



69-023-27 Thomas Hunster House

7523 Ardwick Ardmore Road

Landover Hills

This unusual house was built circa 1920 by and for Thomas W. Hunster, a professional portrait and landscape painter and head of the art department in the black public schools of Washington, D. C. His one-and-one-half-story wood frame bungalow has many details for which the Craftsman style is known, although closer examination reveals elements displaying a unique aesthetic sensibility. On the interior is a parlor spanning the width of the house, heated by an enormous fireplace and lit by windows and skylights. The area over the front porch is a warren of small spaces on different levels and is lit by rows of windows salvaged from other buildings. The space may have served as a studio, although oral histories relate Hunster had a separate studio close to the house on the Wormley property.