

**POET LAUREATE OF MARYLAND**

By Chapter 178, Acts of 1959, the Governor was authorized to appoint a citizen of Maryland as Poet Laureate of Maryland. Under the provisions of this Chapter, the Governor appointed Vincent Godfrey Burns (Code 1957, 1962 Supp., Art. 41, sec. 77A).

**MARYLAND SPORT**

By Chapter 135, Acts of 1962, the age old equestrian sport of Jousting was proclaimed as the official sport of the State of Maryland (Code 1957, 1962 Supp., Art. 41, sec. 79A).

**NAMES AND ORIGINS OF COUNTIES****ALLEGANY**

The name is from the Indian word Oolikhanna meaning "Beautiful Stream." The County was erected by an Act of Assembly, Chapter 29, Acts of 1789. The County Seat is Cumberland.

**ANNE ARUNDEL**

This County was named for the Lady Anne Arundel, wife of Cecilius, Second Lord Baltimore and founder of the Colony. It owes its origin to an Act of Assembly, Chapter 8, Acts of 1650 (April Session). The County seat is Annapolis, which is also the Capital of the State.

**BALTIMORE CITY**

The existence of Baltimore City as a governmental unit distinct from Baltimore County was provided for by the Constitutional Convention of 1850. The name is that of the Proprietary's Irish Barony.

**BALTIMORE**

The name of this County, like that of Baltimore City, derives from the name of the Proprietary's Irish Barony. The legal origin of Baltimore County is not known, but it was surely in existence by January 12, 1659/60 when a writ was issued to the sheriff of the County. The County seat is Towson.

**CALVERT**

This County takes its name from the family name of the Proprietary. It was established by an Order in Council of 1654, and it was called Patuxent County until 1658. The County seat is Prince Frederick.

**CAROLINE**

The sister of the last Lord Baltimore, Lady Caroline Eden, gave her name to this County. It owes its existence to Chapter 10 of the Acts of Assembly of 1773. The County seat is Denton.

**CARROLL**

This County was named for the distinguished Revolutionary statesman Charles Carroll of Carrollton. It was erected by Chapter 256, Acts of 1835 and confirmed by Chapter 19 of the Acts of 1836. The County seat is Westminster.