
MARYLAND HISTORICAL CHRONOLOGY

- c. 10,000 B.C. First humans arrived by this date in the land that would become Maryland.
- c. 1,500 B.C. Oysters became an important food resource.
- c. 1,000 B.C. Native-American introduction of pottery.
- c. 800 A.D. Native-American introduction of domesticated plants; bow and arrow came into use.
- c. 1200 Permanent Native-American villages established.
- 1498 John Cabot sailed along Eastern Shore off present-day Worcester County.
- 1524 Giovanni da Verrazano passed mouth of Chesapeake Bay.
- 1572 Pedro Menendez de Aviles, Spanish governor of Florida, explored Chesapeake Bay.
- 1608 Capt. John Smith explored Chesapeake Bay.
- c. 1620 Earliest appearance of European objects in archeological context.
- 1629 George Calvert, 1st Lord Baltimore, left Avalon in Newfoundland, visited Virginia.
- 1631 Kent Island settled by Virginians under William Claiborne.
- 1632, June 20 Maryland Charter granted to Cecilius Calvert, 2nd Lord Baltimore, by Charles I, King of Great Britain and Ireland.
- 1633, Nov. 22 The *Ark* and the *Dove* set sail from Cowes, England, for Maryland.
- 1634, March 25 Landing of settlers at St. Clement's Island.
- 1634/ 5, Feb. 26 First General Assembly met at St. Mary's City.
- 1645 Ingle's Rebellion.
- 1647/ 8, Jan. 21 Margaret Brent denied right to vote in General Assembly.
- 1649, April 21 Religious toleration law enacted.
- 1650, April 6 General Assembly divided into an upper and lower house.
- 1652, March 29 Parliamentary commissioners held jurisdiction over colony, curtailing proprietary authority.
- 1655, March 25 Puritans from Virginia defeated Gov. William Stone's forces at Battle of the Severn.
- 1657, Nov. 30 Lord Baltimore's claim to Maryland reaffirmed.
- 1664 Slavery sanctioned by law; slaves to serve for life.
- 1683, May 15 Headright system of land grants ended.
- 1685, Aug. 31 Printing press of William Nuthead used at St. Mary's City by this date.
- 1689, July-1690, May Maryland Revolution of 1689.
- 1690, May-1692, April Interim government of Protestant Associates.
- 1692, April-1715 Crown rule; Maryland governed as a royal colony rather than as a proprietary province.
- 1692 Church of England made the established church. Royal assent to establishment act given in 1702.
- 1694/ 5, Feb. Capital moved from St. Mary's City to Annapolis.
- 1696 King William's School (later St. John's College) founded at Annapolis.
- 1715 Restoration of proprietary rights to Charles Calvert, 5th Lord Baltimore.
- 1718 Catholics disenfranchised.
- 1727, Sept. *Maryland Gazette* began publication at Annapolis.
- 1729 Baltimore Town established.