

line defined in the former as N 20° E. The discrepancy between the two descriptions may be explained by a difference in variation of the needle between the two dates, or more exactly by the fact that the earlier line was doubtless run by magnetic variation of 2° 55' west, which would have made the line very nearly 17° E of the true meridian.

The erection of Carroll County took from Baltimore County a portion of its northwestern territory including all of the land north of the Patapsco River lying west of the following boundary, which was defined as the eastern boundary of Carroll County:

“from thence [the intersection of the north and main branches of the Patapsco River] running up with the said North branch of said river, but excluding the same, until it reaches the stone bridge where the Baltimore and Reisterstown turnpike road crosses said branch of said river, generally known as the Falls bridge, and thence running north, seventeen degrees east, parallel with the last line, dividing Baltimore and Frederick counties, to the Pennsylvania line,”

The only other modifications of the territory of Baltimore County have arisen from the erection of Baltimore City into a separate political unit and the subsequent additions to it.

BALTIMORE COUNTY ELECTION DISTRICTS.

- 1798 Ch. 115. County divided into 7 election districts.
- 1799 Ch. 48. Confirms Acts of 1798 Ch. 115.
- 1799 Ch. 50. Commission appointed to divide county into 7 election districts.
- 1811 Ch. 6. Polling place of 5th election district changed from old tavern of N. Merryman to new tavern of N. Merryman.
- 1821 Ch. 38. County divided into 12 districts exclusive of Baltimore City.
- 1822 Ch. 14. Confirms Acts of 1821 Ch. 38.
- 1823 Ch. 65. Lines of 4th election district changed to be as follows:

“beginning at Cockey’s mill and running with the public road to the Deer Park road, then down the Deer Park road to the top of the Fall’s hill, then with the road through Edmund H. Stockdale’s meadow by the widow Beasmans to Morgan’s Run, at Thomas Beasman’s, then up said run to Jordan’s mill, thence with said run to the head of Banhart’s meadow, then up Hawkin’s branch to captain Gorsuch’s meadow, then up John Murray’s spring branch to its source, then with a straight line to the Frederick County line, near Symon Kyler’s, to intersect the present line of the fourth election district, thence with the present location of the said district to the beginning.”