

Bal Masque in Harford County.

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A brilliant assemblage met at "Clifford Place," Harford county, the residence of the late Wm. Alfred Patterson, Esq., on Friday evening, 17th inst., to enjoy the pleasures of the masquerade and dance. The large house was illuminated from the Mansard roof to the lawn, the rays extending far into the darkness and lighting up the old trees and grounds around it. Among those en masque were the Misses Davis, daughters of Griffith Davis, Esq., one of them representing "Beautiful Snow," the other an Indian Princess; while Griffith Davis, Jr., admirably sustained the character of Oscar Wilde in a handsome costume of yesterdays time, most pleasing to the aesthetic eye. Plantation darkeys of ante-bellum days were excellently represented by Mr. Cole and his sister. Miss Haines, of Petersburg, Va., as a Huntress, was accompanied by Mr. Phillips Hall in sailor dress. Mrs. Frederick E. Patterson, nee Powell, wore a Spanish costume. Miss Hewitt appeared as a Nun. Capt. Snyder, United States Army, represented a Knight of Malta; Mr. Pendleton, a Monk; Mr. Michael, a Clown; Miss Michael, a Ghost; Miss Jennie Patterson, an Old Woman; Mr. George Goldborough Airey, a stylish Courtier of the Elizabeth period, and Mr. Martin, a red-coated Huntsman.

After the unmasking an elegant supper was served at 12 o'clock, and then the dancing continued until the early morning hours.