

**INDIVIDUAL PROPERTY/DISTRICT  
MARYLAND HISTORICAL TRUST  
INTERNAL NR-ELIGIBILITY REVIEW FORM**

Property/District Name: Paul A. And Rachel A. Bender Farm

Survey Number: G-IV-A-196

Project: US 219/Oakland Vicinity Improvement Project

Agency: MSHA

Site visit by MHT Staff:  No  Yes Name \_\_\_\_\_ Date \_\_\_\_\_

Eligibility recommended  Eligibility not recommended

Criteria:  A  B  C  D Considerations:  A  B  C  D  E  F  G  None

Justification for decision: (Use continuation sheet if necessary and attach map)

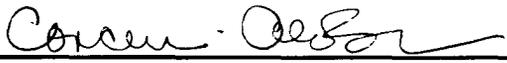
The Paul A. And Rachel A. Bender Farm, with its main dwelling built *circa* 1880, documents the agricultural landscape surrounding the county seat of Oakland in the late nineteenth and early twentieth centuries. Agriculture was the predominant economic activity outside of Oakland, as farmland comprised about 50 percent of the county's land mass in 1880, and more than 60 percent by 1910. Farms of this period typically raised potatoes, orchard products, oats, corn, buckwheat, rye and barley as well as cattle, sheep, swine and horses. According to the present owner, the original barn that stood on the property was demolished, but the current barn is close to a century old.

Research has not identified any associations with the lives of persons significant to the Oakland's areas past or with events that have contributed significantly to broad patterns of the area's historical development. The architecture does not represent a particularly distinctive type, period or method of construction, nor does it represent the work of a master, possess high artistic values or represent a significant and distinguishable entity whose components may lack individual distinction. This resource has not yet yielded and is not likely to yield significant information important in history or prehistory.

Document on the property/district is presented in: Historic Structures Inventory and Determination of Eligibility Report

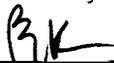
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Prepared by: Gabrielle M. Lanier/KCI Technologies, Inc.

  
Reviewer, Office of Preservation Services

7/17/98  
Date

NR program concurrence:  yes  no  not applicable

  
Reviewer, NR program

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Date



Paul A. and Rachel A. Bender Farm  
G-IV-A-196  
467 West Monte Vista Road  
Oakland Vicinity  
Circa 1880  
Private

This farm complex includes a *circa* 1880 house, a barn, a garage, and several additional domestic and agricultural buildings. The farmhouse is a two-story, three-by-three-bay, gable-roofed L-plan frame dwelling with an open front porch, a two-story shed-roofed rear addition, a single exterior brick chimney, and a small one-story enclosed shed-roofed side porch. It is built on a stone foundation, sheathed in white asbestos siding laid over an earlier cladding of wooden shingles, and topped with an asphalt-shingled roof. Windows consist mostly of single and paired one-over-one, double-hung wooden sash finished with molded wooden surrounds. Several of the entrances contain paneled wooden half-glass doors finished with molded wooden surrounds. The house faces southeast and is located on an open, gently sloping site on Monte Vista Road about one-and-one-half miles south of Oakland.

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## Maryland Inventory of Historic Properties Form

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

historic

other Paul A. And Rachel A. Bender Farm

### 2. Location

street & number 467 West Monte Vista Road \_\_\_\_\_ not for publication

city, town Oakland X vicinity

county Garrett

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

name Paul A. and Rachel A. Bender

street & number 467 Monte Vista Road telephone (301) 334-1798

city, town Oakland state and zip code MD 21550-9217

### 4. Location of Legal Description

courthouse, registry of deeds, etc. Garrett County Courthouse tax map and parcel 85-1-246

city, town Oakland liber and folio 573/566 and 587/382

### 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 at MHT  
 Other:

### 6. Classification

Category	Ownership	Current Function	Resource Count		
			Contributing	Noncontributing	
<input type="checkbox"/> district	<input type="checkbox"/> public	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> agriculture	<input type="checkbox"/> landscape	<u>7</u>	<u>3</u> buildings
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> building(s)	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> private	<input type="checkbox"/> commerce/trade	<input type="checkbox"/> recreation/ culture	<u>0</u>	<u>0</u> sites
<input type="checkbox"/> structure	<input type="checkbox"/> both	<input type="checkbox"/> defense	<input type="checkbox"/> religion	<u>3</u>	<u>0</u> structures
<input type="checkbox"/> site		<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> domestic	<input type="checkbox"/> social	<u>0</u>	<u>0</u> objects
<input type="checkbox"/> object		<input type="checkbox"/> education	<input type="checkbox"/> transportation	<u>10</u>	<u>3</u> Total
		<input type="checkbox"/> funerary	<input type="checkbox"/> work in progress		
		<input type="checkbox"/> government	<input type="checkbox"/> unknown		
		<input type="checkbox"/> health care	<input type="checkbox"/> vacant/not in use		
		<input type="checkbox"/> industry	<input type="checkbox"/> other:		

**Number of Contributing Resources  
previously listed in the Inventory**

0

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## 7. Description

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### Condition

excellent       deteriorated  
 good             ruins  
 fair               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.

This farm complex includes a *circa* 1880 house, a barn, a garage, and several additional domestic and agricultural buildings. The farmhouse is a two-story, three-by-three-bay, gable-roofed L-plan frame dwelling with an open front porch, a two-story shed-roofed rear addition, and a small one-story enclosed shed-roofed side porch. The house faces southeast and is located on an open, gently sloping site on Monte Vista Road about one-and-one-half miles south of Oakland.

The house is built on a roughly coursed and dressed rubble stone foundation that encloses a full cellar. The walls are clad in white asbestos siding laid over an earlier cladding of wooden shingles. The building is topped with an asphalt-shingled gable roof finished with a boxed wooden eave and a plain flat wooden verge. A single exterior brick chimney rises on the southwest gable. Triangular metal louvers in the gables of the main block near the roof peak ventilate the attic.

Windows are a mixture of single and paired one-over-one, double-hung wooden sash finished with molded wooden surrounds. Aluminum storm windows cover many of the wooden sash windows. The front entrance occupies the center bay on the southeast elevation; it contains a paneled wooden half-glass door. A second entrance pierces the northeast elevation of the rear ell; this opening contains a paneled wooden two-light half-glass door. A third door leading into the enclosed shed-roofed porch on the southwest elevation contains a modern aluminum and glass door. A bulkhead entrance pierces the southwest gable; the bulkhead door was not visible when the house was surveyed. All door openings are finished with molded wooden surrounds.

The front porch rests on piers concealed behind a wooden lattice skirt. It consists of a wooden deck, four-by-four wooden posts, and an asphalt-shingled shed roof finished with aluminum eaves and aluminum siding in the gables. A set of wooden steps leads up to the level of the porch deck. The porch on the southwest side of the house is fully enclosed; it is clad in aluminum siding and topped with an asphalt-shingled shed roof. According to the current occupants, the rear section of the "L" of the main block was probably constructed in two phases.

Several outbuildings range in a westward direction beyond the house. A one-story gable-roofed, gable-fronted tile block garage ornamented with concrete-filled corner quoins stands just south of the house. This building is topped with a corrugated metal roof with exposed rafter feet and accessed by pair of sliding corrugated metal garage-sized doors on the north gable. Several fixed six-light sash windows finished with flat wooden surrounds light the interior. A long, one-story, gable-roofed animal building or stable stands just to the west of the garage. This building is clad in vertical board or plywood sheathing and topped with a corrugated metal roof finished with exposed rafter feet. Several two-light fixed sash windows light the building, and a standard-sized paneled wooden door on the west elevation provides access to the interior. A large two-story gable-roofed bank barn stands to the west. This building is sheathed and roofed in corrugated metal. An earthen embankment or ramp on the western side of the building leads up to a set of sliding corrugated metal doors centered on the western elevation. Both two-light and four-light sash windows light the interior. A one-story concrete block addition extends the full length of the barn's eastern elevation. Adjacent to the barn's northern gable is a one-story, gable-roofed, concrete-block dairy. This small gable-fronted building is accessed by a metal and glass door in its eastern gable. Three large concrete silos fitted with metal turnbuckles and metal dome roofs stand clustered near the northwest corner of gable roof supported by upbraced four-by-four wooden posts stands northeast of the tractor shed.

Several modern buildings also stand nearby, but are clustered north of the house. These include a one-story, gable-fronted, gambrel-roofed frame garage clad in aluminum siding and accessed by a sliding garage door; a one-story, aluminum-clad, gable-fronted, gable-roofed garage topped with an asphalt-shingled roof and lit by two-light sash windows; and a one-story, gable-roofed, gable-fronted garage clad in corrugated metal and accessed by a pair of wooden doors.

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The entire complex extends westward along a long driveway that runs perpendicular to Monte Vista Road and leads up a slope past the garage, barn, and hay shed to the tractor shed. A sidewalk leads from the lower section of this driveway to the front porch. Several large trees shade the house. A wire fence encloses a large field extending northwest of the house, and a wooden area stands to the far west. The house is presently occupied and remains in good condition.

## 8. Significance

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Period	Areas of Significance	Check and justify below		
<input type="checkbox"/> 1600-1699	<input checked="" 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 checked="" type="checkbox"/> 1800-1899	<input type="checkbox"/> architecture	<input type="checkbox"/> engineering	<input type="checkbox"/> invention	<input type="checkbox"/> politics/government
<input 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 checked="" type="checkbox"/> exploration/ settlement	<input type="checkbox"/> literature	<input type="checkbox"/> social history
	<input type="checkbox"/> community planning		<input type="checkbox"/> maritime history	<input type="checkbox"/> transportation
	<input type="checkbox"/> conservation		<input type="checkbox"/> military	<input type="checkbox"/> other:

**Specific dates** Circa 1880 **Builder/Architect** Unknown

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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## HISTORIC CONTEXT:

### MARYLAND COMPREHENSIVE PRESERVATION PLAN DATA

Geographic Organization:	Western Maryland
Chronological/Developmental Period(s):	Industrial / Urban Dominance A.D. 1870 - 1930
Historic Period Theme(s):	Agriculture
Resource Type:	
Category:	Building
Historic Environment:	Rural
Historic Function(s) and Use(s):	Farmhouse and Agricultural buildings
Known Design Source:	None

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## 9. Major Bibliographical References

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## 10. Geographical Data

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Acreage of property 88.3 acresAcreage surveyed 88.3 acresQuadrangle name Oakland, MD - WVAQuadrangle scale 1:24,000

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### Verbal boundary description and justification

Parcel 246, Map 85, Grid 1

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## 11. Form Prepared By

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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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Crownsville, MD 21032  
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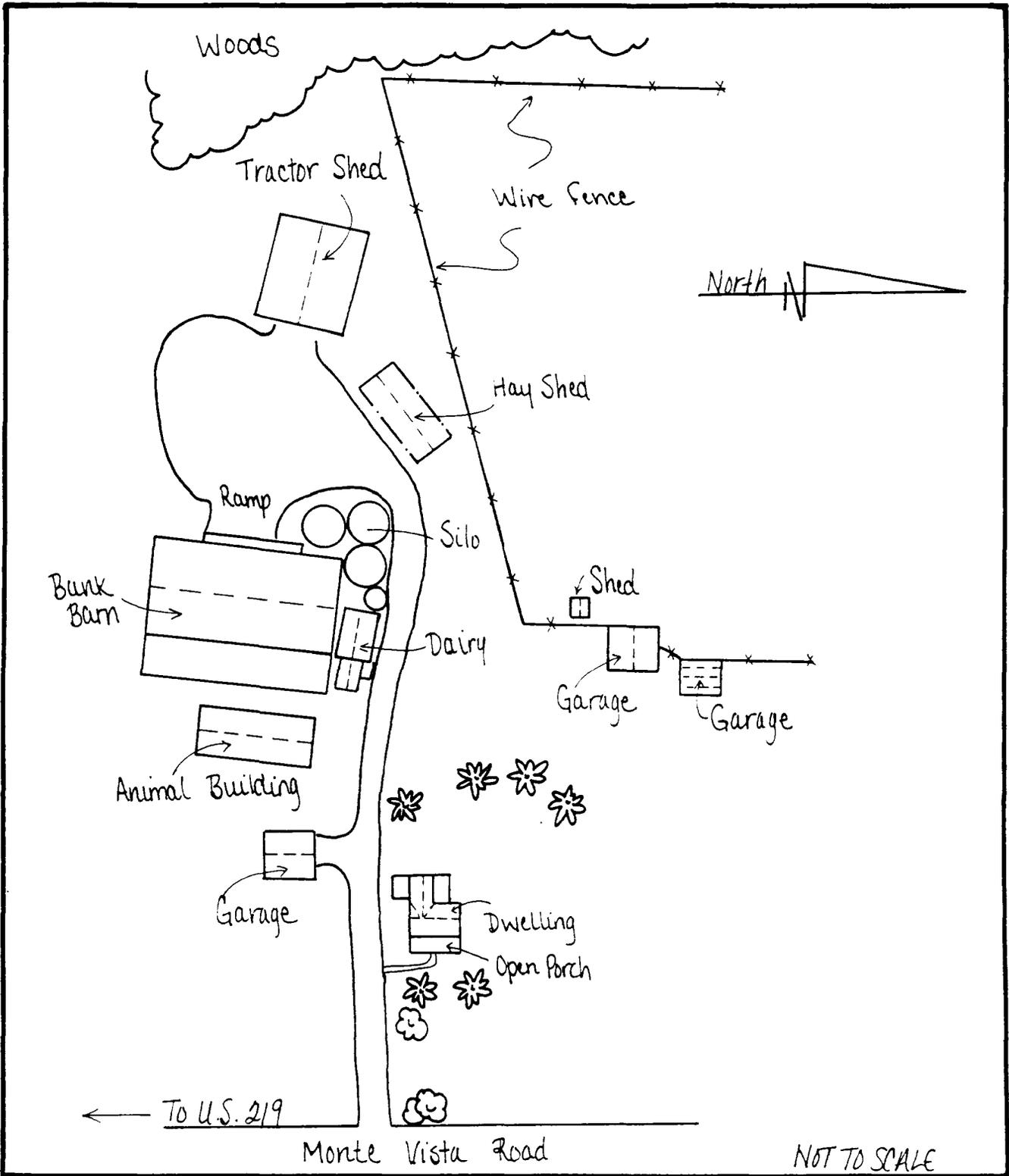
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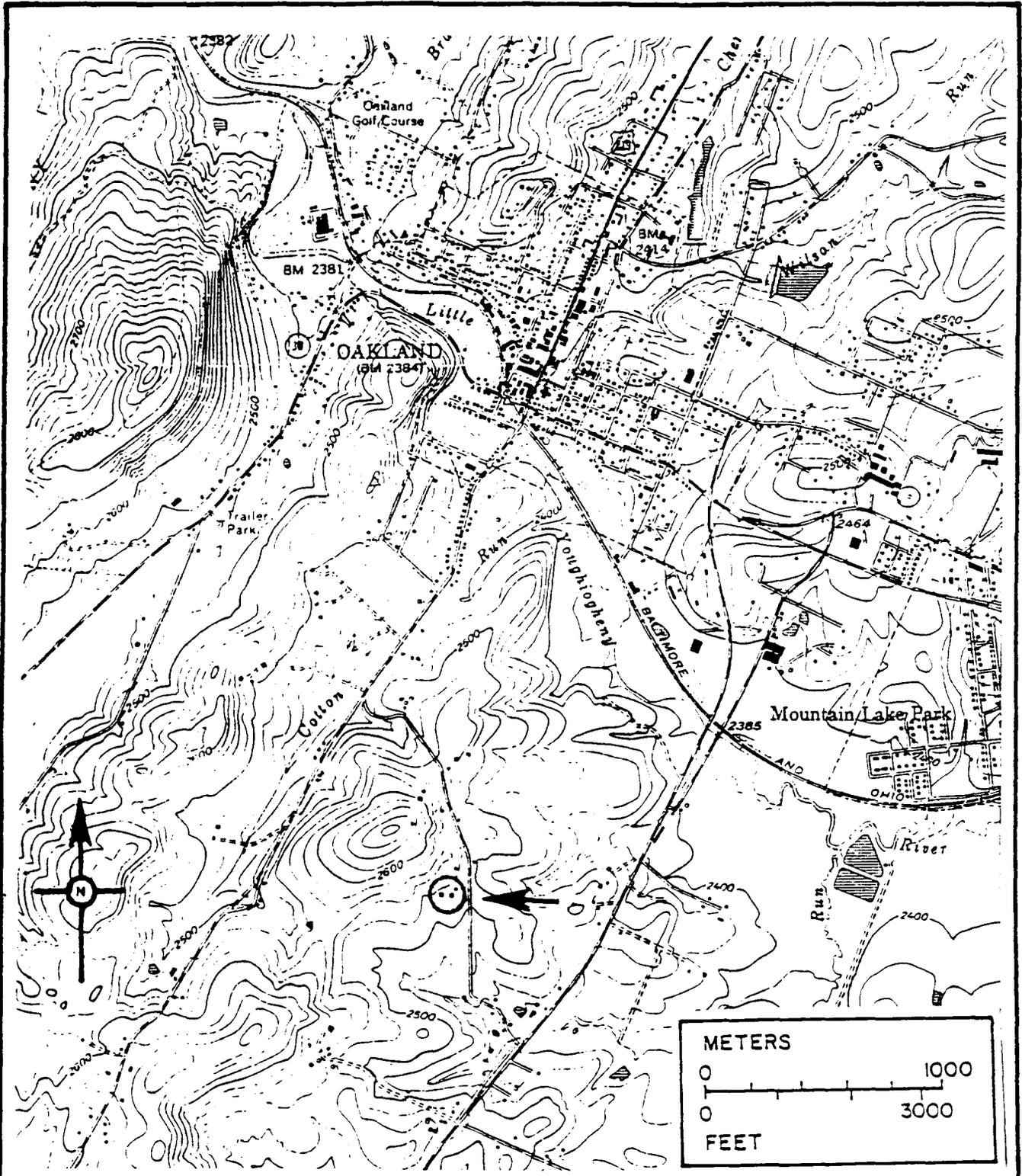
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Resource Sketch Map

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Paul A. and Rachel A. Bender Farm  
Oakland Vicinity, Garrett County



**Location Map**

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Oakland, MD-WVA Quadrangle Map (USGS 1974)





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GARRETT COUNTY, MD

STUART DIXON

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MD SHPO

S+E ELEVATIONS FACING NW

1066



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GARRETT COUNTY, MD

STUART DIXON

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MD SHPO

E + N ELEVATIONS FACING SW  
BANK BARN + OUTBUILDINGS

2066



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STUART DIXON

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MD SHPO

N+W ELEVATIONS FACING SE

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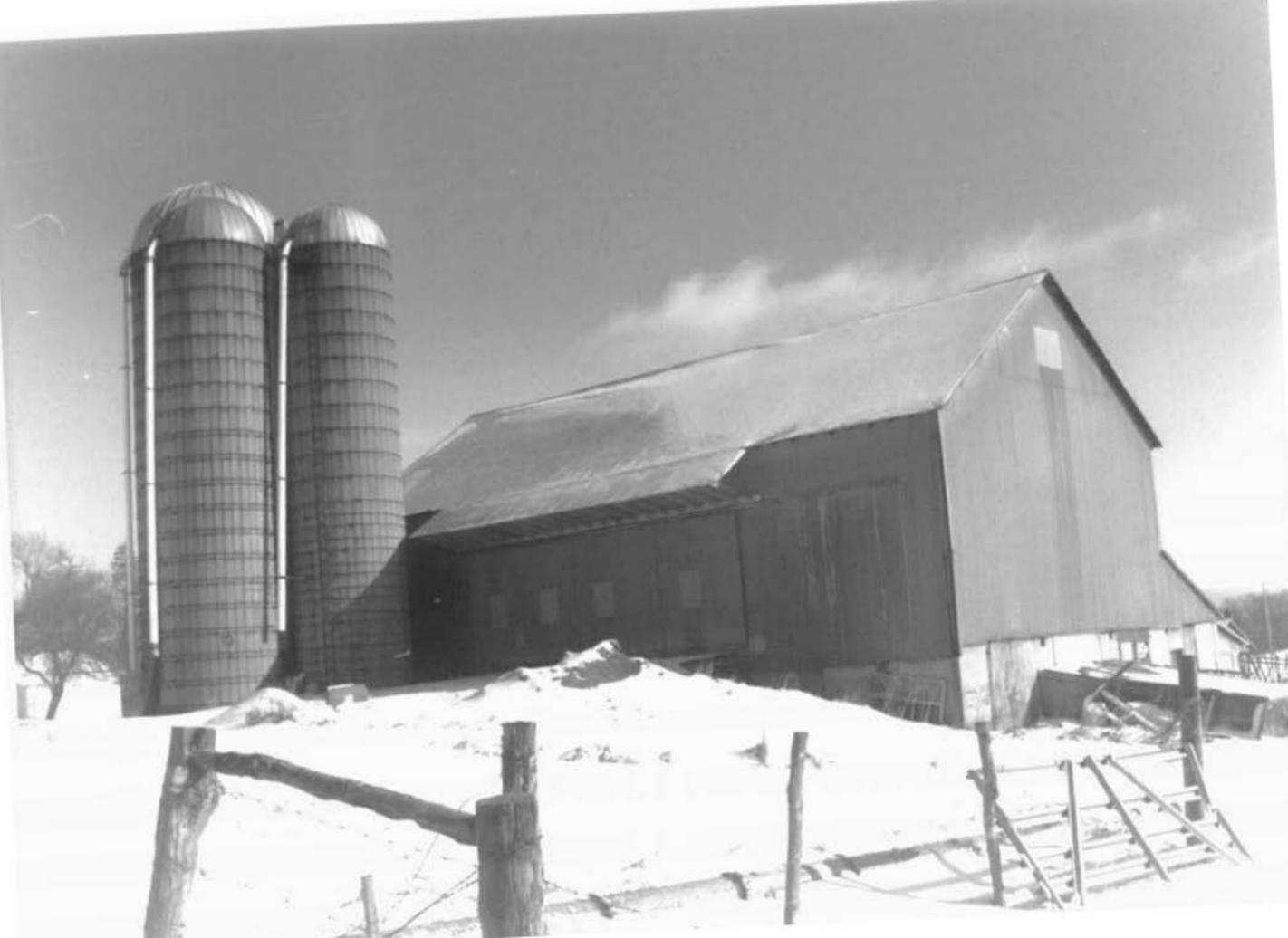
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MD SHPO

E+N ELEVATIONS FACING SW

TRACTOR BARN + HAY SHED

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W+S ELEVATIONS FACING NE BANK BARN

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2ND SHPO

W+E ELEVATIONS FACING SE

G066