



**68-004-67 Read House**  
**4722 Riverdale Road**  
**Riverdale Park**

Built circa 1902, the Read House is a two-and-one-half-story frame dwelling of Queen Anne style, with hip roof, projecting bays, and elaborately detailed wraparound porch. This picturesque house was among the group of buildings depicted in a turn-of-the-twentieth-century promotional brochure published by the Riverdale Park Company to promote the suburb. It was built by the company and was sold to George B. Read in 1903. Read, an oil salesman, and his wife Alice, a clerk at the Department of the Interior, occupied the dwelling until 1921. During those years it was known as “Rose Villa” for its substantial side garden that is no longer extant.