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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.

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