



## THE VANVOORHIS HOUSE

Historians disagree as to when the Vanvoorhis House was built. Isaac Vanvoorhis bought the property where the house now stands in 1834. Some historians attribute the building of this fine old house with the Vanvoorhis Family, while others feel it was built before 1834. Abraham Decker was granted this tract of land in 1769 by the state of Virginia. Legend says that he built the stone structure still standing in the form of a rear wing. Joseph Parkinson was granted the same tract of land by Pennsylvania in 1770, thus stating that the house was built by Parkinson in 1785, even though it was still called the Vanvoorhis House. The house is noted for its fine interior carpentry. Distinctive exterior features include the dentilled and bracketed cornice which continues across the gable ends. The Flemish bond brick walls, the double hung windows of twelve panes over twelve, the Federal style keystone lintels, and Corinthian pilasters. The fine mansard porch across the front was added about 1880.