



**85A-032-11 William H. Early Store**

**14134 Brandywine Road**

**Brandywine**

Construction of the Baltimore and Potomac Railroad through Brandywine in the 1870s brought new business opportunities to the area. Local farmer William H. Early constructed this side-gabled frame general store in 1872 adjacent to the new railroad line. The William H. Early Store is an example of late-nineteenth century commercial growth tied to the expansion of the railroad. The building is sited close to the railroad, illustrating the impact railroads had on the economic life of Brandywine.