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During the late eighteenth and nineteenth centuries, many municipal documents were required to be filed with state government, and in particular with the Secretary of State. Public laws passed in 1798 and 1848, for example, required that municipal boundary surveys be so filed.

The series described here was initiated by P.L. 1888, p. 330, which required that a description of all changes in ward boundary lines and an appropriate map thereof be filed with the Secretary. The law was probably passed in response to the frequency with which New Jersey's cities added new wards and changed old boundaries in the late nineteenth century, as they sought to keep up with rapid population growth. By the early twentieth century, however, wards had become less important as political entities, largely because Progressive-era legislation had stripped them of much of their once-held authority over such areas as public education and fire protection. Perhaps for this reason, the requirement for state filing was dropped by P.L., in favor of filing only with the county clerk.

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25. Fragment showing signature of William C. Burroughs, City Clerk, ca. 1900.

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