

up Cabin creek mill ponds and stream and branch until said stream or branch intersects the county road leading from Cabin creek village to Shiloh church, thence with said road to the county road leading from East New Market to Rhodesdale, and thence with said to the Forks District line."

1906 Ch. 494. Erects 17th election district out of parts of 3d, 11th, and 14th election districts.

"Beginning at the bridge on the county road at Little Brick Mills, and following the mill stream southward to the Chicacomico river; thence with said river southward to the Transquakin river; thence following said Transquakin river northward to Dumpling Point; thence northward with the center line of the branch known as Middletown Branch to the double bridges at Middletown; thence westward to the junction of the Linkwood road at the Middletown schoolhouse; thence with said road northward to the junction of the road leading from Salem to Linkwood; thence with said road westward to the mouth of the road known as the Red Lane; thence northward with said Red Lane road to the road leading from Little Brick Mills to Hawkeye; thence eastward with said Little Brick Mills road to the road leading from the old Baptist meeting house to the Little Brick Mills; thence northward to the place of beginning."

FREDERICK COUNTY.

The earliest settlements in Frederick County were made along the Monocacy River and date from the early part of the eighteenth century, some authorities claiming the first settlements to have been made as early as 1710. There were, however, no permanent settlements of any importance within the limits of the present Frederick County prior to the fifth decade of the eighteenth century. At this time many Germans from Pennsylvania found their way southward along the old Monocacy trail and settled in the fertile valley of the Monocacy in the vicinity of Grayson, Creagerstown, and Frederick. The growth in population in this region was very rapid and by 1748 it appeared wise to erect a new county for their accommodation. The act by which this was decreed enacted that

"Beginning at the lower Side of the Mouth of *Rock* Creek, and thence by a strait Line joining to the East Side of *Seth Hyatt's* Plantation, to *Patuxent* River then with *Patuxent* River to the Lines of Baltimore County, and