District of Columbia

Atlas of Historical County Boundaries

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District of Columbia

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3/30/1791 - 9/6/1846

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The United States created an unnamed district from land ceded by Maryland and Virginia to be the seat of national government . Until 1801 the county jurisdictions of Maryland and Virginia continued in ceded areas.

100 sq. mi.

(Richardson, 1:102; Van Zandt, 90)

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District of Columbia

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9/7/1846 - 12/31/2000

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The federal government retroceded to Virginia all of the district territory west of the Potomac River; ALEXANDRIA (now ARLINGTON, Va.) eliminated from the District of Columbia.

68 sq. mi.

(U.S. Stat., vol. 9, ch. 35 [1846]/pp. 35-37, and appendix 3/p. 1000)

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WASHINGTON (extinct)

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2/27/1801 - 2/20/1871

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WASHINGTON (extinct) created as one of two original counties when the federal government established a circuit court for the seat of national government, now called District of Columbia.

68 sq. mi.

(U.S. Stat., vol. 2, ch. 15 [1801]/pp. 103-108)

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MONTGOMERY (Md.)

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The United States created an unnamed district from land ceded by Maryland and Virginia to be the seat of national government . MONTGOMERY (Md.) continued county functions of Maryland in ceded areas.

527 sq. mi.

(Md., Laws Since 1763, "Proceedings of Convention," 6 September 1776; Richardson, 1:102; Van Zandt, 90)

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PRINCE GEORGES (Md.)

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545 sq. mi.

(Archives of Md., 46:141-142; Richardson, 1:102; Van Zandt, 90)

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ALEXANDRIA

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ALEXANDRIA (now ARLINGTON, Va.) created as one of two original counties when the federal government established a circuit court for the seat of national government, now called the District of Columbia.

32 sq. mi.

(U.S. Stat., vol. 2, ch. 15 [1801]/pp. 103-108)

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FAIRFAX (Va.)

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330 sq. mi.

Richardson, 1:102; Van Zandt, 88, 90