***John W. McGrain***, the now retired Baltimore County Historian and Secretary of the County’s Landmarks Preservation Commission has served as exacting scholar of the county's past and continuing advocate for the preservation of its historic sites. His publications have long chronicled the county's steel-making, bridge-building and milling from pig iron to cotton duck. Nor has he overlooked the region’s manufacturing center. For the past sixty five years he has been photographing Baltimore City’s industry. In 2011 he published a book of his 150 photos entitled Dickensian Baltimore: Survivals of a City's Infrastructure. John McGrain serves as a "walking data-base" of the region’s industrial past. His work reminds us that although Baltimore County and Baltimore City are politically separate, they remain economically conjoined.