



Flag:

A deep blue field contains the seal of Virginia with the Latin motto "Sic Semper Tyrannis" - "Thus Always to Tyrants". Adopted in 1776. The two figures are acting out the meaning of the motto. Both are dressed as warriors. The woman, Virtue, represents Virginia. The man holding a scourge and chain shows that he is a tyrant. His fallen crown is nearby.



Virginia

Virginia has the oldest citation for any state nickname. **Old Dominion** has its first recorded sighting in 1778, but this derives from **Ancient Dominion**, the nickname for the state from the end of the 17th century. It is also known as the **Mother of States**, being the first state to be colonised (a name not attributed to Virginia until 1855, whereas Connecticut had been given the name in 1838), and **Mother of Presidents**, because Virginia supplied seven of the first twelve of the US Presidents. Some also developed this last name into **Mother of Statesmen**. The early British loyalists who settled in the states were Cavaliers, and this gave the state another nickname, the **Cavalier State**. Virginia's licence plates are a little less ambitious, and simply declare **Visit Virginia!**

Economy:

Agriculture: Cattle, poultry, dairy products, tobacco, hogs, soybeans.

Industry: Transportation equipment, textiles, food processing, printing, electric equipment, chemicals.