



69-005-09 Bostwick (NR)

3901 48th Street

Bladensburg

(Town of Bladensburg)

Built in 1746 for Christopher Lowndes, merchant and Town Commissioner, and later the home of Lowndes' son-in-law, Benjamin Stoddert, first Secretary of the Navy, Bostwick is a two-and-one-half-story Georgian brick house, with a flared gable roof and bracketed cornice. An unusual high buttress reinforces the south gable end, and there is a kitchen wing to the north. The earliest surviving building in Bladensburg, Bostwick stands high on a terraced lawn. Southeast of the house are several nineteenth century outbuildings and a barn. Bostwick was listed in the National Register of Historic Places in 1975, and is protected by a preservation easement held by the Maryland Historical Trust.