

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

Property/District Name: Donald M. and Edith D. Browning House Survey Number: G-IV-A-242

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 Donald M., Sr., and Edith D. Browning House, built *circa* 1910, relates to the continued growth and settlement of the Oakland and Mountain Lake Park areas in the early twentieth century. The development of summer vacation resorts and hotels in the Oakland area in the nineteenth century had helped to stimulate settlement of the region. Toward the end of this period, a writer described Oakland as a commercial town surrounded by rich farming and grazing land. Although no longer as prominent a resort in the early to mid-twentieth century, Oakland still remained an important local mercantile and community center, and continued its growth. The Browning house typifies much of the region's early-twentieth-century architecture.

Research has not identified any associations with the lives of persons significant to the Oakland area's 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

(KCI/MSHA 1997)

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

  
Reviewer, Office of Preservation Services

5/1/98  
Date

NR program concurrence:  yes  no  not applicable

  
Reviewer, NR program

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Date

Browning House  
G-IV-A-242  
1171 Deer Park Road (Memorial Drive)  
Oakland vicinity  
Circa 1920-1935  
Private

This is a two-story, three-by-two-bay, hip-roofed frame foursquare dwelling with open-sided hip-roofed front and rear porches. The building includes a poured concrete foundation, asbestos-sided walls, an asphalt-shingled hipped roof, and a single interior brick chimney. Windows are mostly single one-over-one, double-hung aluminum sash with wooden trim. The door openings contain wood and glass or modern paneled metal doors with wooden surrounds. The house faces southeast and occupies a prominent elevated and partially shaded site on Deer Park Road about one mile northeast of Oakland.

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

historic

other Donald M. And Edith D. Browning, Sr., House

## 2. Location

street & number 1171 Deer Park Road (Memorial Drive)      not for publication

city, town Oakland X vicinity

county Garrett

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

name Donald M., Sr., and Edith D. Browning

street & number 429 North Fourth Street telephone (301)334-3336

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 78-3-271

city, town Oakland liber and folio 595/865

## 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	Contributing Noncontributing
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> building(s)	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> private	<input type="checkbox"/> commerce/trade	<u>1</u> <u>0</u> buildings
<input type="checkbox"/> structure	<input type="checkbox"/> both	<input type="checkbox"/> defense	<u>0</u> <u>0</u> sites
<input type="checkbox"/> site		<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> domestic	<u>0</u> <u>0</u> structures
<input type="checkbox"/> object		<input type="checkbox"/> education	<u>0</u> <u>0</u> objects
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		<input type="checkbox"/> government	
		<input type="checkbox"/> health care	
		<input type="checkbox"/> industry	
		<input type="checkbox"/> landscape	
		<input type="checkbox"/> recreation/ culture	
		<input type="checkbox"/> religion	
		<input type="checkbox"/> social	
		<input type="checkbox"/> transportation	
		<input type="checkbox"/> work in progress	
		<input type="checkbox"/> unknown	
		<input type="checkbox"/> vacant/not in use	
		<input type="checkbox"/> other	
			<b>Number of Contributing Resources previously listed in the Inventory</b>
			<u>0</u>

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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 is a two-story, three-by-two-bay, hip-roofed frame foursquare dwelling with open-sided hip-roofed front and rear porches. The house faces southeast and occupies a prominent elevated and partially shaded site on Deer Park Road about one mile northeast of Oakland.

Built on a poured concrete foundation that encloses a full cellar, the walls are clad in white asbestos siding with brown trim and topped with an asphalt-shingled hipped roof finished with a wooden eave and a flat wooden beaded and molded frieze board. A single interior brick chimney with a corbeled top rises from the roof near the center of the house.

Windows consist almost entirely of single one-over-one, double-hung aluminum sash finished with flat wooden surrounds, sills, and drip caps. A single horizontal sliding one-over-one aluminum window pierces the southeast wall. Two-light fixed sash windows light the cellar. The front door opening contains a paneled wooden door with two glass lights at the top. The rear door, which stands on the opposite elevation, contains a modern paneled metal and nine-light glass door. Both door openings are finished with plain flat wooden surrounds.

The front porch, which stands on a concrete block foundation, spans nearly the full width of the house. It consists of a concrete deck and steps, an open slatted wooden balustrade and rail, a particle board ceiling, and an asphalt-shingled hipped roof supported by eight-by-eight square wooden posts. The rear porch is constructed almost identically, but is considerably narrower than the front porch.

The house stands prominently on an elevated site near a curve in the road. A curving gravel driveway extends from the road along the northwest side of the house, terminating in a T-shaped turnaround area partially bounded by a stone foundation. A large garden is located just behind the house. No outbuildings other than small frame doghouses stand on the property. A row of spruce trees lines the northwestern border of the driveway, and a mixture of deciduous and coniferous shade trees lines the southern end of the property. A curving roughly dressed uncoursed stone wall interrupted with a low flight of stone steps parallels the main road and runs along the property's southern border. A neighbor's driveway extends northeastward along the southeastern boundary of the property. 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 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 Circa 1910

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):	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 0.98 acres

Acreage surveyed 0.98 acres

Quadrangle name Oakland, MD-WV

Quadrangle scale 1:24,000

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### Verbal boundary description and justification

Parcel 271, Map 78, Grid 3

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## 11. Form Prepared By

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name/title	Gabrielle M. Lanier/Architectural Historian		
organization	KCI Technologies, Inc.	date	3-13-97
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.

return to: Maryland Historical Trust  
DHCD/DHCP  
100 Community Place  
Crownsville, MD 21032  
410-514-7600

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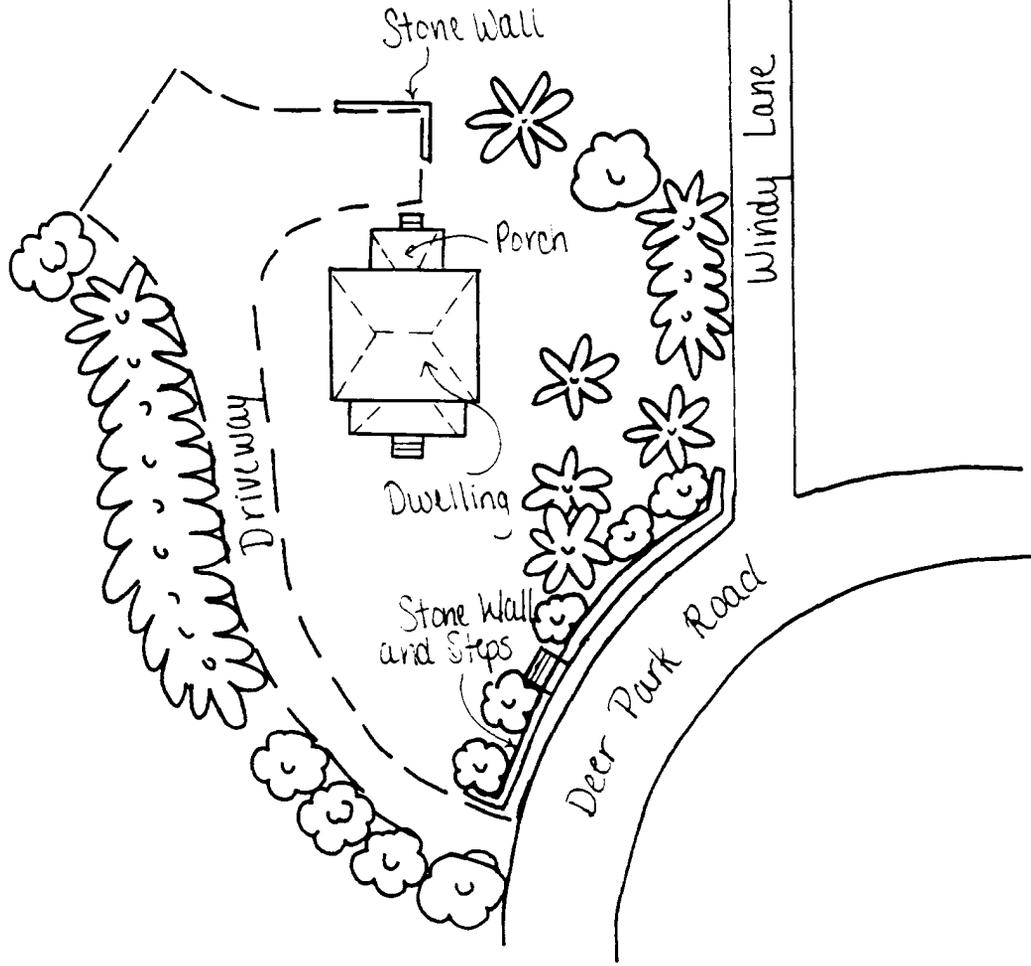
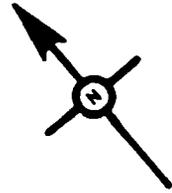
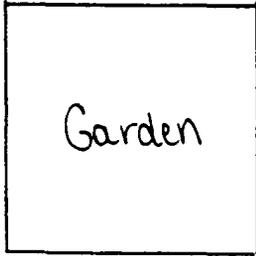
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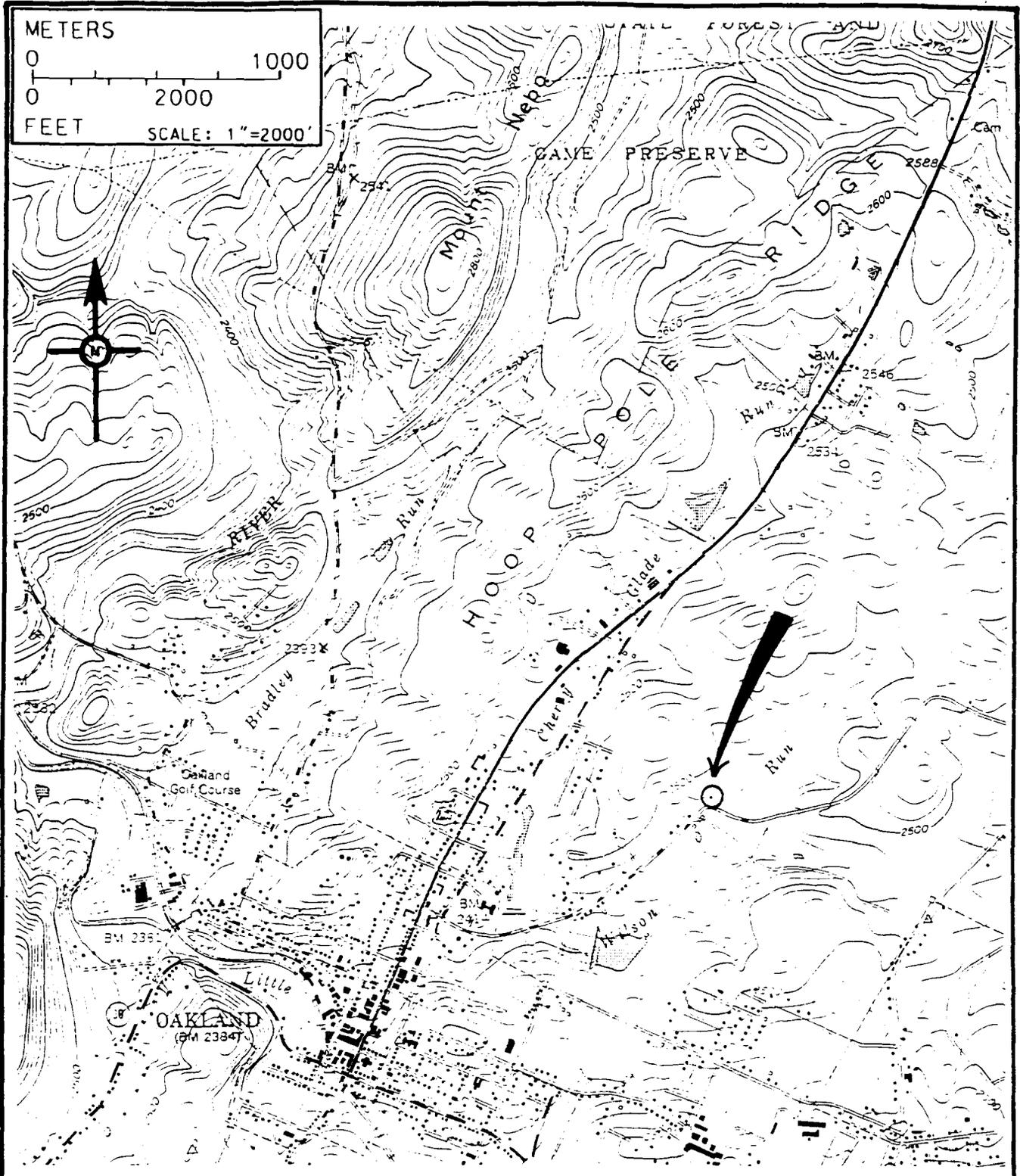


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**Resource Sketch Map**

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Donald M., Sr. & Edith D. Browning House  
Oakland Vicinity, Garrett County



Location Map

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Donald M., Sr. & Edith D. Browning House  
Oakland Vicinity, Garrett County  
Oakland, MD-WVA Quadrangle Map (USGS 1974)





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