

1767. May 13—Duty imposed on tea.
1769. June 22—Maryland Conventions met.
1772. The second State House was torn down, and the foundation of the present State House was laid by Governor Robert Eden. The dome was added after the Revolution.
1774. The present State House completed.
1774. October 19—Burning of the "Peggy Stewart."
1775. July 26—Formation of "Association of Freemen."
1776. July 3—Maryland declared her independence.
1776. November 10—First State Constitution adopted.
1777. March 21—*Thomas Johnson*, first State Governor, inaugurated.
1781. March 1—Maryland entered the Confederation.
1782. Washington College, Chestertown, incorporated.
1783. November 26—Continental Congress met in Annapolis.
1783. December 23—Washington resigned his military commission to Congress in old Senate Chamber of Capitol, Annapolis.
1784. Saint John's College, Annapolis, chartered.
1784. January 14—Treaty of Peace with Great Britain ratified.
1784. Christmas conference of Methodist in *Lovely Lane*, Baltimore. *Francis Ashbury* and *Thomas Cole* made the first Bishops.
1784. *Cokesbury College*, the first Methodist institution for higher education in the world, opened at *Abingdon*, Harford County.
1785. December 11—First steamboat in the United States, invented by *James Rumsey*, made trial trip on Potomac river, near *Shepherdstown*.
1786. September 11—Convention of six States to inaugurate movement for a precursor of the Federal Constitutional Convention met in Annapolis.
1786. The Pope appointed *Rev. John Carroll* Apostolic Vicar, afterwards Bishop of Baltimore. He became later the first Archbishop of the United States.
1788. April 28—Maryland ratified Federal Constitution.
1791. Maryland ceded the District of Columbia to the United States.
1792. September—*Rev. Thomas John Claggett* consecrated the first Bishop of the Protestant Episcopal Church in Maryland.
1796. Baltimore City incorporated.
1810. Property qualification for Electors abolished.
1814. September 12—Battle of North Point.
1814. September 13—Bombardment of *Fort McHenry*, during which *Francis Scott Key* wrote "The Star-Spangled Banner."
1824. Religious tests for office removed.
1825. Jewish disabilities removed.
1828. July 4—Cornerstone of Baltimore and Ohio Railroad laid by *Charles Carroll* of Carrollton.
1835. Bank riots in Baltimore.
1836. *Obed Hussey*, of Baltimore, the inventor of the first reaper and mower cut the first field of grain ever harvested by a reaper (180 acres of wheat, oats and timothy), on the farm of *Gen. Tench Tilghman*, near *Oxford*, Talbot County, Md., under the auspices of the Board of Agriculture for the Eastern Shore of Maryland. *Owen Dorsey*, of Howard County, Md., invented the first successful side rake and reaper attachment.
1837. Governor's Council abolished and the office of Secretary of State created.
1837. Electoral College for the Senate abolished and Senators chosen by popular vote as the result of action of Van Buren electors.