

Maryland. It conducts a continuing State-wide historic landmark survey to locate and identify those sites and buildings which are of significance to the black experience in Maryland. Its investigations have uncovered a vast reservoir of artifacts, documents, photography and other materials which the Commission works to preserve and become a part of a permanent archive repository, where such materials will pass into the public domain so that future generations of scholars and students can be exposed to the rich heritage of Afro-American life in Maryland.

The Commission also consists of an Advisory Committee consisting of twenty-one members (Code 1957, 1971 Repl. Vol., 1976 Supp., Art. 41, sec. 409).

#### **COMMISSION ON INDIAN AFFAIRS**

(Members and Staff not yet appointed.)

Originally a part of the Commission on Afro-American and Indian History and Culture, created by Chapter 386, Acts of 1974, the Commission became an agency of the Department of Economic and Community Development on July 1, 1976 by Chapter 148, Acts of 1976. The Commission consists of nine members appointed by the Governor, a majority of whom must be members of the native American Indian communities of Maryland. Members of the Commission must have knowledge of Indian culture and history and be sensitive to the problems of the Indian communities. The Commission is charged with undertaking a comprehensive study of indigenous American Indian tribes including but not limited to the Crees, Creeks, Cherokees, Chippewas, Choptanks, Delawares, Haliwas, Lumbees, Naticokes, Piscataways, Potomacs, Rappahannocks, Seminoles, Susquehannas, and Wicomicos, and their influence upon Maryland History and Culture. Among other things, the Commission will study the economic and social needs of Indians in Maryland and make recommendations for the alleviation of such needs. Information developed by the Commission that relates to Indian culture and history is to be disseminated to the public (Code 1957, 1971 Repl. Vol., 1976 Supp., Art. 41, sec. 409-1).

#### **MARYLAND BICENTENNIAL COMMISSION**

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The Maryland Bicentennial Commission, created by Chapter 458, Acts of Maryland of 1968, consists of twenty-one members appointed by the Governor to develop and coordinate plans of public and private agencies for the Bicentennial commemoration of the American Revolution. Members of the Commission are appointed for terms of five years each. They may be reappointed, and they elect their own Chairman.

The Bicentennial Commission seeks to give emphasis to substantive projects of a long lasting value, and to commemorating events preceding and during the American Revolution Era. It acts as a catalyst and coordinating clearing-house for assisting State agencies, counties, municipalities, colleges and schools. It provides sponsorship within funds available for commemorative projects in the three prime thematic areas: Heritage, Festivals and Horizons. It provides official endorsement or recognition for key Bicentennial projects of Bicentennial communities and campuses; and for civic, fraternal, patriotic, religious, educational and youth organizations.

It also helps publish a Newsletter, a Bicentennial Trail Map, books, films and magazine articles. It participates in exhibits and ceremonies, and it reinforces State "livability" objectives as the Bicentennial includes Marylanders of every ethnic origin and age.

#### **ST. MARY'S CITY COMMISSION**

*Chairman:* Robert E. Hogaboom, 1981

*Vice Chairman:* T. Sutton Jett, 1980

*Treasurer:* Charles E. Fenwick, 1981

Morris L. Radoff, 1977; Roy N. Staten, 1978; John T. Daugherty, 1979; J. Renwick Jackson, Jr., 1980.

Mary Combs Barber, *Director*