



61-007 Dr. Charles Fox House (Coffin House)

4931 Powder Mill Road

Beltsville

Built c. 1886, the Dr. Charles Fox House is a two-and-one-half story frame dwelling clad in German siding. Above the central bay at the attic level is a steep cross-gable with a jerkinhead roof (a gable end that slopes back at the top to form a small hipped roof end). The jerkinhead treatment is repeated at the east and west gables. (The Colonial Revival door surround is a later treatment.) The east wing was probably built around the turn of the twentieth century and was used as a doctor's office. The house was built by Dr. Fox, who was for many years the village doctor for Beltsville and active in civic affairs. It was later the home of members of the Coffin family, who are associated with the Muirkirk Iron Works.