



**Flag:**



The Maryland flag contains the family crest of the Calvert and Crossland families. Maryland was founded as an English colony in 1634 by Cecil Calvert, the second Lord Baltimore. The black and Gold designs belong to the Calvert family. The red and white design belongs to the Crossland family. Flag adopted 1904.

**Maryland**



**Maryland is another state that has had numerous**

**nicknames since colonial times. *Old Line State*** (from the Maryland Line in the old Colonial army, which some say was bestowed on the state by George Washington) and ***Terrapin State*** (representative of the decline in standing of the state), are probably the oldest, but in 1923 the editor of the Baltimore Sun used the name ***Maryland Free State*** in an ironic editorial when the state was denounced as a traitor to the union for not introducing legislation to enforce prohibition. In fact the editorial was never published, but he went on to use the term in other articles and this soon spread amongst other newspapers in the state, often being shortened to the ***Free State***. Maryland has also been known as the ***Monumental State*** (a name which had appeared by 1843, and which derives from Baltimore's nickname of "Monumental City"), the ***Oyster State*** (from the Chesapeake oyster, once considered a great pride for the state) and also the ***Chesapeake State*** (by which name it is known on its licence plates).

**Economy:**

**Agriculture:** Seafood, poultry and eggs, dairy products, nursery stock, cattle, soybeans, corn.

**Industry:** Electric equipment, food processing, chemical products, printing and publishing, transportation equipment, machinery, primary metals, coal, tourism.