

76A-014 Butler House (NR) 6403 Oxon Hill Road Oxon Hill

Built circa 1850, the Butler House is a frame dwelling with a one-story shed-roof kitchen attached; it is sheathed in a modern formstone veneer. The house was originally built to serve as both dwelling and post office; it became the home in 1853 of Henry Alexander Butler, a free black man from Charles County, and the property remains in the possession of his descendants. Behind the house stood the chicken house, meat house, barns and other buildings essential to farm life; none of these survive. Listed in the National Register of Historic Places in 2005, the Butler House is an important example of a farmstead owned and operated by a free black family in the antebellum period.