

BA-35
Dumbarton
3412 Old Forest Road
NE corner with Winterset Avenue
Pikesville

1860

Dumbarton, an imposing stone mansion, now covered with stucco, was built by Noah Walker, a prominent Baltimore merchant, for his son, Patrick. An 1881 photoengraving shows an Italianate house of 2 1/2 stories, with a central pavilion and shallow gable. The house has a heavily bracketed cornice and several round-arched windows. The center of the roof sports a large cupola with each side holding three round-arched 8-light windows. The cupola has a heavily bracketed cornice, a shallow roof, and a tall spire. Since its construction, the house has had many alterations and additions. The exterior of the stone structure, which had two-foot-thick walls, was covered with concrete and painted white. The small front and side porches were joined, supported by large white columns. The cupola remained, but the front extension on the second floor was extended further to form a small porch above the main porch. The house lost some of its "gingerbread," taking on a sleeker and more elegant air, and increased in size to twenty-five rooms.

The house is now surrounded by the Dumbarton Heights development.

See:

Thomas, Dawn F.
1978 The Green Spring Valley: Its History and Heritage. Baltimore:
Maryland Historical Society, pp. 254-259.

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1. STATE Maryland COUNTY Baltimore TOWN _____ VICINITY Dist. III STREET NO. Old Court Road and Stevenson Road ORIGINAL OWNER _____ ORIGINAL USE _____ PRESENT OWNER _____ PRESENT USE _____ WALL CONSTRUCTION _____ NO. OF STORIES _____	HISTORIC AMERICAN BUILDINGS SURVEY INVENTORY BA-35
	2. NAME Dumbarton DATE OR PERIOD about 1864 STYLE _____ ARCHITECT _____ BUILDER _____
3. FOR LIBRARY OF CONGRESS USE	

4. NOTABLE FEATURES, HISTORICAL SIGNIFICANCE AND DESCRIPTION	OPEN TO PUBLIC
<p>Built by Noah Walker a prominent Baltimore merchant, for his son Patrick. Imposing mansion of stone - stuccoed, portico, veranda, etc.</p> <p>Dumbarton Heights now surrounds it.</p>	
5. PHYSICAL CONDITION OF STRUCTURE	Endangered Interior Exterior



6. LOCATION MAP (Plan Optional)	7. PHOTOGRAPH
8. PUBLISHED SOURCES (Author, Title, Pages) INTERVIEWS, RECORDS, PHOTOS, ETC.	9. NAME, ADDRESS AND TITLE OF RECORDER (First HABS Report) E. Frances Offutt HABS COMMITTEE OF BALTIMORE COUNTY HISTORICAL SOCIETY DATE OF RECORD July 29, 1965

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