



87B-036-14 William R. Barker House

22600 Aquasco Road

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Built in the 1840s and embellished in 1877, the William Barker House is a large, two-and-one-half-story gable-on-hip-roof frame house, with four exterior chimneys and elegant decorative detail. Several twentieth-century outbuildings stand on the grounds. The house was built circa 1843 for Maryland Delegate William R. Barker. After Barker's death in 1866, the house was purchased by Colonel John D. Bowling for his daughter Helen Mercer; at this time the roof was rebuilt and covered with patterned slate, and other features (e.g., the porch and dormers) were embellished with elegant Victorian detail. A large service wing once stood where the enclosed porch is now.