

## ANNE ARUNDEL

This county was named for the Lady Anne Arundel, wife of Cecil-  
ius, Second Lord Baltimore and founder of the Colony. It owes its  
origin to an Act of Assembly, Chapter 8, Acts of 1650. The County  
seat is Annapolis, which is also the Capital of the State.

## BALTIMORE CITY

The existence of Baltimore City as a distinct governmental unit  
was provided for by the Constitutional Convention of 1850 when it  
was separated from Baltimore County. The name is that of the Pro-  
prietary's Irish Barony.

## BALTIMORE

The name of this County, like that of Baltimore City, derives from  
the name of the Proprietary's Irish Barony. Its legal origin is not  
known, but it was surely in existence by January 12, 1659/60 when a  
writ was issued to the sheriff of the County. The County seat is  
Towson.

## CALVERT

This County takes its name from the family name of the Propri-  
etary. It was established by an Order in Council of 1654 (called  
Patuxent County until 1658). The County seat is Prince Frederick.

## CAROLINE

The sister of the last Lord Baltimore, Lady Caroline Calvert, gave  
her name to this County. It owes its existence to Chapter 6 of the  
Acts of Assembly of 1773. The County seat is Denton.

## CARROLL

This County was named for the distinguished Revolutionary states-  
man, Charles Carroll of Carrollton. It was erected by Chapter 19 of  
the Acts of 1836. The County seat is Westminster.

## CECIL

Named for Cecilius, Second Lord Baltimore and founder of the  
Colony. This County was erected in 1674 by Proclamation of the  
Governor. The County seat is Elkton.

## CHARLES

Named for Charles Calvert, son and heir of Cecilius, Second Lord  
Baltimore. It owes its origin to an Order in Council of 1658. It is  
not to be confused with an earlier Charles County, known as Old  
Charles County. The County seat is La Plata.

## DORCHESTER

Named for Earl Dorset, a family friend of the Calverts. The exact  
date and the legal origin of the County are unknown, but it was cer-  
tainly in existence by February 16, 1668/69 when a writ was issued  
to the sheriff of the county. The County seat is Cambridge.

## FREDERICK

This county was named for Frederick Calvert who became sixth  
and last Lord Baltimore, or Frederick Louis, Prince of Wales, or  
Frederick the Great. It was created by Chapter 15, Acts of 1748. The  
County seat is Frederick.