

71B-004 Belair (NR) 12207 Tulip Grove Drive Bowie

(City of Bowie)

Built in 1740s with early twentieth-century wings, Belair is a two-story brick Georgian mansion with a hip-on-hip roof. On the grounds is a small Ogle family cemetery. The main block of the mansion was built in the 1740s for Samuel Ogle, provincial governor of Maryland, and was the country home of his son Benjamin Ogle, State Governor from 1798 to 1801. During the first half of the twentieth century, Belair was the country estate of prominent horse-breeders James T. Woodward, William Woodward, Sr. and William Woodward, Jr. The mansion, now restored and open to the public, is the centerpiece of the residential community Belair at Bowie. Belair was listed in the National Register of Historic Places in 1977.