



# STATE CIRCLE

- 1696-1698**  
First State House at Annapolis is built, along with "several Posts . . . to hang horses on," and a "Pissdult and House of Office [Privy] some where near the State House."
- A. 1699**  
State Circle is described as containing "a State House and a free school [to left of State House], built with brick, which make a great show among a Parcel of wooden houses..." It burns in 1704.
- B. 1707**  
Second State House is built, called the "Court House" because the Anne Arundel County meets there when the legislature is not in session. It is removed to make way for the third State House.
- C. 1716-18**  
A new building is built on the north-east side of the second State House to serve as an armory and meeting place for the Governor's Council and Upper House of the Legislature. It also has a wooden gilt chandelier and was used as a ballroom. It is torn down in 1836.
- D. 1735-36**  
The Old Treasury Building, still standing on State Circle, is built by Patrick Creagh for the Commissioners for Emitting Bills of Credit.
- E. 1769-79**  
General Assembly appropriates 7,500 pounds sterling for a new State House, the third on the current site. The cornerstone is laid by Royal Governor Robert Eden in 1772. In 1779, the new building is first used by the legislature. It has a copper roof and a small cupola.
- 1785-97**  
The cupola on the State House is removed and a much larger dome erected. The exterior is completed by the summer of 1788 and the interior is finished by 1797.
- 1876-78**  
Major alterations are made to the State House. Windows are changed and both the Senate and House chambers are "modernized" in the Victorian style, causing the removal of the historic gallery and all the interior architecture in the Senate Chamber.
- 1905**  
The Old Senate Chamber is restored to its appearance when Congress met there in 1783-84.
- F. 1785**  
A new octagonal privy, called the "public temple," is built next to the Slate House and remains in use until 1858, when it is demolished and new facilities are incorporated into the Record [Land] Office then under construction.
- 1834**  
A gun house or cannon shed is built; it is razed in 1858 to make way for the new Record [Land] Office.
- G. 1858-59**  
The new Land Office is built as "A substantial, thoroughly fireproof building, sufficiently spacious to serve for ages as a depository of the archives of the State." It is demolished in 1906 and replaced by a new office building just to the north of State Circle.
- H. 1858**  
The original semi-octagonal bay on the back of the State House is replaced by a larger octagonal annex to accommodate the State Library. The House of Delegates Chamber is enlarged.
- I. 1858**  
A boiler room is erected to the north of the State House and remains in use until improvements are made to the State House in 1876-77.
- J. 1872**  
The statue of Roger Brooke Taney, Chief Justice of the U.S. Supreme Court, is unveiled near the south portico of the State House.
- K. 1886**  
A rectangular addition is built onto the State Library annex of 1858. Poorly constructed, it is torn down in 1902 to make way for the present annex to the State House. Annapolis artist Francis Blackwell Mayer oversees the reconfiguration of the grounds during this period; Mayer's layout survives intact into the 21st century.
- L. 1886**  
Statue of Baron Johann De Kalb, Revolutionary War hero, is unveiled on west side of the State House.
- M. 1902-05**  
The present addition, or annex, to the State House containing the new House and Senate Chambers is built.
- N. 1905-present**  
The State House as it appears today. Major interior renovations are undertaken in 1948-49 and 1968. In 1996, the original acorn is replaced with an exact replica. Between 2009 and 2014, the Old Senate Chamber and Old House of Delegates Chamber are restored to their 18th and 19th century appearances.
- O. 1908**  
Cannon, possibly brought to the capital at St. Mary's City in 1634, is placed on the State House grounds. It was displayed in the rotunda beginning in 1841.
- P. 1960**  
USS *Maryland* bell installed on the State House grounds.
- Q. 1984**  
Dr. Martin Luther King, Jr. memorial tree planted; it is rededicated in 2007.
- R. 1996**  
Thorgood Marshall Memorial dedicated on Lawyer's Mall.
- S. 2014**  
Proposed location of monument to George Washington's resignation.