

Baltimore and Ohio R. R. tracks, has been the scene of many interesting incidents, some of them of questionable character, on account of its marking the intersection of the jurisdiction of three states.

The northern boundary of Cecil County is a portion of the famous Mason and Dixon line which was run to mark the settlement of a controversy between the Penns and the Baltimores, which sprang up during the latter part of the seventeenth century. The first attempt to define the line between the two provinces and thus define the northern boundary of Cecil County, was the old Talbot line run under the direction of Charles, Lord Baltimore, in 1682. This line, also known as the Octoraro line, was the rough, blazed boundary passing in a more or less crooked line from the mouth of Octoraro Creek to Chester, Pennsylvania. The next line was the so-called "temporary line" run in 1739 by commissioners representing both interested parties. This boundary was laid off to permit the settlement of the territory in the adjoining provinces without the stimulation of border disputes. East of the Susquehanna River, that is, north of Cecil County, the line was placed $15\frac{3}{4}$ miles south of the southernmost point from Philadelphia as it was at that time. This line was a straight line and therefore not a true east and west line. The boundary determined by Mason and Dixon was an east and west line and therefore curved to allow for the curvature of the earth and was run in the latitude of 15 miles south of the point in Philadelphia previously adopted. A portion of this line was redetermined by Col. Graham in 1849 and all of it was resurveyed by Captain Hodgkins in 1903.

CECIL COUNTY ELECTION DISTRICTS.

- 1798 Ch. 115. County divided into 4 election districts.
- 1799 Ch. 48. Confirms Acts of 1798 Ch. 115.
- 1799 Ch. 50. Commission appointed to divide county into 4 election districts.
- 1801 Ch. 59. Commission authorized to make report to County Clerk.
- 1812 Ch. 19. Polling place in 3d election district changed to jail at Charlestown.
- 1823 Ch. 63. 1st election district called Cecilton.
- 1823 Ch. 114. Polling place of 3d election district to be the jail or any other place which may be procured.