

ORIGIN OF THE NAMES OF COUNTIES, WITH DATE OF FORMATION
AND AREA

Counties.	Origin of Name.	Date of Formation	Area in Sq. Miles
St. Mary's.....	In honor of the Virgin Mary, the landing being made on the Feast of the Annunciation.....	1634	300
Kent.....	After the English County. The earliest settled by traders from Virginia.....	1635	240
Anne Arundel.....	After the Lady Anne Arundel, wife of Cæcilius, second Lord Baltimore.....	1650	360
Calvert.....	After the family name of the Proprietary.....	1653	250
Charles.....	From Charles, Lord Baltimore.....	1658	450
Baltimore.....	From the Proprietary's Irish barony (Celtic <i>biite-mor</i> , <i>i. e.</i> , the large town).....	1659	600
Talbot.....	After Grace Talbot, daughter of George, first Lord Baltimore.....	1660	280
Dorchester.....	After the Earl Dorset, a family friend of the Calverts.....	1666	600
Somerset.....	After Mary Somerset, sister of Lord Baltimore.....	1666	300
Cecil.....	After the forname of the second Lord Baltimore.....	1673	350
Pr. George's... ..	From Prince George of Denmark... ..	1695	400
Queen Anne's... ..	After the reigning sovereign of Great Britain.....	1706	400
Worcester.....	After the Earl of Worcester... ..	1742	450
Frederick.....	After Frederick, heir apparent.....	1748	580
Caroline.....	After Lady Caroline Calvert, sister of the last Lord Baltimore.....	1773	270
Harford.....	After Henry Harford, last Proprietary.....	1773	400
Washington... ..	After General Washington.....	1776	525
Montgomery... ..	After General Montgomery, killed at Quebec.....	1776	525
Allegany.....	Unknown; possibly from Oolikhanna, beautiful stream.....	1789	430
Carroll.....	After Carroll of Carrollton, a signer of the Declaration of Independence.....	1836	425
Howard.....	After Col. John Eager Howard, the elder.....	1850	240
Wicomico.....	After the river of the same name... ..	1867	310
Garrett.....	After John W. Garrett.....	1872	670