

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

Property/District Name: Lerov A. McCrobie House Survey Number: G- IV-A-263

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

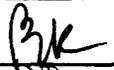
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Prepared by: Gabrielle M. Lanier/KCI Technologies, Inc.


Reviewer, Office of Preservation Services

5/11/98
Date

NR program concurrence: yes no not applicable


Reviewer, NR program

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Date

Leroy A. McCrobie
G-IV-A-263
86 Wolf Acres Drive Oakland Vicinity
Circa 1870 and circa 1900
Private

This is a two-story, three-by-three-bay, gable-roofed, L-plan frame dwelling with a one-story shed-roofed addition, a one-story shed-roofed enclosed entry, and a one-story shed-roofed open-sided porch. The L-plan configuration is the result of two different building episodes: the original main block of the house probably stood as a two-story center-passage plan dwelling and may have had its front entrance reoriented to the opposite elevation. It is built with a stone and brick foundation, asphalt-shingled and wooden drop-sided walls, and a rolled asphalt gable roof with an exterior concrete block chimney. Windows are mostly one-over-one, double-hung wooden sash with wooden trim. Most door openings contain paneled wooden or half-glass doors with wooden surrounds. A two-car garage also stands on the lot. The house faces south-southeast and occupies a flat, open piece of land overlooking the site of the former Weber greenhouse complex about one mile southeast of Oakland.

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Maryland Historical Trust Maryland Inventory of Historic Properties Form

Inventory No. G-IV-A-263

1. Name of Property (indicate preferred name)

historic

other Leroy A. McCrobie

2. Location

street & number 86 Wolf Acres Drive not for publication

city, town Oakland X vicinity

county Garrett

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

name Leroy A. McCrobie

street & number 86 Wolf Acres Drive telephone 301-334-3177

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 78-21-35

city, town Oakland liber and folio 661/235

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>1</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>	
		<input type="checkbox"/> funerary	<input type="checkbox"/> work in progress	<u>1</u>	<u>1</u>	Total
		<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

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

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 original main block of the house stands furthest to the north. This portion of the house rests on an uncoursed, roughly-dressed stone foundation, while the other part of the L-plan rests on a brick foundation. The earliest section of the house is clad in green asphalt fishscale shingles on three sides; the southeastern elevation of this section and all of the walls of the newer section are clad in white drop siding. Both of these main portions of the house are trimmed with flat white wooden corner boards. The original main block is further ornamented with a continuous compound beveled and flat wooden board forming a dripstone course at the top of the foundation line. The building is topped with a rolled asphalt gable roof finished with a boxed wooden eave. The earliest section of the house is finished with a plain flat verge and a flat wooden frieze board, while the later section is ornamented with a plain flat verge with a molded frieze board. An exterior concrete block chimney rises on the northeast gable, and a single rectangular metal louver pierces this same gable near the peak of the roof.

A narrow plywood-clad shed-roofed entry projects from the southeast elevation. This entry is about four feet square and stands on a brick foundation. A second, somewhat larger, one-story shed-roofed frame addition runs along the northeast side of the house. This addition is built on a concrete block foundation, sheathed in asbestos shingles, and covered with a corrugated metal roof. Three-over-one double-hung wooden sash windows finished with flat wooden surrounds and sills light this addition.

Windows on the main block consist primarily of single or paired one-over-one, double-hung wooden sash finished with flat wood surrounds and sills and topped with compound molded or flat drip caps. A few one-light fixed sash windows pierce the southern end of the building and also light the small shed-roofed entry. The primary door opening, which is located on the southwest elevation beneath the porch roof, contains a paneled wooden half-glass door. A second entrance, opening into the large shed-roofed addition on the southeast side of the building, contains a paneled wooden six-light half-glass door. A third entrance, on the southeast side of the small shed-roofed entry, contains a four-panel wooden door topped with a one-light transom. All three entrances are finished with flat wooden surrounds.

The front porch is built on a stone foundation. It is topped with a carpeted concrete deck and consists of six-by-six wooden posts, a standing seam metal shed roof, a wooden ceiling, and beaded wooden sheathing in the gables. A set of brick and concrete steps leads up to the porch. An open wooden deck projects from the southeast corner of the building. No balustrade or railing encircles this deck.

A one-story, gable-roofed, gable-fronted two-car garage stands west of the house. This building is clad and roofed with corrugated metal. An overhead metal garage door and a standard-sized wood and glass door provide access to the interior. The aluminum cladding appears to be covering an earlier layer of siding and roofing. The foundation of this building is also concealed behind an aluminum skirt.

The house and garage stand in the middle of a teardrop-shaped driveway that leads southeastward from Old 219 (Weber Road), runs along the western side of the house and garage, and circles back around both buildings to rejoin itself at the northwest corner 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
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<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 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 1870 and circa 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).

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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 / suburban
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 1.29 acres
Acreage surveyed 1.29 acres
Quadrangle name Oakland, MD - WVA

Quadrangle scale 1:24000

Verbal boundary description and justification

Parcel 35, Map 78, Grid 21

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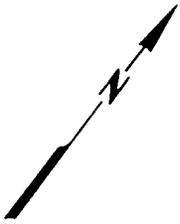
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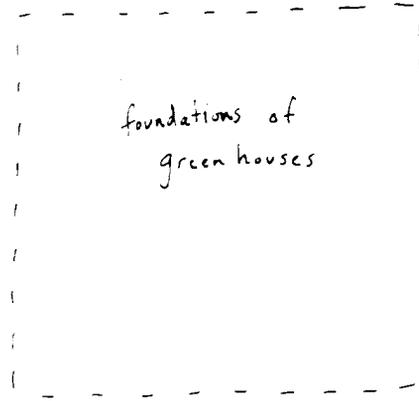
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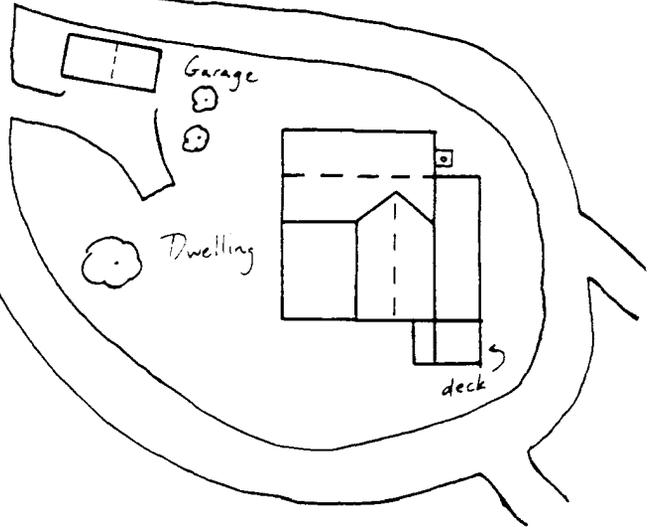


⊙ "Weber"
chimney

□ RC chimney stack



⊖ Elementary School
under construction

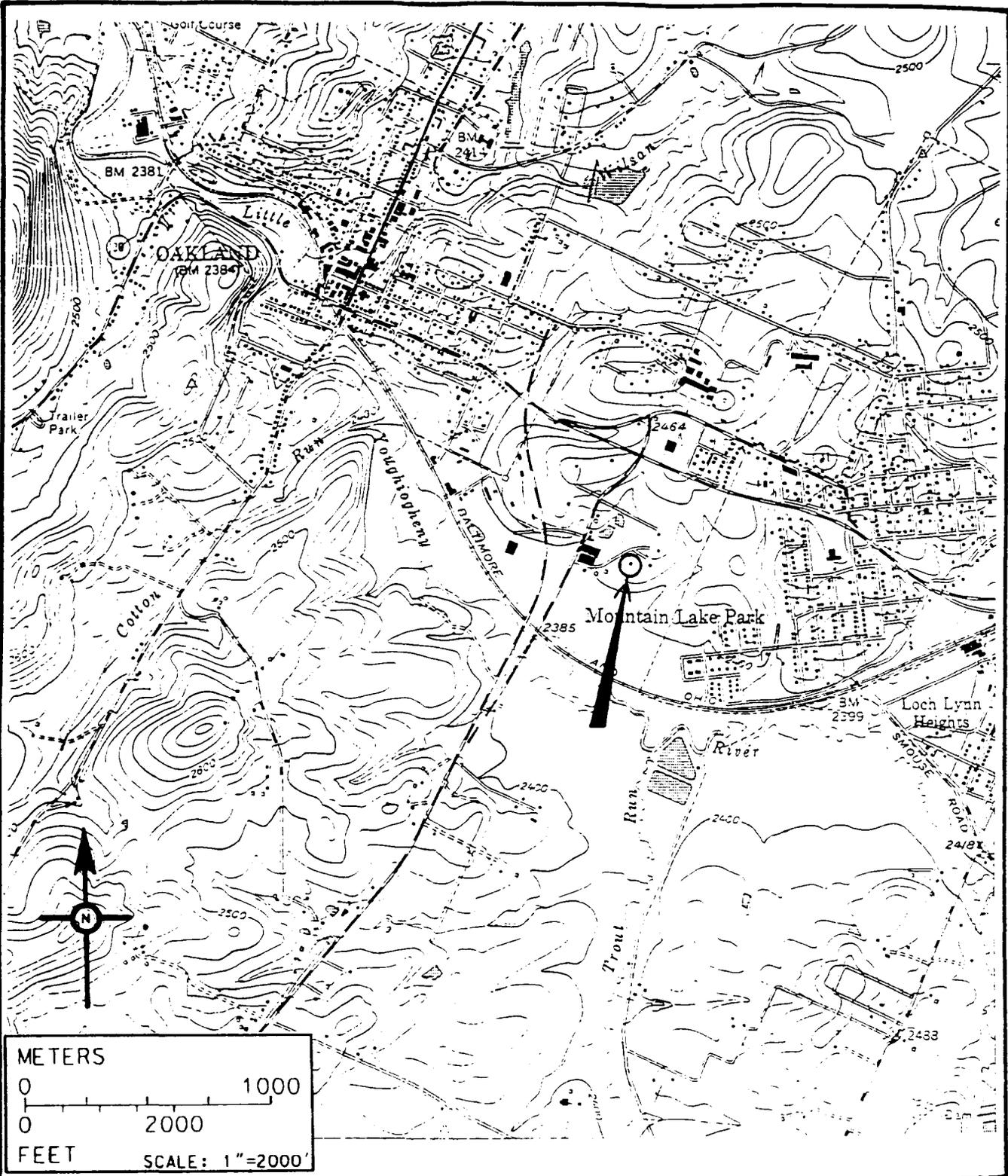


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Resource Sketch Map

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Leroy A. McCrobie House
Oakland Vicinity, Garrett County



Location Map

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 Leroy A. McCrobie House
 Oakland Vicinity, Garrett County
 Oakland, MD-WVA Quadrangle Map (USGS 1974)





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