

**MARYLAND HISTORICAL TRUST
DETERMINATION OF ELIGIBILITY FORM**

NR Eligible: yes
no

Property Name: Ora Wolfe House Inventory Number: G-V-A-050

Address: 1073 George Washington Highway (US 50) Historic district: yes no

City: Oakland, MD Zip Code: 21550 County: Garrett

USGS Quadrangle(s): Table Rock

Property Owner: Michael (Mieczyslaw) Kulak Tax Account ID Number: _____

Tax Map Parcel Number(s): 124 Tax Map Number: 95

Project: US 50 over Yuoghiogheny River, Replacement of Small Structure Agency: SHA/FHWA

Agency Prepared By: Architectural Historian, MD SHA

Preparer's Name: Anne Bruder Date Prepared: 10/31/2014

Documentation is presented in: Project Review and Compliance Files

Preparer's Eligibility Recommendation: Eligibility recommended 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 no Listed: yes no

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

Description of Property and Justification: *(Please attach map and photo)*

The Ora Wolfe House was first included in the MIHP in April 1982. SHA made a visit to the farm on September 23, 2014. Mr. Michael Kulak, the current owner, again made available the photograph from the late nineteenth century and discussed some of the changes he has made to the house since 1973. The original design was for a side-by-side double house. Each residence was two bays, with a double hung sash window and a paneled door surrounded by paneling and sidelights on the south facade. In the second floor, there were four single sash windows with six lights each. The front porch had a shed roof supported by square posts and a decorative porch railing. The porch roof and the side gable roof over the main pile were both clad in wood shingles. According to Mr. Kulak, as well as the Garrett County Tax Records, the house was constructed in 1876.

Since the 1970s, Mr. Kulak has altered the building by cladding the exterior with aluminum siding, changing the double entrances to a single central entrance, changing the windows to vinyl examples. In the second story, the fixed windows have been removed and the area covered over to form walls. There is a shed roof dormer in the center of the side gable roof with two double hung sash windows in the two center bays of the second floor. The exterior chimney on the east elevation remains as it was shown in the 19th century photo. On the north elevation there is a shed roof addition. On the west elevation, there is a two bay, one story side gable roof addition, and one interior chimney.

MARYLAND HISTORICAL TRUST REVIEW

Eligibility recommended Eligibility not recommended

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

MHT Comments:

Jim Tarkenton
Reviewer, Office of Preservation Services

12/22/2014
Date

[Signature]
Reviewer, National Register Program

12/30/14
Date

As described in the 1982 MIHP form, the frame barn remains standing, but is in poor condition, but the frame outbulidings, and farne springhouse/cold cellar remain standing but unused.

The house has been altered and does not retain its nineteenth century double house appearance. The other buildings demonstrate the earlier associations with farming, but are not currently used for agriculatural purposes. As a result of the alterations, the Ora Wolfe House lacks integrity of design, workmanship, materials, feeling and association. Based on research conducted for this investigations, SHA did not identify events or persons of local, state or national significance associated with the house and the Ora Wolfe House is not eligibile for inclusion in the National Register of Historic Places (NRHP) under Criteria A (events) or B (persons). Due to the loss of historic integrity, the Ora Wolfe House is not eligible for inclusoin in the NRHP under Criterion C (architecture). NRHP Criterion D (infomratin potential) was not included in this study.

The historic boundary for the Ora Wolfe House is confined to the tax parcel boundary shown on Garrett County Tax Map 95 for Parcel 124 consisting of 26.77 Acres.

Sources Consulted:

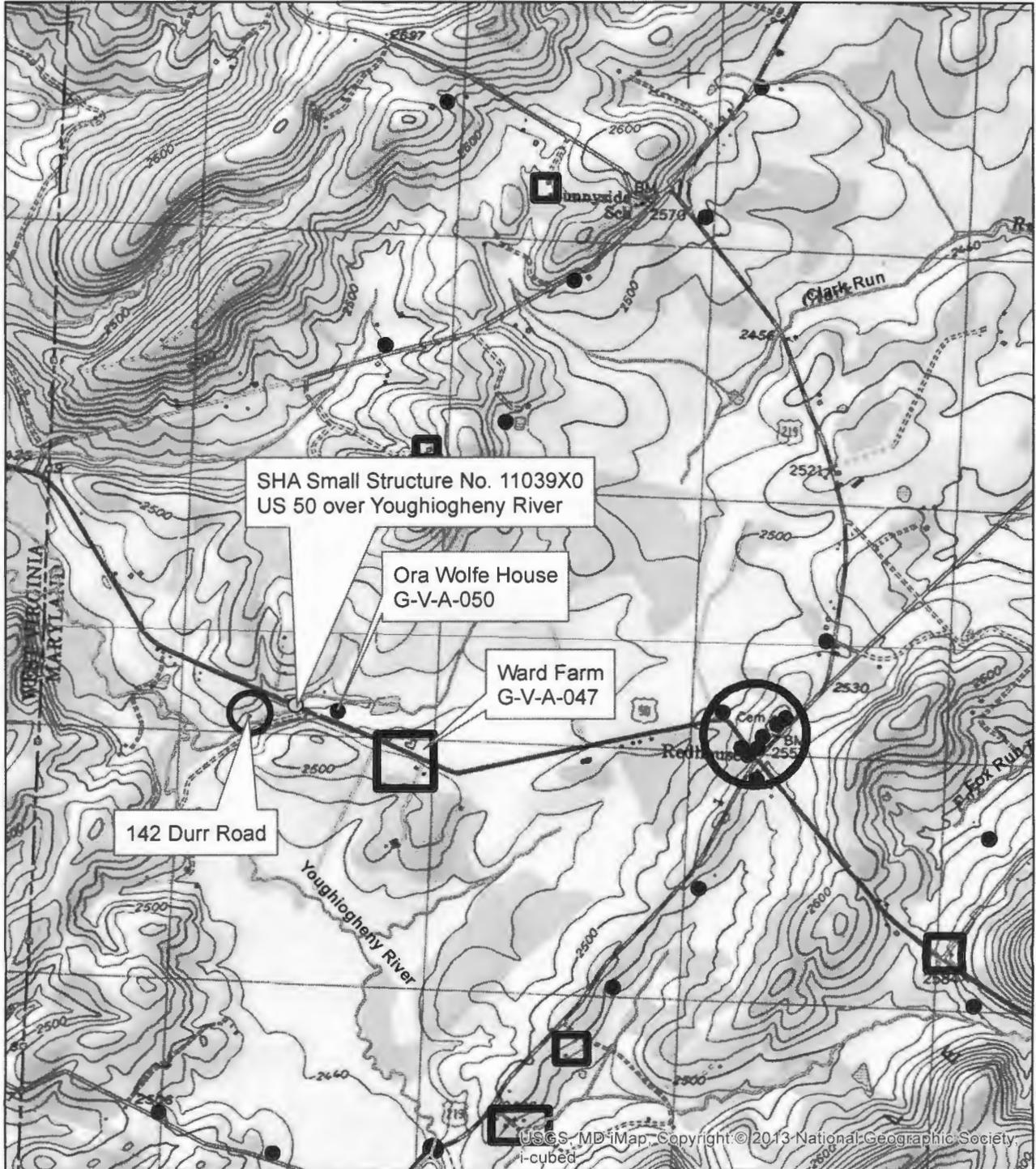
- Kulak, Michael, personal communications with Anne E. Bruder, September 23, 2014.
- Wade, Donna, Ora Wolfe House, Maryland Inventory of Historic Properties Form, G-V-A-050, on file at the Maryland Historical Trust Library, Crownsville, MD

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_____ Reviewer, Office of Preservation Services	_____ Date
_____ Reviewer, National Register Program	_____ Date

Location Map

Table Rock USGS 7.5' Quadrangle

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G-V-A-050

ORA WOLFE HOUSE

GARRETT CO, MD

BRUNER

9/23/2014

MD SHCO

LOOKING NORTH WEST AT SOUTH
FACADE & EAST ELEVATION

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G-v-A-050

Ora Wolfe House
Redhouse
Private

mid-19th century

The Ora Wolfe house has been greatly altered from its original appearance, but some integrity remains. It is a vertical plank constructed, 2-story, 3 bay by 2 bay dwelling with a gable roof. The house rests on a concrete foundation and is covered with aluminum siding; original siding is weatherboard.

Before its alteration, the building was a good example of the early type of heavy vertical plank construction built from about 1850 to 1880, which differs from the late buildings of thinner boards.

INVENTORY FORM FOR STATE HISTORIC SITES SURVEY

1 NAME

HISTORIC

AND/OR COMMON

Ora Wolfe House

2 LOCATION

STREET & NUMBER

Route 50, north side, 1 mile west of intersection with Rt. 219

CITY, TOWN

Redhouse

CONGRESSIONAL DISTRICT

6th

VICINITY OF

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 checked="" type="checkbox"/> AGRICULTURE <input type="checkbox"/> MUSEUM
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> BUILDING(S)	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> PRIVATE	<input type="checkbox"/> UNOCCUPIED	<input type="checkbox"/> COMMERCIAL <input type="checkbox"/> PARK
<input type="checkbox"/> STRUCTURE	<input type="checkbox"/> BOTH	<input type="checkbox"/> WORK IN PROGRESS	<input type="checkbox"/> EDUCATIONAL <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> PRIVATE RESIDENCE
<input type="checkbox"/> SITE	PUBLIC ACQUISITION	ACCESSIBLE	<input type="checkbox"/> ENTERTAINMENT <input type="checkbox"/> RELIGIOUS
<input type="checkbox"/> OBJECT	<input type="checkbox"/> IN PROCESS	<input type="checkbox"/> YES: RESTRICTED	<input type="checkbox"/> GOVERNMENT <input type="checkbox"/> SCIENTIFIC
	<input type="checkbox"/> BEING CONSIDERED	<input type="checkbox"/> YES: UNRESTRICTED	<input type="checkbox"/> INDUSTRIAL <input type="checkbox"/> TRANSPORTATION
		<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> NO	<input type="checkbox"/> MILITARY <input type="checkbox"/> OTHER

4 OWNER OF PROPERTY

NAME

Nellie D. Wolfe et al

Telephone #: 301-334-4377

STREET & NUMBER

c/o Michael Kulak
Redhouse

CITY, TOWN

VICINITY OF

STATE zip code
Maryland

5 LOCATION OF LEGAL DESCRIPTION

COURTHOUSE,
REGISTRY OF DEEDS, ETC.

Garrett County Courthouse

Liber #: 86

Folio #: 183

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

DESCRIBE THE PRESENT AND ORIGINAL (IF KNOWN) PHYSICAL APPEARANCE

The Ora Wolfe House is located in open farmland on the north side of Rt. 50, the old Northwester Turnpike. It has been greatly altered from its original appearance, but some integrity remains.

It is a vertical plank constructed, 2-story, 3 bay by 2 bay dwelling with a gable roof. There is a central entrance which faces south. A 1-story, 2 bay by 1 bay wing, with a gable roof, abuts the west elevation of the main block. A 1-story shed porch supported by 4 wooden posts runs across the facade of the main block. A portion of the gable roof at the front of the house has been raised, creating a 2 bay wide shed dormer.

The house rests on a concrete foundation and is covered with aluminum siding; original siding is weatherboard. The aluminum siding and most of the alterations were made in June 1973, according to the present occupant, Michael Kulak. The gable roof is covered with asphalt shingles.

The facade entrance consists of a 4 paneled wooden door with ornate sawn-work applied to each panel. On either side of the door, 6 pane sidelights surmount panels which have the same applied sawn-work as the door.

Windows are predominately 6/6 sash. There are 2 exterior gable end stone chimneys.

Based on information supplied by the present occupant, Michael Kulak and by Ora Wolfe, his sister-in-law, who was born and raised in this house, and a historical photo which was photocopied from Mr. Kulak's collection, the original appearance can be known.

According to Ora Wolfe and Michael Kulak, the house is a plank house, constructed with 1½" thick planks. The interior wall treatment was lath and plaster. The original foundation was stone; the stone has been reused by Mr. Kulak in the 2 stone chimneys which are presently located at the gable ends of the house.

As seen on an earlier photo, (enclosed) the house originally had a double entrance. The original treatment of the doors (sidelights and decorative panels) has been maintained in the present single entrance, described earlier.

This site includes a frame barn constructed in the early 1930s, replacing an earlier log barn. The frame barn measures approximately 40 x 60 feet, is made of chestnut and poplar wood, and lies northwest of the house. Three frame outbuildings lie directly west of the house, and a spring and frame springhouse/cold cellar lie southwest of the house, toward Rt. 50.

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 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 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		

SPECIFIC DATES

BUILDER/ARCHITECT

STATEMENT OF SIGNIFICANCE

Although this house is totally altered today, a late-19th century photograph shows its original appearance. The building was a good example of the early type of heavy vertical plank construction built from about 1850 to 1880, which differs from the later buildings of thinner boards. Its general configuration and building type resembles the Charlie Reckord House, G-II-A-03 .

The building's two elaborate entrances, one of which survives, are an unusual feature.

9 MAJOR BIBLIOGRAPHICAL REFERENCES

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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

Donna Wade, Historian

ORGANIZATION

Maryland Historical Trust/Bureau of Mines

DATE

April 1982

STREET & NUMBER

Shaw House, 21 State Circle

TELEPHONE

(301) 269-2438

CITY OR TOWN

Annapolis

STATE

Maryland 21401

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.

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

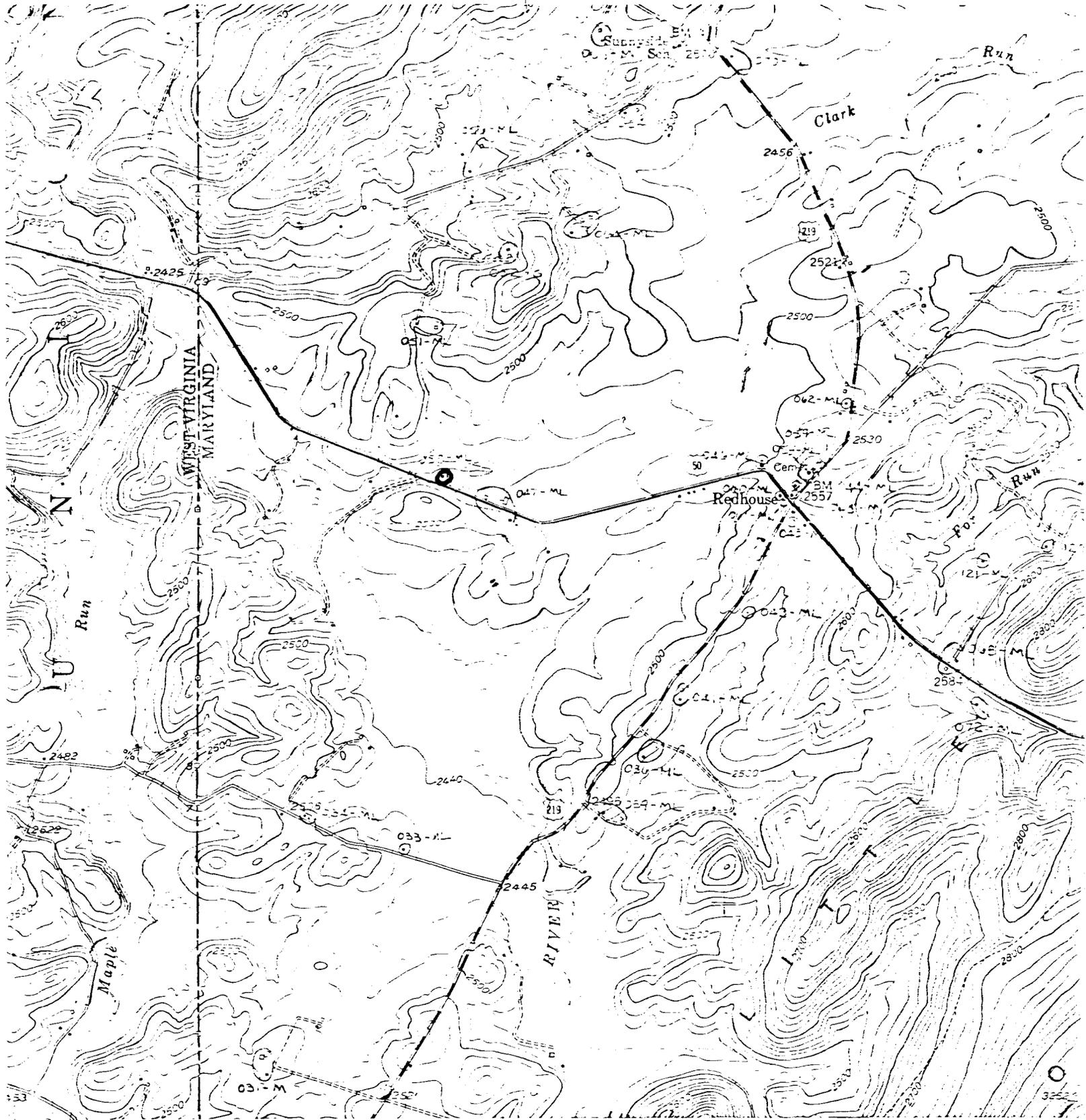


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USGS 7.5 Minute Series
Scale 1:24,000
1948, photorevised 1974

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Ora Wolfe House
Route 50, N side, 1 mile west of
intersection with Route 219.



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Ora Wolfe House
Garrett Co., MD
Valerie Cesna 9/4/80
Photocopy



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Ora Wolfe House
Garrett Co., MD
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S elev. - Facade