

Francis Scott Key

Francis Scott Key was born August 1, 1779 in Frederick County, Maryland. He was an American lawyer, author and even a poet. He is well known for writing the words to our national anthem, "The Star Spangled



Banner". President Woodrow Wilson adopted his song as the American national anthem in 1916. The Star Spangled banner is song today in schools, before baseball games and also football games as good luck from our country.

Key was inspired while watching the bombing of Ft. Henry and began to write a poem on the back of a letter he had in his pocket. He later finished the poem and showed it to his brother-in-law who took it to a printer and had copies made of it. Two of these copies are still around to this day. Today there are many monuments and names references to Francis Scott Key. There are bridges, parks, and even schools who bare his name.