



65-008 Green Hill

2009 Van Buren Street

West Hyattsville

The earliest section of this house may have been built by William Dudley Digges, a member of the Maryland House of Delegates in 1817 and 1818. Pierre L'Enfant lived here as Digges' guest in 1824, and died here in 1825. In 1925, a cenotaph was erected to mark the original burial place of L'Enfant, the designer of the plan of Washington, D.C. In 1863, Green Hill became the country house of George Washington Riggs, founder of Riggs National Bank. The Riggs family greatly enlarged the house in the late nineteenth and early twentieth centuries; the Neoclassical fieldstone mansion seen today reflects those changes. In 1960 the house was completely remodeled on the interior for use as a Roman Catholic seminary for the Pallotine order of priests and brothers, a use it retains today.