

Site: M:26/10/86

The Wootton Bungalow

Built: 1913

22 Wall Street

Builder: Franklin H. Karn

Private

This 1-1/2 story rectangular frame California bungalow was constructed for Dr. Washington and Elizabeth Waters in 1913. It features low, broad eaves, verandah, and a skylight at the apex of the pyramid roof. Albert Wootton, a member of a family which spans 200 years in the Rockville area, purchased the house in 1944, and it is still owned by his daughter.

Survey No. M: 26/10/86

Magi No. 1651022704

DOE  yes  no

NR  yes  no

(contributing element in West Montgomery NR Historic District)

# Maryland Historical Trust State Historic Sites Inventory Form

## 1. Name (indicate preferred name)

historic

and/or common The Wootton Bungalow

## 2. Location

street & number 22 Wall Street  not for publication

city, town Rockville  vicinity of congressional district 8

state Maryland county Montgomery (RV Planning Area 4)

## 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	<b>Public Acquisition</b>	<b>Accessible</b>	<input type="checkbox"/> entertainment <input type="checkbox"/> religious
<input type="checkbox"/> object	<input type="checkbox"/> in process	<input 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 checked="" type="checkbox"/> not applicable	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> no	<input type="checkbox"/> military <input type="checkbox"/> other:

## 4. Owner of Property (give names and mailing addresses of all owners)

name Miss Emma Wootton

street & number 22 Wall Street telephone no.: 762-2432

city, town Rockville state and zip code Maryland 20850

## 5. Location of Legal Description

courthouse, registry of deeds, etc. Montgomery Co. Land Records 5782 liber

street & number Montgomery Co. Courthouse 431 folio

city, town Rockville state Maryland

## 6. Representation in Existing Historical Surveys

title National Register of Historic Places (1974)

state City of Rockville Historic District (1974)  federal  state  county  local

depository for survey records City of Rockville

city, town Rockville state Maryland

# 7. Description

Survey No. M:26/10/86

## Condition

excellent  
 good  
 fair

deteriorated  
 ruins  
 unexposed

## Check one

unaltered  
 altered

## Check one

original site  
 moved      date of move \_\_\_\_\_

Prepare both a summary paragraph and a general description of the resource and its various elements as it exists today.

The subject house faces west on Wall Street. It sits on a spacious lot with mature trees and dogwoods at sides and rear. Shrubs soften the front foundation line. Chain link fencing is placed along the front and perimeter gates at front walkway and driveway. A front-gable, one car clapboard garage is located off the northeast corner of the house, accessed by a driveway from Wall Street.

This frame, three bay-by-three bay symmetrical, 1-1/2 story, rectangular bungalow with mitred bays on each side has central dormers on all facades. The foundation is brick. The moderately pitched, pyramidal-hipped roof has a pointed skylight along the spine, deep upturned eaves, and is covered with asphalt shingles. There are two corbelled top interior brick chimneys on the rear.

This house was designed by Franklin H. Karn in 1913 in the new "California bungalow" style detailed with flared eaves, front verandah, dormers with echoing roofs, and a unique original skylight at the point of the hipped roof. Windows are uniformly 9/1 double hung sash with plain surrounds, projecting sills, and drip caps flanked by wooden louvered shutters. The house is sheathed in wood lapped siding set off by vertical cornerboards and a wide friezeboard with lower lip. The front has a full-width front verandah supported by four square columns.

The three-bay west (front) facade is rigidly symmetrical. The house is accessed by a central front concrete walk leading to a double sided-entry brick staircase with wrought iron railing, not original to the house. The heavy cornice of the nearly flat roof is supported by four massive, capiteled, square columns set on low brick piers. The verandah has a cement slab floor. A window is in both 1st and 3rd bays. The wide center bay is framed by roof columns and contains a single glass panelled wood exterior door with flanking long single pane sidelights. A pyramid-hipped, flared eave dormer with two 1/1 double sash windows, shaded by an aluminum awning, is centered directly above the entry bay. Similar side dormers repeat the flared corner roofline slightly above and behind while the front dormer peak is repeated in the end of the rectangular skylight on the roof spine.

The three-bay north facade has two separate windows in the left bay, one smaller than the rest, a three sided, three-windowed bay which extends out to and is covered by the roof overhang, in the center, and a pair of windows in the right bay.

continued on attachment 7.1

# 8. Significance

Survey No. M:26/10/86

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
<input type="checkbox"/> 1400-1499	<input type="checkbox"/> archeology-historic	<input type="checkbox"/> conservation	<input type="checkbox"/> law	<input type="checkbox"/> science
<input type="checkbox"/> 1500-1599	<input type="checkbox"/> agriculture	<input type="checkbox"/> economics	<input type="checkbox"/> literature	<input type="checkbox"/> sculpture
<input type="checkbox"/> 1600-1699	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> architecture	<input type="checkbox"/> education	<input type="checkbox"/> military	<input type="checkbox"/> social/humanitarian
<input type="checkbox"/> 1700-1799	<input type="checkbox"/> art	<input type="checkbox"/> engineering	<input type="checkbox"/> music	<input type="checkbox"/> theater
<input type="checkbox"/> 1800-1899	<input type="checkbox"/> commerce	<input type="checkbox"/> exploration/settlement	<input type="checkbox"/> philosophy	<input type="checkbox"/> transportation
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> 1900-	<input type="checkbox"/> communications	<input type="checkbox"/> industry	<input type="checkbox"/> politics/government	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> other (specify)
		<input type="checkbox"/> invention		<input type="checkbox"/> local history

Specific dates 1913 Builder/Architect Franklin H. Karn, builder

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.

### Significance

The Wootton house is an example of the California Bungalow style. Its design evokes the Indian antecedents of this design. The Wootton family name spans 200 years of Rockville area history and is associated with this building.

### History and Support

Dr. Washington Waters and his wife Elizabeth (nee' Yearley) built this house on the land adjoining the Yearly residence; they had purchased the south half of lot 17 and the north half of lot 16 in "R.T. Veirs' Addition to Rockville." 1/ The California Bungalow was an innovative new style characterized by low pitch, broad eaves shading the spacious verandah, and ground-hugging mass. It was inspired by and named after similar houses in India and had been recently introduced in California by the Greene brothers. 2/ The subject house displays these typical features, and also includes such modifications as dormers and shallow bay windows on the north and south elevations.

William H. and Marguerite "Daisey" Beard purchased the house in 1915, using it for a summer home. Marguerite lived here until the construction of her new house one block east at 19 Williams Street in 1927. 3/

Albert Wootton was a descendant of Dr. Thomas Sprigg Wootton, who was instrumental in the formation of Montgomery County in 1776 and a member of the Maryland House of Delegates from 1779 to 1786. Dr. Wootton's brother, Richard Wootton, owned extensive estates west of Rockville which included parts of land grants "Exchange and New Exchange", "John's Last Shift; and "Rocky Point Fortified". 5/ Parts of these lands became the site of this subdivision a hundred years later.

continued on attachment 8.1

# 9. Major Bibliographical References

Survey No. M:26/10/86

Montgomery County Land, Will, Tax and Plat Records. County histories including A Grateful Remembrance. Histories of Beard, Wootton families. Plats and Real Estate Atlases of 1878, 1917, 1930, 1969.

# 10. Geographical Data

Acreege of nominated property 21,276 square feet

Quadrangle name \_\_\_\_\_

Quadrangle scale \_\_\_\_\_

UTM References do NOT complete UTM references

A 

--	--	--	--	--	--	--	--	--	--

  
Zone Easting Northing

B 

--	--	--	--	--	--	--	--	--	--

  
Zone Easting Northing

C 

--	--	--	--	--	--	--	--	--	--

D 

--	--	--	--	--	--	--	--	--	--

E 

--	--	--	--	--	--	--	--	--	--

F 

--	--	--	--	--	--	--	--	--	--

G 

--	--	--	--	--	--	--	--	--	--

H 

--	--	--	--	--	--	--	--	--	--

## Verbal boundary description and justification

Parts of Lots #16 and #17 in "R.T. Veirs' Addition to Rockville", fronting on Wall Street.

## List all states and counties for properties overlapping state or county boundaries

state	code	county	code

state	code	county	code

# 11. Form Prepared By

name/title Anne Cissel Judy Christensen, Arch. Description

organization Peerless Rockville date January 1986

street & number P.O. Box 4262 telephone 762-0096

city or town Rockville state Maryland 20850

The Maryland Historic Sites Inventory was officially created by an Act of the Maryland Legislature to be found in the Annotated Code of Maryland, Article 41, Section 181 KA, 1974 supplement.

The survey and inventory are being prepared for information and record purposes only and do not constitute any infringement of individual property rights.

return to: Maryland Historical Trust  
Shaw House  
21 State Circle  
Annapolis, Maryland 21401  
(301) 269-2438

M: 26/10/86  
The Wootton House  
Attachment 7.1

The three-bay east (rear) facade has one window, left bay, two exterior doors in the center, one to the basement and one to the first floor, and one window in the right bay. A portico formed by three square capiteled columns shelters the entrances which are reached by a three wooden steps to a stoop surrounded by post and three rail and post balustrade. A concrete slab surfaces the area under the portico and provides the base for the columns. A dormer is centered on the roof, and one chimney rises near the peak of the roof, the other slightly lower and to the right.

The three bay south facade is similar to the north except that it has paired windows in the left bay, a bay window in the center, and one window in the right. A dormer is centered above.

---

M: 26/10/86  
The Wootton House  
Attachment 8.1

In 1911 Albert Wootton married Josephine Dawson of the prominent Dawsonville family. They moved to Rockville in 1924 after a fire destroyed Mr. Wootton's business in Poolesville. Mr. Wootton died in 1945, a year after they purchased the house. "Miss Josie" was a well known figure in Rockville, occupying the house for forty years until her death in 1980 at age 92. 7/ By her Will, her daughter Emma inherited a life tenancy in the house and is its present occupant. 8/

---

Footnotes:

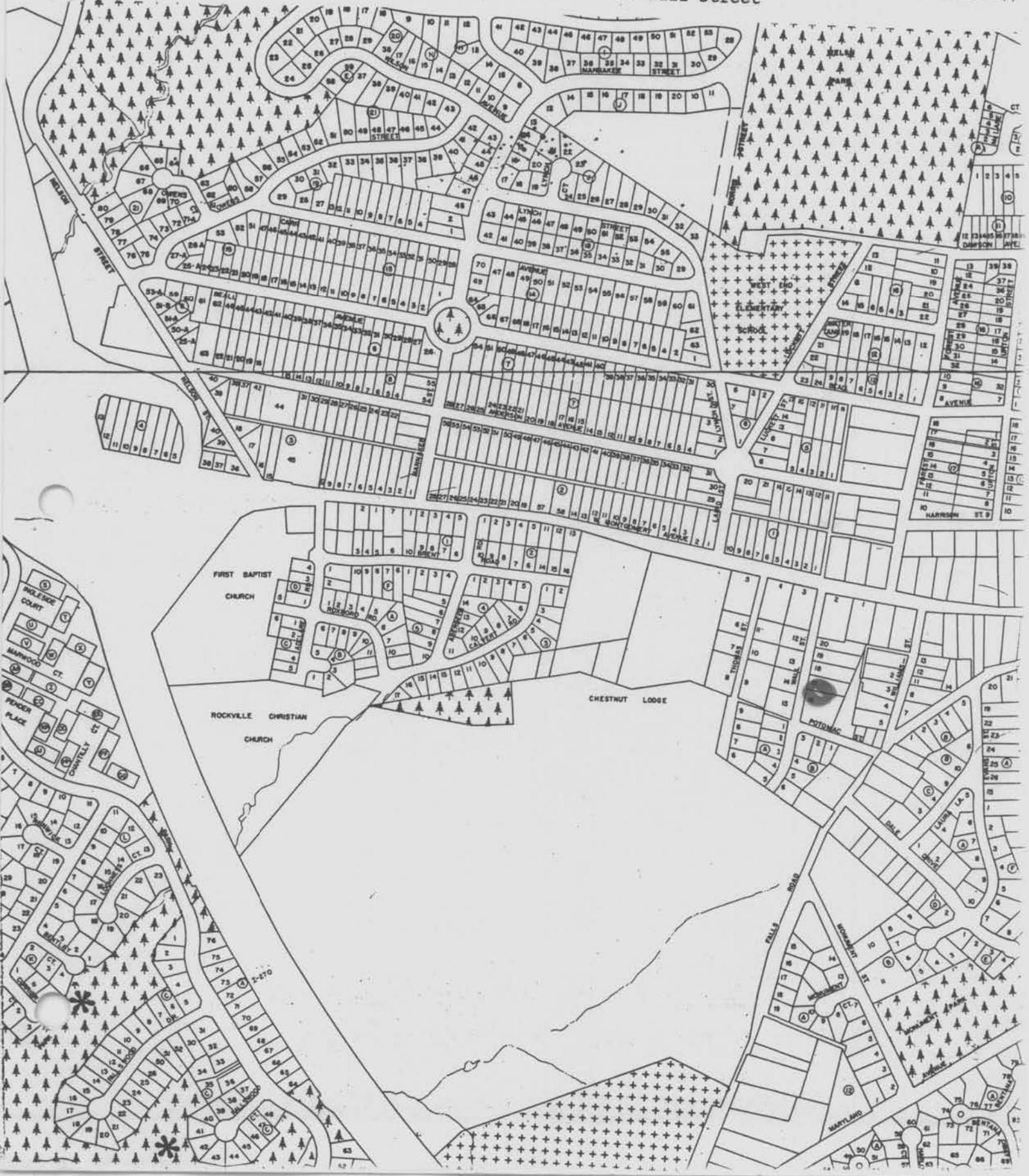
1. Montgomery County Tax Assessments for Veirs Addition 1888-1930.
2. The Evening Star, August 8, 1914 "Indian Architecture Copied in Bungalows".
3. Maryland Historical Trust Inventory Site M:26/10/65, "19 Williams."
4. Waters to Beard. Montgomery County Land Records 250/81 (1915). Wootton family genealogies, County histories.
5. The original Wootton farm at Watts Branch was sold to the Beard family in 1881 and Marguerite Beard inherited it.
6. Land Records, op.cit. 953/428 (1945.)
7. Winter, 1981 Edition of "The Peer", Peerless Rockville Historic Preservation, Ltd.
8. Montgomery County Wills, Estate #0310181 (1981)

1982

# City of Rockville scale: 1" = 600'

M:26/10/86

4





**RICHARD H. ANDREWS**  
424-8282  
1608 FARRAGUT AVE.  
ROCKVILLE, MD 20851

01860112

M: 26/10/86

22 Wall St  
Rockville  
4-86