

AA-1020  
Anne Arundel Academy Boarding House  
Millersville  
Private

3<sup>rd</sup> quarter 19<sup>th</sup> century

The Anne Arundel Academy Boarding House is important architecturally as an example of a late nineteenth century vernacular, cross-gable 1-house. A barn and a number of associated buildings are associated with the house.

Historically, the Anne Arundel Academy Boarding House is significant for its association with the private academy system of learning. Until Maryland's public school system was established in 1865, private academies were the principal mode of formal instruction in the state. Between 1835 and 1855, four academies were opened in Anne Arundel County, with the Anne Arundel Academy being established in 1855. The building examined here was used as a boarding house for academy students until the first quarter of the twentieth century. It was later used as an orphanage.

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MARYLAND COMPREHENSIVE STATE HISTORIC PRESERVATION PLAN DATA

Geographic Organization: Western Shore

Chronological/Development Period(s): Agricultural-Industrial Transition (1815-1870)  
Industrial/Urban Dominance (1870-1930)

Prehistoric/Historic Period Theme(s): Architecture; Education

Resource Type:

Category Type: Building

Historic Environment: Rural

Historic Function(s) and Use(s): Dwelling

Known Design Source: None

# Maryland Historical Trust State Historic Sites Inventory Form

Survey No. AA 1020

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## 1. Name (indicate preferred name)

historic                      Anne Arundel Academy Boarding Houseand/or common                     

## 2. Location

street & number            1594 Millersville Road                      not for publicationcity, town                      Millersville                      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 type="checkbox"/> occupied	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> agriculture	<input type="checkbox"/> museum
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> building(s)	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> private	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> unoccupied	<input type="checkbox"/> commercial	<input type="checkbox"/> park
<input type="checkbox"/> structure	<input type="checkbox"/> both	<input type="checkbox"/> work in progress	<input type="checkbox"/> educational	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> private residence
<input type="checkbox"/> site	<b>Public Acquisition</b>	<b>Accessible</b>	<input type="checkbox"/> entertainment	<input type="checkbox"/> religious
<input type="checkbox"/> object	<input type="checkbox"/> in process	<input type="checkbox"/> yes: restricted	<input type="checkbox"/> government	<input type="checkbox"/> scientific
	<input type="checkbox"/> being considered	<input type="checkbox"/> yes: unrestricted	<input type="checkbox"/> industrial	<input type="checkbox"/> transportation
	<input type="checkbox"/> not applicable	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> no	<input type="checkbox"/> military	<input type="checkbox"/> other:

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

name                      Carl S. Ward, Jr. and Robert D. Wardstreet & number            Millersville Road                      telephone no.: (410) 923-2447city, town                      Millersville                      state and zip code: Maryland 21108

## 5. Location of Legal Description

courthouse, registry of deeds, etc.            Anne Arundel County Courthouse                      liber 7320street & number            Church Circle                      folio 017city, town                      Annapolis                      state                      Maryland

## 6. Representation in Existing Historical Surveys

title                     date                       federal  state  county  localdepository 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 type="checkbox"/> unaltered	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> original site	
<input type="checkbox"/> good	<input type="checkbox"/> ruins	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> altered	<input type="checkbox"/> moved	date of move _____
<input type="checkbox"/> fair	<input type="checkbox"/> unexposed			

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

The Anne Arundel Academy Boarding House, built early in the 3rd quarter of the 19th century, is located on the north side of Millersville Road. Facing south and slightly set back from the road, the front yard is shaded by mature oak and cedar trees. A dirt drive enters the yard on the house's west side and leads to the barn, outbuildings, and fields that are located behind the dwelling.

The main section of the house is a frame, two-and-a-half story, three-bay, cross-gable, center-hall plan, single-pile, I-house. This original core is augmented on both the west and east sides by a post-World-War-II era, one-story addition, while a three-bay-deep, asymmetrical, c. 1910 ell projects from the rear. Another c.1950, one-story addition is situated on the west side of the ell, at the intersection of it and the front block. Walls of the main house and much of the rear ell are sheathed in deteriorated cedar shingles applied over German sideing. In some areas the original sheathing is exposed. The east addition is covered in newer, larger wooden shingles, while the west side additions are plywood. The asphalt-shingled, gable roof is pierced on either side of the cross gable by a tall, corbelled chimney.

Fenestration on the main block and rear ell is generally regularly spaced and composed of six-over-six, double-hung sash windows. This window type is also featured in the end gables, while the front cross gable contains a pair of round-headed windows. The principal entrance features applied molding, designed to imitate panels. This is topped by a multi-paned transom light. The entry is protected by a simple gabled hood, supported by wooden brackets. A secondary entrance is located in the rear modern addition, and a bulkhead entrance into the cellar is at the north end of the rear ell.

The building's simply appointed interior displays some modifications, but retains a significant amount of historic fabric. The narrow open string stair case features a "fancy turned" newel post, gooseneck banister, and tapered balusters. Window and door surrounds are simply executed, with og molded casings more typical of 20th century designs. Finish is increasingly more plain in the upper floors. The chimney breast projects into the room from the interior wall on the first and second floors, while only the stack protrudes at attic level. Despite the late date of construction, the house reportedly contained fireplaces instead of stoves. All are not infilled and the walls are covered with modern wood paneling. Any former mantles are now removed.

While the floorplan of the front section is typical, with access to each room provided from a center hall, the rear ell is distinguished by direct communications through rooms arranged in direct alignment. The ell is finished with mid-20th century trim work. According to tradition, the ell was once substantially longer, and foundation remains projecting beyond the current structure support this claim.

Outbuildings associated with this site include a comcrib, a gable-roof tobacco barn, and a gambrel roof tractor barn. All are situated upon a foundation of concrete pier and are 20th century construction.

# 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
<input type="checkbox"/> 1400-1499	<input type="checkbox"/> archeology-historic	<input type="checkbox"/> conservation	<input type="checkbox"/> law	<input type="checkbox"/> science
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<input type="checkbox"/> 1700-1799	<input type="checkbox"/> art	<input type="checkbox"/> engineering	<input type="checkbox"/> music	<input type="checkbox"/> humanitarian
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> 1800-1899	<input type="checkbox"/> commerce	<input type="checkbox"/> exploration/settlement	<input type="checkbox"/> philosophy	<input type="checkbox"/> theater
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> 1900-	<input type="checkbox"/> communications	<input type="checkbox"/> industry	<input type="checkbox"/> politics/government	<input type="checkbox"/> transportation
		<input type="checkbox"/> invention		<input type="checkbox"/> other (specify)

Specific dates	Builder/Architect						
Check: Applicable Criteria: and/or	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> A	<input type="checkbox"/> B	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> C	<input type="checkbox"/> D			
Applicable Exception:	<input type="checkbox"/> A	<input type="checkbox"/> B	<input type="checkbox"/> C	<input type="checkbox"/> D	<input type="checkbox"/> E	<input type="checkbox"/> F	<input type="checkbox"/> G
Level of Significance:	<input type="checkbox"/> national	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> state	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> local				

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

This property is significant for its association with Anne Arundel Academy and the academy system of learning. Prior to 1865, when Maryland's established its public school system, private academies, predominated the state's educational system (1). The house at 1594 Millersville Road was used as a boarding house for students at Anne Arundel Academy and recalls an era when, what are now easily traveled distances, were too great for daily commute. In addition to its association with Maryland educational trends, the property is significant as a typical example of a late 19th century vernacular, cross-gable I-house. This nationally popular housing form became common in post-railroad American, particularly in the eastern and midwestern states, and is frequently associated with farm families. The cross gable variation of the I-house plan was considered superior because it better illuminated the attic level, and thus created a larger amount of habitable space (2)

Philmore Leakin established Anne Arundel Academy in 1855, as a co-educational institution, and offered students a classical, as well as vocational curriculum (3). As previously mentioned, private academies were Maryland's principal mode of formal instruction until the state's public school system was established in 1865. Between 1835 and 1855, four academies were opened in Anne Arundel County; Friendship in 1839; West River in 1841; Patapsco in 1844; and Arundel in 1855 (4). Friendship and Patapsco Academies were located outside present county boundaries in Howard County and Baltimore City, respectively. Such institutions traditionally offered courses in basic education and practical subject such as accounting, surveying, etc. References to the classical curriculum offered at Anne Arundel differentiates this school from the more limited vocational training offered at the county's other learning institutions (5).

The house at 1594 Millersville Road is located directly across from where Anne Arundel Academy stood, and served as the school's boarding house. Anne Arundel Academy was a co-educational institution, and oral history indicates the building housed both male and female students. Boys were housed, among other places, in the attic. The boarding house was owned by academy founder, Philmore Leakin. Leakin also taught at the school, and probably operated the boarding house for supplementary income. Leakin and his family, however, lived near Waterbury, a short distance east of the school and boarding house.

A precise date of construction for the boarding house is not known, but stylistic evidence, as well as its association with the academy (established in 1855) suggest it was erected early in the third quarter of the 19th century. The rear ell displays multiple building episodes and exhibits both 19th and 20th century construction and stylistic features.

iii. 1904, academy trustees erected Severn Hall for use as a dormitory. It is not known if the boarding house continued to operate after the completion of Severn Hall. In 1907, Anne Arundel Academy purchased the boarding house from Philmore Leakin's daughter, Alice Welsh. By this time, the public school system was well established,

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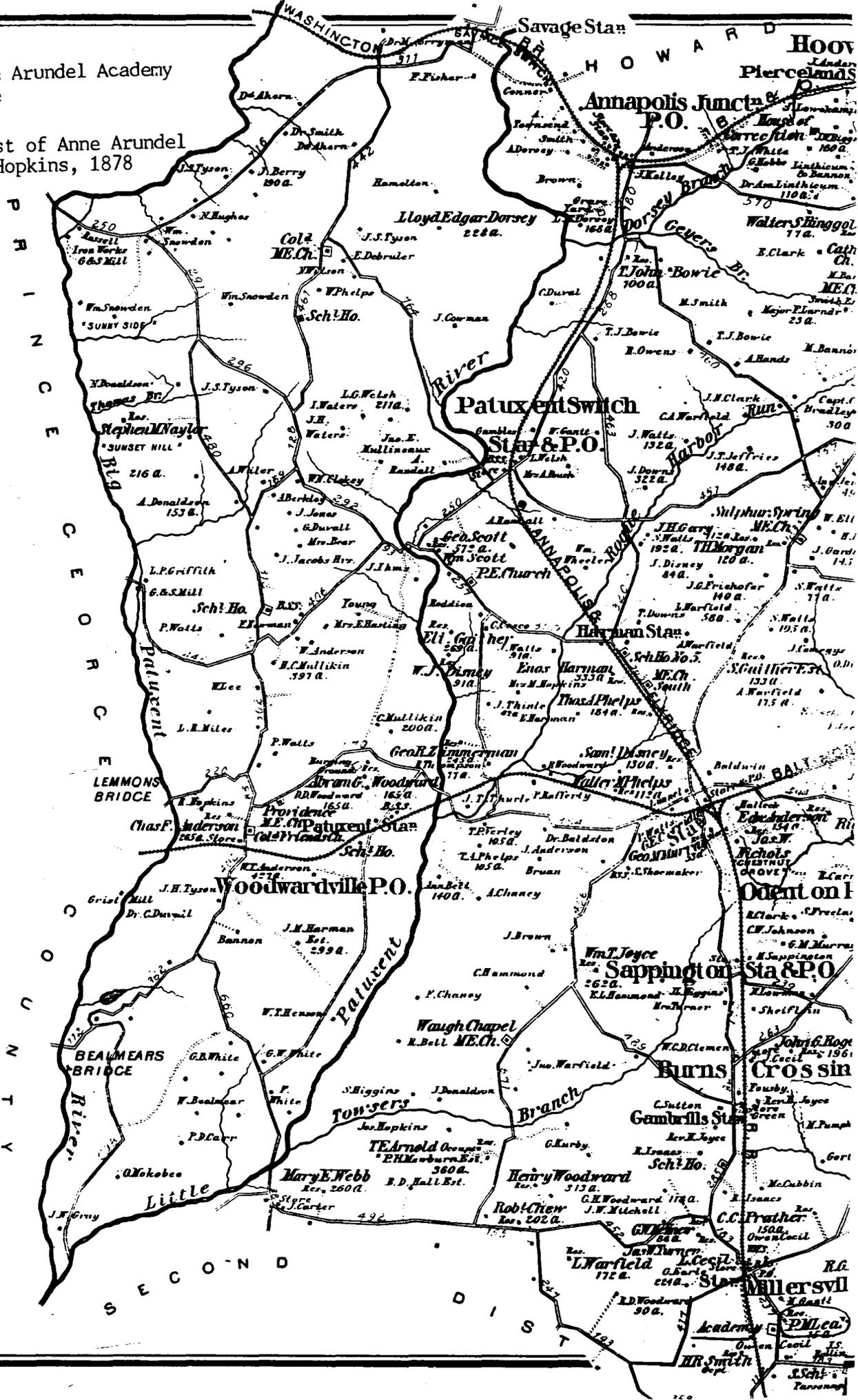
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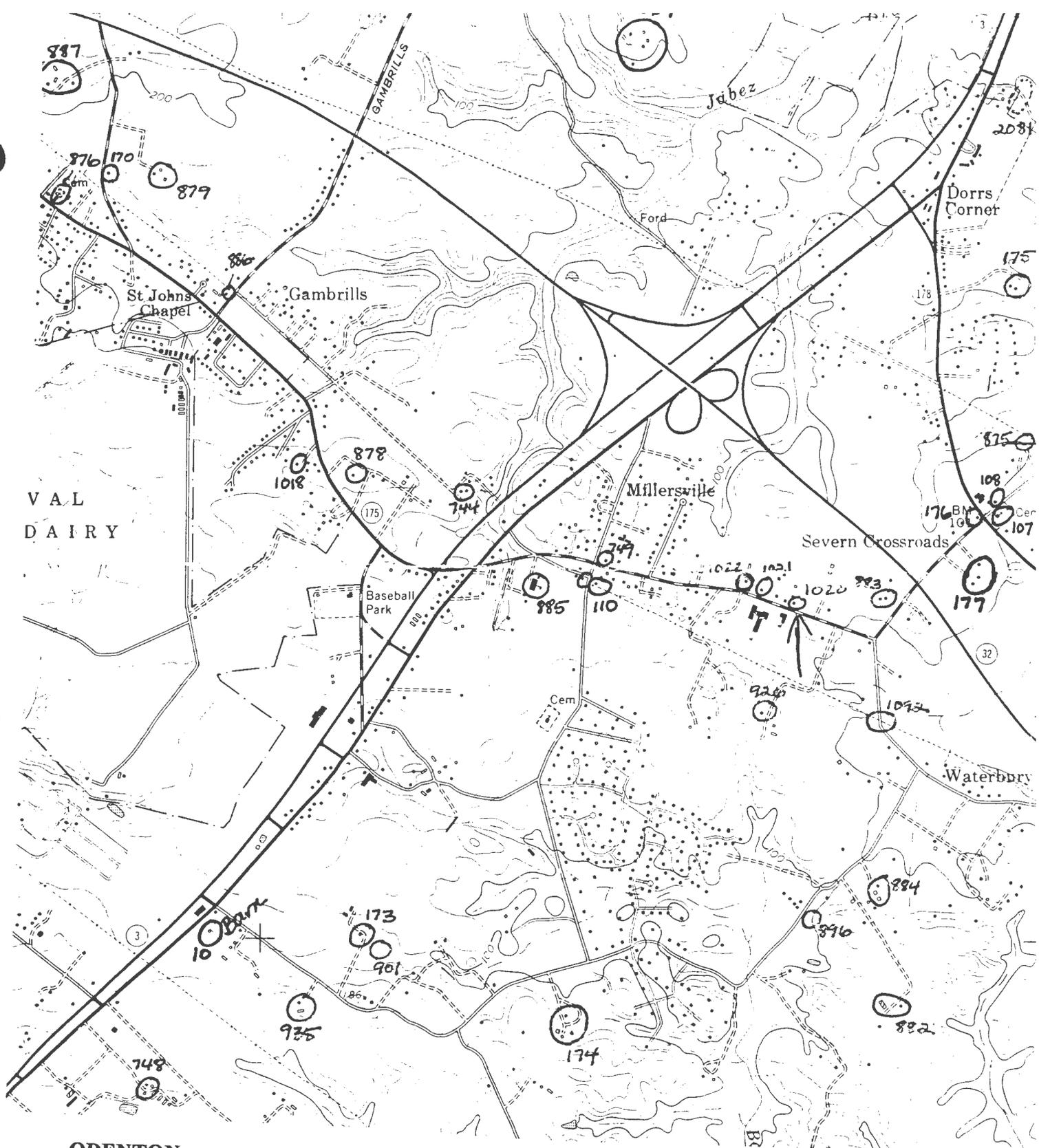
During the academy system of education was in a state of decline. Anne Arundel Academy was unable to survive during the Great Depression. In 1934 the Annapolis Savings Institution foreclosed on the Academy's outstanding mortgages (6). In the Equity records associated with the 1934 foreclosure, the boarding house is identified as an orphanage (7).

In 1939 the Annapolis Savings Institution sold the house and its 7.5 acres to William and Beatrice Baldwin. In 1948 it was purchased by William Ward, and is now in the ownership of William Ward's sons, Carl and Robert. At present, the house is unoccupied and for sale.

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Source: Atlast of Anne Arundel County, C.M. Hopkins, 1878





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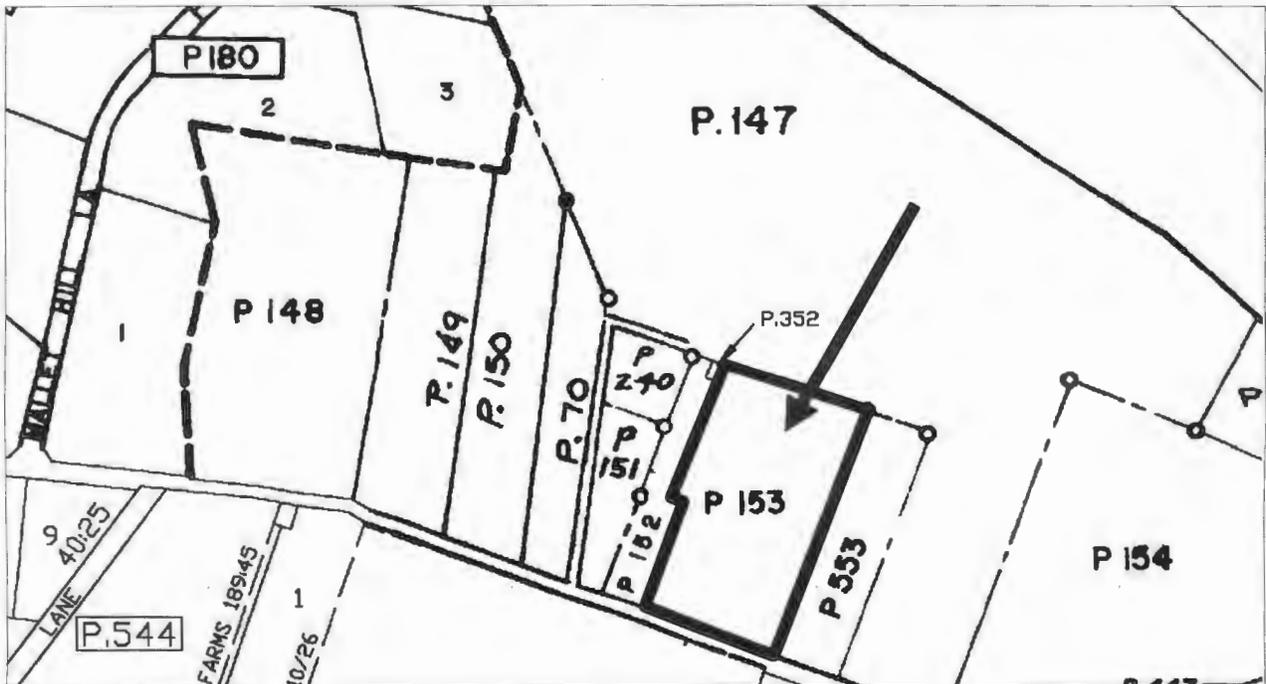
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**Boarding House**  
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Anne Arundel County Tax Map 30, Parcel 153





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ANNE ARUNDEL ACADEMY GUARDING HOUSE

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Sherri M. Marsh, Photographer

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Negative at Maryland SHPO

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Anne Arundel Academy Boarding House  
Anne Arundel Co., Maryland

Sherril M. Marsh, photographer  
October 1996

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ANNE ARUNDEL ACADEMY BOARDING-HOUSE

ANNE ARUNDEL CO., MARYLAND

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October 1996

NEG. AT MARYLAND SHPO

SW Perspective

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ANNE ARUNDEL ACADEMY Boarding House

ANNE ARUNDEL CO, MARYLAND

SHERRI M. MARSH, Photographer

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NEG. at MD SHPO

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Anne Arundel Co., Maryland

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Stair Detail

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Anne Arundel Academy Boarding House

Anne Arundel Co. Maryland

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Neg at MD SHPO

Attic level, Camera facing West

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1100 Arundel / Yarding House

Anne Arundel Co., MARYLAND

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