

MARYLAND INVENTORY OF
HISTORIC PROPERTIES

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Survey No. 66-37-37

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Maryland Historic Trust
ate Historic Sites Inventory Form

1. Name (indicate preferred name)

historic

and/or common

2. Location

Street & number 4811 Guilford Road not for publication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 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 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 Margaret T. Kerwin

Street & number 4811 Guilford 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 7974

Street & number _____ folio 311

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 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

4811 Guilford Road is a well maintained one and a half story bungalow built in 1924. The building is of three bays; the central contains door eight lights (four over four) above two vertical panels. The two end bays each contain a pair of four-over-one windows. A roof is low-pitched and side-gabled, with a single, gabled dormer containing two four-over-four windows. The half porch is approached by off-center, concrete steps with brick sides. The porch is supported by three short brick piers with wooden railings running between. Tuscan columns stand on the end piers and support the roof. An brick chimney stands inside the west wall of the house. The structure is balloon framed and sided, but with some of the original asbestos shingle exterior remaining on the porch gable. A small wooden porch stands off the kitchen

The interior retains the original hardwood flooring, the brick fireplace, with flanking building book cases, and well preserved oak door and window moldings. The first floor bathroom and the kitchen have been remodeled.

There is detached, framed garage in the rear of the house.

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: 1924

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.

4811 Guilford is a good example of an almost unaltered bungalow. It shares a basic plan with both 4803 Guilford and 7005 Rhode Island, 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 half porch. Its interior detail, flooring and built-ins are typical. It has the ample fenestration that is characteristic of the bungalow type.

The 1924 construction date makes this house one of the first to be built in Elmore Power's 1921 subdivision, and one of the earliest on Guilford Road.

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).

Alester, 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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