



**86B-009 Kalmia (Kalaird)**

**15110 Nelson Perrie Road**

**Baden**

Built c. 1840 and rebuilt in 1927, Kalmia, also known as Kalaird, is a two-and-one-half-story, gable-roof frame house that reflects two building stages. The original north section was built for Joseph N. Baden. Typical of the period, it had a side-hall-and-double-parlor plan with freestanding chimneys and pent. Kalmia was purchased in 1896 by J. Benson Perrie; in 1927 Perrie undertook a major renovation of the house, constructing a two-story south addition, and a wide central cross gable to tie the two sections of the house together. The Perrie family seems to have begun the use of the name Kalaird, although a 1919 obituary for Marth Perrie identifies her home as Kalmia. Kalmia is a genus of the flowering evergreen shrub mountain laurel; however, the origin of either name as it pertains to the property is unknown.