

MARYLAND RECORDS

COLONIAL, REVOLUTIONARY, COUNTY AND CHURCH

FROM

ORIGINAL SOURCES

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Census of 1776, Frederick County, Maryland*

The first settlements in Frederick County began along the Monocacy River, probably as early as 1710. As early as 1740 Pennsylvania Germans had followed the old Monocacy trail, and settled in the vicinity of Grayson, Creagerstown and Frederick. Especial attention is directed to the Census for Elizabeth Town Hundred, herein reproduced. "The growth in population in this region was very rapid, and by 1748 it appeared wise to erect a new county for this 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 with the said County to the Extent of the Province; and that all the Land lying to the Westward and Southward of the said Lines be included in the new County aforesaid, and that after the Commencement of this Act the said new County shall be called Frederick County—†

The Act of 1750, Chap. 13, loosely defined the boundary between Frederick and Baltimore counties, and this line continued until Carroll County was erected (Mch. 25, 1836, confirmed Jan. 19, 1837).

"Up to the outbreak of the Revolutionary War no further change was made in the limits of Frederick County. Permanent settlements of Germans had in the meantime been made at Middletown, Taneytown, Sharpsburg, Thurmont, Union Bridge, Emmitsburg and Woodsboro as well as in the Hagerstown Valley. At the Constitutional Convention of 1776 it was decided to divide this widely extended and now more or less populous Frederick County into three counties, Washington, Montgomery and Frederick, corresponding to the Upper, Lower and Middle Districts of Frederick County. The line of separation determined by this Convention was as follows: From the mouth of the Monocacy a straight line was drawn to Parrs Spring, or the headwaters of the Patuxent, and the portion of Frederick County lying to the south and east was assigned to Montgomery County. The second line ran along the crest of the South Mountain from the temporary line to the Potomac River. All the territory lying west of this was assigned to Washington County.‡

* Complete, so far as the Hundreds are preserved in the *Archives of Maryland*—a number are unfortunately missing.

† *The Counties of Maryland, etc.*, Mathews, Vol. vi, Part v, pp 490-491.

‡ *The Counties of Maryland, Mathews, pp. 490-492.* See also the Frontispiece of this volume.

Lower Potomack Hundred

"A LIST OF THE NUMBER OF SOULS TAKEN & GIVEN IN TO THE COMMITTEE OF OBSERVATION. THE SEX & AGES OF WHITE & BLACK, AUG. 22, 1776."

WHITE MALE	<i>Years</i>		<i>Years</i>
Anderson, Robert.....	65	Barber, John.....	60
Austin, John.....	37	Barney.....	7
Aubrey, William.....	40	Beall, George, Junr.....	46
Atkins, Joseph.....	40	Alexander.....	8
Adams, Edward.....	33	Erasmus.....	14
Alexander.....	30	Hezekiah.....	10
John.....	1	Thomas Brook.....	8
Ahare, John.....	13	Col. George.....	81
Austin, Thomas.....	15	Josiah.....	18
Zechariah.....	13	Thomas of Saml.....	36
James.....	11	John Brook.....	7
John Kindrick.....	6	Josiah.....	6
Hezekiah.....	4	Baley, Edward.....	23
Amos.....	1	Badfoot, Bashual.....	22
Alexander.....	19	Brown, James.....	25
Benton, Joseph.....	52	William.....	20
Benjamin.....	16	Bonnifield, Gregory.....	50
Mordecai.....	10, (11?)	Henry.....	10
Nathan.....	12	Arnold.....	8
Erasmus.....	10	William.....	6
Hezekiah.....	8	Brodie, William.....	30
Belt, Leonard.....	49	Bucey, Joshua.....	65
Blackmore, James.....	33	John.....	25
Lawrence Owen.....	8	Samuel.....	20
Samuel.....	4	Blockley, Thomas.....	50
James.....	2	Nehemiah.....	3
Barnes, Prime.....	18	Baley, Monjoy.....	21
Beall, Henry.....	28	Bryan, Philip.....	23
Blacklock, Richard.....	26	Bloyce, David.....	24
Richard, Junr.....	3	William.....	1
Beasley, Moses.....	60	Broadie, John.....	55
Brook, Isaac.....	17	Baley, William.....	30
Burch, Zepheniah.....	26	Samuel.....	2

	<i>Years</i>		<i>Years</i>
Belt, William.....	(indistinct)	Clagett, John.....	63
→ Colyar, William.....	44	John, Junr.....	22
William, Junr.....	17	Walter.....	12
John.....	11	Zadock.....	8
James.....	6	Chapple, Henry.....	60
Clagett, Thomas.....	63	Thomas.....	21
Nathan.....	20	George.....	16
John.....	32	Duly, Thomas.....	36
Thomas.....	5	Duley, Thomas, Junr.....	1
Ninian.....	2	Duis, Francis.....	33
Carnes, Arthur.....	19	Downing, Michael.....	17
Clagett, Rd. Keene.....	30	Duckett, Samuel.....	25
Cocendofer, Christopher.....	24	Day, John.....	8
Michael.....	25	Douglass, John.....	10
John.....	3	Robert.....	8
Michael.....	2	Earley, Benjamin.....	43
Carnes, William.....	25	Ellson, William.....	21
Cheshire, John.....	23	Evans, Samuel.....	51
Clark, Harmon.....	47*	Zechariah.....	17
Leonard.....	21	John.....	16
Cowan, Thomas.....	24	Evans, James.....	14
Conwell, Arthur.....	25	George.....	12
Clark, George.....	21	Samuel.....	9
Crown, Lancelot.....	26	Flint, Thomas.....	45
Josiah.....	2	Fulton, Robert.....	55
Clark, Thomas.....	30	James.....	11
Benedict.....	23	Frederick, George.....	44
Collings, James.....	33	George, Junr.....	6
John.....	7	Nicholas.....	2
James, Junr.....	5	Fowler, Elisha.....	42
Nathan.....	22	Elisha, Junr.....	8
Thomas.....	13	Thomas.....	6
John.....	60	Glaze, Joseph.....	64
Joshua.....	17	William.....	23
Zechariah.....	10	Gittings, Benjamin.....	40
Chapple, John.....	30	Kinsey.....	7
William.....	2	Gragg, Joshua.....	42
Caster, Vincent.....	67	Gringul, George.....	32
William.....	16	Gittings, Jeremiah.....	30
Thomas.....	10	Colmore.....	14
		Erasmus.....	1

* Indistinct.