

# Montgomery County

## and the Civil War

Exploring the Divided  
Sympathies of Maryland  
and Montgomery County



# Introduction

Maryland is south of the Mason-Dixon line, but never joined the Confederacy. In many ways Maryland resembled both a Northern and a Southern state:

1. Why could Maryland could have been considered a Northern State or a Southern State?
2. Why did the citizens of Montgomery County vote (by a small margin) to stay in the Union?
3. Why were so many citizens of Montgomery County divided on issues such as slavery, secession, and sympathies?

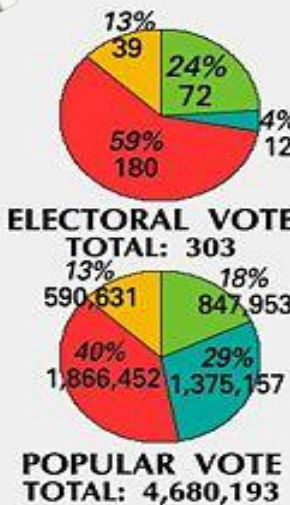
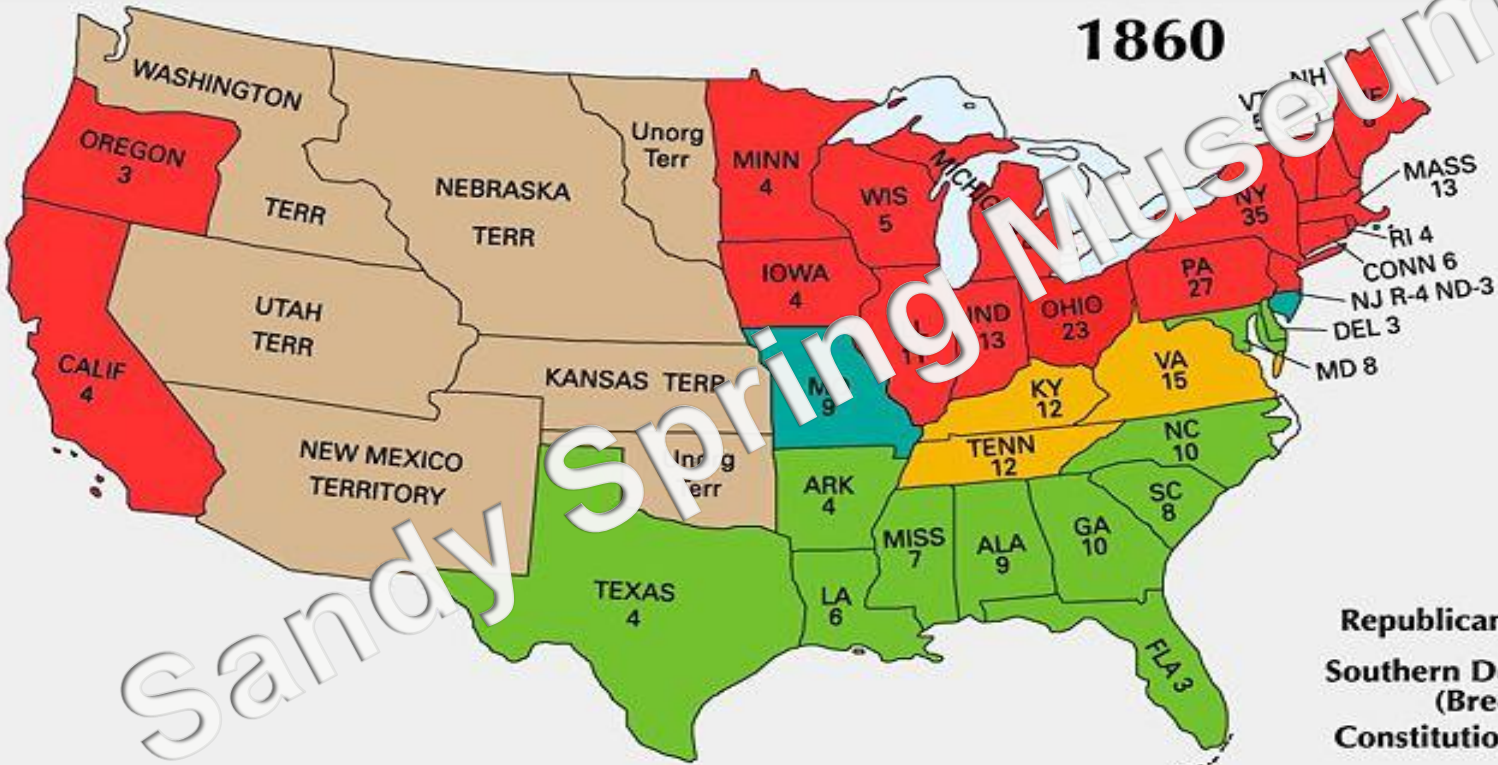
Participants will take on the role of community members to better understand why Maryland, and Montgomery Co. in particular was so divided

# Document 3-Election of 1860

## Montgomery Co. Voting Districts

	<b>Bell</b>	Breckenridge	Douglas	Lincoln
	<b>47%</b>	46%	4%	2%
1. Cracklin	205	130	44	3
2. Clarksburg	313	163	17	0
3. Medley's	210	187	23	0
4. Rockville	260	384	9	0
5. Berry's	167	261	6	47
Total	<b>1155</b>	1125	99	50

# Election of 1860



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# North

# South

## *Montgomery County*

- Commercial/Industrial
- Slavery illegal
- Free blacks
- Anti-Secession
- Many immigrants
- Identified with country over state

- Agricultural
- Pro-Slavery
- Free black landowners
- Southern Sympathies
- Voted Union
- Underground Railroad
- Immigration via Baltimore
- Quakers

- Agricultural
- Slavery legal
- Few Free Blacks
- Pro-Secession
- Few immigrants
- Identified with state's rights

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# The Davis Family: A House Divided

Mixed Opinions About Slavery,  
Secession, and Sympathies

**Rebecca Davis- Daughter**

Pro-Secession

Southern  
Sympathies

Pro-Slavery

Northern  
Sympathies

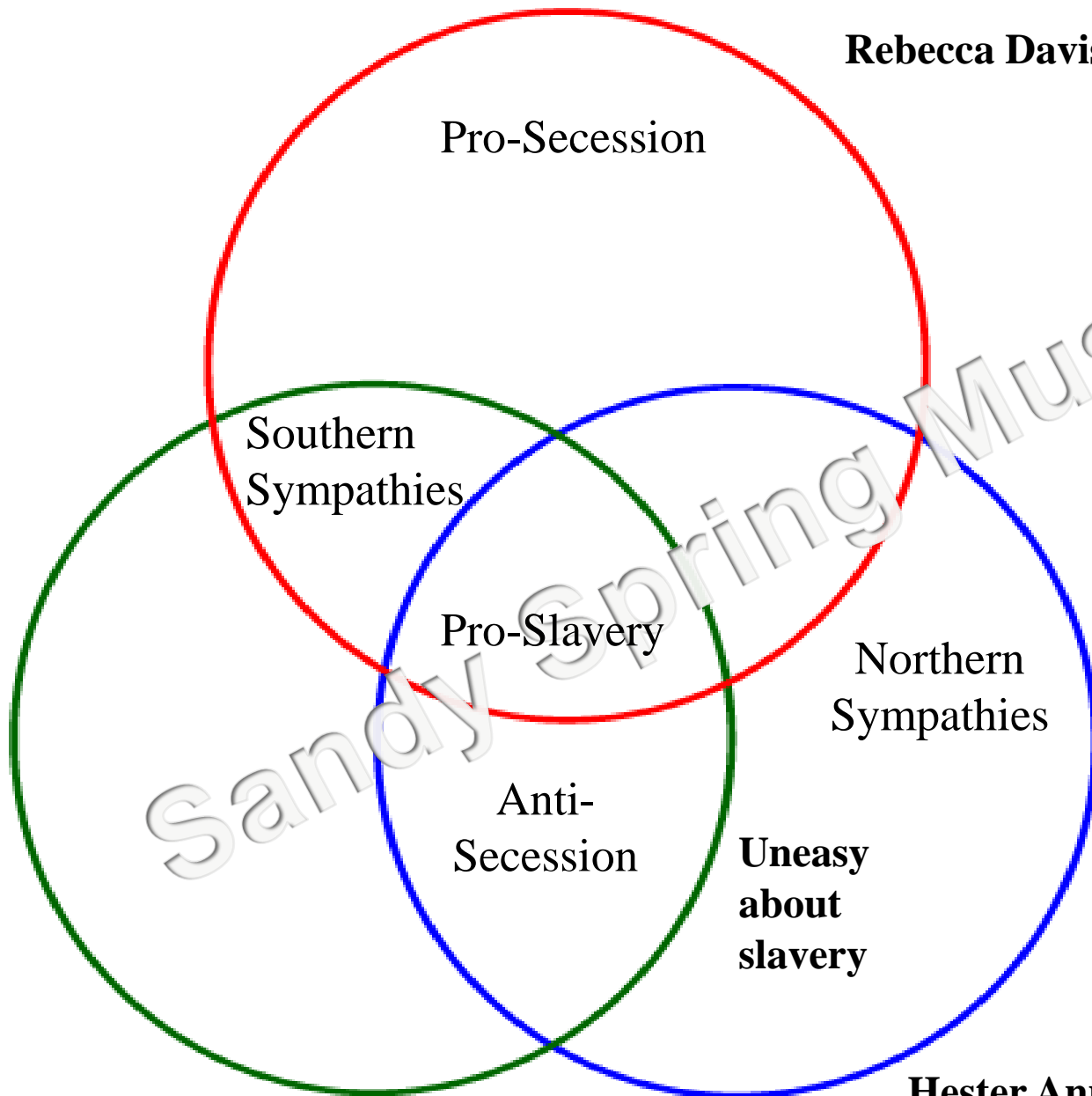
Anti-  
Secession

Uneasy  
about  
slavery

**Hester Ann Davis- Mother**

**Allen Bowie Davis- Father**

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# Montgomery Co. Meeting

## Jan 1, 1861

The Question of Secession

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# Debate!

- Allen Bowie Davis
- Matthew Fields
- William Farquhar
- John Vinson
- William Veirs Bouic

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# William Farquhar

- Teacher from Sandy Spring
- Quaker
- Anti-Slavery
- Northern Sympathies
- Voted against secession
- Pacifist



# Conflicting Opinions

## Democrats

- William Veirs Bouic
- Matthew Fields

## Opponents

- Allen Bowie Davis
- John Vinson
- William Farquhar

## Other Opinions not heard:

- Free Blacks
- Slaves
- Women

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# What happened after the vote?

Jan 1, 1861  
Meeting at  
Montgomery County  
Courthouse

April 1861  
MD Legislature debates  
secession

April 29<sup>th</sup> 1861  
MD Legislature  
votes against  
secession

April 1861  
Shots fired on Ft  
Sumter, War begins

April 7<sup>th</sup> 1861  
President Lincoln declares  
martial law in MD/ suspends  
the writ of habeas corpus

June 1861  
Union troops use  
Montgomery County as a  
base, occupy Rockville,  
Matthew Field arrested

# To Secede or Not to Secede?

Flag of Maryland

Pre-Civil War



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