

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

Property/District Name: DeWitt-Alexander House Survey Number: G-IV-A-207

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)

Historical documentation does not indicate that this resource is associated with Criterion A, broad patterns of history or a significant event or Criterion B, an important person who contributed to local or state history. The property does not embody distinctive characteristics of a type, period, or method of construction nor does it represent the work of a master or possess high artistic value; therefore, Criterion C, architecture, does not apply. Lastly, the property is unlikely to yield information which contributes to our understanding of human history.

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

(KCI/MSHA 1997)

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Helen P. Ross
Reviewer, Office of Preservation Services

7/17/98
Date

NR program concurrence: yes no not applicable

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Reviewer, NR program

Date

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DeWitt-Alexander House
G-IV-A-207
Corner of MD 39 and Oakland-Rosedale Road
Oakland vicinity
Circa 1900
Private

The DeWitt-Alexander House is located at the corner of MD 39 (Hutton Road) and Oakland-Rosedale Road, just southwest of Oakland. The two-story, frame, side-gable roofed main block is rectangle-shaped.

The DeWitt-Alexander House is indicative of an early twentieth century spurt of residential development beyond the town limits of Oakland. The house is typical of turn of the twentieth century vernacular architecture.

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1. Name of Property (indicate preferred name)

historic DeWitt-Alexander House

other Bounds House

2. Location

street & number NW corner of Hutton Road and Oakland-Rosedale Road junction ___ not for publication

city, town Oakland X vicinity

county Garrett

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

name Robert L. Bounds

street & number 1517 Upperman Road telephone

city, town Oakland state and zip code MD 21550-9373

4. Location of Legal Description

courthouse, registry of deeds, etc. Land Records Office tax map and parcel 78-72

city, town Oakland liber and folio 590/314

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
<input type="checkbox"/> district	<input type="checkbox"/> public	<input type="checkbox"/> agriculture	<input type="checkbox"/> landscape	Contributing
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> building(s)	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> private	<input type="checkbox"/> commerce/trade	<input type="checkbox"/> recreation/ culture	<u>2</u>
<input type="checkbox"/> structure	<input type="checkbox"/> both	<input type="checkbox"/> defense	<input type="checkbox"/> religion	<u>0</u>
<input type="checkbox"/> site		<input type="checkbox"/> domestic	<input type="checkbox"/> social	<u>0</u>
<input type="checkbox"/> object		<input type="checkbox"/> education	<input type="checkbox"/> transportation	<u>0</u>
		<input type="checkbox"/> funerary	<input type="checkbox"/> work in progress	<u>2</u>
		<input type="checkbox"/> government	<input type="checkbox"/> unknown	<u>0</u>
		<input type="checkbox"/> health care	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> vacant/not in use	<u>0</u>
		<input type="checkbox"/> industry	<input type="checkbox"/> other:	<u>0</u>
				Number of Contributing Resources previously listed in the Inventory
				<u>0</u>

7. Description

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Condition

excellent deteriorated
 good ruins
 fair altered

Prepare both a one paragraph summary and a comprehensive description of the resource and its various elements as it exists today.

The DeWitt-Alexander House is located at the corner of MD 39 (Hutton Road) and Oakland-Rosedale Road, just southwest of Oakland. Situated on the west side of the highway, the property is bounded on the south and west by a line of trees and on the north by a stream. The dwelling sits approximately fifty feet away from Hutton Road, parallel to the road, and is in a natural land depression. A gravel driveway provides vehicular storage and is found just north and east of the house.

The two-story, frame, side-gable roofed main block is rectangle-shaped, has a three bay wide facade and is single pile. A full width, one room deep, single story addition is appended to the west elevation. This wing has an asphalt shingle gable roof. With the exception of two of the wings elevations, which are covered with tar paper and wide horizontal wood siding, the entire house is of wood frame construction and sheathed with board and batten siding. The main block rests upon a pier/infill foundation consisting of concrete piers and brick infill on the south wall while the north elevation exhibits piers. An exterior examination of the house did not reveal any interior or exterior chimneys or flues.

Some of the original 2/2 double hung sash window units still remain. The lower level of the facade has one modern replacement single sash window while the other has been boarded over. In the addition, the south and west walls have six light wood casement units. The front door is comprised of a half glass/half wood panel while the rear exterior opening is a four panel wood door. The three-bay-wide, single-story, front porch has four square wood posts and original floorboards. It has exposed rafter tails and rests upon a stone pier foundation. A single story, frame, chicken house in a dilapidated state is found at the western edge of the property.

The DeWitt-Alexander House is vacant. The roof of the main block and the front porch are failing.

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/ 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 1900

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).

The DeWitt-Alexander House is indicative of an early twentieth century spurt of residential development beyond the town limits of Oakland. Erected around 1900, according to county tax records, the house lies in close proximity to the site of the Oakland Hotel. Within three decades this area of Oakland opened up to further residential expansion as Hutton Road was realigned to its existing location in the mid 1930's. The house is typical of turn of the twentieth century vernacular architecture.

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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): Architecture, Landscape Architecture & Community Planning

Resource Type:

Category: Building

Historic Environment: Urban

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

Known Design Source: None

9. Major Bibliographical References

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(See Continuation Sheet)

10. Geographical Data

Acreage of property 0.56 acres

Acreage surveyed 0.56 acres

Quadrangle name Oakland, MD-WV

Quadrangle scale 1:24,000

Verbal boundary description and justification

Parcel 72. Map 78. District 14

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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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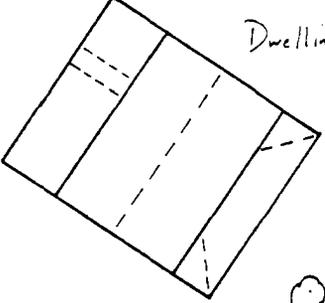
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Oakland -
Rosedale Rd.



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Shed



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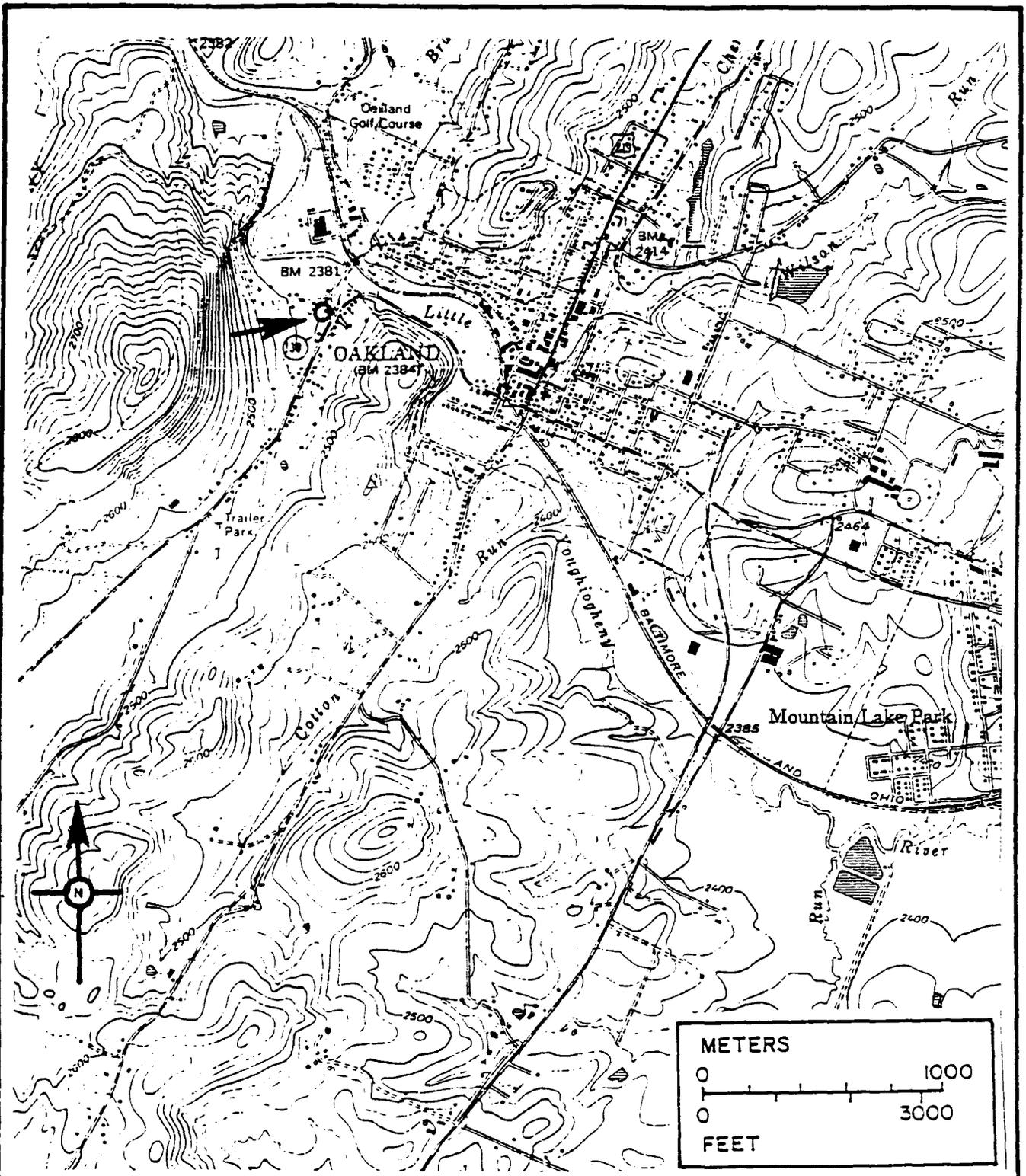
creek
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Hutton Rd (MD 39)



Resource Sketch Map

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DeWitt-Alexander House
Oakland Vicinity, Garrett County



Location Map

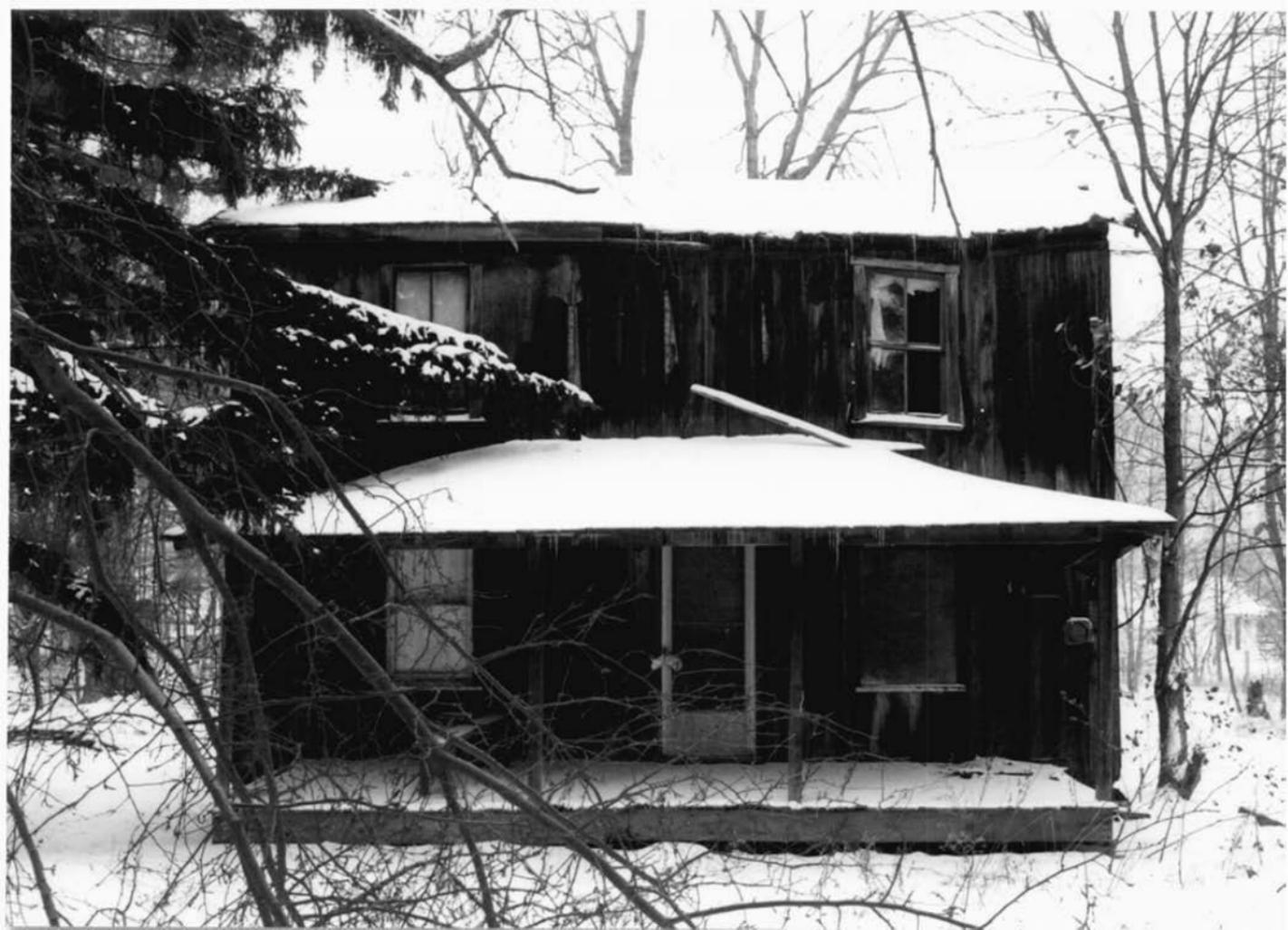
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DeWitt-Alexander House

Oakland Vicinity, Garrett County

Oakland, MD-WVA Quadrangle Map (USGS 1974)





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