

PRINCE GEORGE'S COUNTY
HISTORIC SITE SUMMARY SHEET

Survey #: P.G. #71A-29 Building Date: 1909

Building Name: Katherine Richards Bungalow

Location: 6407 Hillmeade Road, Bowie, Maryland

Private/Residence/Occupied/Excellent/Inaccessible

Description

The Richards dwelling is a one-and-one-half-story hip-roof frame bungalow. It is distinguished by considerable variety in roof planes and by projecting bays and dormers, but it has been visually altered by the application of aluminum siding. The building is roughly three bays by four, with an entrance in the central bay of the three-bay main west facade. Spanning the west facade is a porch with roof integral to the house. It was originally supported by Tuscan columns but is now glass-enclosed and forms a sun-room on the west front of the house. The hip-roof slopes to deeply overhanging eaves with boxed cornice. Roughly centered in each plane of the roof is a hip-roof dormer with boxed cornices. Beneath each dormer on the north and south is a rectangular projecting bay, covered by the overhang of the main roof. West of this projecting bay on the south facade is a door; west of the bay on the north, an exterior brick chimney breaks through the overhanging eaves. There is another tall brick chimney in the east plane of the roof. There is a small (one bay by one bay) one-story hip-roof wing in the northernmost bay of the east (rear) facade.

Significance:

The Richards Bungalow is a good, though altered, example of a hip-roof bungalow of the early twentieth century. It is distinguished by considerable variety in roof planes, projecting bays, and dormers. The bungalow was built in 1909 by Katherine Dudley Richards on a 4.6 acre part of the old tract known as Cedar Hill. Mrs. Richards, widowed sister-in-law of Rector Kirpatrick at Holy Trinity Church, built the handsome hip-roof bungalow in order to be close to her sister, the Rector's wife. When Mrs. Richards died in 1911, she deeded her new house and land to her sister, May Dudley Kirkpatrick. At this time, Mrs. Richards' property was described as "improved by a new nine-room house with all modern improvements". The property passed in 1915 to the family of Major Edward Dworak, who operated a summer camp in the area. Katherine Richards' bungalow has changed hands several times since Major Dworak's residence there, and has undergone some significant changes. The cedar shingles are now replaced by white aluminum siding, and the former (west) Tuscan porch has been glass-enclosed to form a sun-room. The lines of the house have not been changed, however, and it is still a fine visual example of an early twentieth century hip-roof bungalow.

Acreage: 4.63 acres

Magi No.

DOE yes no

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State Historic Sites Inventory Form

1. Name (indicate preferred name)

historic Katherine Richards House

and/or common

2. Location

street & number 6407 Hillmeade Road not for publication

city, town Bowie vicinity of congressional district 5

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 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 Frederick & Margaret Foster

street & number 6407 Hillmeade Road telephone no.:

city, town Bowie, state and zip code Maryland 20715

5. Location of Legal Description

courthouse, registry of deeds, etc. Prince George's County Courthouse liber 3953

street & number Main Street folio 584

city, town Upper Marlboro, state Maryland 20772

6. Representation in Existing Historical Surveys

title None

date federal state county local

depository for survey records

city, town state

7. Description

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

The Richards Bungalow is a one-and-one-half-story hip-roof frame bungalow. It stands on the east side of Hillmeade Road in a residential neighborhood just a short distance south of the abandoned line of the Washington, Baltimore and Annapolis electric railway. It is distinguished by considerable variety in roof planes, by projecting bays and dormers, but has been visually altered by the application of aluminum siding.

The building is roughly three bays by four, and faces west toward the road. Entrance is in the central bay of the three-bay main west facade, through a door with glazed upper panel bordered with egg-and-dart molding as is the lower molded panel. Spanning the west facade is a porch with roof integral to the house. It was originally supported by Tuscan columns; this porch is now glass-enclosed, and forms a sun-room on the west front of the house.

The building was originally clad with rectangular cedar shingles; they are now covered with white aluminum siding. Windows are 1/1 double hung sash and have plain aluminum surrounds and no shutters. The hip-roof is covered with red-gray asbestos shingles, and slopes to deeply overhanging eaves with boxed cornices. Roughly centered in each plane of the roof is a hip-roof dormer; those in the east and west planes have two side-by-side 1/1 windows, while those in the north and west have three. The hip-roofs of the dormers have boxed cornices.

Beneath each dormer on the north and south is a rectangular projecting bay, covered by the overhang of the main roof; the bay on the north is lighted by three side-by-side windows, while that on the south is lighted by two. West of this projecting bay on the south facade is a door; west of the bay on the north, an exterior brick chimney breaks through the overhanging eaves. There is another tall brick chimney in the east plane of the roof.

The building rests on a concrete foundation which encloses a basement. There is a small (one bay by one bay) one-story hip-roof wing in the northernmost bay of the east (rear) facade.

East of the house is a small barn with salt-box roof. It has red board-and-batten siding, and its roof is covered with black asphalt shingle. Closer to the house (to the southeast) is a gable-roof garage constructed of concrete block; entrance is in its south facade. North of the house is a small vaulted-roof springhouse constructed of stone and concrete covered with white stucco. It stands in a dip in the ground which may once have been a stream bed, and entrance is in its west end.

8. Significance

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 1909 **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 Richards Bungalow is a good, though altered, example of a hip-roof bungalow of the early twentieth century. It is distinguished by considerable variety in roof planes, projecting bays and dormers.

The bungalow was built in 1909 by Katherine Dudley Richards on a 4.6 acre part of the old tract known as Cedar Hill. Cedar Hill had been the nineteenth century home of the Robert Bowie family, and was acquired late in the nineteenth century by Israel Cooke.¹ In 1906, Dr. Theodore Cooke, at that time owner of Cedar Hill, sold a strip along the northern border of the tract to the Washington, Baltimore and Annapolis Electric Railway, for construction of that inter-urban line.² In 1909, he sold 6.88 acres just south of the new railway to Katherine Dudley Richards, widowed sister-in-law of Rector Kirkpatrick at Holy Trinity Church (which adjoined the Cedar Hill Tract on the south). Mrs. Richards had a handsome hip-roof bungalow built within the year, and settled in to live there, no doubt in order to be close to her sister, the Rector's wife.³

Mrs. Richards was to live in the house only two years; she died in 1911, and deeded her new house and land to her sister, May Dudley Kirkpatrick. At this time, Mrs. Richards' property was described as "improved by a new nine-room house with all modern improvements", on the property also was a small house with four rooms and bath (cf. #71A-24), and all necessary outbuildings. Mrs. Kirkpatrick took title to the property, and sold it a year later.⁴

The property passed in 1915 to the family of Major Edward Dworak, who operated a summer camp in the area. In 1916 the two-acre portion closest to the railroad tracks was divided off and sold to the Pinch family, relatives of the Dworaks. The four-room "small house" (#71A-24) was the home of the Pinches into the 1940's.⁵

9. Major Bibliographical References

Cf. Notes, Item #8

10. Geographical Data

Acreage of nominated property 4.63 acres

Tax Map #36, parcel 182

Quadrangle name Lanham, Section C

Quadrangle scale _____

UTM References do NOT complete UTM references

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Verbal boundary description and justification

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

state	code	county	code

11. Form Prepared By

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Notes:

- 1 cf. Cedar Hill, Prince George's County #71A-8.
- 2 Prince George's County Deed #30:330.
- 3 Prince George's County Deed #50:585; Prince George's County Tax Assessments 1908-1915.
- 4 Prince George's County Will WAM #1:299; Prince George's County Equity #4059; Prince George's County Deeds #83:123, 124.
- 5 Prince George's County Deeds #106:11; #125:9, 10.



PG#71A-29

Katherine Richards Bungalow
Prince George's County, Md.
Susan G. Pearl
April 1986
West elevation
Neg: Md. Hist. Trust, Annapolis, Md.



PG#71A-29

Katherine Richards Bungalow
Prince George's County, Md.
Susan G. Pearl
April 1986
Southeast 3/4 elevation
Neg: Md. Hist. Trust, Annapolis, Md.



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Katherine Richards Bungalow
Prince George's County, Md.
Susan G. Pearl
April 1986
North elevation
Neg: Md. Hist. Trust, Annapolis, Md.