



71B-002-01 Straining House

13005 7th Street

Bowie

Built c. 1870, the Straining House is a two-story, front-gabled brick town house with round-arch windows. It is a rare surviving example in Prince George's County of a brick town dwelling in the Italianate style. One of the first houses constructed in the town of Huntington (now Bowie), it was used in the early years as the Methodist meeting house. Acquired in 1874 by John Straining, a German merchant who purchased a large number of lots in the new town, it remained the Straining family home until 1943. The split pediment Colonial Revival door surround is a much later alteration.