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Originally known as the Maryland Commission on Negro History and Culture, this Commission was created by Chapter 435, Acts of 1969, and consisted of seven recognized authorities on Afro-American history and culture appointed by the Governor and assigned to the Department of Economic and Community Development. Chapter 627, Acts of 1971, created a new Commission of nine members, all appointed by the Governor for three-year terms. The Governor designated both the Chairperson and the Vice Chairperson. By an Executive Order dated December 27, 1971, the Commission was assigned to Morgan State College. The Commission was reassigned to the Department of Economic and Community Development and its name changed to the Commission on Afro-American and Indian History and Culture by Chapter 386, Acts of 1974. Chapter 120, Acts of 1976, created the single-purpose Commission on Afro-American History and Culture as a permanent Commission.

The present Commission consists of nine members appointed by the Governor. The Governor designates both the Chairperson and the Vice Chairperson. The Commission is now an independent agency within the State government.

The Commission acts as statewide coordinator and clearinghouse in preserving evidence of the black experience in Maryland. It specializes in historical preservation and research, unearthing and collecting historical materials—art objects, memorabilia, manuscripts, photographs, and other articles of significance to black history and culture in the State. The Commission maintains art and historical exhibits in Annapolis and Baltimore. It also provides exhibits and resource materials to the community at large and to local educational systems and institutions within the State. In addition, the Commission conducts a continuing statewide historic landmark survey to locate and identify those sites and buildings significant to the black experience in Maryland.

A portion of the artifacts collected by the Commission will be displayed at the Banneker-Douglass Museum of Afro-American Life and History, scheduled to open to the public on July 4, 1980. The Museum is housed in the old Mt. Moriah A.M.E. Church at 84 Franklin St., Annapolis.

The Commission also includes an Advisory Committee consisting of a maximum of twenty-one members (Code 1957, Art. 41, sec. 409).

ST. MARY'S CITY COMMISSION

Chairperson: Robert E. Hogaboom, 1981

Vice-Chairperson: T. Sutton Jett, 1980

Treasurer: Charles E. Fenwick, 1981

John T. Daugherty, 1979; J. Renwick Jackson, Jr., 1980; Roy N. Staten, 1983; Wilcomb E. Washburn, 1982

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The St. Mary's City Commission was created by Chapter 115, Acts of 1966, to replace the St. Mary's City Restoration Study Commission, which had been appointed by the Governor in 1965 (Res. No. 41, Acts of 1965).

The Commission consists of nine members appointed by the Secretary of Economic and Community Development with the approval of the Governor for five-year terms. Two of the Commissioners must be residents of St. Mary's County and no fewer than five must be residents of the State of Maryland. The Commissioners are selected on the basis of ability, public spirit, and historical and professional interest. The Commission selects its own officers. Subject to the approval of the Secretary of Economic and Community Development, it also appoints the Director from without its membership.

The St. Mary's City Commission was created to preserve, develop, and maintain ancient St. Mary's City, Maryland's first settlement and for sixty-one years the colonial capital of the Province. The Commission has responsibility for the reconstructed State House of 1676 located in St. Mary's City. The Commission may acquire historical or cultural properties pertaining to historic St. Mary's City and properties necessary for the proper use and administration of the ancient city and its environs. The Commission may accept private gifts, as well as federal, State, and local governmental grants. The Commission reports annually to the Secretary of Economic and Community Development and to the General Assembly concerning its