

MARYLAND INVENTORY OF
HISTORIC PROPERTIES

Survey No. ^{PG} 66-37-26

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DOE ___ yes ___ no

Maryland Historic Trust
State Historic Sites Inventory Form

1. Name (indicate preferred name)

historic

and/or common

2. Location

Street & number **4808 Erskine Road** _____ not for publication

City, town **College Park** _____ vicinity of _____ Congressional District _____

State **Maryland** County **Prince George's**

3. Classification

Category	Ownership	Status	Present Use	
___ district	___ public	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> occupied	___ agriculture	___ museum
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> building(s)	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> private	___ unoccupied	___ commercial	___ park
___ structure	___ both	___ work in progress	___ educational	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> private residence
___ site	Public Acquisition	Accessible	___ entertainment	___ religious
___ object	___ in process	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> yes: restricted	___ government	___ scientific
	___ being considered	___ yes: unrestricted	___ industrial	___ transportation
	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> not applicable	___ no	___ military	___ other:

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

Name **Karen Kuker-Kihl**

Street & number **4804 Erskine Road** Telephone no _____

City, town **College Park** State & zip code **MD 20740**

5. Location of Legal Description

Courthouse, registry of deeds, etc. **Prince George's County Clerk's Office** Liber **4792**

Street & number _____ folio **586**

City, town **Upper Marlboro** State **Maryland**

6. Representation in Existing Historical Surveys

Title _____

Date _____ federal ___ state ___ county ___ local

Depository for survey records _____

City, town _____ State _____



7. Description

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Condition		Check One	Check One	
<input type="checkbox"/> excellent	<input type="checkbox"/> deteriorated	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> unaltered	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> original site	
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> good	<input type="checkbox"/> ruins	<input type="checkbox"/> altered	<input type="checkbox"/> moved	date of move _____
<input type="checkbox"/> fair	<input type="checkbox"/> unexposed			

Historic Resource Count: 1

4808 consists of a detached one and a half story bungalow built in 1920. The building is of three bays; the central contains a door with eight lights over two vertical panels. The two end bays each contain a four-over-one window. The structure is balloon framed with scalloped, asbestos-shingle exterior. The roof is low-pitched and side-gabled. The porch is gabled and is supported by two brick piers that terminate that the level of the wooden deck. Two Tuscan columns stand above the piers and support the roof; a wooden railing runs around the porch. The porch is approached from the side by four wooden steps.

8. Significance

Period	Areas of Significance – Check and justify below			
<u> </u> prehistoric	<u> </u> archeology– prehistoric	<u>X</u> community planning	<u> </u> landscape architecture	<u> </u> religion
<u> </u> 1400-1499	<u> </u> archeology – historic	<u> </u> conservation	<u> </u> law	<u> </u> science
<u> </u> 1500-1599	<u> </u> agriculture	<u> </u> economics	<u> </u> literature	<u> </u> sculpture
<u> </u> 1600-1699	<u>X</u> architecture	<u> </u> education	<u> </u> military	<u> </u> social/humanitarian
<u> </u> 1700-1799	<u> </u> art	<u> </u> engineering	<u> </u> music	<u> </u> theater
<u> </u> 1800-1899	<u> </u> commerce	<u> </u> exploration/ settlement	<u> </u> philosophy	<u> </u> transportation
<u>X</u> 1900-	<u> </u> communications	<u> </u> industry	<u> </u> politics/ government	<u> </u> other (specify)
		<u> </u> invention		

Specific dates: 1920 Builder/Architect: unknown

Check:

Applicable Criteria: A B C D

Applicable Exception: A B C D E F G

Level of Significance: National State X Local

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

The significance of this property lies not only in its form as a document of architectural trends in suburban communities of the first half of the twentieth century, but also in its being a part of a more significant whole: the Calvert Hills neighborhood.

Bungalows were an important architectural form that appeared nation wide in the first decades of this century. They represent a movement toward providing efficiency, comfort and convenience to Americans who were economically restricted. To provide such housing, some traditional house elements were abandoned and new approaches were adopted. Bungalow plans omit an entry, so the front door open directly into the living room. The public rooms run together with large doorways creating an impression of grander interior space.

The ubiquity of bungalows in the early twentieth century landscape was due in part to their appeal, but even more importantly to their easy availability. Bungalow kits and plans were available by mail, which accounts for the general similarity in the forms of many bungalows. But a great variety in detail also categorizes the type; by mixing and matching a limited number of features (for example, fenestration and dormer style) builders were able to supply potential homeowners with a house that seemed unique and appealing.

4808 Erskine Road is a good example of an almost unaltered bungalow. Like 7200 Bowdoin Avenue, it was built prior to the first large subdivision in Calvert Hills in 1921, and its location close to the railroad tracks helps document the growth of the neighborhood. It also shares a basic plan with 7200 Bowdoin Avenue, with living and dining rooms in the front, and with a kitchen, bathroom, bedroom opening off a small hall. Its interior detail, flooring and built-ins are typical. It has slightly less ample fenestration than the later bungalows of the neighborhood.

This structure is an integral part of the fabric of Calvert Hills, and of College Park. Along with its neighbors, it was built to provide commodious homes to a community associated with the diversity, and connected to Washington via the trolley. The characteristics of this early twentieth century suburb have remained for the most part unchanged, despite alterations to some properties.

9. Major Bibliographic ReferencesPE:
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(1984).

Stevenson, K. C. & H. W. Jandl, *Houses By Mail*, Washington, D. C.: The Preservation
Press (1986).

10. Geographical Data

Acreage of nominated property _____

Quadrangle Scale _____

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UTM References: (do not complete UTM references)

Verbal boundary description and justification

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

State Code County Code

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