

- 1785, Nov. 22 Mt. Vernon Compact ratified by Maryland.
- 1786, Sept. 11-14 Annapolis Convention held to discuss revisions to Articles of Confederation. Maryland sent no representatives.
- 1787, Sept. 17 U.S. Constitution signed by Marylanders Daniel Carroll, James McHenry, and Daniel of St. Thomas Jenifer, at Philadelphia.
- 1787, Nov. 29 Luther Martin's report, *The Genuine Information*, criticized proposed U.S. Constitution, including its omission of a bill of rights.
- 1788, April 28 Maryland, the seventh state, ratified U.S. Constitution.
- 1789, Dec. 19. Maryland ratified federal Bill of Rights, first ten amendments to U.S. Constitution.
- 1791, Dec. 19. Maryland ceded land for District of Columbia.
- 1796 Baltimore City incorporated.
- 1802 Property qualification for voting removed in local elections.
- 1803 *Viva voce* voting at elections changed to voting by ballot.
- 1807, Dec. 18. University of Maryland chartered as the College of Medicine of Maryland.
- 1810 Property qualification ended in voting for electors for president, vice-president, and congressmen.
- 1810 Free blacks disenfranchised.
- 1814, Aug. 24 Battle of Bladensburg.
- 1814, Sept. 12 British repulsed at Battle of North Point.
- 1814, Sept. 13 Bombardment of Fort McHenry, which inspired Francis Scott Key to write "Star-Spangled Banner."
- 1818 National Road completed from Cumberland to Wheeling.
- 1819, March 6 In *M'Culloch v. Maryland*, U.S. Chief Justice John Marshall interpreted Constitution to signify implied powers of federal government.
- 1824-1829 Chesapeake and Delaware Canal constructed through Cecil County to link Chesapeake Bay with Delaware River.
- 1826 Jewish enfranchisement, religious qualification for civil office removed.
- 1827, Feb. 28. *Baltimore and Ohio Railroad* chartered.
- 1828-1848 Chesapeake and Ohio Canal constructed (to Cumberland by 1848).
- 1837, May 17. The Baltimore *Sun* began publication.
- 1838, Oct. 3. Governor and State senators first elected by voters rather than by legislature.
- 1844, May 24. Samuel F. B. Morse demonstrated telegraph line from Washington, DC, to Baltimore.
- 1845, Oct. 10. U.S. Naval Academy founded at Annapolis.
- 1850, Nov. 4-1851, May 13. Constitutional Convention of 1850-1851.
- 1851, June 14. Second State Constitution adopted.
- 1854-1859 Rise of Know Nothing Party. Baltimore riots named city "Mobtown."
- 1859, Oct. 6. Maryland Agricultural College opened at College Park.
- 1859, Oct. 16. John Brown launched raid from Maryland on federal arsenal, Harper's Ferry.
- 1861, April 19 Sixth Massachusetts Union Regiment attacked by Baltimore mob.
- 1861, April 26 General Assembly met in special session at Frederick while federal troops occupied Annapolis.
- 1861, May 13. Gen. Benjamin F. Butler's Union forces occupied Baltimore.
- 1862, Sept. 14 Battle of South Mountain.
- 1862, Sept. 17 Battle of Antietam.
- 1863, June Confederates invaded Maryland en route to Gettysburg.
- 1864, April 27-Sept. 6 Constitutional Convention of 1864.
- 1864, July 6 Hagerstown held for ransom by Confederates.
- 1864, July 9 Frederick held for ransom by Confederates.