

This county is bounded on the north by Wye river, which separates it from Queen Anne's county, on the south by the Choptank river, which separates it from Dorchester county, on the east by the Choptank and Tuckahoe creek, one of its branches, which separates it from Caroline county, and on the west by the Chesapeake bay. It embraces several fine islands contiguous to it on the bay. The soil in the northern part is principally a sandy loam, with a sub-soil of good yellow clay, easily improved, well drained naturally, and productive in all of the standard crops, fruits and vegetables of the latitude. These latter mature early and attain very great perfection. In the peninsula formed by Wye and Miles river, these soils are gradually changed into the white oak soils, which have been well improved, are very productive, and command a high price. The dividing ridge between the waters of the Choptank and the Tred Haven river, as far as it extends, is composed of an excellent variety of soil of the sandy loam variety, underlaid with yellow clay. As the water courses of the Tred Haven is approached, the white oak soils are found in a state of fertility and in a high degree of skilful cultivation. The peninsula between Miles and Wye river on the one side, and the Tred Haven on the other, is mainly composed of a fine quality of white oak land with small spaces of sandy loam, much of it highly, and all of it capable of being made highly productive, at slight cost. Though more level and flat than the eastern part of the county, yet still its drainage may be made most thorough and complete by the easy means of surface drains.

The face of the county towards its northern and eastern sections are rolling and hilly, in the other parts of the county it is undulating, and as a consequence of this, the small amount of land transportation required is done on good roads with but slight grade.

On the Wye, Miles river, Tred Haven and some of the other branches of the Choptank, are many beautiful sites for dwelling houses, which have been improved by the taste and intelligence of many wealthy citizens, natives as well as strangers. On many of the water courses, old houses built in colonial times, still maintain all their characteristic of the hospitality and social refinement which distinguished their memories. The climate is mild, its alterations are not rapid. The health is very good. The productions of the soil are of great excellence, and its numerous waters abound in all the varieties of wild fowl, fish, oysters, crab, terrapins, &c., affording the inhabitants not only luxurious and cheap living, but also means of profitable traffic with the markets of Baltimore and Philadelphia.

The whole county is serrated with numerous salt water