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Dr. Harry Baldwin Gantt House
Millersville

Mid-19th and early
20th centuries

Private

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State Historic Sites Inventory Form

1. Name (indicate preferred name)

historic "Hardythe"

and/or common Dr. Harry Baldwin Gantt House

2. Location

street & number 1554 Millersville Rd. ___ not for publication

city, town Millersville ___ vicinity of congressional district 4th

state Maryland county Anne Arundel

3. Classification

Category	Ownership	Status	Present Use	
___ district	___ public	x occupied	___ agriculture	___ museum
x building(s)	x private	___ unoccupied	___ commercial	___ park
___ structure	___ both	___ work in progress	___ educational	x private residence
___ site	**Public Acquisition**	**Accessible**	___ entertainment	___ religious
___ object	___ in process	___ yes: restricted	___ government	___ scientific
	___ being considered	___ yes: unrestricted	___ industrial	___ transportation
	x not applicable	x no	___ military	___ other:

4. Owner of Property (give names and mailing addresses of all owners)

name Edith G. Duker

street & number c/o Mrs. John Bayley
Rt. 2, Box 177 telephone no.: 301-923-6664
301-987-0230

city, town Crownsville state and zip code MD

5. Location of Legal Description

courthouse, registry of deeds, etc. Anne Arundel County Courthouse liber 2614

street & number Church Circle folio 768

city, town Annapolis state MD

6. Representation in Existing Historical Surveys

title none

date ___ federal ___ state ___ county ___ local

depository for survey records

city, town state

7. Description

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Condition		Check one	Check one
x excellent	___ deteriorated	___ unaltered	x original site
___ good	___ ruins	x altered	___ moved date of move _____
___ fair	___ unexposed		

Prepare both a summary paragraph and a general description of the resource and its various elements as it exists today.

The Dr. Harry Baldwin Gantt House, known as "Hardythe," is a mid-19th and early 20th centuries, two-story frame dwelling, located in the northwest corner of the intersection of Millersville and Waterbury Roads. It is set back and faces south towards Millersville Road. An abandoned drive, marked by two stone entrance pillars, is still visible, leading from Millersville Road to the house. A mid-19th century frame summer kitchen and stone, frame and concrete block dairy are also associated with the site.

Begun in circa 1865 as a side-passage plan house, the present appearance of "Hardythe" is the result of two expansions: the west cross-gable wing in circa 1890 and the eastern two bays of the main block in circa 1910. The final composition includes a Colonial Revival influenced two-story main block which measures 5 bays by 3 bays. It is based on a central passage plan with the principal entrance located on the facade, south elevation. The main block has a gable roof pierced by two pitched-roof dormers on both the facade and rear slopes. A hip-roof, one-story porch, supported by Doric columns, runs across the facade of the main block.

The west wing was built to accommodate a winter kitchen and an office for Dr. Harry Baldwin Gantt, a physician. It is a two-story, 3 bay by 3 bay wing with a cross-gable roof and a central entrance on the facade.

The principal entrance into the main block is a wide, 3-panel door. The central panel is a single pane of beveled glass. Side lights of 3 panes each flank the door.

The house was covered with aluminum siding and central heating was added in 1980.

The frame, 1 1/2 story, rectangular summer kitchen is located just north of the west wing. This may date from circa 1865, when the earlier portion of the dwelling was built. To the north of the kitchen is a dairy which has a stone foundation and concrete block and frame walls. The concrete block has replaced earlier frame walls. According to the present owner's daughter, Mrs. John Bayley, a stable, barn and corncrib once stood on the property.

8. Significance

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Period	Areas of Significance—Check and justify below			
___ prehistoric	___ archeology-prehistoric	___ community planning	___ landscape architecture	___ religion
___ 1400–1499	___ archeology-historic	___ conservation	___ law	___ science
___ 1500–1599	___ agriculture	___ economics	___ literature	___ sculpture
___ 1600–1699	X architecture	___ education	___ military	___ social/humanitarian
___ 1700–1799	___ art	___ engineering	___ music	___ theater
X 1800–1899	___ commerce	___ exploration/settlement	___ philosophy	___ transportation
X 1900–	___ communications	___ industry	___ politics/government	___ other (specify)
		___ invention		

Specific dates circa 1865;1890;1910 **Builder/Architect**

check: Applicable Criteria: __A __B __C __D
and/or
Applicable Exception: __A __B __C __D __E __F __G

Level of Significance: __national __state __local

Prepare both a summary paragraph of significance and a general statement of history and support.

"Hardythe" is a good example of an early 20th century Colonial Revival influenced house. It is important for its association with the Baldwin family of Bunker Hill (AA-177). Many of the descendants of William Henry Baldwin, the builder of nearby Bunker Hill, owned property within close proximity to Severn Crossroads.

The earlier portion of "Hardythe" was built in circa 1865 by Owen Cecil for his son, Julius Cecil.[1] Owen Cecil owned large tracts of land in the Millersville area. "Hardythe" was purchased by Harry Baldwin Gantt in 1889.[2] Gantt and his wife, Sue Adreon Gantt, and family were living at nearby Bunker Hill, the Baldwin family homestead (see AA-177). Harry Baldwin Gantt was the son of Maria Baldwin Gantt and Benjamin Edward Gantt. In circa 1890, Harry Gantt added the west wing as his physician's office and the family began occupying the house. The house was expanded again in circa 1910 to its present appearance.[3]

Dr. Gantt died in 1912. By 1918, "Hardythe" was being used as a summer dwelling. Sue Adreon Gantt died in 1931 and the house was inherited by her children, one of whom is Edith Duker. Mrs. Duker has made "Hardythe" her year-round residence since 1980.

Edith Duker is a noted local historian; she is the author of numerous newspaper articles dealing with historical topics. She is a member of the Anne Arundel Chapter of the D.A.R. and is the author of a short history of the Chapter.

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1. Anne Arundel County Equity #908 (1882).
2. Anne Arundel County Land Records, Liber SH No. 36, Folio 24.
3. Interview with Mrs. John Baylley, June 1, 1984.

9. Major Bibliographical References

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See Footnotes

10. Geographical Data

Acreage of nominated property _____

Quadrangle name Odenton **Quadrangle scale** 7.5

UTM **References** do NOT complete UTM references

	Zone	Easting	Northing		Zone	Easting	Northing
A				B			
C				D			
E				F			
G				H			

Verbal boundary description and justification

List all states and counties for properties overlapping state or county boundaries

state	code	county	code
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11. Form Prepared By

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organization Anne Arundel Co. Historic Sites Survey **date** 1985

street & number Office of Planning & Zoning **telephone** 301-224-1270

city or town Annapolis **state** MD

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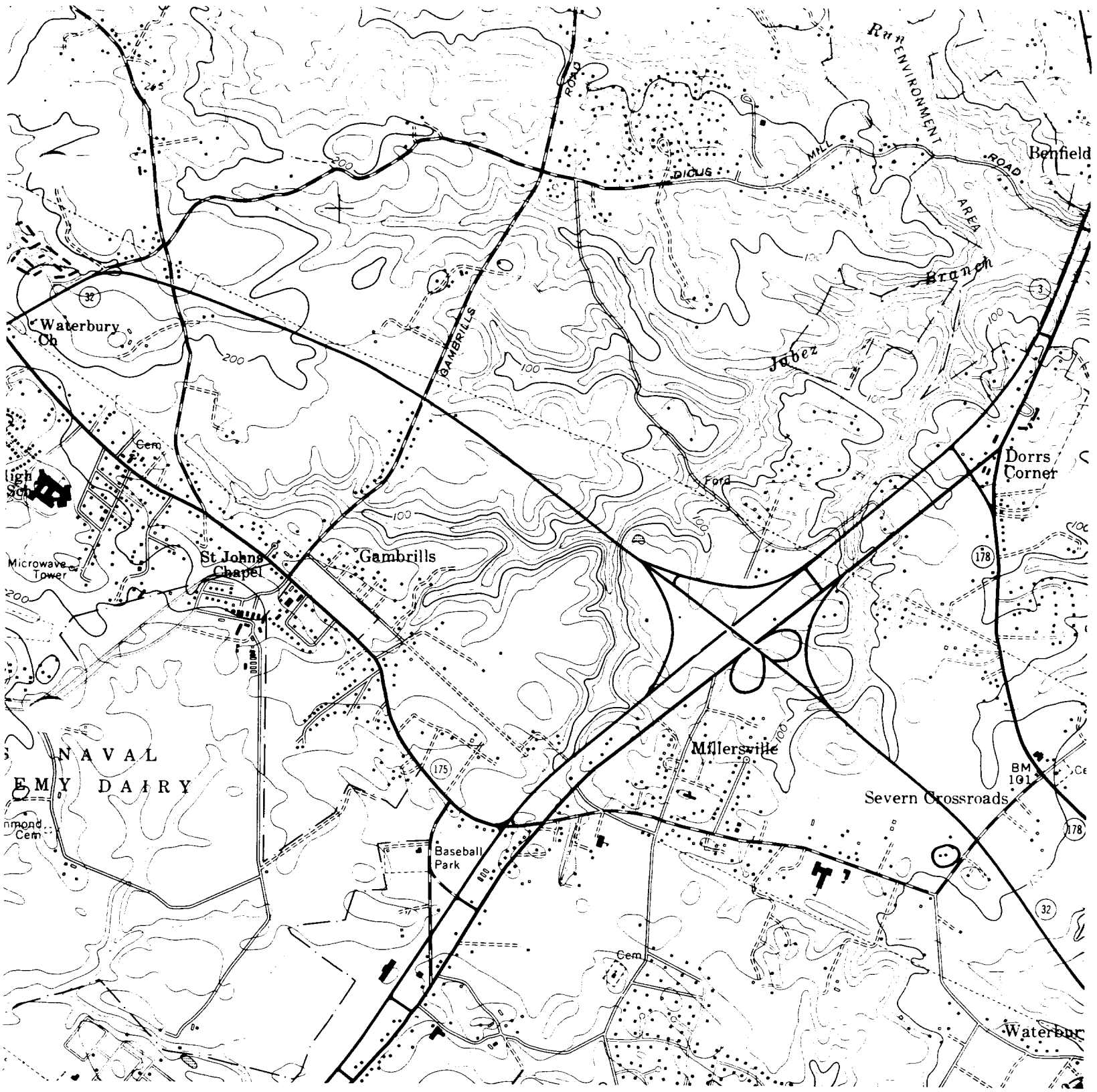

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Facade, S. elev.

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West gable end

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West wing, S. elev.

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E. gable end & rear, N. elev.

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Dairy, west gable end

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Summer kitchen, looking S.E.