

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

Property/District Name: Joseph A. and Phillis R. Ashby House Survey Number: G-IV-A-202

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)

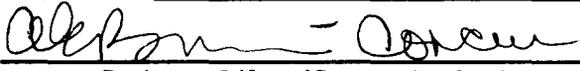
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<sup>NOT</sup> This property is associated with events that have contributed significantly to broad patterns of the area's historical development. Research has not identified any associations with the lives of persons significant to the Oakland area's past, however. Also, 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

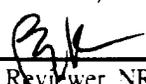
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Prepared by: Gabrielle M. Lanier/KCI Technologies, Inc.

  
Reviewer, Office of Preservation Services

7/17/08  
Date

NR program concurrence:  yes  no  not applicable

  
Reviewer, NR program

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Date

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Joseph A. and Phyllis R. Ashby House  
G-IV-A-202  
North Side of Monte Vista Road Near MD 219  
Oakland Vicinity  
Circa 1890  
Private

This is a two-story, two-by-three-bay, gable-roofed frame dwelling with an open hip-roofed back porch and an enclosed hip-roofed front porch. The house is built on a concrete foundation, clad in white aluminum siding, and topped with an asphalt-shingled gable roof. Fenestration consists primarily of single, one-over-one, double-hung sash finished with aluminum surrounds. The front and rear entrances contain wood and glass doors. The house faces north and occupies an open, hilltop site that slopes downward in front; two large gable-roofed frame outbuildings also stand nearby. The property is located about 1 mile south of Oakland.

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# Maryland Historical Trust Maryland Inventory of Historic Properties Form

Inventory No. G-IV-A-202

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

historic

other Joseph A. and Phyllis R. Ashby House

## 2. Location

street & number North side of Monte Vista Road near MD 219  not for publication

city, town Oakland  vicinity

county Garrett

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

name Joseph A. and Phyllis R. Ashby

street & number P O Box 305 telephone

city, town Oakland state and zip code MD 21550

## 4. Location of Legal Description

courthouse, registry of deeds, etc. Garrett County Courthouse tax map and parcel 78-19-93

city, town Oakland liber and folio 232/547

## 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 type="checkbox"/> agriculture         | <input type="checkbox"/> landscape           | <u>2</u>   | <u>1</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>0</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>0</u>   | <u>0</u> | Total      |
|   |   | <input type="checkbox"/> funerary            | <input type="checkbox"/> work in progress    | <u>2</u>   | <u>1</u> |            |
|   |   | <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:              |  |          |            |
|   |   |  |  | <b>Number of Contributing Resources<br/>previously listed in the Inventory</b> |          |            |
|   |   |  |  | <u>0</u>   |          |            |

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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.

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The house is built on a concrete foundation. The walls are clad in white aluminum siding, and the building is topped with an asphalt-shingled gable roof finished with an aluminum eave. No masonry chimney stacks are visible. The house is presently painted white with black shutters.

Windows are mostly single, one-over-one, double-hung sash finished with aluminum surrounds. One fixed hexagonal window pierces the west elevation at second-floor level; a tripartite window and a three-sided projecting bay window pierce the opposite elevation at first-floor level. The rear entrance, which is located on the south elevation, contains a paneled wooden half-glass door. The front entrance pierces the northwest corner of the enclosed porch; this opening is fitted with a wooden door lit by three diagonally-offset glass lights.

A fully-enclosed hip-roofed porch spans the southern elevation. This porch is clad in white aluminum siding to match the rest of the house and is topped with an asphalt-shingled roof. The open rear porch consists of a concrete deck, scrolled metal posts, an asphalt-shingled hipped roof, and a concrete stoop.

A gable-roofed one-story frame garage/barn stands to the southwest. This building is clad in green asphalt shingles and topped with a red rolled asphalt roof finished with exposed rafter fet. A wood and metal overhead garage door, a standard-sized wooden door, and a large opening at second-floor level pierce the north elevation. Rectangular louvers near the gable peaks ventilate the loft, and several fixed six-light sash windows light the interior.

A second large and modern combination building stands just to the north. This building is clad in corrugated metal and topped with a rolled asphalt roof. Two large garage doors on the south elevation provide access to the interior. The building is lit by several two-light horizontal sliding sash windows. A slatted wooden corn crib and small shed-roofed storage shed are attached to the northeastern gable of this building.

The house stands on a hill with an expansive view of much of the surrounding countryside. A large garden and trellis are located to the east, and an old fence and tree line run south of the house and parallel to Monte Vista Road. A tear drop-shaped driveway runs along the western side of the property; this driveway loops around between the two outbuildings and past the western side of the house to rejoin itself at Monte Vista Road. Several large deciduous and coniferous trees shade the house, and a double line of evergreens flanks the lower part of the driveway, but the rear of the property remains mostly open. Although the house is presently occupied and in good condition, the extensive use of aluminum siding has compromised its integrity.

# 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 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/<br>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/<br>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 1890 | 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): Modern Period A.D. 1930- Present

Historic Period Theme(s): Architecture, Landscape Architecture and Community Planning

Resource Type:

Category: Building

Historic Environment: Rural

Historic Function(s) and Use(s): Dwelling

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 6.06 acres  
Acreage surveyed 6.06 acres  
Quadrangle name Oakland, MD-WVA

Quadrangle scale 1:24,000

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### Verbal boundary description and justification

Parcel 93, Map 78, Grid 19

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## 11. Form Prepared By

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|                 |  |                    |               |
|-----------------|--|--------------------|---------------|
| name/title      | Gabrielle M Lanier/Architectural Historian |                    |               |
| organization    | KCI Technologies, Inc.                     | date               | 3-10-97       |
| street & number | 10 North Park Drive                        | telephone          | 410-316-7857  |
| city or town    | Hunt Valley                                | state and zip code | MD 21030-1888 |

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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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100 Community Place  
Crownsville, MD 21032  
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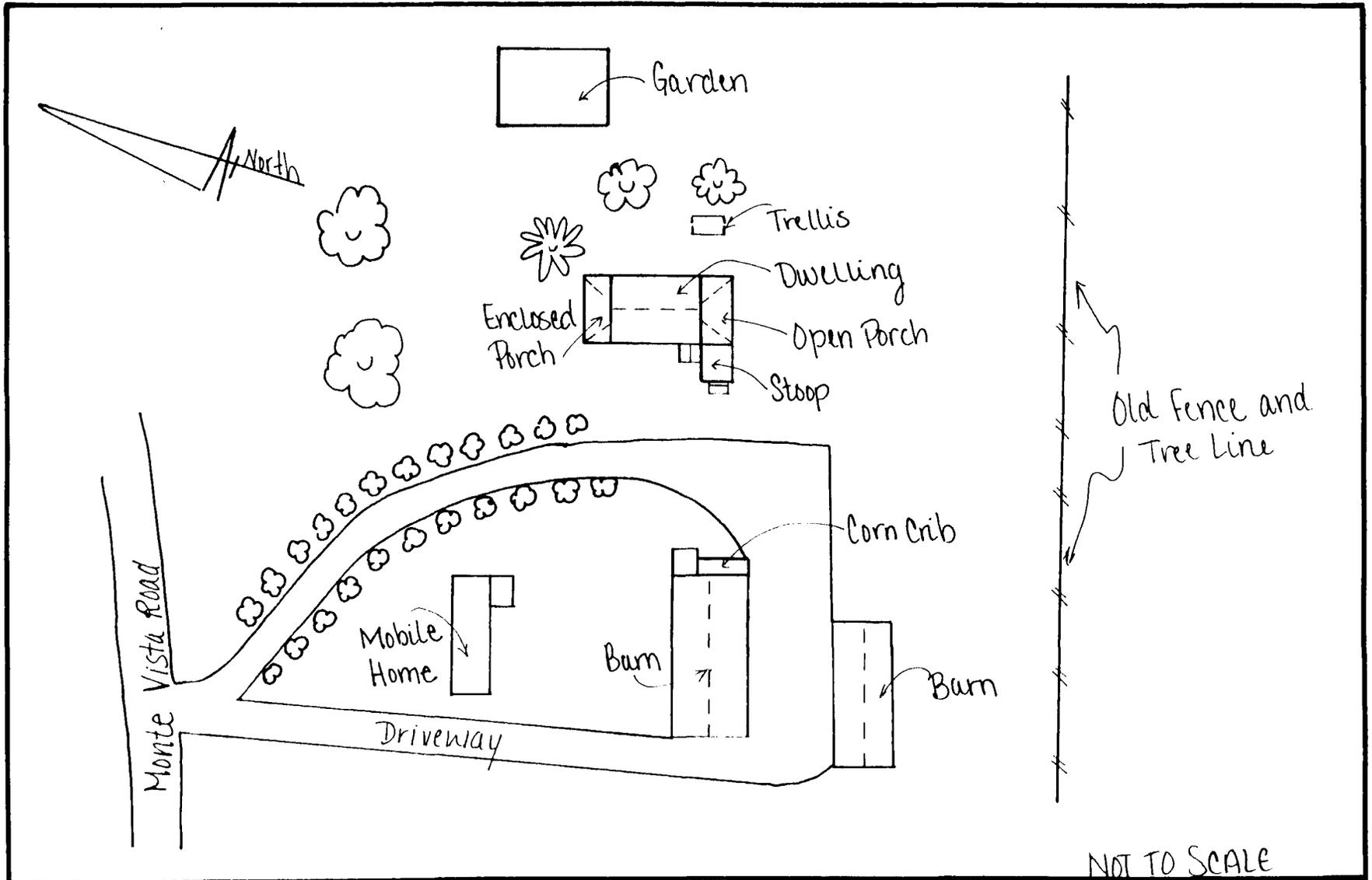
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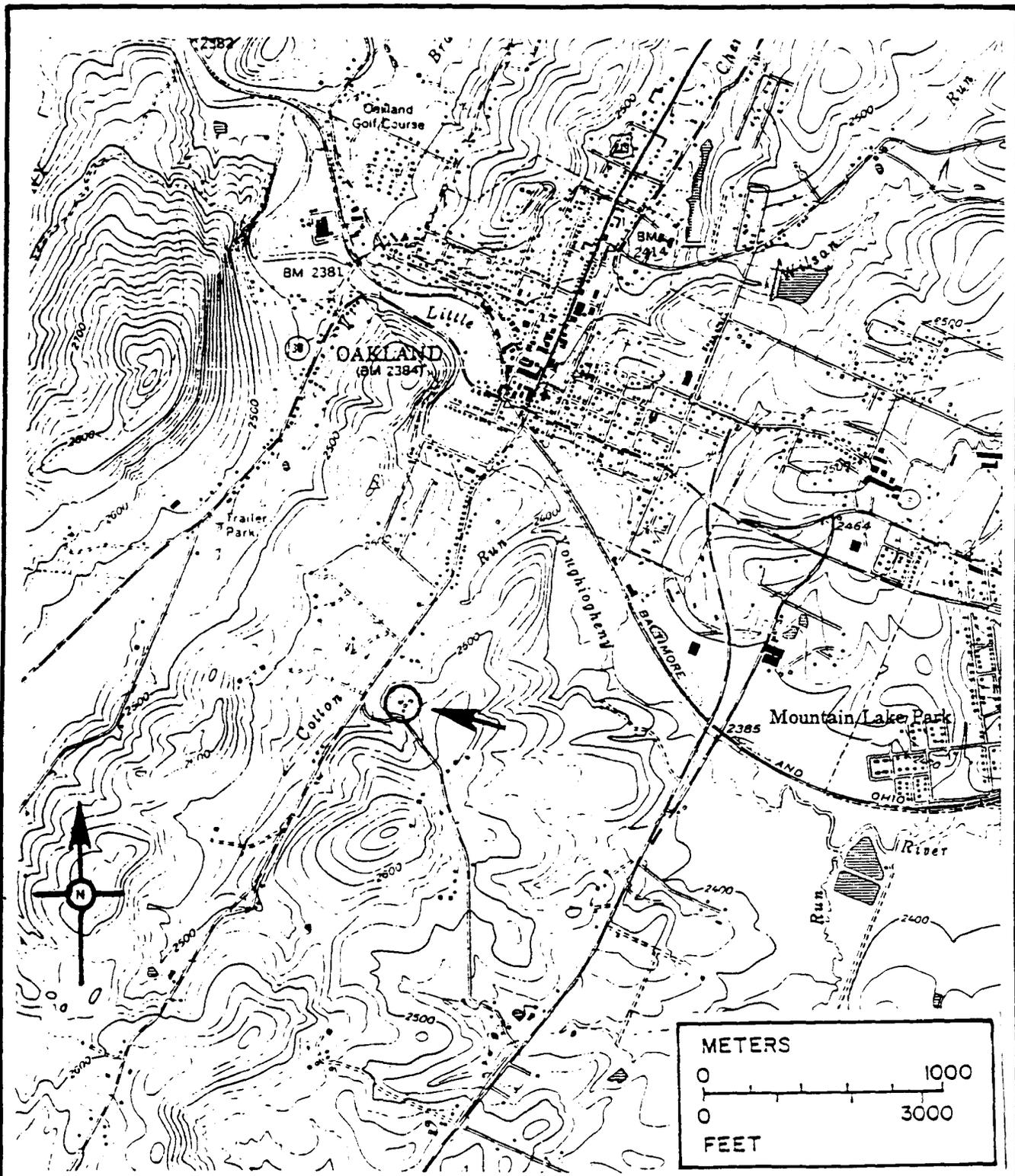
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**Resource Sketch Map**

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Joseph A. and Phyllis R. Ashby House  
Oakland Vicinity, Garrett County



Location Map

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Joseph A. and Phyllis R. Ashby House  
Oakland Vicinity, Garrett County

Oakland, MD-WVA Quadrangle Map (USGS 1974)





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GARRETT COUNTY, MD  
STUART DIXON

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MD SHPO

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STUART DIXON

MO SHPO

NW ELEVATION LOOKING SE

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