

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, 1965 Repl. Vol., 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, 1965 Repl. Vol., Art. 41, sec. 79A).

STATE DOG

By Chapter 156, Acts of 1964, the Chesapeake Bay Retriever was declared to be the official Dog of Maryland (Code 1957, 1965 Repl. Vol., Art. 41, sec. 77B).

STATE FISH

By Chapter 513, Acts of 1965, the striped bass or rockfish (*Roccus saxatilis*) was designated as the official fish of the State of Maryland (Code 1957, 1965 Repl. Vol., Art. 41, sec. 71A).

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.