

*The Flag, the Poet
and the Song*

THE STORY OF THE
STAR-SPANGLED BANNER



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Why do some
many American know
so little about war of
1812? p120

2nd War of Independence

Who is Paul
Reineman
The Clocker

Mary Young
Pickensall
1814 - large flag

Francis Scott Key
owned slaves

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Banner

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Tape #:

350,000 stitches in
flag

34 years at Times could do without Star S. B.
hometown Phillis. before every sporting event

1969 - Joe Feliciano in Detroit Ward 5.

1990 Rosanne Barr - San D.

Robert Merrill - Paul Zimmerman has counted
time of Star S. Banner
Rec'd Binley longest one of
2:28 min..

^{P.S.}
Mary Jemmy Pickensgill
Francis Scott Key
George Armistead
Major General Robert Ross

told they played in war of 1812
Baltimore - flag, song etc.

US attacked by Brits - Chesapeake attacked by Stoperd
British seamen seized an American ship

July 24, 1811 Madison tells Congress we can't stand
attacks on our sovereignty from Brits

declaration of war - House June 4 - 19 to 49
Senate June 19 - 19 to 13

Federalists opposed

Brits had 600 warships VS 16

VS 18,000 soldiers on land Brits and Canadian
2000 on land here

1812 - only war US attacked on our soil.

attack on Canada led by US's 14 ships

Canadians then ordered to retaliate in U.S. for
burning of Toronto - unknown to American today

Carl Benn - America abuses history p 52

chief curator of City of Toronto Museum

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chap 9 1932 - first time Star Spung
and flag raised
at olympic

1916 WW ordered it played in WW.

Homer signed bill in 1931

high notes and low notes - hard for ordinary
person to reach.

patiotism only comes with war P157

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Chap 5

Key's House in Georgetown pulled down
for Key Bridge

Key goes to General Ross to get Beams free

Mary Pickens Gill - makes the flag with
daughter and niece - in 1810 8 women lived
in her house - she owned 3 slaves

350,000 stitches used to sew flag

Each
7 white & stripes are 2 feet wide

15 stars although there were 18 states

1818 - law requiring star for each state

revert to 13 stripes for original colonies
30ft high / 42 feet long 1260 sq. ft.

6 weeks to make it July Aug 1813

paid 405.90 / today \$3,400

Betsy Ross - first American flag made in Philly

British bombardment begins in Balt Sept 13, 1814

Storm flag also made by Mary P. 25 by 17 feet

Key began to write on back of a letter

adopted March 3, 1931 as official anthem

no flag at Key's funeral 1843 - never visited

St. Mary's

Smithsonian repair of flag - ready
18 months
July 2002

Bob Byrd - Amendment on Flag Bill
against it.

Paul Zimmerman - S. I. counts lengths
of Stan Spaulding
Bambers

National Anthem adopted
in 1931

God Bless America
America the Beautiful
Stars and Stripes forever

Jan 1814 - Ghent J. Q. A. / Albert Gallatin / Henry Clay
talks went on for a year

Peace treaty signed Dec 24, 1814

Jan 8, 1815 - British attacked New Orleans

Jackson killed 2057 British 13 Americans died

Chap's Landrum - Baltimore - a hero's death

Gen Robert Ross - shot dead by a sniper

A young American claimed honor of having killed him

big impact on British morale

James McHenry - a federalist opponent of the war

Sec of War under G. W. and J. A.

Sept 14 - British fired 1500 bombs and 700 rockets at
Ft. McHenry - Maj. Geo. Armistead in charge

only 4 Americans killed

Admiral Geo. Cockburn regarded Balt. a failure - he
was responsible for Napoleon on St. Helena.

Chap 7

Flores became
capt. in Civil War
Ft. Wagner fled
sold to Assoc. for
150,000 in
1993
by Captain and Lord
Drummond
Star missing p 140
letter A stands
Armistead - who dies
in 1818 at 38
Smithsonian's Museum
of American History 1963
Ft. Mifflin - prison
during Civil War
for Confederates
prisoners