

Anthony Eden To

Pay Respects At

Grave Of Ancestor

Former British Secretary of Foreign Affairs Will Visit Tomb Of Sir Robert Eden, Last Provincial Governor Of Maryland, In St. Anne's Churchyard On Thursday—Also Will Be Shown Hammond-Harwood House.

Anthony Eden will pay Maryland a brief visit Thursday, making a quick trip from Washington to Annapolis, then motoring to Baltimore for a luncheon before catching an early afternoon train to New York.

Plans for the former British Foreign Secretary's visit to the State, where his Great-great-grandfather Robert once was Governor, were announced by Governor Nice after Dr. Hugh A. Young of Baltimore conferred with Eden in New York.

DUE AT 10:45 A. M.

In Annapolis, Eden will visit St. Anne's Church and the churchyard burial place of Governor Robert Eden. He also will be shown Hammond-Harwood house, colonial showplace where it is believed his ancestor probably was entertained.

He will be met in Annapolis about 10:45 A. M. by a committee from the Federated Garden Clubs of Maryland and the Hammond-Harwood House Association, a woman's group organized to preserve historic homes and landmarks in the State Capital.

Committee Named

Mrs. Harry R. Slack, Jr., said the committee, besides herself, would consist of: Mrs. Miles White, Mrs. Gideon N. Steff, Mrs. Francis Beirne, Mrs. Howard C. Davidson, Mrs. Rowland Clapp, Mrs. Blanchard Russell, Jr., Mrs. Albert D. Graham, Mrs. William Bevan, Mrs. Martha Gillet, Mrs. Coleman Rogers, Mrs. Donaldson Brown, Thomas M. Jenifer, Gilman Paul, Donald Tilghman and William McMullen.

Others asked to be in attendance were Governor and Mrs. Nice, Admiral Wilson Brown, commandant of the Naval Academy, and Mrs. Brown, and Mr. and Mrs. Stringfellow Barr. Mr. Barr is president of St. John's College.

Arrived In 1769

Sir Robert Eden was commissioned Provincial Governor of Maryland on August 1, 1768 and arrived here on June 5, 1769. Loyal to the British Crown he tried in every way to stem the movement that culminated in the Revolution and the independence of the American Colonies.

After the Declaration of Independence was signed he returned to England. He returned here in 1783 to obtain from the newly created legislature recognition of the claims of Lord Baltimore for losses incurred in the Revolutionary War. While a guest of Dr. Upton Scott he died and was

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buried secretly beneath the pulpit of the old St. Margaret's Church, near Winchester station.

Founded By Randall

About 1896 the old site of the church was founded by the late Daniel R. Randall, former postmaster. In 1923 under the auspices of the Society of Colonial Wars he began excavating and located the body with the aid of a sounding rod. In 1926 the body in a brass box, was moved without ceremony to the St. Anne's Churchyard.

On June 5, 1926, in the presence of a large crowd, including many prominent Marylanders, a memorial tablet was unveiled on the new tomb.

Services Held

Dr. Hugh Birckhead, rector of Emmanuel Protestant Episcopal Church, Baltimore, gave the invocation. Mr. Randall told of locating the grave. Josias Pennington, Baltimore, governor of the Society of Colonial Wars, presented the memorial to Mayor Allen Bowie Howard, who accepted in the name of Gov. Albert C. Ritchie. The Rev. Dr. Edward Darlington Johnson accepted on behalf of the church and vestry.

John Balfour, second secretary of the British Embassy at Washington, read a letter from Sir Timothy Eden, head of the Eden family in England, thanking the Society and Maryland for recovering his ancestor's body.

Inscription

The marble memorial bears the following inscription:

Here Ljveth Buried
Ye Body of
Sir Robert Eden, Bart.

Provincial Governor of Maryland
1769-1778

Who departed this life at Annapolis
Sept. 2, 1784.

In ye 43rd year of his age.

His remains were taken from
the sanctuary of the church of St.
Margaret's Westminster and laid
beneath this stone by The Society
of Colonial Wars in the State of
Maryland.

June 1926.

The British visitor will be
whisked from one spot to another
if his sight-seeing program is run
on schedule, for less than an hour
will be allowed for the Annapolis
visit.

After motoring to Baltimore
the party will visit Enoch Pratt
Library to view the portraits of
his ancestors, now owned by Dr.
Young and loaned to the library.

A comparatively few guests will
attend the luncheon, which must
be completed in time for the visi-
tors to take a 2:43 P. M. train to
New York, from where he will
sail Friday.