



Proposal to Plant a Tulip Poplar Tree, a scion of the iconic Annapolis Liberty Tree, at the
Glenview Mansion, Rockville, MD

Submitted by **Erasmus Perry Chapter, Hannah Archer Till Chapter, Pleasant Plains Chapter, Gov. Robert Bowie Chapter**, and the Maryland State Society, Daughters of the American Revolution (MSSDAR)

Date: **January 5, 2026**

Dear **Glenview Mansion**

We are delighted to present a proposal on behalf of the aforementioned chapters of the Maryland State Society Daughters of the American Revolution. As our nation nears its 250th anniversary in 2026, the National Society Daughters of the American Revolution (NSDAR) encourages state societies to honor this historic event with commemorative activities that pay tribute to the Patriots who fought for American independence and educate the public about our shared history.

To mark this significant anniversary, MSSDAR's Our Legacy of Liberty Project will plant 13 Tulip Poplar trees (*Liriodendron tulipifera*) at locations across the state between spring 2026 and spring 2027. Each tree, a scion of the historic Annapolis Liberty Tree, is to serve as a living memorial to Maryland's Revolutionary heritage and to encourage and educate future generations.

The Annapolis Liberty Tree stood only blocks away from where George Washington resigned his commission as commander in chief of the Continental Army at the Annapolis State House on December 23, 1783, and stood for over 400 years before it was lost to Hurricane Floyd in 1999. Seedlings have identical genetic DNA to the historic Annapolis tree; seedlings grown from its scions are rare and hold deep meaning, symbolizing both continuity and resilience. Planting a tree from this lineage at the Glenview Mansion would connect your organization to the broader legacy of the Liberty Tree and the American independence story.

We specifically request written permission to:

- Coordinate the planting of a Tulip Poplar tree on the grounds of the **Glenview Mansion** in consultation with your representatives, at a location that honors the site's historic landscape. An attachment is included with tree planting instructions regarding the location of the tree. The chapters are open to suggestions on the location of the actual planting if approved for the Civic Center property. If an arboretum at Redgate Park is under consideration, the chapters could further discuss, but that location would certainly attract visitors.
- A sample of the Liberty Tree plaque is attached along with a Certificate of Authenticity. The National Society of Daughters of America (NSDAR) prefers that the signage be all the same as other sites and has rules when DAR is mentioned on any signage.
- Host a dedication ceremony on a mutually agreed-upon date. DAR state officers and members of the four chapters coordinating this event would be present, but the public would be able to attend and learn the historical significance of the tree. Copies of a sample invitation and dedication program template are attached for review.

All associated costs will be absorbed by the Maryland State DAR Our Legacy of Liberty Project, and we will provide follow-up tree care until the seedling is established.

We respectfully request the **Glenview Mansion's** support and approval for this project, which both honors history and inspires future generations to reflect on the values of the Semiquincentennial.

Thank you for considering this proposal. For any questions, please contact Jean Langbein; jeanlangbein@gmail.com; 301-787-5605

Sincerely,

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