

MARYLAND INVENTORY OF
HISTORIC PROPERTIES

PG:
Survey No. 66-37-34
Magi No.
DOE ___ yes ___ no

Maryland Historic Trust
State Historic Sites Inventory Form

1. Name (indicate preferred name)

historic

and/or common

2. Location

Street & number 4803 Guilford Road ___ not for publication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	
<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 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 checked="" type="checkbox"/> not applicable	<input type="checkbox"/> no	<input type="checkbox"/> military	<input type="checkbox"/> other:

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

Name Albert C. & Dorothy M. Barney

Street & number 4803 Guilford Road Telephone no 301-927-8802

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 1743

Street & number folio 191

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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Survey No. 66-3734

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 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: 2

4803 Guilford Road consists of a detached dwelling with a detached one car garage. The house is a well maintained one and a half story bungalow. Prince George's County liber 1743, folio 191, records that the house was built in 1946, but this date is contradicted by all other evidence and a date in the 1920's should be assumed. The building is of three bays; the central contains a door with four lights above and four vertical panels below. The two end bays contain paired four-over-one windows. The low-pitched, side-gabled roof flairs to cover the full-width front porch. The wooden-decked porch is approached by four concrete steps and is enclosed by wooden railings that run between four low, brick piers, supporting wooden, Tuscan columns. There is a single, shed dormer over two four-over-one windows. The structure is balloon framed with wooden clapboard exterior below, but with asbestos shingle in the gables and on the dormer walls. A brick chimney stands inside the west wall of the house. There is a sleeping porch extending from the rear with six paired windows and a door; it is not clear if this is an addition or part of the original construction. This room existed in 1954, when the current owners purchased the property.

The interior is basically unaltered in plan, but has had many changes in detail. The original hardwood flooring is intact beneath wall-to-wall carpeting. Both the kitchen and the first floor bathroom have been remodeled and a closet has been added in the first floor bedroom. The brick fireplace is unchanged, as are the built-in bookcases that flank it. The door and window moldings are intact.

The detached, clapboard garage is in original, but fair condition. Its original double doors, which have large nine light windows above four vertical panels below, swing on side hinges. The garage has an early addition to its rear; it was extended to accommodate larger post-war automobiles.

8. Significance

Period	Areas of Significance – Check and justify below			
<input type="checkbox"/> prehistoric	<input type="checkbox"/> archeology– prehistoric	<input checked="" 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 type="checkbox"/> other (specify)
		<input type="checkbox"/> invention		

Specific dates: 1920's Builder/Architect: unknown

Check:

Applicable Criteria: A B C D

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 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.

4803 Guilford Road is a good example of an almost unaltered bungalow. It shares a basic plan with both 4811 Guilford Road and 7005 Rhode Island Avenue, with living and dining rooms in the front, and with a kitchen, bathroom, bedroom and stairway opening off a small hall. It differs from these others in its rear sleeping porch. Its interior detail, flooring and built-ins are typical. It has the ample fenestration that is characteristic of the bungalow type.

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 References

Lancaster, C., *The American Bungalow, 1880-1930*, New York: Abbeville Press (1985).

McAlester, V. & L., *A Field Guide to American Houses*, New York: Alfred A. Knopf (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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