Harford County Celebrates the Architecture of 1812

Harford County stood squarely in the midst of the Chesapeake Campaign of the War of 1812. Its diverse but Anglo-dominated population of c. 21,500 controlled areas of the Susquehanna and the Chesapeake. Havre de Grace with its fishing industries, river towns such as Lapidum with fords and warehouses, and the many scattered mills and furnaces were valuable assets to whichever side commanded them. Harford’s surprisingly sophisticated built architecture, as exemplified above, derived from its British origins and the wealth of the Hall, Rodgers, Streett, Archer, Hays, Stump, Lee, Norris and other families, many of whom provided valuable service to defense of America’s freedom.