

of the Liberty District, or Election District No. 8; then with said Liberty and Mount Pleasant District line to a point on said line at the southeastern corner of James Boane's land; then with the Woodsborough District line to a point where the said line intersects the Bostian's Mill public road at a point near Charles Nolley's residence; then in a straight line from said public road to a point on the Woodsborough and Frederick turnpike road known as Smith's School House; then in a straight line from the place of beginning to be known as Walkersville District."

GARRETT COUNTY.

Garrett County, although foreshadowed in the Constitution of 1850, is the youngest of the major political divisions of the State, having been erected by Act of Assembly in 1872. According to this Act provision was made for taking a vote of the people in the fall of 1872 as to whether or not they would erect a new county. The section of the Act defining the boundaries decreed

That all that part of Allegany county lying south and west of a line beginning at the summit of Big Back Bone, or Savage Mountain, where that mountain is crossed by Mason's and Dixon's line, running thence by a straight line to the middle of Savage River where it empties into the Potomac River; thence by a straight line to the nearest point or boundary of the State of West Virginia; then with the said boundary to the Fairfax Stone shall be a new county, to be called the county of Garrett.

The boundaries defined by this Act consist of three straight lines on the west, north, and east, and the Potomac River on the south. It would, therefore, seem that no difficulties could arise regarding the boundaries of Garrett County and yet few counties within the State have had as much trouble with the determination of their boundary lines during a single generation as has fallen to Garrett County in its 30 years of existence. The difficulties have been almost entirely with the eastern and western boundaries, the northern and southern offering little occasion for controversy.

Soon after Garrett County was set off from Allegany an attempt was made to mark the line of separation. The County Surveyor of Allegany County ran a trial line by the compass from the mouth of Savage River