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## From Creation to Retirement: The Life of a Flag



In a small flag-making workshop nestled in a quiet town, a vibrant flag was born. This flag, known as "Liberty's Colors," started its journey as a simple piece of fabric but went on to become a witness to the most significant events in the nation's history.

Liberty's Colors was created with great care by Mrs. Henderson, a skilled seamstress, and her team of dedicated workers. It bore thirteen stars and thirteen stripes, representing the original thirteen colonies that formed the United States.

The flag's first glimpse of the world was when it was raised above Independence Hall in Philadelphia on July 4, 1776, the day the Declaration of Independence was signed. Liberty's Colors fluttered proudly as the Founding Fathers proclaimed the nation's birth.

As the years passed, Liberty's Colors traveled far and wide. It was present at George Washington's inauguration as the first President, and it witnessed the signing of the Constitution. It proudly flew over Fort McHenry during the War of 1812, inspiring Francis Scott Key to write the national anthem, "The Star-Spangled Banner."

Through turbulent times, Liberty's Colors stood strong. It was a symbol of hope during the Civil War, a beacon of unity during the Reconstruction Era, and a witness to the women's suffrage movement. It even traveled to the battlefields of World War I, serving as a source of courage for soldiers far from home.

As the years turned into decades and decades into centuries, Liberty's Colors started to show signs of wear and tear. Its colors had faded, and its fabric had grown fragile. It was time for the flag to retire.

In a solemn ceremony, Liberty's Colors was carefully lowered from the flagpole one last time. It was folded with honor and placed in a museum, where its rich history would be preserved for generations to come.

Throughout its long life, Liberty's Colors had seen the nation evolve, overcome challenges, and celebrate triumphs. It had been a symbol of freedom, unity, and the enduring spirit of the United States.