

78-017 Charles Hill and Pumphrey Family Cemetery 11700 Old Marlboro Pike

Upper Marlboro vicinity

Built in the 1840s and the 1890s, Charles Hill is a two-story, side-gabled frame house in two sections. The original house was of the traditional side-hall-and-double-parlor plan with Greek Revival trim. It was built by Rector Pumphrey; members of his family are buried in the small graveyard on the grounds. In the 1890s the house was enlarged, enclosing the two exterior chimneys. The tract on which the house stands was patented in 1672 to Ninean Beale, who named it Charles Hill after his son, born the same year. In the nineteenth century the property was known as "Backland" for the Back Branch stream that ran through the original acreage.