

A Place in the Country

Owned and operated by the John M. and Sara R. Walton Foundation, Inc., Poplar Hill on His Lordship's Kindness is one of only three historic homes in Prince George's County designated as a National Historic Landmark. Originally named "Poplar Hill," the present house and its predecessor were built on part of a 7,000 acre land grant from Charles Calvert, the third Lord Baltimore, to Colonel Henry Darnall in 1703. The current mansion was built between 1785 and 1787 by the Colonel's great grandson, Robert Darnall to replace the earlier residence of his father, Henry Darnall III.

Poplar Hill on His Lordship's Kindness has been home to many families including the Darnalls, the Sewalls, the Daingerfields, U.S. Senator John S. Barbour and his wife Susan Daingerfield, the Hales, the Dunhams, U.S.



Ambassador David Bruce and his wife Evangeline Bruce, the Sayerses and the last private owners, the Walton family.

Robert Darnall's home was initially designed and overseen by architect/builder

James Hogan. Robert Darnall dismissed Hogan before the project was finished. Darnall then hired architect/builder Leonard Harbaugh to complete Poplar Hill on His Lordship's Kindness. Hogan and Harbaugh later entered design competitions for the new White House and the U.S. Capitol building — Hogan

submitting unsuccessful plans for the White House and Harbaugh for the Capitol.

The Mansion



Poplar Hill on His Lordship's Kindness is a five-part brick, Georgian mansion with a central block flanked by matching wings and hyphens. Its Venetian style windows, fanlight windows, elaborate entrances and unique "U" shaped hipped roof are striking architectural features.

The interior contains a restored Catholic chapel in one of the wings. In the

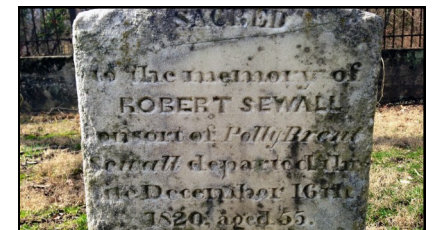


opposing wing is the original kitchen. On the first and second floors are wide central halls, originally used for circulation to adjacent rooms as well as spaces for receiving and entertaining guests. A sweeping staircase with a mahogany handrail connects the two floors. Elaborate classical pediments top the doorways to the formal drawing room and dining room. The furnishings reflect the lifestyle of the last private owners, the Waltons, and include many interesting antiques and artifacts.

The Gardens

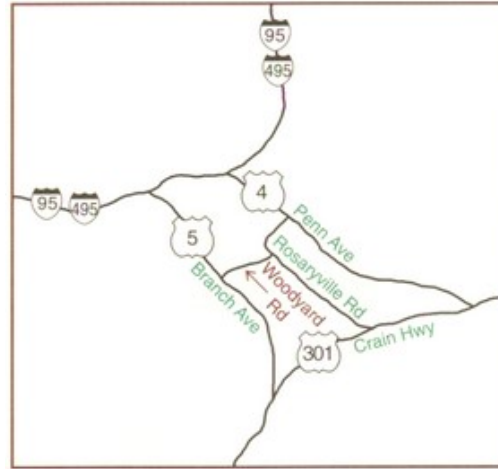
Today the historic mansion is surrounded by more than 130 acres of land, including formal landscaped garden terraces with aged English boxwood, a wide variety of deciduous trees including the largest Osage orange in Prince George's County, a vibrant holly grove and an assortment of flowering shrubs.

Also on the property are a number of historic outbuildings including a rare brick privy, a smokehouse, a wash house, a slaves infirmary and a pigeon cote. In the rear of the mansion is a small family cemetery containing the graves of members of some of the mansion's past families.





For further information on tours, membership, volunteer opportunities or rental availability, please call 301-856-0358 or email us at: poplarhillonhllk@gmail.com
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Directions

Poplar Hill on His Lordship's Kindness is located east of Washington, D.C., and west of Upper Marlboro, MD. To reach Poplar Hill on His Lordship's Kindness from the Capital Beltway, take Exit 11A off the Beltway for Route 4 (Pennsylvania Ave.) south. Then follow Route 4 to the exit ramp on the right for Woodyard Road (Route 223). At the bottom of the ramp for Woodyard Road, turn right or bear right. Stay on Woodyard Road south for approximately 2.4 miles and turn right at the third traffic light at the intersection of Rosaryville Road and Woodyard Road. Then within ¼ mile, turn left into the brick entrance on the sharp curve and follow the paved driveway to the mansion. We are located at 7606 Woodyard Road in Clinton, Maryland.

Tours of the Mansion

Group tours for 12 or more people are available by appointment.

Admission Fees

Adults - \$5.00 - Seniors \$4.00

Children (6 yrs. - 18 yrs.) \$3.00

Fees are subject to change without notice.

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