

78-015 Melwood Park (NR) 10908 Old Marlboro Pike Upper Marlboro vicinity

Built circa 1750 and enlarged circa 1800, Melwood Park is a two-story stuccoed brick building with gable roof of uneven pitch and original window sashes of 16/16 lights. Interior decorative detail reflects both the colonial and Federal periods, and includes particularly fine panelled walls and reveals. Melwood Park was built by Ignatius Digges, and raised to its present irregular two stories by his widow circa 1800. This unique dwelling was visited by George Washington several times, and the British Army camped near here during their march on Washington in August 1814. Protected by an easement held by the Maryland Historical Trust, Melwood Park is of exceptional historical and architectural importance and was listed in the National Register of Historic Places in 1976. The house is currently being restored.