

ORIGIN OF NAMES OF COUNTIES  
IN CHRONOLOGICAL ORDER

<i>Counties</i>	<i>Origin of Name</i>	<i>Date of formation</i>	<i>Land Area in square miles</i>
St. Mary's.....	In honor of the Virgin Mary, the landing having been made on the Feast of the Annunciation.....	1637	365.04
Kent.....	After the English county.....	1642	283.36
Anne Arundel.....	After the Lady Anne Arundel, wife of Cecilius, second Lord Baltimore.....	1650	419.90
Calvert.....	After the family name of the Proprietary.....	1654	216.65
Charles.....	After Charles, Lord Baltimore.....	1658	457.78
Baltimore.....	From the Proprietary's Irish Barony (Celtic bilte mor; i.e. the large town).....	1659	605.09
Talbot.....	After Grace Talbot, daughter of George, first Lord Baltimore.....	1661	271.82
Somerset.....	After Mary Somerset, sister of Lord Baltimore.....	1666	334.89
Dorchester.....	After Earl Dorset, a family friend of the Calverts.....	1668	580.94
Cecil.....	After the forename of the second Lord Baltimore.....	1674	351.22
Prince George's.....	After Prince George of Denmark.....	1695	486.17
Queen Anne's.....	After Queen Anne of England.....	1706	375.36
Worcester.....	After the Earl of Worcester.....	1742	482.54
Frederick.....	After Frederick, heir apparent.....	1748	664.74
Caroline.....	After Lady Calvert, sister of the Lord Baltimore.....	1773	322.06
Harford.....	After Henry Harford, last Proprietary.....	1773	442.75
Washington.....	After General Washington.....	1776	458.47
Montgomery.....	After General Montgomery.....	1776	497.04
Allegany.....	From Oolikhanna; i.e. beautiful stream.....	1789	425.16
Carroll.....	After Charles Carroll of Carrollton.....	1836	452.78
Howard.....	After Col. John Eager Howard, the elder.....	1851	252.88
Wicomico.....	After the river of that name, from wicko, house, and mekee, building; i.e. referring to an Indian town on the banks.....	1867	378.37
Garrett.....	After John W. Garrett.....	1872	658.68

Reference: Maryland Geological Survey, Vol. VI.