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**MOUNT PLEASANT** - 1855 - (North side of) 426 Sherwood Road, 0.9 mile east of York Road, Cockeysville vicinity. Built by Mrs. Susan Poteet, widow of the Rev. Thomas Poteet, to replace her boarding house and residence that had burned in March of 1854. Contractor was John I. Wheeler. Two-story Greek-Revival house in brick with hip roof. Originally 40 by 40 feet. Five bays wide. Modillion cornice. There is a log house embedded in rear wings. Mrs. Poteet's son Zephaniah became owner and appears in 1877 atlas. His widow died in 1881. A casino was built on the grounds for all-night poker games. Later, the house was owned by a Russian exile, Count Alef de Ghize. In 1951 it was acquired by Joseph B. McMasters.