

COPYRIGHT / USAGE

Material on this site may be quoted or reproduced for **personal and educational purposes** without prior permission, provided appropriate credit is given. Any commercial use of this material is prohibited without prior permission from The Special Collections Department - Langsdale Library, University of Baltimore. Commercial requests for use of the transcript or related documentation must be submitted in writing to the address below.

When crediting the use of portions from this site or materials within that are copyrighted by us please use the citation: *Used with permission of the University of Baltimore.*

If you have any requests or questions regarding the use of the transcript or supporting documents, please contact us:

Langsdale Library
Special Collections Department
1420 Maryland Avenue
Baltimore, MD 21201-5779
<http://archives.ubalt.edu>



Are You Patriotic?



DO you believe that all Marylanders should be as active as the people in other States in preserving their most distinctive historic memorials?

WHAT about the spot where Maryland's First Colonists landed and where religious toleration was first established officially?

DON'T you feel that so sacred an acreage should be properly memorialized and effectually preserved in creditable condition?

THEN----

Kindly Read This Folder



A MEMORIAL TO MARYLAND'S COLONISTS

ST. MARY'S FEMALE SEMINARY.

What It Is; What It Does; What It Means; and What It Needs.

St. Mary's Female Seminary was created by an Act of the Maryland Legislature of 1840 in response to popular sentiment in favor of marking the historic site with a suitable memorial.

This Act is entitled "An Act to Authorize a Female Seminary in St. Mary's County on the site of the ancient city of St. Mary's."

The preamble reads:

"Whereas, the disposition to cherish the remembrance of great events and sacred places, as connected with the early history of our ancestors, has ever been in all ages of the world considered praiseworthy and commendable, whether evinced by the institution of periodical celebrations or the erection of commemorative monuments;—And whereas, a large and respectable portion of the people of Maryland have long entertained a desire to commemorate in some suitable manner the site on which stood St. Mary's City, (in St. Mary's County), the ancient capital of the State, the sad remains of which cannot but recall to mind the transient nature of all things sublunary, and the melancholy reflection that nothing now remains but a few mouldering bricks, to point out to the antiquarian the spot where Civilization and Christianity were first introduced into our State;—And whereas, the people of Maryland and more especially the citizens of St. Mary's County actuated by that delicate sensibility which prompts man to adorn and scatter flowers around the tombs of departed relatives and friends, desire to establish on that sacred spot a Female Seminary, that those who are destined to become the mothers of future generations may receive their education and early impressions at a place so well calculated to inspire affection and attachment for our native State;—And whereas, the object contemplated cannot be accomplished by private contribution and munificence, and should for other good and sufficient reasons receive the countenance and support of this legislature, etc."

Thirty thousand dollars was the amount named and authorized to be raised for this purpose, and Caleb Jones, Cornelius Coombes, and John W. Bennett, all of St. Mary's County, were appointed commissioners of the Lottery.

With this sum of money three acres of land were bought, and in 1844 the handsome colonial brick building, which is still standing, was completed and turned over to the Board of Trustees.

MEMORIAL TO MARYLAND'S FIRST COLONISTS.



THIS IS ST. MARY'S SEMINARY FOR GIRLS.

It is a state memorial school. It stands on the site of historic old St. Mary's City, where Lord Baltimore first planted the colony of Maryland. As a historic treasure and memorial, it should be ardently preserved and supported by all loyal citizens of this commonwealth. It is more than a school. It is the Plymouth Rock of Maryland. Surely Marylanders are as patriotic as New Englanders in reverencing and protecting their historic memorials! It was the birthplace of American religious toleration,—officially established.

ABSOLUTELY NON-DENOMINATIONAL

This Board at first consisted of thirteen members, then increased to fifteen, with equal representation along denominational lines, to insure the spirit of religious toleration. This Board of Trustees is self-electing, and its present control is mainly exercised in the appointment of the Principal and county scholarships; the passing upon the Principal's quarterly reports; the supervision of the expenditures of money for special appropriations; and the auditing of the financial accounts.

The Principal is given authority to select her own faculty and domestic service, with a certain latitude as to salaries. She lays out her own course of study and discipline; and has a free hand in the administration of the school,—always, of course, with due reference to the wishes of the Board.

The course of study is more or less in accordance with that of the High Schools of the State, and the fact that no student entering a higher institution from St. Mary's Seminary has ever failed to make her promotion, would seem to indicate that the work is proficently done.

WHAT STATE NOW DOES

The State's appropriation is absorbed entirely by the maintenance of its scholarships. These are twenty-nine at present, but there will be thirty-one in 1923-24 if Baltimore asserts her claims.

This year, 1923, the school receives \$9,000 from the State; next year, 1924, it will be \$10,000; the extra thousand having been allowed for the purpose of installing a heat plant in the 1917 addition. During the four years of the war, the appropriation was reduced from \$8,500 to \$7,500 with the result that the school has been carrying a debt for several years, and the buildings have suffered for want of repairs and equipment.

The source of financial loss is due to the hot-air system of heating. Six furnaces, supplemented by four stoves and twelve oil heaters, have to be supplied with fuel,—a tremendous outlay for the plant. The acetylene gaslights are also expensive to maintain and not entirely satisfactory. The students' bath-rooms are inadequate, and difficult to make comfortable in cold weather. In freezing weather, the water has to be cut off from the

house to prevent the pipes from bursting. The buildings need paint inside and outside, and a careful overhauling and renovation from garret to cellar. The school-room needs modern desks, shades and lights.

WORTHY OF HELP.

Since 1914 the D. A. R. Society of Maryland has been interesting itself in the welfare of the school. It has maintained three part-pay scholarships, offered prizes, and presented many valuable gifts.

The Alumnae, organized in 1917, has established a small physics laboratory; and has added needed furniture to the school. It maintains a half-pay scholarship; and has offered to contribute to the Principal's salary for 1923-24.

Colonel Frank B. Keech, of New York City, has created an endowment fund to the school of about \$10,000 in honor of his mother, who was once a student there. He is this year also giving a scholarship in her name.

The future of the school, as an institution of the highest value to the State, can be made an assured fact by the simple removal of the difficulties already enumerated.

The justification for the existence of the Seminary is already shown in the character and lives of the young women being sent out, year by year, to add their valuable contributions to the spiritual and material life of Maryland.

NOTE—Three buildings have been added in the last twenty-three years; one in 1902; another in 1908, and the last in 1917.

GOOD ROADS LEAD THERE NOW.

You ought to visit the place. It is worth a special automobile trip. Fine state roads lead there now. When the new "Crane Highway" is finished, Baltimore city will be within a few hours easy riding.

SAVE THE MEMORIAL

This whole movement is simply to raise a small fund to put the buildings in livable and creditable condition. It is to save this memorial from deterioration. Don't forget. It is more than a school. It is a living memorial to Maryland's much boasted earliest historic traditions.

WHY THIS APPEAL?

We are testing out Maryland's loyalty to herself by asking her people if they are willing to see this precious, living memorial deteriorate. If this memorial were in New England, floods of money would flow forth to maintain its physical excellence. Are Marylanders different?

All that we are seeking is twenty-five thousand dollars. Surely, a million and a half people will produce

that petty sum for so worthy a purpose. The appeal is to Baltimore City and the twenty-three different counties in the ratio of their wealth. Will you help? Will you aid in organizing your county by forming committees in each election district so as to canvass your whole county? Your county press will assist. County newspapers are dependably patriotic. A little leadership will produce the result.

If you are a resident of Baltimore city will you signify your willingness to co-operate. The Baltimore press is aiding.

QUOTAS ASKED.

TOTAL: \$25,000.00.

Counties	Counties	Counties
Allegany\$1,275	Charles \$530	PrinceGeorges \$875
Anne Arundel 560	Dorchester .. 465	Queen Anne's 495
Balto. City ..10,000	Frederick ... 730	St. Mary's... 455
Baltimore ... 1,835	Garrett 380	Somerset ... 465
Calvert 415	Harford 575	Talbot 510
Caroline 425	Howard 540	Washington 1,255
Carroll 420	Kent 525	Wicomico ... 490
Cecil 375	Montgomery 875	Worcester. .. 560

NOTE SPECIAL. An alphabetical list of all contributors will be printed in ornate book form and preserved conspicuously as one of the school's cherished exhibits for public perusal. It will be known as "Maryland Founders Honor Roll."

PATRIOTIC SOCIETIES ENTHUSIASTIC

In addition to promised co-operation by Governor Ritchie, the Board of Trustees of the Seminary, the Merchants and Manufacturers Association, the Southern Maryland Society the Eastern Shore Society, — various patriotic societies have pledged their active support. Among those who had reported action at the time this circular went to press are the Sons of the American Revolution, the Sons of the Revolution, the Society of the Ark and Dove, the Daughters of the Revolution, the Daughters of the American Revolution, the Colonial Dames, the Society of the War of 1812, the Daughters of the War of 1812, the Alumnae Association of St. Mary's Seminary, and heartily endorsed by Rabbi Lazaron.

WHAT TO DO: WHERE TO SEND MONEY

If you are willing to co-operate or to contribute, or both, or if you want further information, communicate promptly with

A. S. GOLDSBOROUGH,	} Organizing Committee
<i>Chairman</i>	
R. KEITH COMPTON	
EDWARD M. THOMAS	

MERCHANTS & MANUFACTURERS ASSOCIATION BUILDING
22 LIGHT STREET BALTIMORE, MD.