

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

Property/District Name: William J. And Patricia A. Welch House Survey Number: G-IV-A-252

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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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

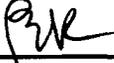
(KCI/MSHA 1997)

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

  
Reviewer, Office of Preservation Services

 8/1/98  
Date

NR program concurrence:  yes  no  not applicable

  
Reviewer, NR program

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Date

Welch House  
G-IV-A-252  
491 Oakland Drive  
Oakland vicinity  
Circa 1900  
Private

This is a two-story, three-by-three-bay, gable-roofed frame T-plan with a partially-enclosed wraparound front and side porch, a one-story shed-roofed rear addition, and a two-story shed-roofed addition. The foundation of the building is concealed behind a metal skirt. The walls are clad in aluminum siding. An asphalt-shingled gable roof pierced by an interior brick chimney tops the building. Windows are mostly paired and single one-over-one, double-hung sash with aluminum trim. Most of the door openings contain wooden doors with aluminum surrounds. Two prefabricated sheds stand on the lot. The house stands on a flat open near the intersection of Oakland Drive Oakhall Avenue, about one mile east-southeast of Oakland.

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## Maryland Inventory of Historic Properties Form

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

historic

other William J. and Patricia A. Welch House

### 2. Location

street & number 491 Oakland Drive \_\_\_ not for publication

city, town Oakland \_X\_ vicinity

county Garrett

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

name William J. And patricia A. Welch

street & number 1238 E. Oak Street 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 78-16-13

city, town Oakland liber and folio 209/387

### 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	
___ district	___ public	___ agriculture			buildings
X building(s)	X private	___ commerce/trade	1	0	
___ structure	___ both	___ defense	0	0	sites
___ site		X domestic	0	0	structures
___ object		___ education	0	0	objects
		___ funerary	1	0	Total
		___ government			
		___ health care			
		___ industry			
		___ landscape			
		___ recreation/ culture			
		___ religion			
		___ social			
		___ transportation			
		___ work in progress			
		___ unknown			
		___ vacant/not in use			
		___ other:			
			<b>Number of Contributing Resources previously listed in the Inventory</b>		
			0		

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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.

The foundation of the building is concealed behind a metal skirt. The walls are clad in gray aluminum siding ornamented with white trim. A greenish-colored asphalt-shingled gable roof finished with a boxed aluminum eave tops the building. A single interior brick chimney with a protecting clay flue tile rises on the northeast roof slope.

Windows are a mixture of paired and single one-over-one, double-hung sash finished with aluminum surrounds. Some two-light horizontal sliding sash windows are present on the enclosed porch and the one-story rear addition. The front entrance is centered on the southwest elevation but the front door was not visible when the house was surveyed. A cellar entrance on the opposite elevation contains a paneled wooden door with a one-light upper section. A side entrance, located on the northwest elevation, contains a similar door. All openings are finished with aluminum surrounds.

The front porch consists of a wooden deck, a wooden lattice balustrade and rail, a mixture of turned and square four-by-four wooden porch posts, an aluminum-clad ceiling, and an asphalt-shingled shed roof. A concrete step leads up to the level of the porch deck. A shed-roofed, aluminum-sided, one-story rear addition extends across most of the back side of the house. A second, smaller shed-roofed addition shelters the cellar entrance.

A one-story, gambrel-roofed, gable-fronted prefabricated frame shed stands northeast of the house. This building is topped with an asphalt-shingled roof and accessed by a set of wooden doors in the gable. Another similar gambrel-roofed prefabricated shed, this one constructed of aluminum, stands near the easternmost corner of the house.

An L-shaped gravel driveway oriented perpendicular to Oakland Drive runs along the west side of the house. A short flight of concrete steps and a concrete walk lead from the road to the front entrance. A row of trees defines the northwestern boundary of the lot, and a chain link fence runs along the property's southeastern border. The lot is roughly perpendicular in shape, with a few shade trees planted in between the house and road. The house is presently occupied and 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:
<b>Specific dates</b>	Circa 1900	<b>Builder/Architect</b>	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: Suburban / 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 0.61 acres

Acreage surveyed 0.61 acres

Quadrangle name Oakland, MD-WVA

Quadrangle scale 1:24,000

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### Verbal boundary description and justification

Parcel 13, Map 78, Grid 16

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## 11. Form Prepared By

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organization KCI Technologies, Inc.

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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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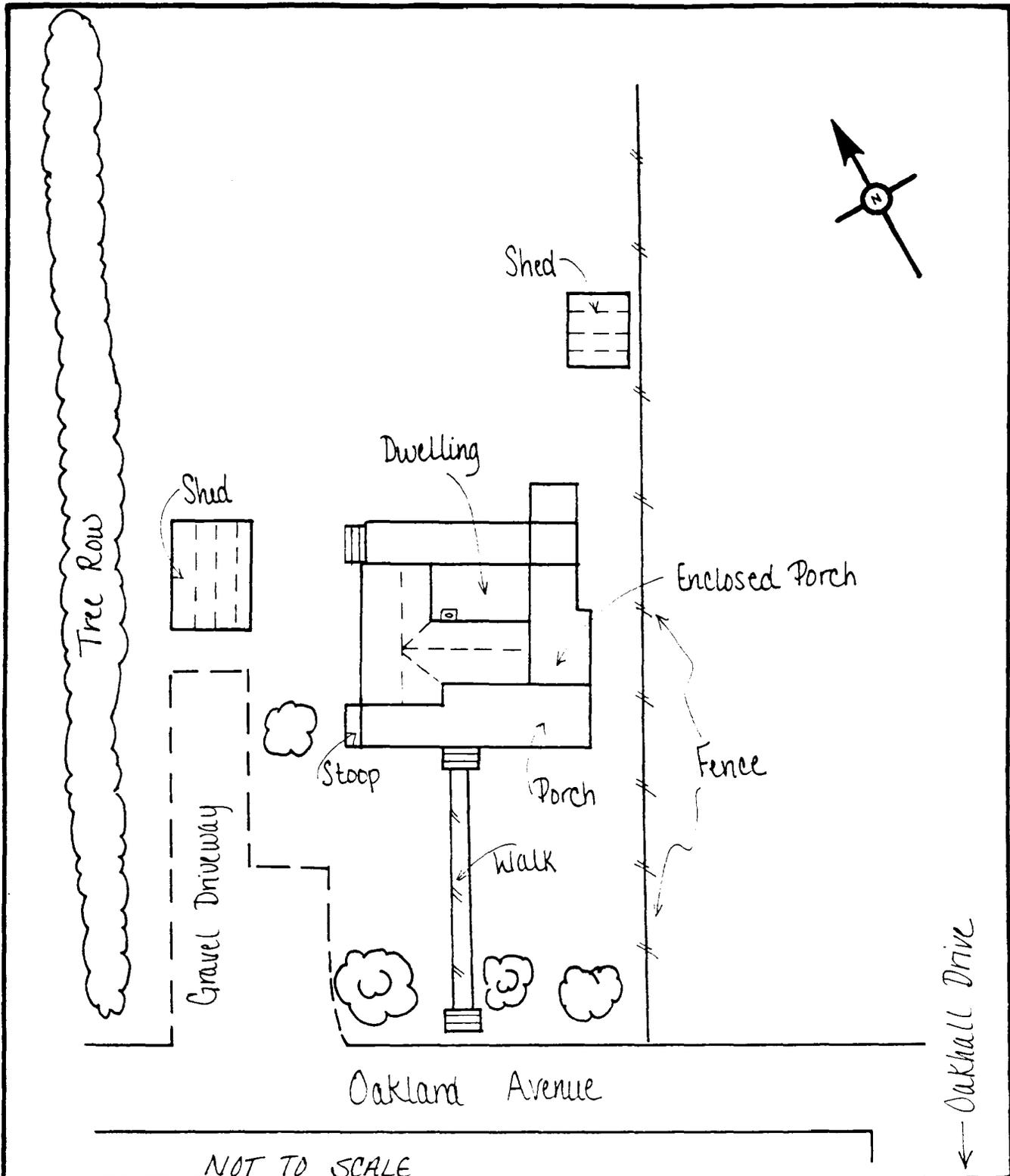
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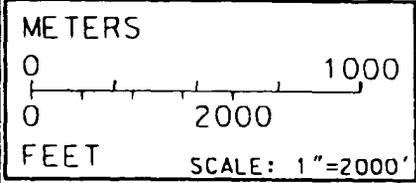
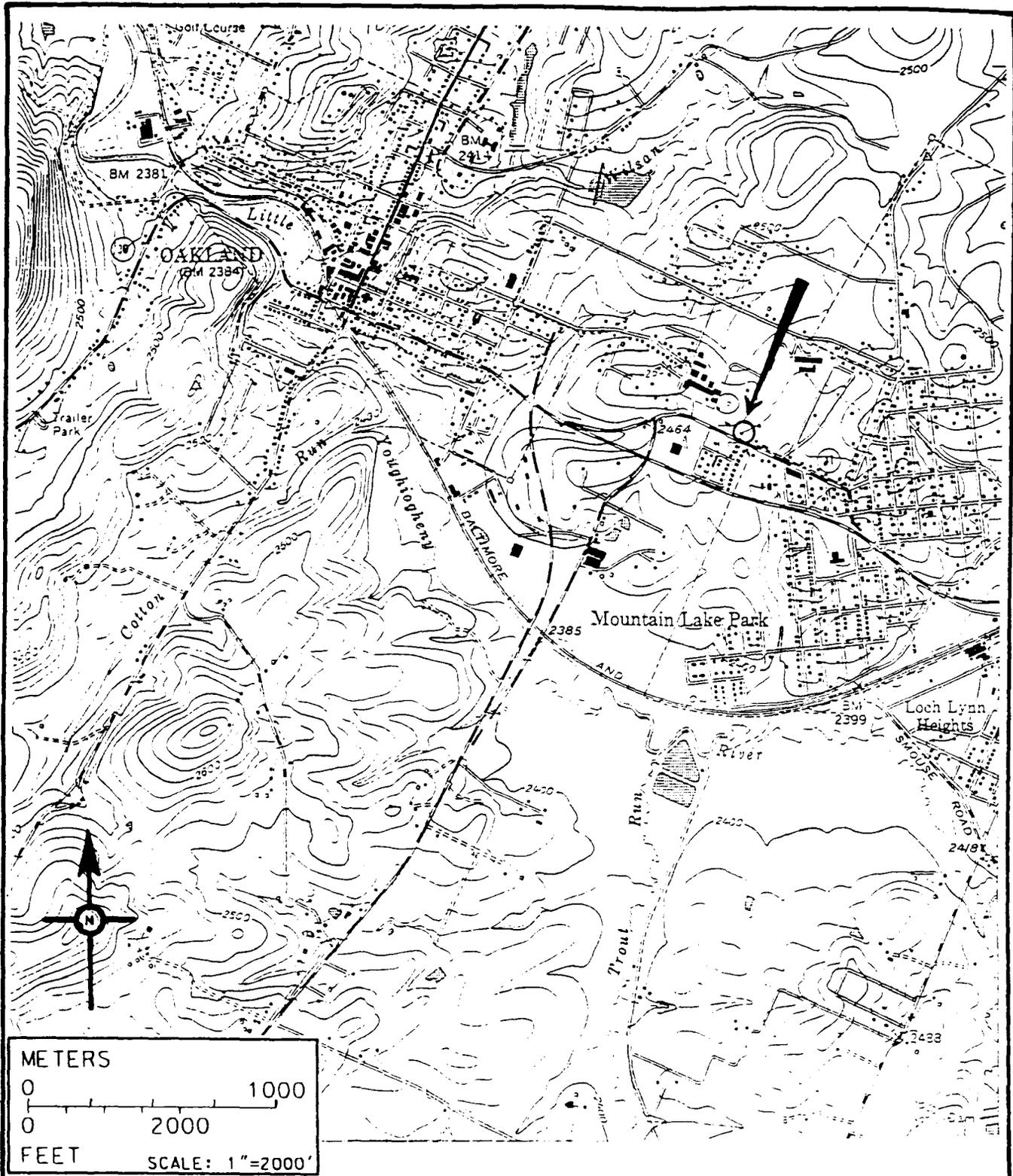


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**Resource Sketch Map**

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 William J. and Patricia A. Welch House  
 Oakland Vicinity, Garrett County



**Location Map**

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 William J. and Patricia A. Welch House  
 Oakland Vicinity, Garrett County  
 Oakland, MD-WVA Quadrangle Map (USGS 1974)





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