



77-014 Belle Chance and Cemetery

Maryland Drive

Joint Base Andrews

Camp Springs

(U.S.A.)

Built in 1912, Belle Chance was constructed for Dr. William Stewart, who employed modern fireproof technology to construct the dwelling and its related outbuildings after an earlier house on the property was destroyed by fire in 1910. The house is of concrete construction, with Colonial Revival/Spanish styling. The property is part of a tract known as Chance that had belonged to the Darcey family; the Darcey family burial ground, with stones from 1807 and 1843, is located a short distance from the house. Stewart's property was acquired by the U. S. Government for the development of Joint Base Andrews. Since the opening of the base, Belle Chance has served as the base commander's residence.