

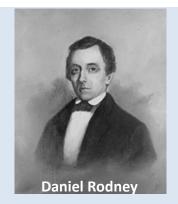
# Lewes- Spring 1813- Fortification Treations

# **HOME LESSON PLAN #2- Monday March,30**

#### **HISTORICAL BACKGROUND**

David Paynter, born in **1782**, was a **commissary** in Lewes during the War of **1812**,. In **1813**, he was living in the Burton Ingram House. The building today sits on the campus of the Lewes Historical Society at **110**Shipcarpenter Street. David later **ceded** his residence to other family members. David's job was to calculate the **military surplus**. Attention to detail was crucial. David calculated everything needed for the defense of the town, from food to weapons. He even calculated **10 blankets on hand**. Lewes was low on **ammunition**. It was recorded that Lewes had **500 Cannonballs which weighed, in total, 10,000 lbs**. David was concerned with the high cost of repair to the **fortifications** to the point that he wrote, "**The expenses of the Fortifications which are considerable cannot be obtained at this time."** Born in **1764**, Daniel Rodney, another local eyewitness, to the Lewes bombardment recorded in his journal on **March 30, 1813** that "**All our preparations and services performed here have been at the expense of the inhabitants who are now preparing to throw up some battle defenses for the <b>Town.**"







## **ACTIVITY INSTRUCTIONS:**

- CALCULATE How old was David Paynter in 1813? How old was Daniel Rodney?
- RECORD—How many pillows do you have in your living room? How would you categorize them, size, color?
- ♦ BUILD—With permission from parents! Construct your own War of 1812 fort using living room pillows.
- ◆ SHARE—Please consider sharing photos of your fortification creations with *The Lewes Historical Society*.

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### **VOCABULARY:**

**Commissary** – A person selected to keep stock of item amounts, relating especially to equipment and provisions. **Ceded** — To give up something such as property.

Military Surplus — Goods that are sold or otherwise disposed of when no longer needed by the military Ammunition — A supply of projectile weapons, such as cannonballs.

Fortifications — A defensive wall or other reinforcement built to strengthen a place against attack. Inhabitants — People who live and occupy a certain place.

#### **ADDITIONAL RESOURCES:**

To better understand the important role of fortifications against naval attack during the War of 1812 in the DELMARVA region,

PLEASE WATCH this short 3-minute Smithsonian online video:

https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=iiVryYnzmdl