

### **Adjutant General**

#### **Militia Appointments, MSA S348**

Record of officers commissioned in Maryland units.

### **Military Papers, MSA S926**

#### **Misc. Papers, MSA S927**

#### **War of 1812 Papers, MSA S931**

Include correspondence, applications, recommendations, enrollments, election of officers, resignations, and commissions.

### **General Assembly**

#### **Journals of the Maryland Senate and House of Delegates**

Contains messages from the governor, correspondence, and other information relating to Maryland's preparations for the War. Available on the Archives of Maryland Online, [aomol.net](http://aomol.net).

### **Baltimore City Papers**

#### **City Papers Index, MSA CE40**

#### **Baltimore City Archives, RG 22,**

#### **War of 1812 Records**

The Maryland State Archives has recently collaborated with the Baltimore City Archives to make some of its records more accessible. [Baltimorecityhistory.net](http://Baltimorecityhistory.net), an online research guide to Baltimore municipal records, describes and links to indices of key records, including the War of 1812 Records, which are available online and partially transcribed.

### **MSA Newspaper Collections**

**Annapolis:** *Maryland Gazette* and *Maryland Republican*; **Baltimore:** *American and Commercial Daily Advertiser*, *Baltimore Whig*, *Baltimore Patriot & Evening Advertiser*, *Federal Gazette & Baltimore Daily Advertiser*, *Federal Republican & Commercial Gazette*, *Baltimore Patriot & Evening Advertiser*; **Easton:** *Republican Star*, or, *Eastern Shore General*; **Frederick:** *Frederick-Town Herald*; **Hagerstown:** *Maryland Herald*, and *Hager's-Town Weekly Advertiser*; **Washington, D.C.:** *Daily National Intelligencer*

### **Additional Online Resources:**

Archives of Maryland Online  
<http://aomol.net>

Guide to Research and Writing about the History of Baltimore City  
<http://baltimorecityhistory.net>

Documents for the Classroom  
<http://teachingamericanhistorymd.net>

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## **Researching the War of 1812 at the Maryland State Archives**



*Star Spangled Banner Centennial* (recto)  
Artist: Hans Schuler (b. 1874), bronze medal  
MSA SC 4680-50-0017

As the historical agency for Maryland and central depository for government records, the Maryland State Archives holds a number of items which can be used to study the War of 1812. In addition to government records, private papers and objects are held in the Archives' Special Collections. The list below is a compilation of the most likely sources of information.

In addition, the Archives has a number of other helpful resources. The Archives' website, [mdsa.net](http://mdsa.net), also features biographies of a variety of figures from Maryland history and politics, a number of whom were involved in the War of 1812. There are also a number of helpful books in the Archives' library, including militia service lists.

***MSA Government Records***  
**Governor and Council**  
**Letterbook, MSA S1075**

Correspondence to and from the Governor and Council. Available on Archives of Maryland Online, *aomol.net*.

**Maryland State Papers**  
**Series A, MSA S1004**

Executive papers. War of 1812-era records not indexed.

**Scharf Collection, MSA S1005**

Consists of correspondence, other information. Contains a number of military-related records. Index available online.

**Red Books, MSA S989**

Executive records. Indexed in *Calendar of Maryland State Papers, Number 4, The Red Books*. Only a small amount of the material in the Red Books relates to the War of 1812, all of it indexed in volume III of the *Calendar*.

**Local Government**

Most defense planning was organized at the state level, but it is possible that cities and counties made preparations as well. While counties had little central government, the Archives has records from several cities, including Annapolis, Havre de Grace and Denton.

***MSA Special Collections***

**MSA SC 397, Microfilm M186,** *Narrative Respecting the Conduct of the British*, 1813, no author, dedicated to General H. T. Foreman, Harford County, 4 June 1813. This narrative describes the destruction of property in the Havre de Grace area committed by the British during the War of 1812.

**MSA SC 210-1-3,** Diary, 1812-1814, possibly written by Dr. A. Duvall. The diary includes extensive references to the War of 1812, Maryland's involvement in the war, and related political news from several Maryland counties as well as events in Europe and Canada.

**MSA SC 871,** Letter, Stanislaus Coomes to "Dear Uncle," Cherry Grove, Charles County, 1814, referring to the War of 1812, especially damage caused by the British.

**MSA SC 1523,** British military and naval records, War of 1812. Copies of originals located in the Canadian Archives.

**MSA SC 1545,** Maryland Commission on Artistic Property Collection. Modern portraits of Marylanders relating to the War of 1812 era: *Joshua Barney* (1759-1818) by Robert Templeton; *Samuel Smith* (1752-1839) by Adrian Lamb, after Gilbert Stuart;

*Robert Bowie* (1750-1818) by Katherine Walton; *Edward Lloyd* (1779-1834) by Florence Mackubin; *Levin Winder* (1757-1819) by Florence Mackubin.

**MSA 1862,** Ceremonial presentation sword of Lt. Joseph Cross and Cross' certificate of commission (dated April 27, 1816, signed by James Madison). Cross distinguished himself in the action between the *USS Constitution* and the *HMS Guerriere*, August 19, 1812. Cross sword is on exhibit in Miller Senate Building.

**MSA SC 2171,** Papers of Samuel Smith. Correspondence, letterbooks, political and military papers of Samuel Smith (1752-1839), son John Spear (1790-1866), brother Robert Smith (1757-1842) and others. Smith served in the U.S. Congress during the War and later became mayor of Baltimore.

**MSA SC 2916,** Society of the War of 1812 Collection. Society records on microfilm, vols. 1-4. Society is an association of descendants of the defenders of Baltimore in the War of 1812.