Property Name: Ralph L. Wolfe House
Inventory Number: G-V-A-022

Address: Gnegy Church Road
Historic district: yes X no
City: Oakland
Zip Code: 21550
County: Garrett

USGS Quadrangle(s): Table Rock MD/WV

Property Owner: Gary A. & Johanna R. Wotring
Tax Account ID Number:

Tax Map Parcel Number(s): 34
Tax Map Number: 100

Project: Roth Rock Wind Power Project; Garrett Co.
Agency: MD Public Service Comm.

Agency Prepared By: Paula S. Reed and Associates, Inc.
Preparer's Name: Merry Stinson
Date Prepared: 1/6/2006

Documentation is presented in: MIHP# G-V-A-022, Maryland Coal Region Historic Sites Survey, 1981

Preparer's Eligibility Recommendation: Eligibility recommended X Eligibility not recommended

Criteria: A B C D Considerations: A B C D E F G

Complete if the property is a contributing or non-contributing resource to a NR district/property:
Name of the District/Property:
Inventory Number: Eligible: yes Listed: yes

Site visit by MHT Staff yes X no Name: Date:

Description of Property and Justification: (Please attach map and photo)
This house has been demolished, and replaced with a modern dwelling. The house was a two-story, gable-roofed structure of vertical plank construction. A privy and outbuilding are also gone. This was a typical rural Garrett County farmhouse built in the late 19th century.

The site retains no particular architectural or historical significance. Therefore it is recommended as ineligible for the National Register of Historic Places. Archaeological assessment for Criterion D was not done as part of this evaluation of above-ground resources.

MARYLAND HISTORICAL TRUST REVIEW
Eligibility recommended _____ Eligibility not recommended X
Criteria: A B C D Considerations: A B C D E F G
MHT Comments:

Reviewer, Office of Preservation Services
Date

Reviewer, National Register Program
Date
Demolished

G-V-A-022
Ralph L. Wolfe House
Red House
Private

late 19th century

The Ralph L. Wolfe house is a two story, gable-roofed, building of vertical plank construction. Its basic configuration is an ell-plan, the rear wing being a later addition as indicated by a break in its whitewashed stone foundation. Shed-roofed porches shelter both the facade and rear elevations. German siding sheathes its exterior walls. A frame, shed-roofed privy and a small, frame, shed-roofed outbuilding are also on the site.
MARYLAND HISTORICAL TRUST

INVENTORY FORM FOR STATE HISTORIC SITES SURVEY

NAME

HISTORIC AND/OR COMMON

Ralph L. Wolfe House

LOCATION

STREET & NUMBER

Gregory Church Rd. - S side, 1 mile E of U.S. Rt. 219

CITY, TOWN

Redhouse

STATE

Maryland

CONGRESSIONAL DISTRICT

VICINITY OF

6th

COUNTY

Garrett County

CLASSIFICATION

CATEGORY

BUILDING(S)

STRUCTURE

SITE

OBJECT

OWNERSHIP

PUBLIC

PRIVATE

BOTH

PUBLIC ACQUISITION

IN PROCESS

BEING CONSIDERED

STATUS

OCCUPIED

UNOCCUPIED

WORK IN PROGRESS

ACCESSIBLE

YES: RESTRICTED

YES: UNRESTRICTED

NO

PRESENT USE

AGRICULTURE

MUSEUM

COMMERCIAL

PARK

EDUCATIONAL

PRIVATE RESIDENCE

ENTERTAINMENT

RELIGIOUS

GOVERNMENT

SCIENTIFIC

INDUSTRIAL

TRANSPORTATION

MILITARY

OTHER

OWNER OF PROPERTY

NAME

Ralph L. Wolfe

STREET & NUMBER

CITY, TOWN

STATE, zip code

VICINITY OF

LOCATION OF LEGAL DESCRIPTION

COURTHOUSE, REGISTRY OF DEEDS, ETC

Garrett County Courthouse

STREET & NUMBER

Third and Alder Streets

CITY, TOWN

Oakland

STATE

Maryland

21550

REPRESENTATION IN EXISTING SURVEYS

TITLE

None

DATE

DEPOSITORY FOR SURVEY RECORDS

CITY, TOWN

STATE
The Ralph L. Wolfe House is located on the west side of a dirt lane that extends south from Gnegy Church-Red Oak Road approximately one mile east of U.S. Route 219. The rear of the house faces the dirt lane; the facade points west.

The house is a two story, gable-roofed building of vertical plank construction. Its basic configuration is an ell-plan, the rear ell being a later addition as indicated by a break in the foundation. Its three bay facade has an asymmetrical arrangement: two bays of evenly spaced windows with a door on the extreme north end. A shed-roofed porch extends the full length of the facade supported by five chamfered posts.

The main block rests on a foundation of whitewashed, roughly squared, flat stones. German siding and cornerboards cover the exterior walls. The windows on the entire house, including the rear wing, have been replaced with one over one sash units. This operation caused the removal of the original window surrounds: The window placement has not changed, however. A semi-circular window pierces the south gable. Corrugated metal covers the roof which has its rafter ends exposed. A brick chimney is positioned at the midpoint of the ridgeline.

The rear wing rests on a foundation of slightly larger stones than the main block does and it has diagonal rather than vertical planking under the German siding. An interior brick chimney is located on the northeast endwall as well as a basement opening at the foundation. Window and roof details are similar to the main block.

A shed-roofed porch with chamfered posts extends along the rear of the house and the south side of the wing.

A shed-roofed privy and small shed-roofed outbuilding are situated just south of the house.
This house is an example of a common western Maryland type. Houses of this general configuration, a rectangular main block and rear kitchen wing, were constructed in Garrett County from the late nineteenth through the early twentieth centuries.
The Maryland Historic Sites Inventory 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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Table Rock, MD-WV
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Gnegy Church Rd. S side, 1 mile E of US Rt. 219
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Ralph L. Wolfe House
Garrett County, MD
Donna Ware 8-20-80
Facade; southwest elevation
G=V-A-022
Ralph L. Wolfe House
Garrett County, MD
Donna Ware 8-20-80
north-east elevation