



## A Trip Into the Dome



The State House Dome has watched over the city of Annapolis for some 225 years. Residents and visitors alike have made the climb to the top to enjoy the wonderful views of the town and the Bay. Some of the earliest visitors to the Dome were Thomas Jefferson and James Madison who, in 1790, were taken up in the Dome by a local resident who entertained them by “lifting the roofs of the houses and telling us the history of each family who lived in them,” in the words of a friend who went along with the group.

For safety and security reasons, the Dome is no longer open to the public but these photographs provide a sense of the experience that has thrilled visitors from the 18<sup>th</sup> century onwards.

