

town to Westminster, thence with a straight course to the Pennsylvania line, running North seventeen degrees East, thence with the Pennsylvania line to the place of beginning."

The election districts of the county were laid off in the early part of 1837, but it was not until 1838 that the government of the county became perfected. Commissioners to survey and mark the line between Baltimore and Carroll counties were authorized by Acts of 1840, Ch. 10.

The settlement of Carroll County is discussed under Frederick and Baltimore counties. It is of interest in this connection to note that for a short time when the lands were first being taken up in the vicinity of New Windsor and Union Bridge that this region was a part of Prince George's County. The inhabitants came from the Scotch-Irish in the vicinity of Gettysburg, and the Germans of York County as well as from the English stock who worked their way inland from the settlements along the tidewater. As early as 1740 the Monocacy road had become in part a wagon road, a development from an earlier line of pack-horse travel from Hanover westward to the Potomac. This became the line of settlement during the early stages of development. Important localities also sprang up along Little Pipe Creek and its tributaries in the vicinity of Union Bridge.

Although established long after the boundaries of the State had been finally settled the territory of Carroll County was the scene of bitter controversy, often accompanied by bloodshed, regarding the territorial limits of Pennsylvania and Maryland about the middle of the eighteenth century. Most of these difficulties centered about Digg's Choice, the tract of land southwest of Hanover claimed under Maryland and Pennsylvania grants.

CARROLL COUNTY ELECTION DISTRICTS.

- 1798 Ch. 115. Included in Frederick and Baltimore counties until 1836.
See Baltimore county 1821 Ch. 33; 1822 Ch. 14; 1823 Ch. 65; 1824 Ch. 170; 1835 Ch. 125; Ch. 209; 1831 Ch. 232.
- 1835 Ch. 256. Erects Carroll County out of parts of Frederick and Baltimore counties.
- 1836 Ch. 19. Confirms Acts of 1835 Ch. 256.
- 1836 Ch. 32. Commission appointed to lay off 9 separate election districts.
- 1836 Ch. 37. Supplemental bill substituting one Commissioner.