

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

Property/District Name: Welch-Chesley-Hildreth House Survey Number: G-IV-B-003

Project: US 219/Oakland Vicinity Improvement Project Agency: MSHA

Site visit by MHT Staff:  No  Yes Name \_\_\_\_\_ Date \_\_\_\_\_

Eligibility recommended  Eligibility not recommended  *see below \**

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.

*THE TRUST DOES NOT CONCUR WITH KCI'S DETERMINATION. THE WELCH, ETC. HOUSE IS ELIGIBLE. \**

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

(KCI/MSHA 1997)

Prepared by: Helen P. Ross, KCI Technologies, Inc.

*[Signature]*  
Reviewer, Office of Preservation Services

*7/17/98*  
Date

NR program concurrence:  yes  no  not applicable

*[Signature]*  
Reviewer, NR program

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Date

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Addendum

G-IV-B-003  
Welch-Chesley-Hildreth House  
Loch Lynn Heights  
Garrett County

Prepared By: Helen P. Ross  
Date Prepared: March 27, 1997

The Welch-Chesley-Hildreth House in Loch Lynn Heights has received several alterations since last surveyed in 1974. Most notably is the removal of wood shingle covered details such as first floor porch posts on the west elevation and the second story balcony balustrade. The wind fans are missing, the balcony entry reworked, and the majority of the 1/1 light, double hung wood sashes have been replaced with aluminum 6/6 and 9/9 light double hung sash units.

Located behind or north of the dwelling is a one-and-one-half story, frame, cross-gable-roofed carriage house. Sitting atop the cross gable is a slender wood cupola which is sided with vents and crowned by a pyramidal roof with flared eaves. Heavy bracketed entablatures are above the 1/1 light double hung sash gable end windows. Appended to the south wall is a modern, single story, aluminum clad, shed-roofed addition with a horizontal aluminum garage door.



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7. DESCRIPTION

CONDITION	(Check One)					
	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Excellent	<input type="checkbox"/> Good	<input type="checkbox"/> Fair	<input type="checkbox"/> Deteriorated	<input type="checkbox"/> Ruins	<input type="checkbox"/> Unexposed
	(Check One)			(Check One)		
	<input type="checkbox"/> Altered	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Unaltered		<input type="checkbox"/> Moved	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Original Site	

DESCRIBE THE PRESENT AND ORIGINAL (if known) PHYSICAL APPEARANCE

The Welch-Chesley-Hildreth House is located on the northerly side of Lothian Street, Maryland Route 560, last of the intersection of Third Avenue and Argyle Street in Loch Lynn Heights, Southern Garrett County. The property is known as Number 212 Lothian Street. The building sets back a few feet from the road with wide lawns on both sides and a drive on the east side.

The house is a two and a half story, frame structure in the Shingle Style. It has a gable roof with broad gable ends and the roof slopes down from the ridge to cover the veranda that is across the facade and that extending part way around on the east and west sides forming a porte-cochere on the east side. The roof on the facade is broken with three large dormers of the second floor level. The center dormer is quite large and opens onto a balcony. The house is rectangular in shape with a wing on the back (north side). The exterior walls, the half of the porch posts, the balustrade on the balcony, and the dormers are covered with wood shingles. The lower sections of the porch posts are made of stone. The first floor of the facade has five bays with a center door. Most of the major windows are double-hung wooden sash with one-over-one lights. The chimneys are brick.

There are wind fans atop the posts of the balustrade of the front, second floor balcony. These fans appear to be ornamental and not part of a cooling system. Attached to the northeast corner of the main part of the house is a sun room enclosed by large windows. This porch may have been added at a later date. The floor of the veranda appears to have been rebuilt in recent years.

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SIGNIFICANCE			
PERIOD (Check One or More as Appropriate)			
<input type="checkbox"/> Columbian	<input type="checkbox"/> 16th Century	<input type="checkbox"/> 18th Century	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> 20th Century
<input type="checkbox"/> 15th Century	<input type="checkbox"/> 17th Century	<input type="checkbox"/> 19th Century	
SPECIFIC DATE(S) (If Applicable and Known) C. 1895-C. 1910			
AREAS OF SIGNIFICANCE (Check One or More as Appropriate)			
<input type="checkbox"/> Aboriginal	<input type="checkbox"/> Education	<input type="checkbox"/> Political	<input type="checkbox"/> Urban Planning
<input type="checkbox"/> Prehistoric	<input type="checkbox"/> Engineering	<input type="checkbox"/> Religion/Phi-	<input type="checkbox"/> Other (Specify)
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STATEMENT OF SIGNIFICANCE			
<p>The Welch-Chesley-Hildreth House is significant to the history and the architectural heritage of Loch Lynn Heights.</p> <p>Loch Lynn Heights, incorporated in 1896, was founded in the late nineteenth century, apparently as a resort community. The Town was originally laid out as a well-ordered community with circles and greens. The name "Loch Lynn Heights" is reported to have been chosen at the time the hotel was planned in 1894. (<u>Oakland Centennial History</u>, p. 94). The Loch Lynn Heights Hotel was built by a group of businessmen from Wheeling, West Virginia, who enjoyed vacationing in the mountains of Western Maryland. (The hotel was destroyed by fire about 1912). Several houses, referred to as cottages, were built near the hotel.</p> <p>The Welch-Chesley-Hildreth house is one of the cottages that <del>were</del><sup>were</sup> built near the Loch Lynn Heights Hotel. The exact date of construction is unknown although the stylistic features indicate the turn of the century. The house was probably erected as a seasonal dwelling. A Mrs. Hildreth is identified in the <u>Oakland Centennial History</u> as being the original owner. (p. 95). The property was later acquired by the Chesley family and by the present owner in 1961. Today, the house is a residence of William H. Welch.</p> <p>Architecturally, the Welch-Chesley-Hildreth house is representative of the Shingle Style, a style characterized by a uniform covering of shingles on the exterior walls. Although not as sophisticated as some notable examples of the style, the house is more elaborate than most found in Loch Lynn Heights today and is probably indicative of the type of structure originally planned for the Town.</p>			

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**9. MAJOR BIBLIOGRAPHICAL REFERENCES**

Garrett County Land Records, Courthouse, Oakland, Md.  
 Weeks, Thekla Fundenberg. Oakland Centennial History: 1849-1949. Oakland, Md.: Sincell Printing Co., 1949.

**10. GEOGRAPHICAL DATA**

LATITUDE AND LONGITUDE COORDINATES DEFINING A RECTANGLE LOCATING THE PROPERTY			O R	LATITUDE AND LONGITUDE COORDINATES DEFINING THE CENTER POINT OF A PROPERTY OF LESS THAN TEN ACRES		
CORNER	LATITUDE	LONGITUDE		LATITUDE	LONGITUDE	
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APPROXIMATE ACREAGE OF NOMINATED PROPERTY:

**Acreage Justification:**

The property covers about one acre.

**LIST ALL STATES AND COUNTIES FOR PROPERTIES OVERLAPPING STATE OR COUNTY BOUNDARIES**

STATE:	COUNTY:

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**11. FORM PREPARED BY**

NAME AND TITLE:  
 Ronald L. Andrews, Historic Sites Consultant.

ORGANIZATION: Tri-County Council for W. Md., Inc.      DATE: 7/24/74

STREET AND NUMBER:  
 Suite 510, Algonquin Motor Inn

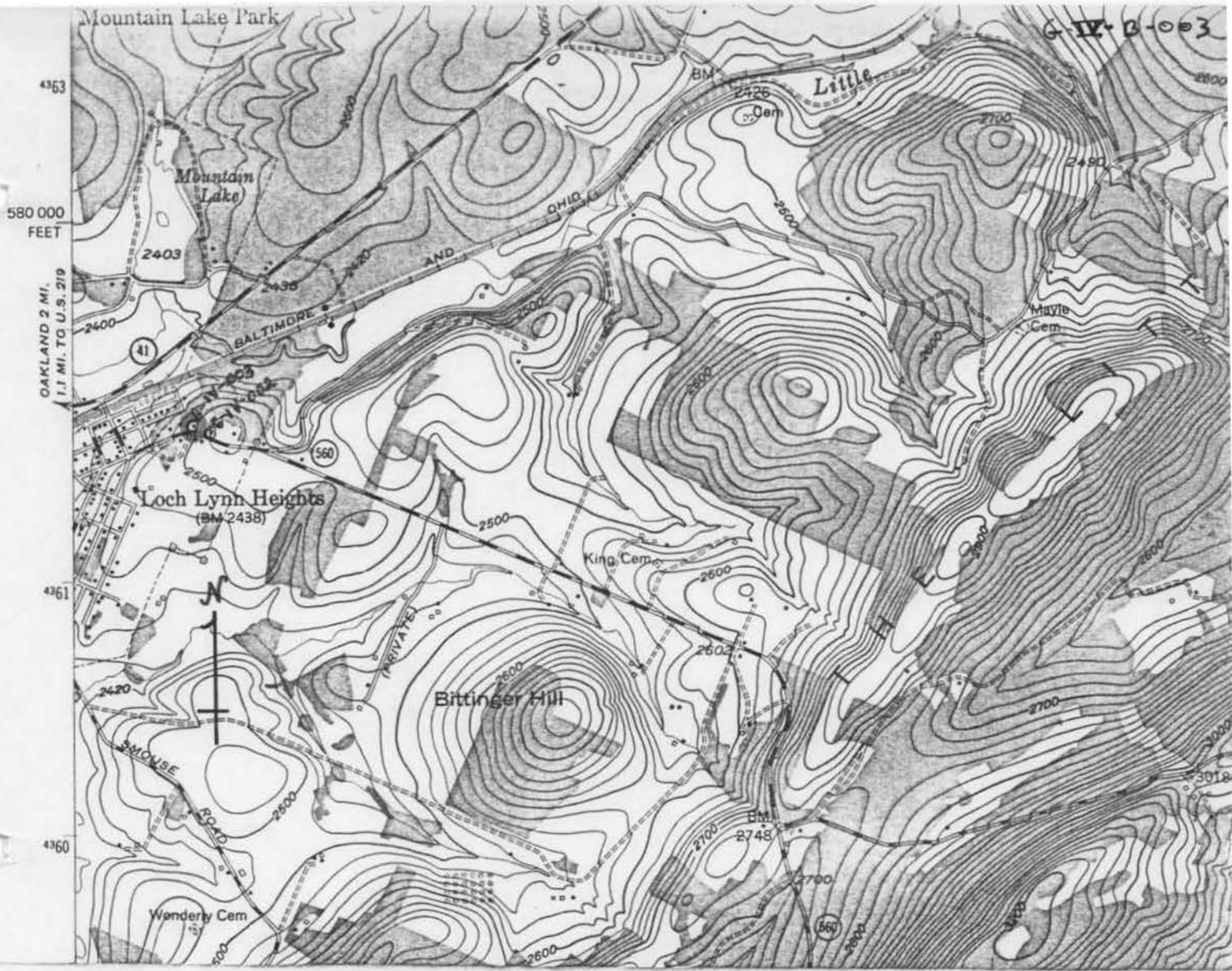
CITY OR TOWN: Cumberland      STATE: Maryland

**12. State Liaison Officer Review: (Office Use Only)**

Significance of this property is:  
 National     State     Local

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 Signature

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~~At~~ Deer Park, Md. (U.S.G.S.)  
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 1948

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FIGURE 165

Welch-Chesley-Widdreth House  
212 Latham Street, MD Rt 560  
Lock Lynn Heights  
Garrett Co., Maryland  
May 1974  
SE view