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Swanton Hotel  
Swanton  
Private

ca. 1880

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MARYLAND HISTORICAL TRUST

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INVENTORY FORM FOR STATE HISTORIC SITES SURVEY

**1 NAME**

HISTORIC

Swanton Hotel

AND/OR COMMON

Lohr House

**2 LOCATION**

STREET & NUMBER

Swanton Hill Road, NE side, approx. .3 mile east of MD Rt. 495

CITY, TOWN

Swanton

— VICINITY OF

CONGRESSIONAL DISTRICT

6th

STATE

Maryland

COUNTY

Garrett County

**3 CLASSIFICATION**

CATEGORY	OWNERSHIP	STATUS	PRESENT USE
<input type="checkbox"/> DISTRICT	<input type="checkbox"/> PUBLIC	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> OCCUPIED	<input type="checkbox"/> AGRICULTURE
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> BUILDING(S)	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> PRIVATE	<input type="checkbox"/> UNOCCUPIED	<input type="checkbox"/> MUSEUM
<input type="checkbox"/> STRUCTURE	<input type="checkbox"/> BOTH	<input type="checkbox"/> WORK IN PROGRESS	<input type="checkbox"/> COMMERCIAL
<input type="checkbox"/> SITE	<b>PUBLIC ACQUISITION</b>	<b>ACCESSIBLE</b>	<input type="checkbox"/> EDUCATIONAL
<input type="checkbox"/> OBJECT	<input type="checkbox"/> IN PROCESS	<input type="checkbox"/> YES: RESTRICTED	<input type="checkbox"/> ENTERTAINMENT
	<input type="checkbox"/> BEING CONSIDERED	<input type="checkbox"/> YES: UNRESTRICTED	<input type="checkbox"/> GOVERNMENT
		<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> NO	<input type="checkbox"/> INDUSTRIAL
			<input type="checkbox"/> MILITARY
			<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> OTHER <i>rental property</i>

**4 OWNER OF PROPERTY**

NAME

Lakeside Development Corporation

Telephone #:

STREET & NUMBER

CITY, TOWN

Maryland

— VICINITY OF

STATE, zip code

**5 LOCATION OF LEGAL DESCRIPTION**

COURTHOUSE,  
REGISTRY OF DEEDS, ETC

Garrett County Courthouse

Liber #: 368

Folio #: 73

STREET & NUMBER

Third and Alder Streets

CITY, TOWN

Oakland

STATE

Maryland 21550

**6 REPRESENTATION IN EXISTING SURVEYS**

TITLE

None

DATE

— FEDERAL — STATE — COUNTY — LOCAL

DEPOSITORY FOR  
SURVEY RECORDS

CITY, TOWN

STATE

**7 DESCRIPTION**

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CONDITION		CHECK ONE	CHECK ONE
<input type="checkbox"/> EXCELLENT	<input type="checkbox"/> DETERIORATED	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> UNALTERED	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> ORIGINAL SITE
<input type="checkbox"/> GOOD	<input type="checkbox"/> RUINS	<input type="checkbox"/> ALTERED	<input type="checkbox"/> MOVED DATE _____
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> FAIR	<input type="checkbox"/> UNEXPOSED		

DESCRIBE THE PRESENT AND ORIGINAL (IF KNOWN) PHYSICAL APPEARANCE

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The hotel is set on a steep hill that slopes down to the south, in the east end of Swanton, a small town consisting of approximately twenty-five late nineteenth century to mid twentieth century frame buildings. The facade of the hotel faces the tracks of the Baltimore and Ohio Railroad which are located approximately fifty yards to the south. The Swanton Railroad Station is in view of the hotel, approximately ninety yards southeast on the opposite side of the tracks.<sup>1</sup>

The doorway on the three bay, center door facade (south elevation) is topped by a four-pane transom light and flanked by three-pane sidelights above single raised panels. Extending across the three bays not the entire length of the wall, the hip-roofed facade porch is supported by six square columns with delicate jigsaw brackets. Heavier scrool brackets outline its cornice. Additional porch ornamentation includes a jigsaw railing and lattice work at the foundation which has been covered on all but the side. The two facade dormers, which are no wider than the window frames they contain, are set quite close together at the center of the facade. The dormers consist of 4/4 sash windows topped by molded pediments with a small scroll bracket below each end of the pediment cornices. The sides of the dormers are covered with hexagonal asphalt shingles.

The east elevation has a three bay, center door arrangement with a bay window projecting from the first floor southern bay. The roof of the bay window extends over the center bay creating an entrance porch for its transom topped door. Scroll brackets ornament the cornice of the bay projection and the points where the two square posts meet the cornice of the porch. In comparison, two bays of symmetrically spaced windows give a stark appearance to the west elevation. The rear of the building, like the facade and the east elevation, has a three bay, center door arrangement with a transom-topped door. However, its three bays are spaced much closer together than the other elevations and they are sheltered by a full length, shed-roofed porch. A scar on the wall indicates that this porch once extended around to the west elevation, terminating just short of its first bay.

CONTINUE ON SEPARATE SHEET IF NECESSARY

PERIOD	AREAS OF SIGNIFICANCE -- CHECK AND JUSTIFY BELOW			
<input type="checkbox"/> PREHISTORIC	<input type="checkbox"/> ARCHEOLOGY-PREHISTORIC	<input type="checkbox"/> COMMUNITY PLANNING	<input type="checkbox"/> LANDSCAPE ARCHITECTURE	<input type="checkbox"/> RELIGION
<input type="checkbox"/> 1400-1499	<input type="checkbox"/> ARCHEOLOGY-HISTORIC	<input type="checkbox"/> CONSERVATION	<input type="checkbox"/> LAW	<input type="checkbox"/> SCIENCE
<input type="checkbox"/> 1500-1599	<input type="checkbox"/> AGRICULTURE	<input type="checkbox"/> ECONOMICS	<input type="checkbox"/> LITERATURE	<input type="checkbox"/> SCULPTURE
<input type="checkbox"/> 1600-1699	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> ARCHITECTURE	<input type="checkbox"/> EDUCATION	<input type="checkbox"/> MILITARY	<input type="checkbox"/> SOCIAL/HUMANITARIAN
<input type="checkbox"/> 1700-1799	<input type="checkbox"/> ART	<input type="checkbox"/> ENGINEERING	<input type="checkbox"/> MUSIC	<input type="checkbox"/> THEATER
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> 1800-1899	<input type="checkbox"/> COMMERCE	<input type="checkbox"/> EXPLORATION/SETTLEMENT	<input type="checkbox"/> PHILOSOPHY	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> TRANSPORTATION
<input type="checkbox"/> 1900-	<input type="checkbox"/> COMMUNICATIONS	<input type="checkbox"/> INDUSTRY	<input type="checkbox"/> POLITICS/GOVERNMENT	<input type="checkbox"/> OTHER (SPECIFY)
		<input type="checkbox"/> INVENTION		

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SPECIFIC DATES	ca. 1880	BUILDER/ARCHITECT
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STATEMENT OF SIGNIFICANCE

The Swanton Hotel is significant as an unaltered example of a late nineteenth century boarding house/dwelling house situated close to the B & O Railroad line and Swanton Station.

It was known to have accommodated the B & O Railroad's telegraph operators and probably travelers that would not have stayed at the more luxurious resort hotels of Mountain Lake Park, Loch Lynn and Oakland.

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**9 MAJOR BIBLIOGRAPHICAL REFERENCES**

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The Swanton Baltimore and Ohio Railroad Station is listed as site #G-IV-C-164 in the Maryland Historical Trust Inventory.

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**10 GEOGRAPHICAL DATA**

ACREAGE OF NOMINATED PROPERTY \_\_\_\_\_

VERBAL BOUNDARY DESCRIPTION

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

STATE COUNTY

STATE COUNTY

**11 FORM PREPARED BY**

NAME / TITLE

Valerie Cesna, Historic Sites Surveyor

ORGANIZATION

Maryland Historical Trust/Bureau of Mines

DATE

December 1981

STREET & NUMBER

Shaw House, 21 State Circle

TELEPHONE

(301) 269-2438

CITY OR TOWN

Annapolis

STATE

Maryland 21401

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RETURN TO: Maryland Historical Trust  
The Shaw House, 21 State Circle  
Annapolis, Maryland 21401  
(301) 267-1438

Swanton Hotel  
(Cont of #7 - Description)

The exterior walls of the hotel are sheathed with German siding on the south and east elevations, and with weatherboard on the west and north elevations. Plain cornerboards seal the corners of the building as well as the angles of the bay window. The windows on all elevations are 4/4 sash with narrow plain board surrounds and sills, and molded dripboards. All first and second floor windows, excepting the bay window and the dormers, were originally flanked by shutters. The only remaining shutter is a louvered one on the first floor rear elevation.

Traces of paint left on the building indicate that the exterior walls were originally painted pale yellow and the trim (window surrounds, door surrounds, shutters, dormers, cornice, and porches) was painted a dark reddish-brown color.

The pyramidal roof of the hotel is covered with asphalt roll roofing material and has a molded box cornice underlined with scroll brackets. Two interior chimneys appear on the roof; a brick one at the north end of the west elevation, and a concrete block one at the east end of the north elevation.

The only interior space that was able to be viewed was the center hall, which contains a straight run, open staircase with a molded octagonal newel post, and four-panel doors leading to the rooms on either side of the hall.

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SWANTON HOTEL

Chain of Title

Garrett County Land Records:

1 April 1976 liber 368, folio 73

grantee: Lakeside Development Corporation, of the State of Maryland  
grantor: Clara N. Dever George, of Garrett County, MD  
consideration: \$10.00 , "and other good and valueable consideration

"Lots Nos. 28,29,& 30 as shown on the plat of the town of Swanton, recorded in Plat Book No. 1, file 95, Garrett Co. Plat Records, known as the 'West Dwelling House Property'".

Several other lots were also conveyed in this deed including Lots Nos. 31 and 32.

7 June 1962 liber 240, folio 339

grantees: A. Fred George and Clara N. Dever, of Garrett County, MD  
grantors: Wade H. Lohr and Amelia Lohr, of Prince Georges County; and Hazel Lohr Sheckells and Robert W. Sheckells, of Baltimore City  
consideration: \$10.00 , "and other good and valueable consideration"

14 January 1901 liber 39, folio 225

grantee: Cora M. Lohr , of Garrett County, MD  
grantor: James W. Thomas, Attorney, of Garrett County, MD  
consideration: \$520.00

"That whereas, the said James W. Thomas, Attorney, pursuant to the power of sale vested in him under a certain mortgage from Charles T. West, et ux to C.M. Smith, date June 14, 1893 and filed in No. 1019 Equity in the Circuit Court of Garrett County, did sell the hereinafter described property, it being the same as described in said mortgage, to the said Cora M. Lohr .... Lots Nos. 28, 29, and 30 in the Town of Swanton, Garrett County, Maryland and known as the 'West Dwelling House Property.'"

No. 1019 Equity

Caroline M. Smith vs. Chas. T. West & wife  
recorded in Liber E.Z.T. No. 14, folio 42

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Chain of Title, cont.

No. 1019 Equity

I: Mortgagee's Sale Advertisement appeared in The Mountain Democrat for three successive weeks prior to the 4 January 1900 public auction held at the Oakland Post Office.

"Lots Nos. 25, 26, 27, on the plat of said town, and which were conveyed to the said Charles T. West by Daniel Mosser, by deed dated Feb. 1, 1877, and recorded in Liber No. 2, folio 769, one of the Land Records of Garrett County. These lots are improved with a substantial and commodious Two-story Frame Dwelling House, known as the 'Swanton Hotel Property.'"

II: Caroline M. Smith vs. Charles T. West et ux

"James W. Thomas .... pursuant to the power vested in him, did on the 4th day of January 1900, sell at public auction, all that part of said mortgaged premises known as the 'West Dwelling House', and the 'Mosser Hotel Property', situated in Swanton, Md. to one said Wade H. Lohr, at and for the sum of \$815.00 ...."

III: Petition & Agreement for the substitution of purchaser

Wade H. Lohr purchased Lots Nos. 25, 26, 27 for \$ 305.00 and also purchased Lots Nos. 28, 29, 30 for \$510.00, on 4 January 1900. The sales were reported to and confirmed by the Court 11 April 1900. Since making the purchase Lohr wishes to substitute Jacob C. Condron as purchaser for Lots 25, 26, 27, known as the 'Mosser Hotel Property', and also wishes to substitute his wife Cora M. Lohr as the purchaser for lots 28, 29, 30.

IV: Advertisement in The Mountain Democrat, published for three successive weeks prior to the 6 Dec. 1900 public auction on the premises in Swanton.

"Mortgagee's Resale of Valueable Real Estate in Swanton, Md."

"West Dwelling House Property; said lot consisting of Lots 28, 29, & 30 in the town of Swanton, Md. and improved by a comfortable and substantial two-story frame dwelling house."

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No. 1019 Equity  
IV: cont.

"Mosser or West Hotel Property, said Lot consisting of Lots 25, 26, & 27 in the town of Swanton, Md., improved by a commodious & comfortable frame building, suitable either for boarding or dwelling house & all necessary outbuildings."

1 February 1877 liber 2, folio 769  
grantee: Charles T. West, of Garrett County, MD  
grantor: Daniel Mosser, Of Garrett County, MD  
consideration: \$500.00 , "and other valueable consideration"

Lots Nos. 24, 25, 26, 27, 1/4 acre each, more or less. Same lots of land as conveyed by Joseph R. Anderson and wife to Daniel Mosser, Garrett County Records.



Kitzmiller, MD:WV  
7.5 Minute Series  
Scale 1:24,000  
1948; photorevised 1974

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Swanton Hotel  
Swanton Hill Road, NE side,  
approx. .3 mile E of MD Rt. 495







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EVANSTON HOTEL

ESSEX CO., MD.

VALERIE CEM'S

7 AUGUST 1981

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GARRETT CO., MD.

VALERIE CESNA

7 AUGUST 1981

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