



**82A-026 Bellefields (NR)**  
**13104 Duley Station Road**  
**Croom**

Bellefields is a two-story, side-gabled, brick Georgian plantation house with exterior chimneys and later flanking wings. The central block was built in the 18th century, the wings in the 20th century. The main block was built for the Sim family, which included Revolutionary leader Joseph Sim; a small family graveyard is located on the grounds. Early in the 19th century, Bellefields was the home of Benjamin Oden, and it was during his residence and from this site that American leaders observed the approach of British troops in August 1814. Early in the 20th century, Bellefields was acquired by the Bowling family, who constructed the flanking wings. Listed in the National Register of Historic Places in 1971, Bellefields is protected by a preservation easement held by the Maryland Historical Trust.