Sergeant Slunt** ever since he went on the force," said  
 Commissioner Schryver, "and have always found him an exemplary officer. I  
 live in the northwest district and have had plenty of opportunity to judge of his  
 merits or shortcomings. When the late Captain Droste took charge of the  
 northwestern district it was in a chaotic condition. He asked that a number of  
 changes be made, as he wanted men particularly adapted to police work.  
**Slunt**, at that time a patrolman, had attracted attention and Captain Droste  
 at once asked that he be made a sergeant. After the appointment he  
 repeatedly told me that **Slunt** was one of the shrewdest and most efficient  
 men to be had. During his service **Sergeant Slunt** has been commended  
 by this board. His character is of the best, his industry as been frequently  
 remarked, and he was never known to take a drink. His name appeared a  
 number of times on the commendation lists. His subordinates speak in the  
 highest terms of him, and while he as always treated them with kindness, still  
 his conduct has been governed by an unswerving firmness and in strict  
 accord with the required discipline. It will certainly be a great hardship after  
 such a record to be disgraced by reduction or dismissal, and I will not vote for

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either. I do not think he should be so humiliated. I will vote to transfer him to some other district."

**NOTE:** After his dismissal from the Baltimore Police, Charles Slunt started his own private detective practice.<sup>9</sup>

1900 Jun 11	Census:	Baltimore,,Maryland USA. Address: 539 Dolphin St. Ward 14 1.) <b>Charles Slunt</b> , head, born June 1850, age 49, married for 23 years,born in MD, both parents born in Germany, detective, homeowner - mortgage free. 2.) Catherine Slunt, wife, born Feb. 1851, age 49, married for 23 yrs, mother of 7 - all living, born in Ireland, both parents born in Ireland, immigration year: 1852, in US for 48 years, can read & write. 3.) Lottie Slunt, dau., born May 1878, age 22, single, born in MD, typewriter. 4.) Emma Slunt, dau., born Nov. 1878, age21, single, born in MD, dressmaker. 5.) Rosie Slunt, dau., born in Jan 1881, age 19, single, born in MD, casheir - shoe store. 6.) Charles Slunt Jr., son, born March 1884 in MD, age 16, at school. 7.) Ralph Slunt, son, born Sept. 1886 in MD, age 13, at school. 8.) Mary Slunt, dau., born June 1890, age 9, at school. 9.) James Slunt, son, born March 1892, age 8. 10.) Katie Slunt, dau., born June 1873 in MD, age 26, single. <sup>10</sup>
1902	City Directory:	Baltimore,,Maryland USA. Charles Slunt, detective 609 Dolphin St. <sup>8</sup>
1910	Census:	Baltimore,,Maryland USA. Address: 609 Dolphin St. Ward 20 1.) Charles Slunt, head, age 61, married for 37 years,born in MD, both parents born in Germany, detective - private, renter. 2.) Catherine Slunt, wife, age 58, married for 37 yrs, mother of 9 - 7 living, born in Ireland, both parents born in Ireland. 3.) Catherine Slunt, dau., age 35, single, not empl. 4.) Lottie A. Slunt, dau., age 33, single, born in MD, stenographer. 5.) Emma Slunt, dau., age 31, single, born in MD, seamstress - dressmaker. 6.) <b>Charles H. Slunt</b> , son, age 27, single, plumber - plumbing est. 7.) John R. Slunt, son, age 21, plumber - plumbing est. 8.) Mary Slunt, dau., age 19, single, not empl. 9.) J. M. G. P. Slunt, son, age 17, bill clerk - store. <sup>11</sup>
1920 Jan 10	Census:	Baltimore,,Maryland USA. Address: 1504 Whitelock St. Ward 13 1.) <b>Charles Slunt</b> , head, renter, age 65, married, born in MD, foreman - shipyard. 2.) Kate Slunt, wife, age 60, born in MD, both parents born in Ireland. 3.) Kate Slunt Jr., dau., age 39, single, not employed. 4.) Charlotte Slunt, dau., age 35, single, stenographer - electric supply. 5.) Emma Slunt, dau., age 28, single, dressmaking - at home. 6.) Mary Slunt, dau., age 22, single, not employed. <sup>12</sup>
1921 Apr 28	Death of Spouse:	<b>Catherine Coffay</b> . In Baltimore,,Maryland USA. <sup>14</sup>
1927 Jul 15	Death:	Baltimore,,Maryland USA. Health Dept. City of Baltimore #E 24003 Charles Slunt Place of Death: 2542 Woodbrook St. Baltimore, Residence: same Widower - wife's name: Catherine Coffay DOB: July 22, 1849 Age 77yrs, 11mos. 23 days Occupation: policeman - retired Employer: Bolton Station Birthplace: Baltimore, MD Father: don't know

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Name: **Charles Slunt**

Mother: don't know

Informant: Emma Slunt, 2452 Woodbrook Ave.

COD: Enlarged prostate and nephritis  
contributory - shock and anemia

Burial: Cathedral Cemetery - July 18, 1927<sup>2,3</sup>

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Burial:

Baltimore,,Maryland USA. New Cathedral Cemetery

Section: K, Lot: N 1/2 83 Address: New Cathedral Cemetery, 4300 Old  
Frederick Road, Baltimore, MD 21229, USA<sup>3</sup>

1927 Nov 4

Death of Child (#  
10):

**James M. G. Slunt.** In Baltimore,,Maryland USA.<sup>16</sup>

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