

**Wilford Meadow Cottage**  
**CH-649**  
**Patuxent City vic.**  
**Private**

**Circa 1920**

The Wilford Meadow Cottage is a 1 ½ story, pyramidal roof bungalow modestly adorned with Craftsmen-style details. Including a square plan with an incised porch, wide overhanging exposed roof rafters and a prominent hipped roof dormer with diamond casement windows, the cottage is a good example of the kind of dwellings that gained popularity in Charles County during the first quarter of the 20<sup>th</sup> century. Similar Craftsmen-style bungalows, widely publicized in popular magazines and pattern books, began to replace rural I-houses during the first quarter of the 20<sup>th</sup> century and quickly became fashionable for smaller houses throughout the nation.

Built in the late teens or early twenties, the house was sited on a 4 ¾ acre lot acquired by Annie V. Edelen in 1915. Originally consisting of acreage on both sides of Brandywine Road, the property was located on the main road from Aquasco to Patuxent City, which was the principal route to Washington D.C. from the eastern section of the County. The lot was parceled from a 135 acre tract known as Wilford Meadow.

# Maryland Historical Trust

## Maryland Inventory of Historic Properties Form

Inventory No. CH-649

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

historic Wilford Meadow Cottage

other

### 2. Location

street and number 5885 Brandywine Road  not for publication

city, town Patuxent City  vicinity

county Charles

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

name Richard and Bernice Shaner

street and number 5885 Brandywine Road telephone unlisted

city, town Hughesville state MD zip code 20637

### 4. Location of Legal Description

courthouse, registry of deeds, etc. Charles County Courthouse tax map and parcel: 37-66

city, town LaPlata liber 1515 folio 273

### 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	
<input type="checkbox"/> structure	<input type="checkbox"/> both	<input type="checkbox"/> defense		
<input type="checkbox"/> site		<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> domestic		
<input type="checkbox"/> object		<input type="checkbox"/> education		
		<input type="checkbox"/> funerary	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 previously listed in the Inventory</b>	
			0	

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## 7. Description

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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.

Located directly on the west side of Brandywine Road, the Wilford Meadow Cottage is a one and one half story, pyramidal roof bungalow modestly adorned with Craftsmen-style details. Including a square plan with an incised porch, wide overhanging exposed roof rafters and a prominent hipped roof dormer with diamond casement windows, the cottage is a good example of the kind of dwellings that gained popularity in Charles County during the first quarter of the 20th century.

The frame dwelling consists of three bays inset under a full width porch supported by four square wood posts. Sheathed in asbestos shingle siding, the dwelling rests on a concrete block foundation. Asphalt shingles cover the steeply pitched roof which is pierced with a single large dormer containing two small windows with decorative diamond-shaped panes. A shed addition extends from the rear elevation which is also extended by a contemporary wood deck. A tall brick chimney with a corbelled cap breaks the roofline in the rear of the dwelling.

The façade includes a centered front door flanked by two windows on either side. On the far end are two large shuttered windows, one of which is currently boarded over. Near the door are two smaller windows set high in the wall. The side walls are symmetrical and include two unshuttered windows with square edged wood surrounds.

# 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/ 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/ 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:

<b>Specific dates</b>	1923	<b>Architect/Builder</b>	Unknown
<b>Construction dates</b>	1923		

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.)

Built in the late teens or early twenties, the house was sited on a 4 3/4 acre lot acquired by Annie V. Edelen in 1915. Similar Craftsmen-style bungalows began to replace rural I-houses during the first quarter of the 20th century and quickly became the most popular and fashionable smaller house throughout the nation. Extensively promoted through popular magazines such as House Beautiful and Good Housekeeping, pattern books quickly adopted the plan and pre-cut packages of lumber and detailing were readily available to be assembled by local builders. One story pyramidal roof dwellings with open floor plans were especially popular throughout the South, replacing the smaller traditional hall and parlor form.

Originally consisting of acreage on both sides of Brandywine Road, the property was located on the main road from Aquasco to Patuxent City, which was the principal route to Washington D.C. from the eastern section of the County. The lot was parceled from a 135 acre tract known as Wilford Meadow.

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## 9. Major Bibliographical References

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## 10. Geographical Data

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Acreage of surveyed property 2.053

Acreage of historical setting 4.75

Quadrangle name Benedict

Quadrangle scale 1:24,000

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### Verbal boundary description and justification

The property at 5885 Brandywine Road is associated with Charles County Property Tax Map 37, Grid 1, Parcel 66.

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## 11. Form Prepared By

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organization Charles County Planning Department

date 1/25/01

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telephone 301-396-5815

city or town LaPlata

state MD zip code 20622

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.

return to: Maryland Historical Trust  
DHCD/DHCP  
100 Community Place  
Crownsville MD 21032  
410-514-7600

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**Chain of title:**

December 26, 1911	Frederick T. Bowling to Robert P. Toye \$135 a. \$1800. <b>24:50</b>
October 9, 1915	Robert P. Toye and Mary M. Toye to Annie V. Edelen and the Hughesville Savings Bank 4 3/4 a. <i>land only</i> . <b>29:229</b>
October 12, 1926	Annie V. Edelen of Washington DC to Frank L. Wollard, Jr. 4 3/4 a. land and premises \$2200 <b>46:149</b>
April 5, 1933	Edward J. Edelen, attorney to Stephen J. Quade and J. Ollie Quade co- partners trading as Hughesville Garage. 4 3/4 a. <b>56:611</b>
September 28, 1943	Stephen I. and Annie Quade and Elmer M. and Lillian Quade, Leonora Quade, widow to Munsey E. Robinson. 4 3/4 a. <b>79:169</b>
August 8, 1953	Munsey E. and Annie J. Robinson to Charles G. and Margraet M. Robinson. 4 3/4 a. <b>107:453</b>
June 30, 1967	Charles G. Robinson and wife Margaret to Donnie and Sharon Shaver. Land on west side of 381. 2. 053a. <b>189:509</b>
August 31, 1971	Donnie Davis Shaver and Sharon R. Shaver to Donald and Mary Braun and Robert and Barbara Ferguson. 2.053 a. <b>241:664</b>
March 17, 1983	Donald E. Braun and Mary E. Braun his wife to Robert L. Ferguson and Barbara Ferguson. \$47,000 <b>800:272</b>
February 20, 1986	Susan M. Congour to Gary L. Flowers 65,000 2.053 a. <b>1111:382</b>
November 29, 1990	Gary L. Flowers to Richard W. Shaner and Bernice S. Shaner. 2.053 ac. \$118,000 <b>1515:273</b>

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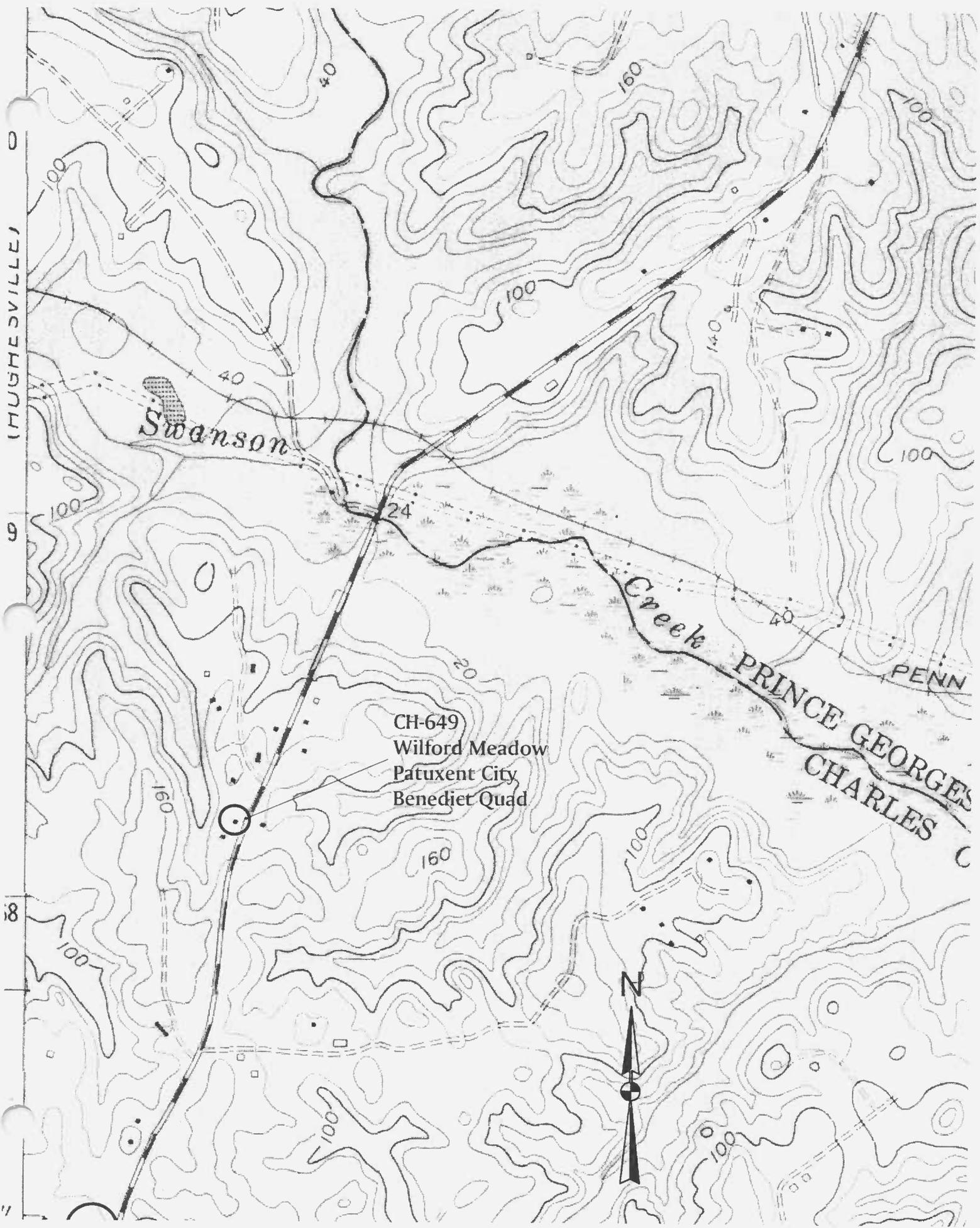
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Lanier, Gabrielle M. and Bernard L. Herman. Everyday Architecture of the Mid-Atlantic: Looking at Buildings and Landscapes. Baltimore, MD: The Johns Hopkins University Press, 1997.



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Benedict Quad

Creek  
PRINCE GEORGES  
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