

## COUNTIES OF MAINE

- YORK:** Originally called New Somersetshire, it extended from the Piscataqua River to the Kennebec in 1638. In 1639 the name of the Province was changed to Maine and in 1658 when Massachusetts assumed her jurisdiction over the territory, to the western limit of North Yarmouth, the name was changed to Yorkshire, and the territory was extended by charter in 1691, over what is now the whole state of Maine. The territory comprising York County contained the present State from 1691 until 1760 when the Counties of Cumberland and Lincoln were taken from it and separately incorporated. Records at the York County Courthouse in Alfred cover the period 1636 to date.
- LINCOLN:** Incorporated June 19, 1760 from York County. Washington and Hancock formed from Lincoln in 1789; Kennebec 1799; Waldo 1827; Androscoggin and Sagadahoc in 1854; and half of Knox in 1860.
- CUMBERLAND** Incorporated in 1760 from York County. It originally contained Androscoggin, Franklin, parts of Oxford, Kennebec and Somerset.
- HANCOCK** Incorporated June 25, 1789 from Lincoln County. Portions taken is 1816 to form Penobscot and in 1827 to form Waldo.
- WASHINGTON** Incorporated June 25, 1789 from Lincoln County. Portions were taken for part of Aroostook in 1839.
- KENNEBEC** Incorporated February 20, 1799 from Lincoln County. Portions were taken in 1809 to form Somerset; Waldo 1827; Franklin 1838; Androscoggin 1854.
- OXFORD** Incorporated March 4, 1805 from York and Cumberland Counties. Part was taken for Franklin in 1838 and two towns were taken for Androscoggin in 1854.
- SOMERSET** Incorporated March 1, 1809 from Kennebec County. Portions were taken for Franklin and Piscataquis in 1838 and Aroostook in 1844.
- PENOBSCOT** Incorporated February 15, 1816 from Hancock County. Part was taken for Piscataquis in 1838; Aroostook 1839 and again for Aroostook 1843.
- WALDO** Incorporated February 7, 1827 from Hancock and Kennebec Counties. It was enlarged January 22, 1828. Part was taken for Knox in 1860.
- FRANKLIN** Incorporated March 20, 1838 from Kennebec, Oxford and Somerset Counties.
- PISCATAQUIS** Incorporated March 23, 1838 from Somerset and Penobscot Counties. Sixty townships set off to Aroostook March 12, 1844.
- AROOSTOOK** Incorporated March 16, 1839 from Penobscot and Washington Counties. It was enlarged in 1843 from Penobscot and in 1844 from Piscataquis and Somerset.
- ANDROSCOGGIN** Incorporated March 18, 1854 from Cumberland, Oxford, Kennebec and Lincoln Counties.
- SAGADAHOC** Incorporated April 4, 1854 from Lincoln County.
- KNOX** Incorporated in 1860 from Lincoln and Waldo Counties.

**NOTE: THE ABOVE INFORMATION WAS TAKEN FROM MAINE REGISTER 1966-1967**