



81A-001 Poplar Hill on His Lordship's Kindness (NHL)

7606 Woodyard Road

Clinton

Built from 1784–1786, Poplar Hill is a five-part Georgian brick mansion with hip roof, hyphens and wings; the walls are laid in Flemish bond, and the interior exhibits outstanding Federal decorative detail. This elegant mansion was built by Robert Darnall on a tract known as His Lordship's Kindness. In one wing of the house is a private Catholic chapel, and there is a family cemetery on the grounds. A smokehouse, washhouse and aviary are among the historic outbuildings. Poplar Hill is partially surrounded by an operating horse farm; it is a superb example of an elegant and carefully detailed plantation house. Protected by an easement held by the Maryland Historical Trust, the property was listed as a National Historic Landmark in 1970.