

neker (1731-1806) portrait painter Joshua Johnston (active 1796-1824), the churchman Daniel Coker, the nineteenth century abolitionists Frederick Douglass, Harriet Tubman, and Frances E. W. Harper, the free-born poetess of Baltimore who devoted her life to poetry and lecturing against slavery. Frederick Douglass and Harriet Tubman were both born into slavery on the Eastern Shore. Douglass distinguished himself as an abolitionist orator, editor, defender of equal rights for women, adviser to five Presidents of the United States and as U.S. Minister to Haiti. Harriet Tubman whose extraordinary courage as an "underground railroad" conductor earned her the honorific "Moses of her people," made some nineteen trips into slave territory to lead to freedom over 300 slaves including her aged parents. She also rendered distinguished service as a nurse, scout and spy during the Civil War.

In the twentieth century, Maryland has produced a number of outstanding scholars, businessmen, musicians and legislators. Matthew Henson is remembered as the co-discoverer of the North Pole with Admiral Robert E. Peary. Thurgood Marshall serves as an associate justice of the United States Supreme Court. Parren J. Mitchell is the first Black member of the United States House of Representatives to be elected from Maryland.