

Mr. David Jones is believed to have been the first *actual settler*, having built himself a residence on the North side of the Falls, in the neighbourhood of the intersection of French and the late Jones, now Front street, near to where Finn's bridge now stands. Other additions were soon after made to this, what may, in fact, be termed the beginning of our city. Cole's Harbour having, in the mean time, passed into the hands of Mr. James Todd, the step-son of Jones, he sued out a resurvey, and obtained a new patent for it in 1696, by which it was called *Todd's Range*, and contained 510 acres. Mountenay's Neck, by Mr. Todd's intermarriage with the daughter of Mr. Mountenay also passed into his possession, and he, by the marriage of his mother and self, with two of the principal landholders, became in turn an important personage.

Other additions were now more freely made, and a spirit of acquisition gradually diffusing itself, Mr. Todd and wife disposed of parts of their property to a Mr. John Hurst, who kept an Inn at or near Jones's, and to Mr. Charles Carroll, agent of the proprietary.

Immediately after his purchase, Mr. Hurst mortgaged his property to Mr. Richard Colegate, who, it appears owned and lived on an estate on Colegate's Creek.

In 1711 Mr. Carroll sold 31 acres of his part of Cole's Harbour, to Jonathan Hanson, a millwright, who erected thereon the mill, whose remains are yet to be seen near White's distillery, contiguous to the intersection of Bath and Holliday sts.

In 1726, Edward Fell, a merchant from Lancashire, England who had settled on the east side of the Falls, took out an escheat warrant and employed a person by the name of Gist to survey Cole's Harbour or Todd's Range, but a caveat being entered by the sons of Mr. Carroll, a new grant was prevented. The whole number of improvements up to this time, as appeared by Mr. Gist's return of the survey, were 1 mill, 2 dwellings, tobacco houses, orchards &c., and on vacancies 1 other dwelling and tobacco houses &c.

The first Church in the County, is said to have been located at the head of Bear Creek in Patapsco Neck, the Quakers however had previously held meetings at Mr. John Giles's at Upton Court, near Dugan's Ferry Point.

Having thus given a birds-eye sketch of what may be esteemed the "beginning," we must in our subsequent notices of events be still more brief, as our limits admonish us that we have no room for amplification.

In 1705 Baltimore County had become so important by its interests and population, as to require a Sheriff, which office was filled by Mr. Aquilla Paca, and in the succeeding year we find that high dignitary in the person of Mr. Francis Dalahide, so that *rotation* in office was early engrafted upon our civil institutions,—and would seem to have meant something in those days, we were about to say—but the historical fact of its lasting but for a year, would seem to require the acknowledgment, that the monopoly of office, the tenacious grasp of power, and the desire of feeding out of the public crib

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