

BUNGALOW

One of the most prevalent forms of 20th century vernacular architecture is the Bungalow, or the Craftsman Cottage. During this period America became a predominantly urban nation and the number of operating farms began to decline. Transportation corridors which shifted from the railroad to interstate highway systems directly affected the built environment. Small bungalow type dwellings, as well as mail order houses can be found in towns and villages throughout Montgomery County. This type of housing was attractive because it was inexpensive and offered a well-built house that appealed to popular American taste. The Sears, Roebuck and Company mail-order house located at 3927 Washington Street is called "The Americus." The six room and one bath residence appeared in catalogs from 1921-1922, 1925-1926, and 1928-1929. There is a full-width front porch with a shed roof supported by tapered stone and wood piers. The double hipped roof with exposed roof rafter tails is typical of the Bungalow style.³



Figure 26: Photograph of 3922 Washington Street.

³ Stevenson, p. 289.

Characteristics typical of other Bungalow's in Kensington including 3819 Calvert Place and 10312 Kensington Parkway, and 10310 Fawcett Street include low roof lines with over-hanging eaves, wood or stuccoed siding, 'wrap-around or generous porches with tapered columns often set upon piers, exposed rafter tails, double-hung windows with multi-light upper sash and single pane lower sash, and oversized dormer windows.



Figure 27: Photograph of 10312 Kensington Parkway.