## BRICE HOUSE

## 42 East Street, Annapolis, Maryland

The Brice House is a simplified Georgian-style mansion that sits on an elevated terrace site overlooking East Street in Annapolis. Its scale and the mass of its brickwork make it one of the most impressive buildings of its style in the United States. Like the William Paca House and the Hammond-Harwood House, it is a five-part brick mansion with a large central block and flanking pavilions with connecting hyphens. The Brice House was designated a National Historic Landmark and added to the National Register of Historic Places in 1970. On the interior, Halpern Architects was engaged to assist the architectural conservator with structural conservation issues that required a tactical resolution that respected the historic fabric. On the exterior, Halpern Architects, in consultation with the Maryland Historical Trust, researched possible solutions to the design of a new and more "durable" staircase at the main entrance. The changes to its configuration over time were assessed. The selected design was considered to best reflect its period of significance.

Client: John Greenwalt Lee - Architectural Conservator



Main façade of the Brice House facing onto East Street



End view of new entrance staircase



Main façade



Detail of new entrance staircase



Underside detail of new staircase

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