



79-019-28 Darnall's Chance House Museum and Burial Vault (Buck House) (NR)
14800 Governor Oden Bowie Drive
Upper Marlboro
(M-NCPPC)

Built from 1741–1742, remodeled in 1858, and restored to its original appearance in 1988, Darnall's Chance is a one-and-one-half-story, hip-on-gambrel-roof brick dwelling, the mid-eighteenth-century home of the James Wardrop family. During the 18th and 19th centuries, this town residence was the home of a series of successful merchants and in 1858 was remodeled in the Italianate style by merchant E.G.W. Hall. For most of the 20th century it was the home of merchant Harry Buck. In 1988, the house was rebuilt to its original configuration. It is now open to the public as a house museum. On the grounds is an unusual 18th-century burial vault. The house was listed in the National Register of Historic Places in 1978.