

F-4-98
Shank-Ridgely House
Myersville vicinity
Private

Ca. 1920

The Shank-Ridgely House is a 1-1/2 story frame bungalow with Craftsman details, including an integral porch with grouped piers featuring mortise and tenon projections, a front dormer, a projecting side bay, and extended eaves. The house has been altered in terms of its exterior covering, currently a brick-patterned composition material, and the composition roof covering which replaced the original wood shingles. The porch railing is also a replacement, as well as the modern windows which replace the 3/1 sash. Built about 1920 possibly by Charles E. Shank or Robert J. Ridgely, the house is a fair example of the bungalow type and the Craftsman style which became to be identified with bungalows throughout the U.S. during the period 1905-1930.

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HISTORIC CONTEXT:

MARYLAND COMPREHENSIVE HISTORIC PRESERVATION PLAN DATA

Geographic Organization: Piedmont
(Harford, Baltimore, Carroll, Frederick, Howard, Montgomery
Counties, and Baltimore City)

Chronological/Development Period:
Industrial/Urban Dominance, A.D. 1870-1930

Prehistoric/Historic Period Themes:
Architecture, Landscape Architecture and Community Planning

Resource Type:

Category: Building

Historic Environment: Rural

Historic Function and Use:
Domestic/single dwelling/residence
Domestic/secondary structure/smokehouse

Known Design Source: None

MARYLAND INVENTORY OF
HISTORIC PROPERTIES

Magi No.

DOE yes no**Maryland Historical Trust
State Historic Sites Inventory Form****1. Name** (indicate preferred name)

historic Shank-Ridgely House

and/or common

2. Locationstreet & number 2448 Canada Hill Road not for publicationcity, town Myersville vicinity of congressional district 6th

state Maryland county Frederick

3. Classification

Category	Ownership	Status	Present Use	
<input type="checkbox"/> district	<input type="checkbox"/> public	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> occupied	<input type="checkbox"/> agriculture	<input type="checkbox"/> museum
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> building(s)	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> private	<input 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	Public Acquisition	Accessible	<input type="checkbox"/> entertainment	<input type="checkbox"/> religious
<input type="checkbox"/> object	<input type="checkbox"/> in process	<input checked="" 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 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 W. and Elizabeth A. George

street & number 2448 Canada Hill Road telephone no.:

city, town Myersville state and zip code Md. 21773

5. Location of Legal Description

courthouse, registry of deeds, etc. Frederick County Courthouse liber 1176

street & number 100 W. Patrick Street folio 833

city, town Frederick state Md. 21701

6. Representation in Existing Historical Surveys

title

date federal state county local

depository for survey records

city, town state

7. Description

Survey No. F-4-98

Condition		Check one	Check one	
<input type="checkbox"/> excellent	<input type="checkbox"/> deteriorated	<input type="checkbox"/> unaltered	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> original site	
<input checked="" 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.

CONTRIBUTING RESOURCE COUNT: 2

The Shank-Ridgely House is a 1-1/2 story frame bungalow built about 1920 on the north side of Canada Hill Road about 1 mile northwest of Myersville, Frederick County, Maryland. The building has a one-story integral porch on the south elevation facing the road and is sited on a rise above the road level behind evergreen trees. The property also includes a frame smokehouse which is probably contemporary with the house and several small non-contributing outbuildings of later date.

The house has a three-bay south elevation with a center entry. The exterior of the house is covered with composition siding material in a brick pattern. The foundation is rusticated concrete block. The standing seam metal roof was originally wood shingles and has a dormer with three grouped windows on the south elevation. The eaves are extended and an interior brick chimney is located in the north slope of the roof. An exterior brick chimney is located on the west elevation near a projecting bay. The integral porch has a brick base and a plain balustrade which has been recently rebuilt. The porch features grouped piers in threes at the corners with mortise and tenon projections in the style of Craftsman bungalows of the period 1905-1930. The windows have been replaced with 1/1 modern sash. The original sash was 3/1. The south elevation entrance has a glazed panel door and is flanked by paired windows on the west and a single window on the east. The north elevation of the house has a partially enclosed rear porch. The interior was not accessible for this survey.

Smokehouse: The date of the frame smokehouse is unknown; however, its features and materials reflect the period of the house's construction. It is assumed that it was built prior to 1930. The rectangular building is covered with both german and vertical board siding and has a composition roof. A vertical board door is located in the south elevation.

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
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		<input type="checkbox"/> invention		<input type="checkbox"/> other (specify)

Specific dates C. 1920 **Builder/Architect**

check: Applicable Criteria: A B C D
and/or
Applicable Exception: A B C D E F G

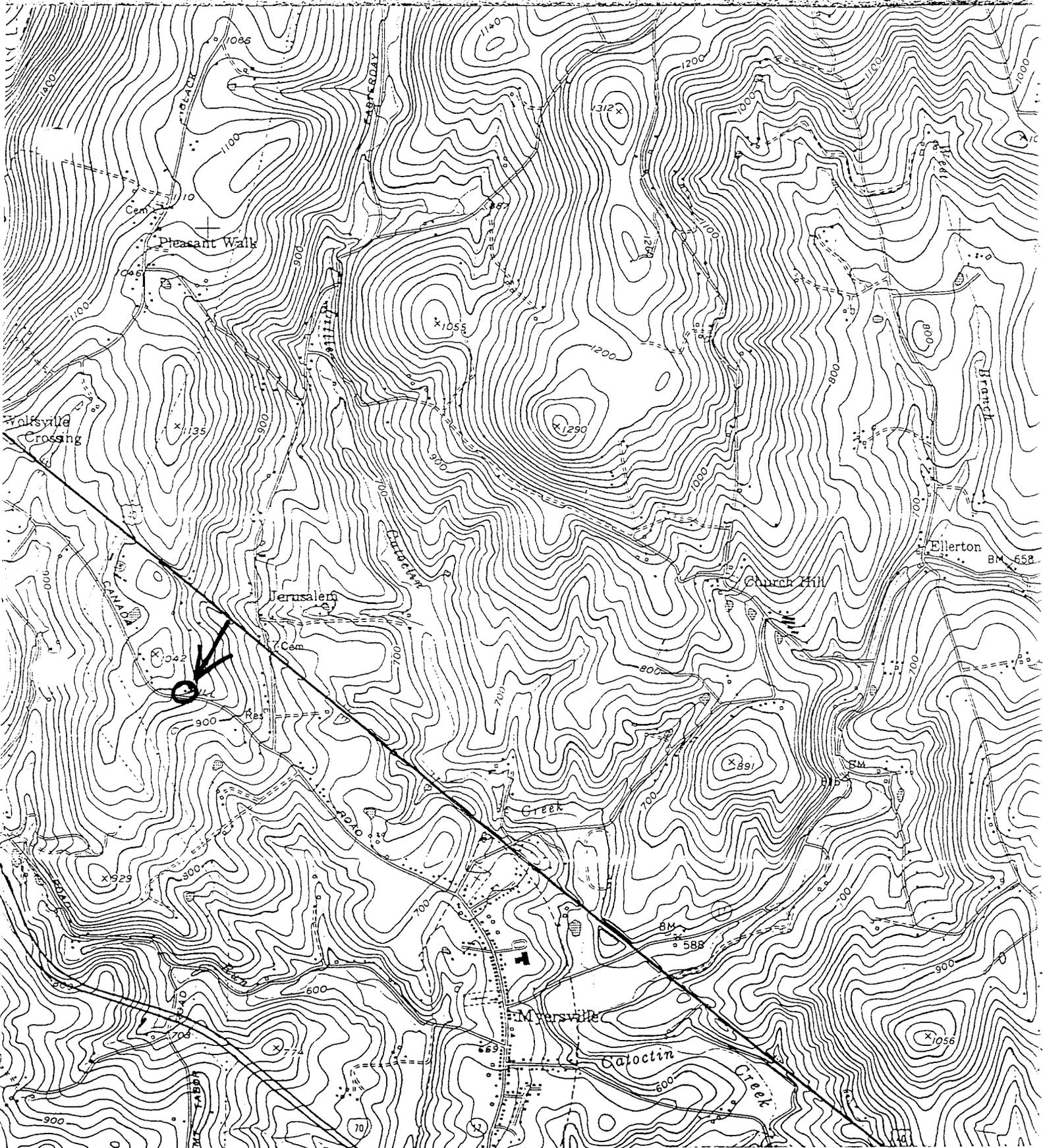
Level of Significance: national state local

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

The Shank-Ridgely House is a fair example of the Craftsman style bungalow, a popular style throughout the U. S. during the period about 1905-1930. The basic low-profile frame house type with an integral porch which was a very common plan in bungalows is present in this building. The extended eaves, the projecting bay on the side to give more light to a dining room or stair hall, and the grouped wood piers on the porch are further elements of the style. The articulated mortise and tenon projections are the most apparent details of the Craftsman influence. These characteristics were popularized through the Sears Roebuck and Company catalog house designs and other publications with nation-wide distribution, and became common to bungalows in general. The house may have been built by Charles E. Shank who purchased the property in 1906 as a result of an equity case sale of real estate. In 1921, Shank sold the property to Robert J. Ridgley, who is the second most likely builder of the house. By 1929, the house was certainly in place, when Ridgley sold it to Alvey J. and Bettie M. Myers, who occupied the house until 1982, when it was bought by the current owners, Mrs. and Mrs. George.

2448 Canada Hill Rd.

LIBER/FOLIO	GRANTEE	GRANTOR	ORIGINAL TRACTS	COST	DATE
1176/833 2 Aug 82	Carl M. + Elizabeth A. George	Bettie M. Myers	# 1/4 A. 11.16A. "Great Local Attraction" + Selsinger's Land	\$81,500	
374/570 22 July 29	Alvey J. + Bettie M. Myers	Robert J. Ridgely	14 1/4 A.	\$1,000	
335/524 14 Mar 21	Robert J. Ridgely	Charles E. + Mary C. Shank	14 1/4 A.	\$1,000	
STH 276/100 5 June 06	Charles E. + Mary C. Shank	Emerg L. Coblenz + Cyrus S. Flock, trustees	Equity # 7980 Cyrus S. Flock Mrs Dawson Shank 14 1/4 A.	\$486.62	
Will Record	Lydia Rautyahn	John Harp			

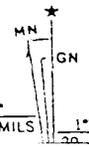
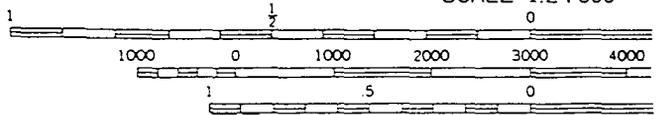


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 Frederick County
 USGS Myersville, Md.
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CONTOUR INTERVAL 20 FE



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Neg. loc.: Md. SHPO. Crownsville, Md
Southeast corner view

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Northwest corner view

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