Harry S. Patterson, 105 N. Liberty St., did job printing in 1898. Felix B. Pye, 302 E. Mulberry St. near Calvert St., was a funeral director and embalmer who offered "prompt attention and most reasonable terms."

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In 1898, the agent for Colemansville Springs Mineral Water was Harrison H. Lewis, 524 St. Paul St. Mrs. Lula A. Drewry, 875 Linden Ave., was a fashionable dressmaker.

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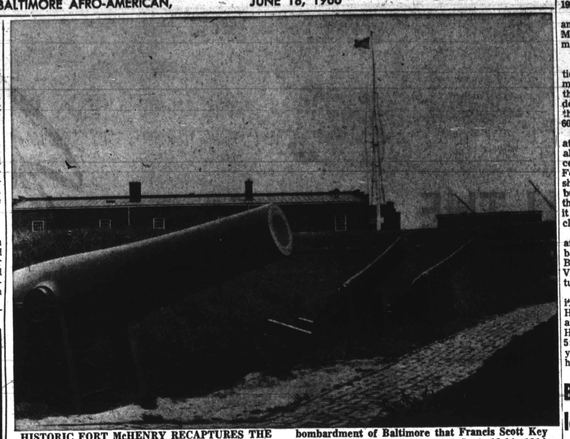

HISTORIC FORT McHENRY RECAPTURES THE SPIRIT OF VALIANT, FREE MEN. 'Twas during bombardment of Baltimore that Francis Scott Key wrote "Star Spangled Banner," Sept. 13-14, 1814.

How Nation's Star Spangled Banner Grew Out Of 'Battle At Baltimore'

Hooting tugs shove sluggish barges through the waters of the north west branch of the Patapsco River.

Down the river, out towards the Chesapeake Bay, past the crowded docks, merchant ships glide quietly, their outlines slightly smudged by the industrial haze.

The day is clear, and a stiff wind whips and cracks the flag high above the pointa - flag with 13 stripes and 50 stars.

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THIS IS THE view from Fort McHenry in 1966—and it is a far cry from the view beheld by the fort's thousand-odd defenders some 152 years ago during the British siege of Sept. 13-14, 1814, when Francis Scott Key composed the "Star Spangled Banner."

What they saw were the "rocket's red glare" — the rockets were terrifyingly new experimental weapons the British had just adopted and the "bombs bursting in air" (one of them which fortunately didn't burst landed on the main powder magazine; it was a dud and only did minor damage).

And, most important, what they saw, in occasional glimpses in the fog, drizzle and dark of that night of siege and finally in the morning when the British guns became silent, was that "our flag was still there."

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THIS WAS THE point that probably determined the course of the Battle of Baltimore in the War of 1812, and led to the withdrawal of the British forces which had just burned the nation's Capitol and had been raiding and sacking towns and villages along the Chesapeake Bay for almost two years.

The war, which began with a U. S. declaration on June 18, 1812 in response to increased forced impressment of U. S. sailors into the British Navy, ended a little over three months after the siege of Fort McHenry with a treaty signed on Christmas Eve, 1814 at Ghent, Belgium.

By that time, the song that Francis Scott Key scribbled on the back of an envelope after watching the all-night bombardment from a sloop behind the British lines was being sung throughout Baltimore and elsewhere.

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KEY, A WELL-KNOWN Washington lawyer, came to watch the siege through his part in negotiating the release of a Maryland doctor whom the British had taken prisoner.

He sailed with another man to the mouth of the Potomac where the British fleet was stationed and persuaded the British commander to release the doctor.

By the time he had secured the release, however, the commander felt the three had heard too much of British plans, and would not let them return until after the battle.

So, on his sloop guarded by British Marines, Key came to watch the bombardment and write his famous stanzas which became the national anthem.

A friend saw the verses and had them printed when Key returned to Baltimore, and they were an immediate hit, soon being put to the music of an old tune. The song was made our national anthem by a Act of Congress on March 3, 1931, although it had bee considered as such for a long time before.

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FORT MCHENRY itself grew out of a battery implacement set up on the tip of Whetstone Point in 1775. The building of the permanent fort began in 1794, and it was named after James McHenry, a Baltimorean and secretary of war under Presidents Washington and Adams.

The fort later became a military prison (Key's nephew was imprisoned there as a Confederate soldier during the Civil War) and was created a national park in 1925.

In 1939, it was changed by an Act of Congress to Fort McHenry National Monument and Historic Shrine.

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OPERATED BY the National Park Service, Department of the Interior, under the direction of Superintendent George C. Mackenzie, the fort drawf an average of 600,000 visitors a year.

Located on 43 acres of land at the end of East Fort Ave. about three miles from the center of Baltimore, the Star Fort—so-called because of its shape—contains relics and buildings inspiring a sense of the fort's past plus an exhibit of the siege and battle including an electronic map.

A display of old firearms and 15-minute film on the battle and the Star Spangled Banner shown in the new Visitor's Center are other features of the fort.

It's not quite the same as it was in 1814, but Fort McHenry today is well worth anyone's time for a visit. Hours are from 9 a.m. until 5:30 p.m. every day of the year, with extended evening hours during the summer.

FAMED BIG BEN in London is no match in size for Baltimore's impressive Bromo Seltzer clock near heart of city. Firm has announced plans to move operations elsewhere.

Baltimore took lead enacting rights laws

Baltimore has a record of leading Maryland's political subdivisions in the passage of meaningful civil rights legislation.

But, civic, church and political leaders of both races have been unable to press successfully for passage through the City Council of a fair housing law.

And the present Council remains in office until the municipal elections next year.

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YET, BALTIMORE was first in 1959 to establish by ordinance a fair employment practice law.

The General Assembly followed this to some extent this past winter session, by passage of a similar law covering hiring and firing in state agencies.

Baltimore was first in 1962 to pass a public accommodations law, covering all but those establishments with over a 50 percent business in dispensing alcoholic beverages, such as taverns and night clubs.

A similar bill had failed earlier that year in the state's General Assembly.

However, the Assembly did pass practically the same public accommodations bill the following year in 1963.

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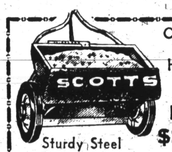

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