

AA-1024  
Catherine Bell Warfield House  
Odenton  
Private

1903-1905

The Catherine Bell Warfield House is important architecturally as a fine and highly intact example of an early-twentieth century vernacular farm dwelling. The two-and-a-half story, frame, gable-front-and-hipped-roof-wing, single-pile, l-shaped dwelling has a three-bay front facade spanned by a full-width, hipped-roofed screen porch. The house also has four outbuildings--a corn crib, garage, a shed (former smokehouse) and alleged pickers shanty.

The Catherine Bell Warfield House was built between 1903 and 1905 by Paul Allen Warfield, the husband of the woman for whom the house is named. The \$17,000 construction cost, as well as the fine quality of detail and woodwork, are indicators of the Warfield's affluence. Paul Allen Warfield was prominent in local and regional politics and a friend of Theodore Roosevelt.

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MARYLAND COMPREHENSIVE HISTORIC PRESERVATION PLAN DATA

Geographic Organization: Western Shore

Chronological /Developmental Period: Industrial/Urban Dominance

Prehistoric/Historic Period Theme: Architecture

Resource Type:

Category: Building

Historic Environment: Rural

Historic Function and Use: Dwelling

Known Design Source: None

# Maryland Historical Trust State Historic Sites Inventory Form

Survey No. AA-1024

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## 1. Name (indicate preferred name)

historic Catherine Bell Warfield House

and/or common

## 2. Location

street & number 999 Francis Station Road  not for publicationcity, town Odenton  vicinity of congressional district

state Maryland county Anne Arundel

## 3. Classification

Category	Ownership	Status	Present Use
<input type="checkbox"/> district	<input type="checkbox"/> public	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> occupied	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> agriculture
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> building(s)	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> private	<input type="checkbox"/> unoccupied	<input type="checkbox"/> commercial
<input type="checkbox"/> structure	<input type="checkbox"/> both	<input type="checkbox"/> work in progress	<input type="checkbox"/> educational
<input type="checkbox"/> site	<b>Public Acquisition</b>	<b>Accessible</b>	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> private residence
<input type="checkbox"/> object	<input type="checkbox"/> in process	<input type="checkbox"/> yes: restricted	<input type="checkbox"/> religious
	<input type="checkbox"/> being considered	<input type="checkbox"/> yes: unrestricted	<input type="checkbox"/> scientific
	<input type="checkbox"/> not applicable	<input type="checkbox"/> no	<input type="checkbox"/> transportation
			<input type="checkbox"/> other:

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

name Peppercom Land Limited Partnership

street &amp; number C/O Constellation Real Estate, 8815 Center Park Drive telephone no.:

city, town Columbia state and zip code: Maryland 21045

## 5. Location of Legal Description

courthouse, registry of deeds, etc. Anne Arundel County Courthouse liber 4306

street &amp; number 7 Church Circle folio 632

city, town Annapolis state Maryland

## 6. Representation in Existing Historical Surveys

title

date  federal  state  county  local

depository for survey records

city, town state

# 7. Description

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<b>Condition</b>		<b>Check one</b>	<b>Check one</b>	
<input type="checkbox"/> excellent	<input type="checkbox"/> deteriorated	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> unaltered	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> original site	
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Prepare both a summary paragraph and a general description of the resource and its various elements as it exists today.

The Catherine Bell Warfield House is situated on a large lot at the terminus of Francis Station Road. The dwelling faces northeast and is surrounded by numerous mature oak and cedar trees. Heavy stands of trees and vegetation are located north and southwest of the house with uncultivated fields present on the other sides.

This two-and-a-half story, frame, gable-front-and-hipped-roof-wing dwelling has a three-bay front facade spanned by a full-width, hipped-roofed screen porch. The building's single-pile, L-shaped plan is augmented by a gable-roofed rear kitchen block. This is aligned parallel to the main axis of the building, rather than the typical perpendicularly placed ell arrangement, and only partially extends across the rear facade. A now enclosed, small one-story porch is located at the intersection of this block and the front wing. All sections rest on a thick, rubble ironstone foundation, and are original to the house.

The building's irregular roofline is the result of a complex relationship between different roof types. Only one dormer is present and is located on the front of the hipped-roof wing section. The cornice is boxed and features partial returns in the gables. Two narrow stove chimneys are present. One is internal, while the second is external the western wall. Interior stove placement suggests the former presence of another stack.

Fenestration consists of two-over-two double hung sash windows, and are arranged singly throughout the house. A two-story bay window is present on the eastern side of the house and the attic is illuminated by a small, two-over-two opening placed in the front gable, as well as the dormer window.

Although the house has irregular massing and a complex roofline construction, the plan is a traditional center-passage plan with the principal entrance located in the center of the northeast elevation. The building's floor plan features two rooms on either side of a center hall. Each room was heated by a stove located adjacent the interior wall. Communication between the front section and the kitchen wing is provided through an opening at the end of the hall, as well as through a doorway that connects the dining room (located on the left side of the hall) and the kitchen.

Except for the kitchen, interior trim is largely intact throughout the house. Door and window surrounds are deeply reeded with bull's eye corner blocks. The closed-string staircase has a square, reeded newel post, further embellished with carved rosettes and um-shaped headpiece and a molded stringboard.

Four outbuildings are associated with the Catherine Bell Warfield House. These are a corn crib, garage, and a shed reported to be a former smokehouse. Oral tradition identifies the fourth building as a pickers shanty (used to house seasonal farm workers). All are in good to fair condition and display 20th century building techniques.

# 8. Significance

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Period	Areas of Significance—Check and justify below			
<input type="checkbox"/> prehistoric	<input type="checkbox"/> archeology-prehistoric	<input type="checkbox"/> community planning	<input type="checkbox"/> landscape architecture	<input type="checkbox"/> religion
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**Specific dates 1903-05** **Builder/Architect Paul Allen Warfield**

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.**

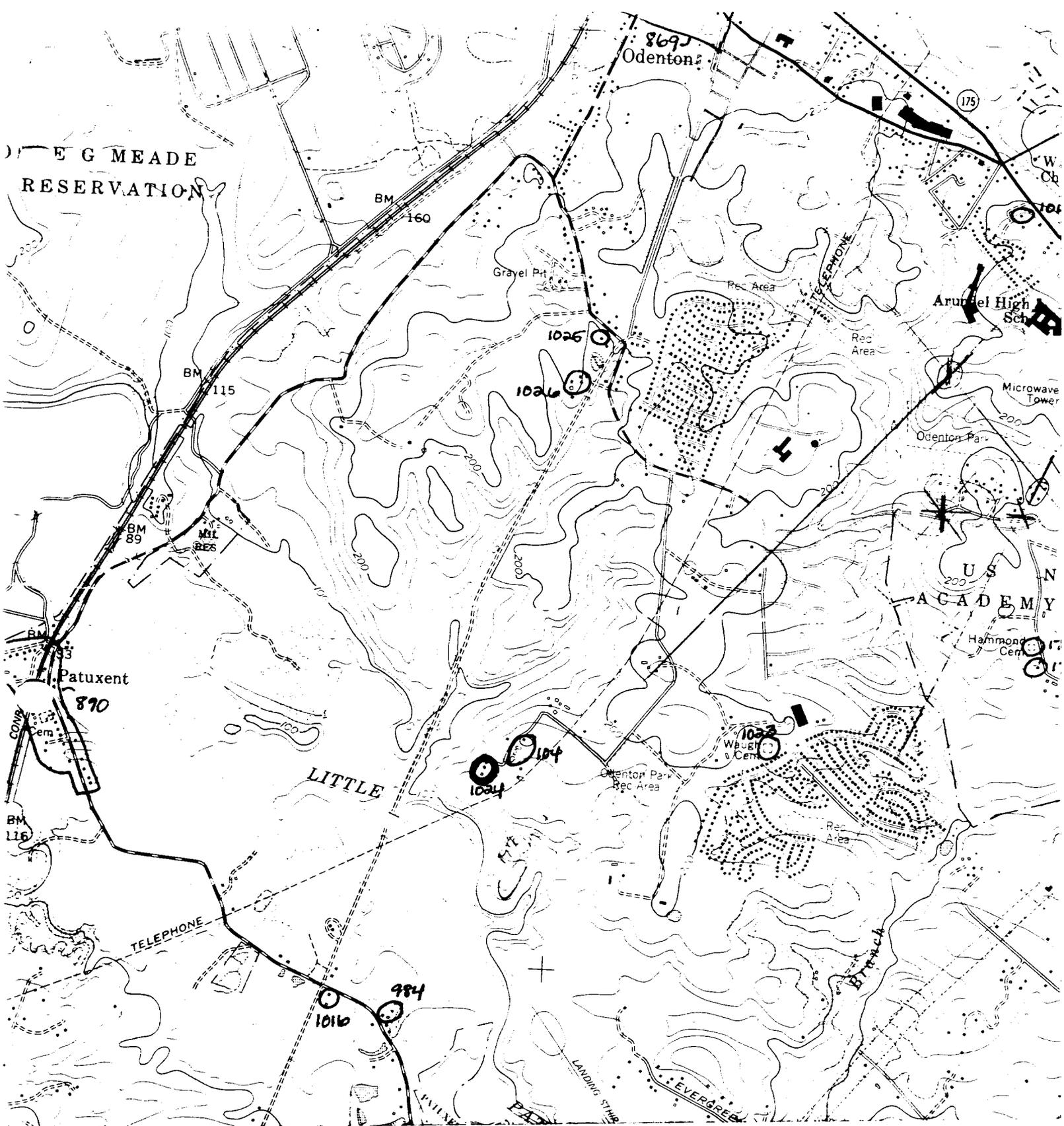
The Catherine Bell Warfield House was built between 1903 and 1905 and is named for the wife of the dwelling's builder and first occupant. The twelve-and-half acres of land where the house and associated buildings stand previously belonged to Francis and Hester Bell, the parents of Catherine Bell Warfield (1). The house was constructed by Catherine's husband, Paul Allen Warfield, a builder by trade, and cost \$17,000.

The house is architecturally significant as a fine and highly intact example of an early-twentieth century vernacular dwelling. Its historic integrity is enhanced by the retention of most of the original outbuildings.

The house's size and high level of interior embellishment reflects the relative affluence of the Warfield family. Numerous members of Paul Allen Warfield's family held public office, serving as Justices of the Peace and local constables. Paul Allen Warfield is reported to have been very prominent and politically connected. Oral tradition claims Warfield was a friend of President Theodore Roosevelt, and that he made Roosevelt a walking stick from Chestnut grown on the property (2).

The Catherine Bell Warfield House and most outbuildings are in very good condition and retain a high level of historic integrity.





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Catherine Bell Warfield House

Anne Arundel Co., Maryland

Sherr. M. Marsh, Photographer

October 1996

Negative at Maryland SHPO

NE Perspective (camera facing SW)

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October 1990

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Garage, Camera-facing east

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October 1990

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Catherine Bell Warfield House

Anne Arundel Co, Maryland

Sherril M. Marsh, Photographer

October 1976

Negative at Maryland SHPO

outbuilding, camera facing south

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Anne Arundel Co., Maryland

Sherr. M. Marsh, Photographer

October 1976

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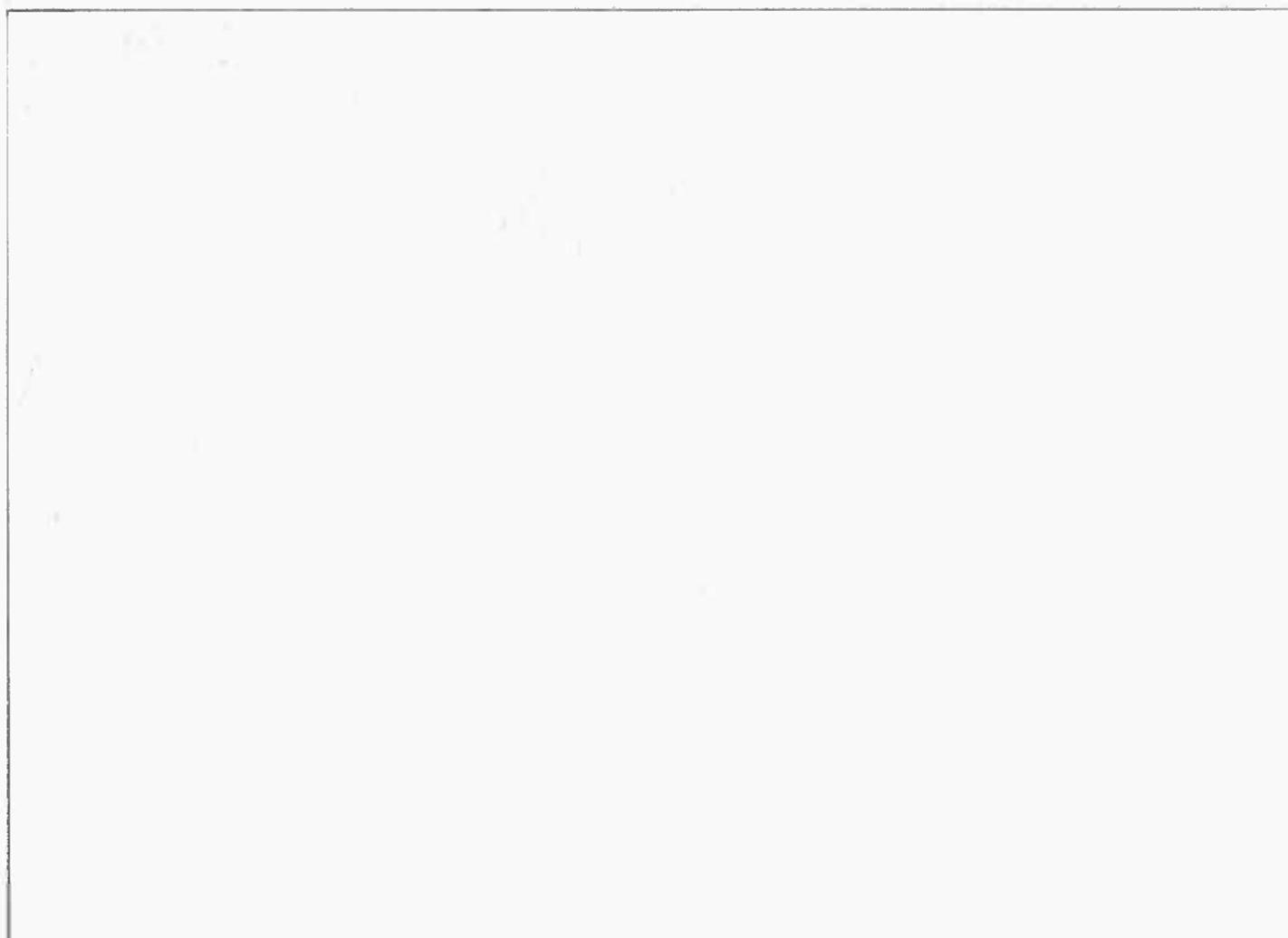
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