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2177 **NEWELL HALL** - 1915 - 8000 York Road, Towson. Built as the first dormitory structure of the State Normal School, now Towson State University. Jacobean Revival style; brick construction. A separate dining hall wing is connected to the rear (west) facade. The building is linked to Richmond Hall to the south by an arched passageway. Designed by Parker, Thomas and Rice. The building was named for Dr. McFadden Alexander Newell, a native of Londonderry, who was the first principal of the State Normal School when it was established in Baltimore City in 1866. Refurbished after severe roof fire on June 7, 1973.

2178 **TOWSON STATE HEATING PLANT** 1915 - 7900 York Road (rear of Newell Hall, Towson). Two-segment, flat-roofed, brick building of the original three-unit college complex. The upstairs "barracks" served as the first dormitory for men. There are a few Jacobean decorative touches and a Tudor door frame in the east facade. Tall, round, terra-cotta smoke-stack. This plant was originally supplied with coal from its own freight siding off the now extinct Maryland and Pennsylvania Railroad. The building was connected to the earlier buildings by underground tunnels. Part of the Parker, Thomas and Rice basic plan.

2179 **RICHMOND HALL** - 1924 - 8000 York Road, Towson. The fourth college structure, a dormitory, also in the Jacobean Revival style; named for former principal of the State Normal School, Sarah E. Richmond. Linked to Newell Hall (to the north) by arched passageway. Brick foundation in so far as it can be seen. Designed by Smith and May in 1923.

2180 **VAN BOKKELEN HALL** - 1933 - 7900 York Road (rear of Stephens Hall, Towson). Brick, two-story, hip-roofed, classroom in Georgian Revival, located to the west of Stephens Hall. Originally built as a model elementary school. Designed by Smith and May, architects. The east facade retains its classical character; some rear (west) windows have been bricked up and the north end has been reworked with contemporary plate-glass additions. Named for the Rev. Libertus Van Bokkelen, former rector of St. Timothy's Church, Catonsville, and first State Superintendent of Public Instruction (under the constitution of 1864-1867).

2181 **GLEN ESK** - 1905 - 8100 York Road, Towson, (rear of Prettyman Hall dormitory, Towson State University). Large, square, two-story, frame and clapboard house in

Queen Anne style, with square roof deck and railing. Prominent bay windows; wrap-around porches on three sides. Square ashlar foundation and porch-support piers of granite. Elegant entrance with transom and side-lights. Originally built for John J. Nelligan, a Baltimore bank officer and board member of the A.S. Abell Company. In 1913, the property was acquired by the State Norman School and was used as the residence of college principals and presidents from McFadden A. Newell to Dr. Earle T. Hawkins in 1969.

- 2181A GLEN ESK SPRING HOUSE** - Before 1905 - 8100 York Road, Towson. Located northwest of Glen Esk and to the north of the university infirmary building. Square, stone, one-story, hip-roofed rural spring house, possibly a survival of the Albert house that preceeded the Nelligan mansion, Glen Esk. Possibly part of the Taylor estate shown on the 1882 county map.
- 2182 MARYLAND TRAINING SCHOOL FOR BOYS**
- 2202 JOHNSON WRIGHT HOUSE** - c. 1904 - 2004 Ruxton Road, Rockland vicinity. Shown in 1915 Bromley atlas as home of Johnson Pearse Wright. His obituary in 1945 noted that he had been president of nearby Rockland Bleach and Dye Works for 25 years, a member of the founding family. Frame and clapboard (or German siding) house with gable roof. Wright had acquired the land from the textile company in 1904. House is painted grey in 1983.
- 2203 CLARENCE WRIGHT HOUSE** - 1917 - 2008 Ruxton Road, Rockland vicinity. The first structure east of I-83, this is a colonial revival or "American Four-Square" house in frame and shingle, built by a member of the Rockland Bleach family on a portion detached from the Johnson Wright tract in December 1916. By 1918, the tax ledger showed Clarence Wright with a house 29 x 30 feet, worth \$3,433. Owner: N.B. Hollingsworth.
- 2232 WHEELER HALL, LOYOLA HIGH SCHOOL** - 1934 - 500 Chestnut Avenue, Towson. Large, L-shaped, fieldstone, gable-roofed school structure in pseudo-Gothic with copper roofing and square corner tower capped by hipped roof. Casement windows and leaded panes. Assembly hall with exposed fumed oak beams and carved quotation, "to hold the mirror up to nature". Designed by John H. Ahlers. Built on estate Briarfield previously owned by Colonel Sherlock Swan and Mrs. Elihu Jackson. Renamed Blakefield for Miss Julia Blake who endowed the school.

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