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BONNIE BLINK - 1934 - Shawan Road, Hunt Valley. Built in pseudo-Gothic or collegiate Gothic as a retirement home for members of Masonic orders. Designed by William Wirt Emmert. Undergoing further changes in 1984 as a "life support center". Perched on a hill. Much of the former farm land was converted to Hunt Valley Mall in early 1980s.

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Bonnie Blink
(Bonnie Blink Masonic Home)
300 International Circle, Cockeysville
Private

Random notes on the history of Bonnie Blink:

Mount Moriah Lodge #116 A.F. & A.M. Lodge History

“Warren S. Seipp, a Past Master of Mount Moriah Lodge [#116, Towson], was Worshipful Master of the Lodge for the years 1904 - 1907, and served as Grand Master of Masons in Maryland from 1920 until his death in 1930. Following his death on April 11, 1930 he was buried in Prospect Hill Cemetery, Towson, Maryland. He is the only member of Mount Moriah to have served as Worshipful Master for 4 consecutive years. One of Warren Seipp’s many lasting marks on Masonry in Maryland from his tenure as Grand Master is the Bonnie Blink Retirement Home located in Cockeysville. Bonnie Blink is the result of a plan he initiated to provide a home for elderly Masons and their spouses in Maryland.”

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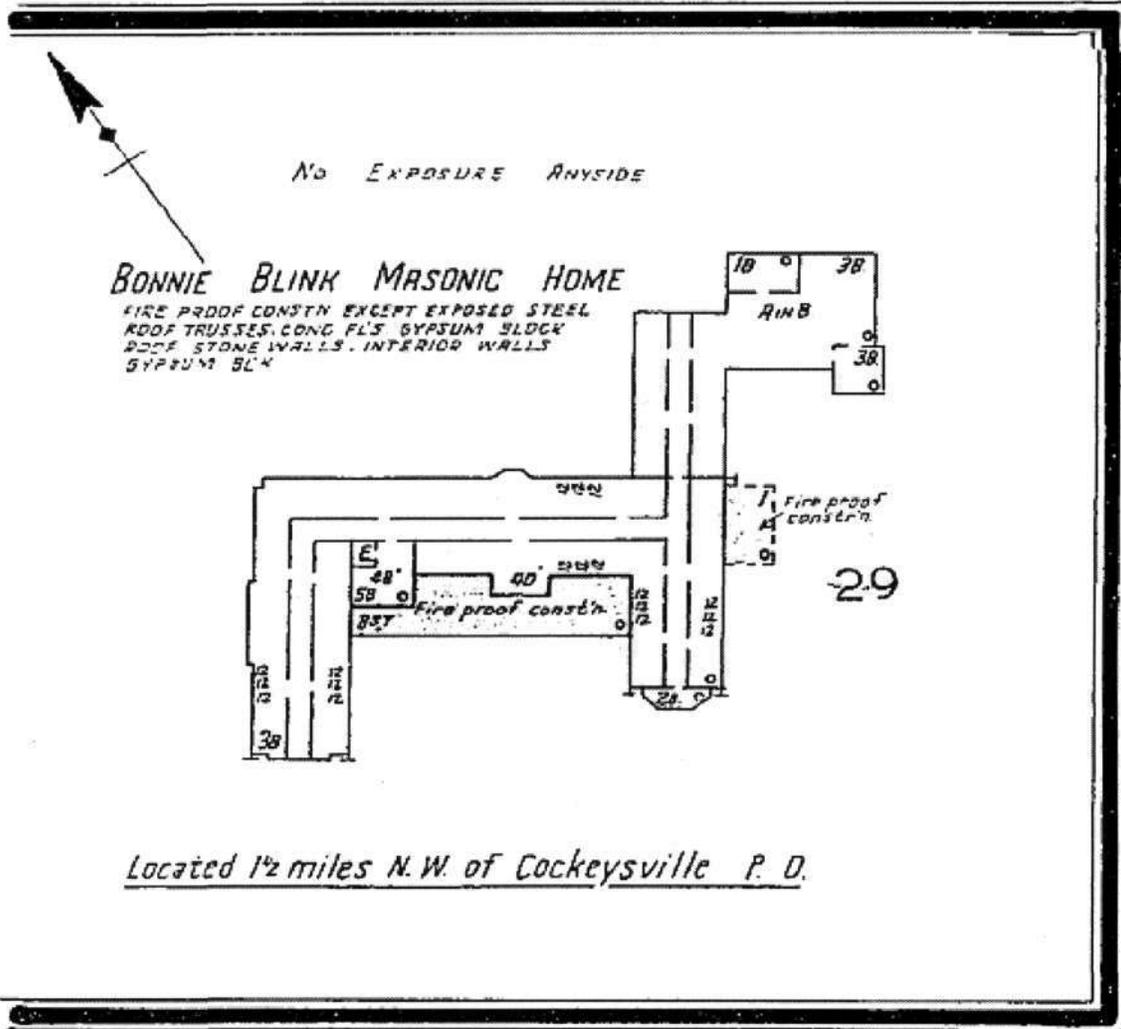
“Dec. 27, 2002 - An early morning fire in the second floor room of an elderly couple in the Hunt Valley, MD Bonnie Blink Masonic Home was quickly extinguished by the building’s fire sprinkler system. Baltimore County Fire Captain Jim Korn reported that the fire was contained to the room of origin and “The alarm system and the sprinkler system did their job very well. The sprinkler essentially put the fire out.””

Maryland Masonic Homes advertisement

“Maryland Masonic Homes is a continuing care retirement community for Master Masons and their families. We offer quality living for Independent Living, Assisted Living, Healthcare, Specialized Dementia Care and Respite Care. Bonnie Blink, located in Cockeysville, is known as the Castle on the hill. Our historic fraternal community campus features majestic stone structures surrounded by sculptured grounds. We have experience in providing exceptional care since 1934.”

Local legend claims that Bonnie Blink was constructed “around the time of the Great Depression” and that it was originally a Scottish castle which had been shipped to Cockeysville and reassembled. Also that it was “built by a Baltimore businessman as a private home and was expanded after his passing as per the conditions of his will.” Until Hunt Valley Mall was constructed at the base of the hill in the 1980s, the field raised corn and pumpkins, and Bonnie Blink is still the site of an annual Harvest Home Day featuring a corn shucking contest. Local informants report that projectile points were routinely found in the fields after plowing. A structure is depicted at this location and labeled “Bonnie Blink” on the 1877 G. M. Hopkins Atlas, implying that the property’s name predated the building’s construction.

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Bonnie Blink Masonic Home
300 International Circle, Cockeyville
Sanborn Map 1933 (Revised 1946)



Bonnie Blink

Cockeysville Quad, 1957, PR 1966 & 1974

HEREFORD 7.4 MI.
PRICEVILLE 3.1 MI.

HEREFORD 6.5 MI.
PHILOPOLIS 2.3 MI.

900 000 FEET

5663 11 SW
(HEREFORD)

354

40'

357

359

