



MARYLAND has chosen for its tree the White Oak. The magnificent specimen shown here is known as the Wye Oak and is located at Wye Mills on the Eastern Shore. It is now owned by the State (Chapter 731, Acts of 1941.)



Maryland State Song

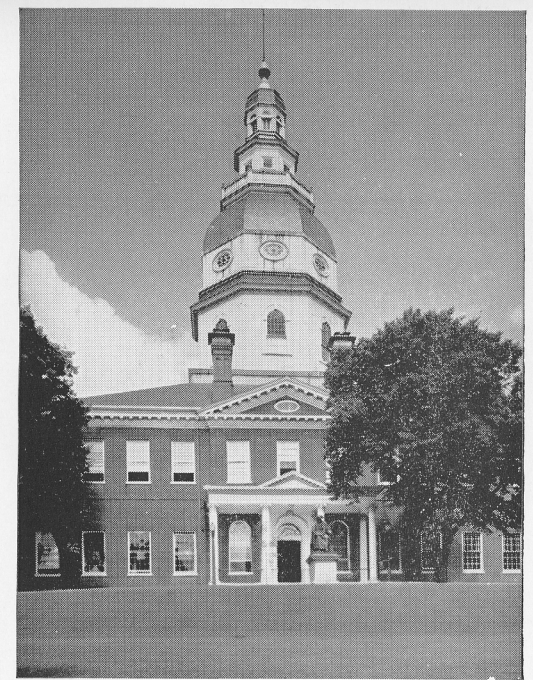
My Maryland.

James R. Randall.

THE Maryland State song, "Maryland, My Maryland," was written by a Marylander who was living in the Confederacy during the War between the States. The air is not original; the words reflect the bitter feeling following the passage through Baltimore of Union troops in 1861. (Chapter 451, Acts of 1939).

- Captain John Smith explores coast of Maryland June, 1608
- Charter of Maryland granted to Second Lord Baltimore June 20, 1632
- The *Ark* and the *Dove* sail for "The Capes of the Chesapeake Bay" November 22, 1633
- The *Ark* and the *Dove* arrive at St. Clements (Blakistone) Island March 25, 1634
- World's first law of Religious Freedom passed 1649
- Seat of government removed from St. Mary's to Annapolis 1694
- King William's School founded at Annapolis 1696
- Baltimore-Town erected July 30, 1729
- Mason and Dixon begin survey of Maryland boundary 1763
- Peggy Stewart*, laden with 2,000 pounds of taxable tea, burned October 19, 1774
- Formation of "Association of Freemen" July 26, 1775
- Maryland declares her independence July 3, 1776
- First State Constitution adopted November, 1776
- Washington College, Chestertown, chartered 1782
- Annapolis becomes temporary National Capital November 26, 1783
- Washington resigns commission in Old Senate Chamber, Annapolis December 23, 1783
- St. John's College, Annapolis, chartered 1784
- State Convention at Annapolis ratifies Constitution of the United States April 28, 1788
- Maryland cedes District of Columbia to the United States March 30, 1791
- British repulsed at the Battle of North Point September 12, 1814
- Bombardment of Fort McHenry; Francis Scott Key writes "The Star Spangled Banner" Sept. 12, 1814
- Beginning of work on first railroad in America (The Baltimore and Ohio) July 4, 1828
- Chesapeake and Delaware Canal opened October 17, 1829
- First telegraph line in the world built between Baltimore and Washington 1844
- United States Naval Academy opened at Annapolis October 10, 1845
- "Maryland, My Maryland" written by James Ryder Randall April 23, 1861
- Battle of Antietam (Sharpsburg) September 17, 1862
- Battle of Monocacy July 9, 1864
- Chesapeake Bay Bridge dedicated July 30, 1952
- Baltimore Harbor Tunnel opened to traffic November 30, 1957
- By direction of the President of the United States, Fort McHenry is site of the first official raising of the 49 Star Flag July 4, 1959

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MARYLAND'S
Flag, Seal, Song,
Flower, Bird and Tree



J. Millard Tawes
Governor of Maryland