

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

Property/District Name: Franklin Earl Sweitzer House Survey Number: G-IV-A-277

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 Franklin Earl Sweitzer House, built *circa* 1890, relates to the nineteenth and early twentieth-century development of the Mountain Lake Park region as a resort area. Mountain Lake Park was founded in 1881 as a Christian resort community modeled after the Chautauquas begun in New York state in the late nineteenth century. Situated a short distance east of Oakland and adjacent to the B & O rail line, Mountain Lake Park in the late nineteenth and early twentieth centuries combined religious, educational, and cultural activities into a wholesome retreat. But unlike Deer Park and Oakland where the B & O had built large lodgings for its wealthy patrons, Mountain Lake Park emphasized more modest, privately-owned family units, and thus smaller, single-family dwellings predominated. The Sweitzer house is typical of the area's late nineteenth and 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.

*Gabrielle M. Lanier*  
Reviewer, Office of Preservation Services

7/17/98  
Date

NR program concurrence:  yes  no  not applicable

*BK*  
Reviewer, NR program

*✓*  
Date

*July*

Sweitzer House  
G-IV-A-18+ 277  
679 Oakland Drive  
Oakland vicinity  
Circa 1890  
Private

This is a two-story, two-by-two-bay, gable-roofed L-plan frame dwelling with a shed-roofed front porch, a gable-roofed rear addition, and a small shed-roofed rear leanto. The house is built with a stone foundation, aluminum-sided and wood-shingled walls, and a rolled asphalt gable roof with an exterior concrete block chimney. Windows include single one-over-one, six-over-nine, and two-over-two, double-hung wooden sash with wooden trim. The front and rear entrances contain wood and glass doors with wooden surrounds. A small frame shed/garage, a frame shed, and a frame gazebo also stand on the property. The house faces southwest and occupies a mostly open, gently sloping lot about one mile east-southeast of Oakland.

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## Maryland Inventory of Historic Properties Form

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

historic

other Franklin Earl Sweitzer House

### 2. Location

street & number 679 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 Franklin Earl Sweitzer

street & number 679 Oakland Drive 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 78-16-306

city, town Oakland liber and folio 356/294

### 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>  4  </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>  1  </u>	<u>  4  </u> Total
		<input type="checkbox"/> funerary	<input type="checkbox"/> work in progress		
		<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**

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## 7. Description

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### Condition

<input type="checkbox"/> excellent	<input type="checkbox"/> deteriorated
<input type="checkbox"/> good	<input type="checkbox"/> ruins
<input checked="" 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.

This is a two-story, two-by-two-bay, gable-roofed L-plan frame dwelling with a shed-roofed front porch, a gable-roofed rear addition, and a small shed-roofed rear leanto. The house faces southwest and occupies a mostly open, gentle sloping lot about one mile east-southeast of Oakland.

The foundation encloses a full cellar and is constructed of roughly dressed stone. The walls are sheathed in yellow aluminum siding, while the tops of the gables are clad in white wooden shingles ornamented by a brown wooden scalloped trim board. The building is topped with a rolled asphalt gable roof finished with a wooden eave. A single exterior concrete block chimney with a projecting clay flue tile rises from the northernmost corner of the building.

Windows are a mixture of single one-over-one, six-over-nine, and two-over-two, double-hung wooden sash finished with beaded wooden surrounds, flat drip caps, wooden sills, and scalloped wooden sill skirts. Diamond-shaped fixed wooden sash windows pierce the front gable and the second floor of the northwest elevation. The front entrance is fitted with a wooden door lit by a diamond-paned lass upper section. The rear entrance, which is located on the southeast elevation and leads into the shed-roofed rear addition, contains a similar door. All door openings are finished with wooden surrounds.

An open-sided shed-roofed porch spans almost the entire front elevation. This porch rests on posts or piers masked by a wooden lattice skirt. The porch includes a wooden deck, modern vinyl Doric columns, and a set of wooden steps. The roof over this porch is encircled by a wood lattice balustrade and rail a second-floor level. A two-level open wooden deck is attached to the easternmost corner of the house, adjacent to the rear entrance, and spans the entire southeastern elevation. A small one-story gable-roofed rear addition extends from the rear of the house. This addition is clad in aluminum siding trimmed with wooden corner boards; it is topped with a rolled asphalt roof trimmed with a scalloped wooden verge board. A small shed-roofed leanto is attached to the southeast side of this rear addition. The leanto is similarly clad and roofed.

A gable-roofed, one-story, gable-fronted frame shed/garage stands near the easternmost corner of the house. This building is clad in fiberboard sheathing and topped with a rolled asphalt roof. A fiberglass garage-sized door pierces its southeast elevation; a standard-sized door opens into the opposite gable. A metal stovepipe rises on the northwest gable. This building is semi-ruinous. A gambrel-roofed, one-story, gable-fronted frame shed stands adjacent. This building is clad in particle board and topped with a rolled asphalt roof; it is also semi-ruinous. A front lattice-sided frame gazebo topped with a pyramidal roof stands just northwest of the front porch.

A rectangular wire-fenced garden is located northeast of the house. A small doghouse defines the westernmost corner of this fenced garden enclosure. A curving gravel driveway runs along the southeastern side of the house and leads up a slope past the house, sheds, and garden plot. A line of conifers borders the southeastern side of the driveway, and several medium-sized trees ornament the front of the property. The house is presently occupied and in fair to poor condition; although much of its original massing is intact, the extensive application 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/ 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 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): Industrial / Urban Dominance, A.D. 1870 - 1930

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

Resource Type:

Category: Building

Historic Environment: Suburban

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

Known Design Source: None

**9. Major Bibliographical References**Inventory No. ~~G-IV-A-181~~

(See Continuation Sheet)

**10. Geographical Data**Acreage of property 0.52 acresAcreage surveyed 0.52 acresQuadrangle name Oakland, MD-WVAQuadrangle scale 1:24,000**Verbal boundary description and justification**

Parcel 306, Map 78, District 16

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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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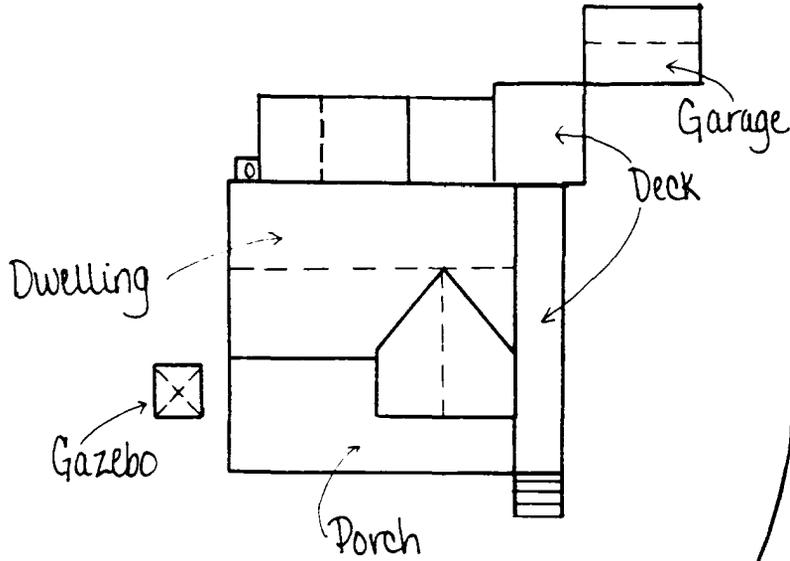
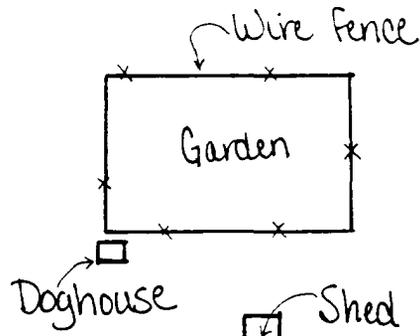
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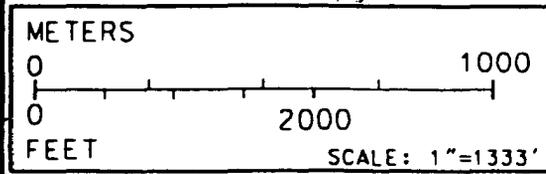
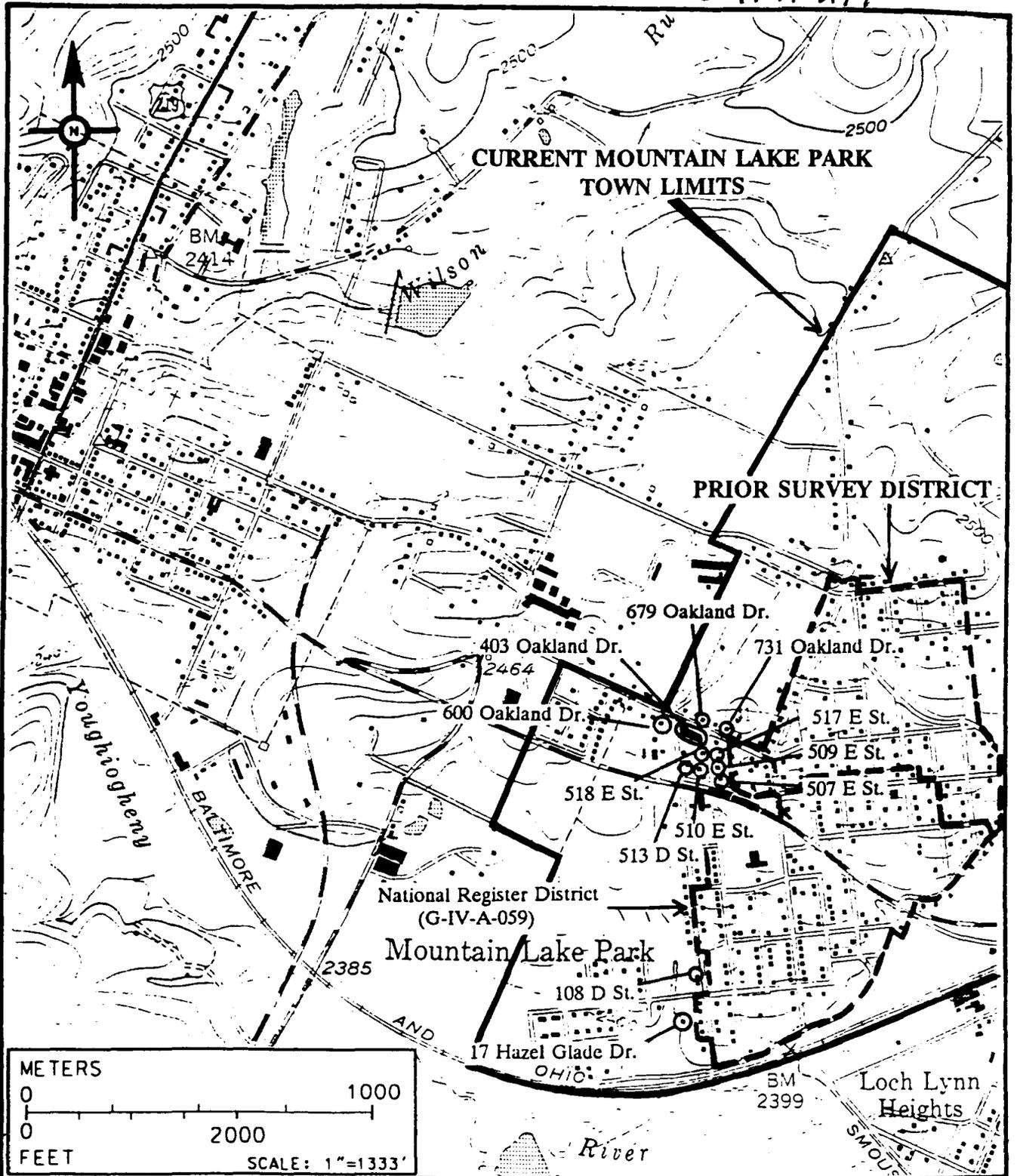


Oakland Drive

NOT TO SCALE



Resource Sketch Map  
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Franklin Earl Sweitzer House  
679 Oakland Drive  
Mt. Lake Park, Garrett County



(Addenda to Mt. Lake Park Survey District)  
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Enlargement of the Oakland, MD-WVA (USGS 1974) 7.5' Quadrangle map showing the location of historic resources being added to the Mt. Lake Park Survey District previously documented by the MHT.





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