

HO-971

12895 Hall Shop Road  
Highland vicinity

Description:

The house at 12895 Hall Shop Road is located on the southeast side of the road, set well back from the road behind 12883 Hall Shop Road, and is not visible from the road. The house is about 1/4 mile south of Highland in southern Howard County, Maryland. It faces southwest and is set on a flat, tree covered site with fields nearby. The house is a one-story, three-bay by two-bay frame structure. It has a parged foundation, asbestos shingle siding, with aluminum siding on the gable ends, above the eaves, and a gable roof with asphalt shingles and a northwest-southeast ridge. There is a large addition on the rear (northeast) that has a parged foundation, aluminum siding, and a gable roof with asphalt shingles and a northeast-southwest ridge. This addition is not historic. The southeast elevation has a door set just east of center, and it is flush wood with three lights. There is a single one-over-one sash with head-cut trim in the south bay and three of them in the east bay. They are arranged with the door to create, in a sense, a single bay of four regularly-spaced openings in the east half of this elevation. The northwest elevation has two one-over-one sash on the first story and a vent in the gable end. The northeast elevation has a one-over-one sash in the north bay, with the rest of this side covered by the addition.

Significance:

The house at 12895 Hall Shop Road is basically a Cape Cod, but the arrangement of the door and three windows to one side of the façade is unusual and anticipates the large picture window that would become an icon of the American suburb in ranchers and split levels in the 1950s and later. In addition, the pitch of the roof is flatter than what is typically found on Cape Cods, rendering the attic space unusable as living space where a Cape Cod would usually have several bedrooms. The tax assessment dates the house to 1948, and there is no reason to doubt the accuracy of this as a relative date. Despite a large addition on the rear, the house retains its character from its period of construction and seems to represent a transition from one common suburban dwelling type to another.

This land and that at 12883 Hall Shop Road will be developed into lots, and this house is to be retained on one of the lots.

# Maryland Historical Trust

## Maryland Inventory of Historic Properties Form

Inventory No. HO-971

### 1. Name of Property (indicate preferred name)

historic

other

### 2. Location

street and number 12895 Hall Shop Road  not for publication  
 city, town Highland  vicinity  
 county Howard

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

name M. Charlotte Powel, trustee  
 street and number 10715 Little Patuxent Parkway telephone  
 city, town Columbia state MD zip code 21044-3107

### 4. Location of Legal Description

courthouse, registry of deeds, etc. Howard County Courthouse tax map and parcel: 40, 149  
 city, town Ellicott City liber 10230 folio 678

### 5. Primary Location of Additional Data

- Contributing Resource in National Register District
- Contributing Resource in Local Historic District
- Determined Eligible for the National Register/Maryland Register
- Determined Ineligible for the National Register/Maryland Register
- Recorded by HABS/HAER
- Historic Structure Report or Research Report
- Other

### 6. Classification

| Category  | Ownership                                   | Current Function                             | Resource Count  |                 |
|---|---|--|---|-----------------|
|   |   |  | Contributing  | Noncontributing |
| <input type="checkbox"/> district               | <input type="checkbox"/> public             | <input type="checkbox"/> agriculture         |   |                 |
| <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> building(s) | <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> private | <input type="checkbox"/> commerce/trade      | 1   | 1               |
| <input type="checkbox"/> structure              | <input type="checkbox"/> both               | <input type="checkbox"/> defense             | 0   | 0               |
| <input type="checkbox"/> site                   |   | <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> domestic | 0   | 0               |
| <input type="checkbox"/> object                 |   | <input type="checkbox"/> education           | 0   | 0               |
|   |   | <input type="checkbox"/> funerary            | 1   | 1               |
|   |   | <input type="checkbox"/> government          |   |                 |
|   |   | <input type="checkbox"/> health care         |   |                 |
|   |   | <input type="checkbox"/> industry            |   |                 |
|   |   | <input type="checkbox"/> landscape           |   |                 |
|   |   | <input type="checkbox"/> recreation/culture  |   |                 |
|   |   | <input type="checkbox"/> religion            |   |                 |
|   |   | <input type="checkbox"/> social              |   |                 |
|   |   | <input type="checkbox"/> transportation      |   |                 |
|   |   | <input type="checkbox"/> work in progress    |   |                 |
|   |   | <input type="checkbox"/> unknown             |   |                 |
|   |   | <input type="checkbox"/> vacant/not in use   |   |                 |
|   |   | <input type="checkbox"/> other:              |   |                 |
|   |   |  | <b>Number of Contributing Resources<br/>previously listed in the Inventory</b><br>0 |                 |

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### Condition

- |  |                                       |
|--|---------------------------------------|
| <input type="checkbox"/> excellent       | <input type="checkbox"/> deteriorated |
| <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> good | <input type="checkbox"/> ruins        |
| <input type="checkbox"/> fair            | <input type="checkbox"/> altered      |
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Prepare both a one paragraph summary and a comprehensive description of the resource and its various elements as it exists today.

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## 8. Significance

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| Period  | Areas of Significance                            | Check and justify below                               |   |  |
|---|--|---|---|--|
| <input type="checkbox"/> 1600-1699            | <input type="checkbox"/> agriculture             | <input type="checkbox"/> economics                    | <input type="checkbox"/> health/medicine        | <input type="checkbox"/> performing arts     |
| <input type="checkbox"/> 1700-1799            | <input type="checkbox"/> archeology              | <input type="checkbox"/> education                    | <input type="checkbox"/> industry               | <input type="checkbox"/> philosophy          |
| <input type="checkbox"/> 1800-1899            | <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> architecture | <input type="checkbox"/> engineering                  | <input type="checkbox"/> invention              | <input type="checkbox"/> politics/government |
| <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> 1900-1999 | <input type="checkbox"/> art                     | <input type="checkbox"/> entertainment/<br>recreation | <input type="checkbox"/> landscape architecture | <input type="checkbox"/> religion            |
| <input type="checkbox"/> 2000-                | <input type="checkbox"/> commerce                | <input type="checkbox"/> ethnic heritage              | <input type="checkbox"/> law                    | <input type="checkbox"/> science             |
|   | <input type="checkbox"/> communications          | <input type="checkbox"/> exploration/<br>settlement   | <input type="checkbox"/> literature             | <input type="checkbox"/> social history      |
|   | <input type="checkbox"/> community planning      |   | <input type="checkbox"/> maritime industry      | <input type="checkbox"/> transportation      |
|   | <input type="checkbox"/> conservation            |   | <input type="checkbox"/> military               | <input type="checkbox"/> other:              |

**Specific dates** N/A **Architect/Builder** N/A

**Construction dates** c. 1948

Evaluation for:

National Register  Maryland Register  not evaluated

Prepare a one-paragraph summary statement of significance addressing applicable criteria, followed by a narrative discussion of the history of the resource and its context. (For compliance reports, complete evaluation on a DOE Form - see manual.)

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## 9. Major Bibliographical References

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See ~~continuation sheet.~~ *footnotes*

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## 10. Geographical Data

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Acreege of surveyed property 4.206 Acres

Acreege of historical setting 4.206 Acres

Quadrangle name Clarksville

Quadrangle scale 1:24000

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### Verbal boundary description and justification

The boundaries consist of all of the property on map 40, p. 149, which encompasses all of the historic structures.

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## 11. Form Prepared By

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date 11/21/2008

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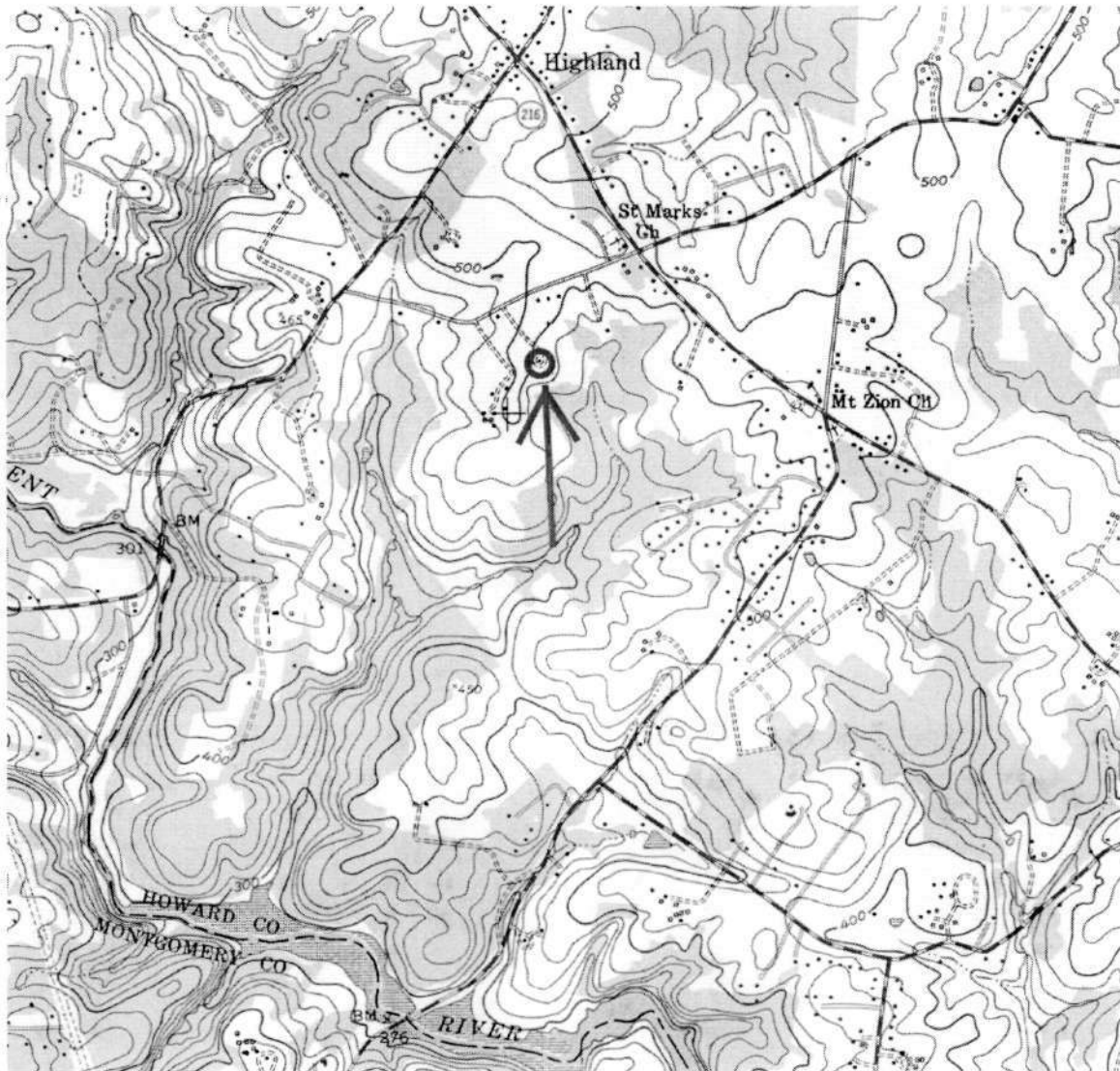
city or town Ellicott City

state MD zip code 21043

The Maryland Inventory of Historic Properties 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.

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Clarksville Quad

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12895 Hall Shop Road  
Howard County, Maryland  
Ken Short, photographer

Photo Log

Nikon D-70 camera  
HP Premium Plus paper  
HP Gray Photo print cartridge

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House, northwest and southwest elevations

HO-0971\_20081117\_02  
House, southwest and southeast elevations





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House northwest and southwest  
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House, southwest and southeast  
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