

\$40,000 in Federal funds in 1938-1939. The architects were Riggin Buckler and G. Corner Fenhagen; the builder, Seymour Ruff & Sons, all of Baltimore. A fair description of the first courthouse, which with the addition is still the seat of county government, is given by the editor of the Howard County *Inventory of County and Town Archives* as follows:

The general exterior appearance of the courthouse is simple, dignified, and pleasant. The architecture, while of Greek inspiration, evidences only a few classic features. The proportions of the structure are good and the windows are generous. The facade has little ornamentation, and no columns adorn the doorway which is set off by heavy stone blocks and a well-marked lintel. A small belfry surmounts this end of the structure.¹²

¹² *Loc. cit.*