

KENT

This County derives its name from the English county of the same name. It was first referred to as a county in 1642, but it could have acquired this status as early as 1640 when mention is made of a sheriff for the Isle of Kent. The County seat is Chestertown.

MONTGOMERY

Named for the Revolutionary General Richard Montgomery. The County was created by the Constitutional Convention of 1776. The County seat is Rockville.

PRINCE GEORGE'S

Named for Prince George of Denmark, husband of Queen Anne. This County was erected by Chapter 13, Acts of 1695 (May Session). The County seat is Upper Marlboro.

QUEEN ANNE'S

Named for Queen Anne. It was erected by Chapter 3 of the Acts of 1706. The County seat is Centreville.

ST. MARY'S

Named in honor of the Virgin Mary. Here the *Ark* and the *Dove* landed on Annunciation Day (March 25). This was the first county erected in Maryland, having been created in 1637 by an order of the Governor. The County seat is Leonardtown.

SOMERSET

Named after Mary Somerset, sister-in-law of Cecilius, Second Lord Baltimore. It was created by an Order in Council of 1666. The County seat is Princess Anne.

TALBOT

Named after Grace Talbot, sister of Cecilius, Second Lord Baltimore. The form of the creation of this County is not known, but it was probably by virtue of an order of the Governor in Council. It was certainly in existence by February 18, 1661/62, when a writ was issued to the sheriff. The County seat is Easton.

WASHINGTON

Named for George Washington. The County owes its creation to the Constitutional Convention of 1776. The County seat is Hagerstown.

WICOMICO

Named after the river of that name, from the Indian words for house (*wicko*) and building (*mekee*), apparently referring to an Indian town on the banks of the river. Provision for the creation of this County was made by the Constitution of 1867 (Article XIII, Sections 2-6). The County seat is Salisbury.

WORCESTER

Named after the Earl of Worcester. Created by Chapter 9 of the Acts of 1742. The County seat is Snow Hill.