



69-005-02 George Washington House (NR)

4302 Baltimore Avenue

Bladensburg

Built circa 1760 by Jacob Wirt as part of a commercial complex which included a store (this structure), a billiard hall, tavern, and blacksmith shop, this is a two-and-one-half-story, side-gabled brick structure with a two-story porch and a rear wing of frame construction. The building earned its name through an assumption that “George Washington slept here;” however, the extant structure was never a tavern during Washington’s lifetime. (Washington’s diary does, however, record a visit to the nearby Hilleary-Magruder House; see Historic Site 69-005-07.) The building received its present name before 1878 when it was being used as a hotel. Listed in the National Register of Historic Places in 1974, it is protected by an easement held by the Maryland Historical Trust.