



79-063-10 Compton Bassett (NR)

16508 Marlboro Pike

Upper Marlboro vicinity

(M-NCPPC)

Built in the 1780s, Compton Bassett is a two-story, hip-roof, brick plantation house with a projecting pavilion, pilastered frontispiece, and fine Federal interior details. On the grounds are two brick dependencies, a smoke house and a dairy, and a unique brick chapel which survives from an earlier dwelling. The house was built for Clement Hill, and is named after Compton Bassett House in Wiltshire, England. Family papers indicate the architect of the White House, James Hoban, came to Compton Bassett in 1822 to advise on certain exterior improvements to the mansion; however, it is unclear if the pebble-dash stucco treatment dates from this period. Compton Bassett was listed in the National Register of Historic Places in 1983.