



Points of Interest in the U.S.A. - II

FORT McHENRY: WHERE U.S. NATIONAL ANTHEM WAS COMPOSED UNDER GUNFIRE

Fort McHenry, at Baltimore in the state of Maryland, is both a U.S. national monument and historic shrine -- because it was there that an American lawyer, detained aboard a British ship during an attack on the fort in the War of 1812, was inspired to write what has become America's national anthem. It was there that Francis Scott Key heard "the bombs bursting in air," and saw "the rocket's red glare," yet found that "the star-spangled banner" was still "there." The American victory prompted him immediately to write the poem which later was put to music as "The Star-Spangled Banner."

This is the original "star-spangled banner" which flew over Fort McHenry.

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Fort McHenry, en Baltimore (Maryland), es a la vez que un monumento nacional norteamericano, una reliquia histórica, porque fué allí, donde un abogado norteamericano, detenido abordo de un navío inglés, durante un ataque al fuerte en la guerra de 1812, se sintió inspirado para escribir lo que luego ha sido el himno nacional de los Estados Unidos. Ahí fué donde Francis Scott Key escuchó "la explosión de las bombas en el aire" y vió "el resplandor rojo de los cohetes", y encontró ~~la bandera~~ que "la bandera estrella" estaba todavía "allí". La victoria americana le impulsó inmediatamente a escribir el poema que más tarde se puso en música, como : "La bandera estrellada". Aquí vemos "la bandera estrellada" original que tremoló sobre Fort McHenry.



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