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Fort McHenry.

Fort McHenry, Md., 3 miles southeast from the city of Baltimore. First work built 1775, present work 1794. Sustained with a garrison of 1000 men under gen. Armistead, a severe bombardment from the British fleet of 16 vessels, 13 Sept. 1814. It was during this bombardment that Francis S. Key composed the song, "Star Spangled Banner." British retired; loss slight on both sides.