

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

Property/District Name: Salem and Laura Shreve House Survey Number: G-VI-A-043

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 Salem and Laura Shreve House, modernized but with a *circa* 1890-1900 core, relates to the continued growth and settlement of the Oakland and Mountain Lake Park areas in the late nineteenth and early twentieth centuries. The development of summer vacation resorts and hotels in the Oakland area in the nineteenth century had helped to stimulate settlement of the region. Toward the end of this period, a writer described Oakland as a commercial town surrounded by rich farming and grazing land. Although no longer as prominent a resort in the early twentieth century, Oakland still remained an important local mercantile and community center, and continued its growth during this period. The Shreve house typifies much of the region's late nineteenth-century architecture but also exemplifies the kinds of mid-twentieth-century modernization strategies that many area homeowners have used to update aging housing stock.

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

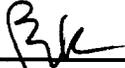
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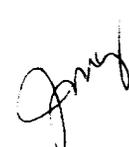
  
Reviewer, Office of Preservation Services

7/20/98  
Date

NR program concurrence:  yes  no  not applicable

  
Reviewer, NR program

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Date



Salem and Laura Shreve House  
G-VI-A-043  
627 Hamill Street  
Oakland  
Circa 1890  
Private

This is a two-story, three-by-one-bay, gable-roofed frame dwelling with a full-width hip-roofed front porch, a single exterior concrete block chimney, and a full-width, one-story, hip-roofed rear addition. The house is built with a poured concrete foundation, sheathed in aluminum siding, and protected by an asphalt-shingled gable roof. Windows are mostly single one-over-one, double-hung aluminum sash finished with aluminum surrounds, and the primary door openings contain paneled wood and glass doors. A frame garage stands nearby; another two-story building, which stands near the rear property boundary, actually began life as a cold storage cellar or "cave" for this house, but eventually grew into a full-fledged separate dwelling through a series of accretions. Although a sidewalk still connects both buildings, they now stand on separate tax parcels. The building at 627 Hamill Street faces southeast and is located on a treeless, open, and sloping piece of land at the corner of Hamill and Totten Streets, about a half mile southwest of Oakland.

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# Maryland Historical Trust Maryland Inventory of Historic Properties Form

Inventory No. G-VI-A-043

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

historic

other Salem and Laura Shreve House

## 2. Location

street & number 627 Hamill Street  not for publication

city, town Oakland  vicinity

county Garrett

## 3. Owner of Property (give names and mailing addresses of all owners)

name Salem and Laura Shreve

street & number 627 Hamill Street telephone

city, town Oakland state and zip code MD 21550-1839

## 4. Location of Legal Description

courthouse, registry of deeds, etc. Garrett County Courthouse tax map and parcel 112-14-1686

city, town Oakland liber and folio 213/85

## 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	
<input type="checkbox"/> district	<input type="checkbox"/> public	<input type="checkbox"/> agriculture <input type="checkbox"/> landscape	Contributing	Noncontributing
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> building(s)	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> private	<input type="checkbox"/> commerce/trade <input type="checkbox"/> recreation/ culture	<u>1</u>	<u>1</u> buildings
<input type="checkbox"/> structure	<input type="checkbox"/> both	<input type="checkbox"/> defense <input type="checkbox"/> religion	<u>0</u>	<u>0</u> sites
<input type="checkbox"/> site		<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> domestic <input type="checkbox"/> social	<u>0</u>	<u>0</u> structures
<input type="checkbox"/> object		<input type="checkbox"/> education <input type="checkbox"/> transportation	<u>0</u>	<u>0</u> objects
		<input type="checkbox"/> funerary <input type="checkbox"/> work in progress	<u>1</u>	<u>1</u> Total
		<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:		
			<b>Number of Contributing Resources previously listed in the Inventory</b>	
			<u>0</u>	

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## 7. Description

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### Condition

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

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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, three-by-one-bay gable-roofed frame dwelling with a full-width hip-roofed front porch and a full-width, one-story hip-roofed rear addition. The building faces southeast and is located on a treeless, open, and sloping piece of land at the corner of Hamill and Totten Streets, about a half mile southwest of Oakland.

The house rests on a poured concrete foundation that encloses a full cellar. The walls are clad in yellow aluminum siding with white trim, and the building is topped with an asphalt-shingled gable roof with a boxed aluminum eave. The rear addition is sheathed in aluminum siding to match the rest of the house and is also topped with an asphalt-shingled hipped roof finished with a boxed aluminum eave. A single exterior concrete block chimney stack with a projecting clay flue tile rises on the southeast elevation. A triangular metal louver on the northwest gable near the roof peak ventilates the attic.

Windows are mostly single one-over-one, double-hung aluminum sash finished with aluminum surrounds. The front entrance is centered on the southeast elevation and contains a paneled wooden multipaned half-glass door. The rear entrance, which pierces the opposite elevation of the rear addition, contains a cross-paneled wooden half-glass door. Aluminum surrounds finish both door openings.

The open-sided front porch rests on a concrete block foundation. It consists of a wooden deck, an X-braced wooden balustrade and rail, four-by-four square wooden posts, and an asphalt-shingled hipped roof. An open wooden stoop leads to the rear entrance. The rear addition may have once been a similar open-sided porch, but is now fully enclosed to match the rest of the house.

A modern, one-story, gable-roofed, gable-fronted frame garage stands to the northeast. This building is built on a concrete block foundation, clad in aluminum siding, and topped with an asphalt-shingled roof. Another two-story building stands up the hill and toward the rear of the property, facing Totten Street. This other building began life as a cold storage cellar or "cave" for the main house, but eventually grew into a full-fledged separate dwelling through a series of accretions. Although a sidewalk still connects the main entrances of both buildings, they now stand on separate tax parcels. The building facing Totten Street is currently for sale.

The main house is squarely oriented to Hamill Street. A concrete sidewalk running perpendicular to Hamill Street leads from the street to a set of steps in front of the primary entrance. A short driveway which parallels this sidewalk leads to the garage. Except for a few shrubs and a tree or two, the property is mostly open. Although the house is presently occupied and in good condition, its integrity has been compromised by the extensive use of aluminum siding.

## 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: Rural

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

Known Design Source: None

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## 9. Major Bibliographical References

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(See Continuation Sheet)

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## 10. Geographical Data

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Acreage of property 0.21 acres

Acreage surveyed 0.21 acres

Quadrangle name Oakland, MD-WV

Quadrangle scale 1:24,000

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### Verbal boundary description and justification

Parcel 1686, Map 112, Grid 14

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## 11. Form Prepared By

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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.

return to: Maryland Historical Trust  
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Crownsville, MD 21032  
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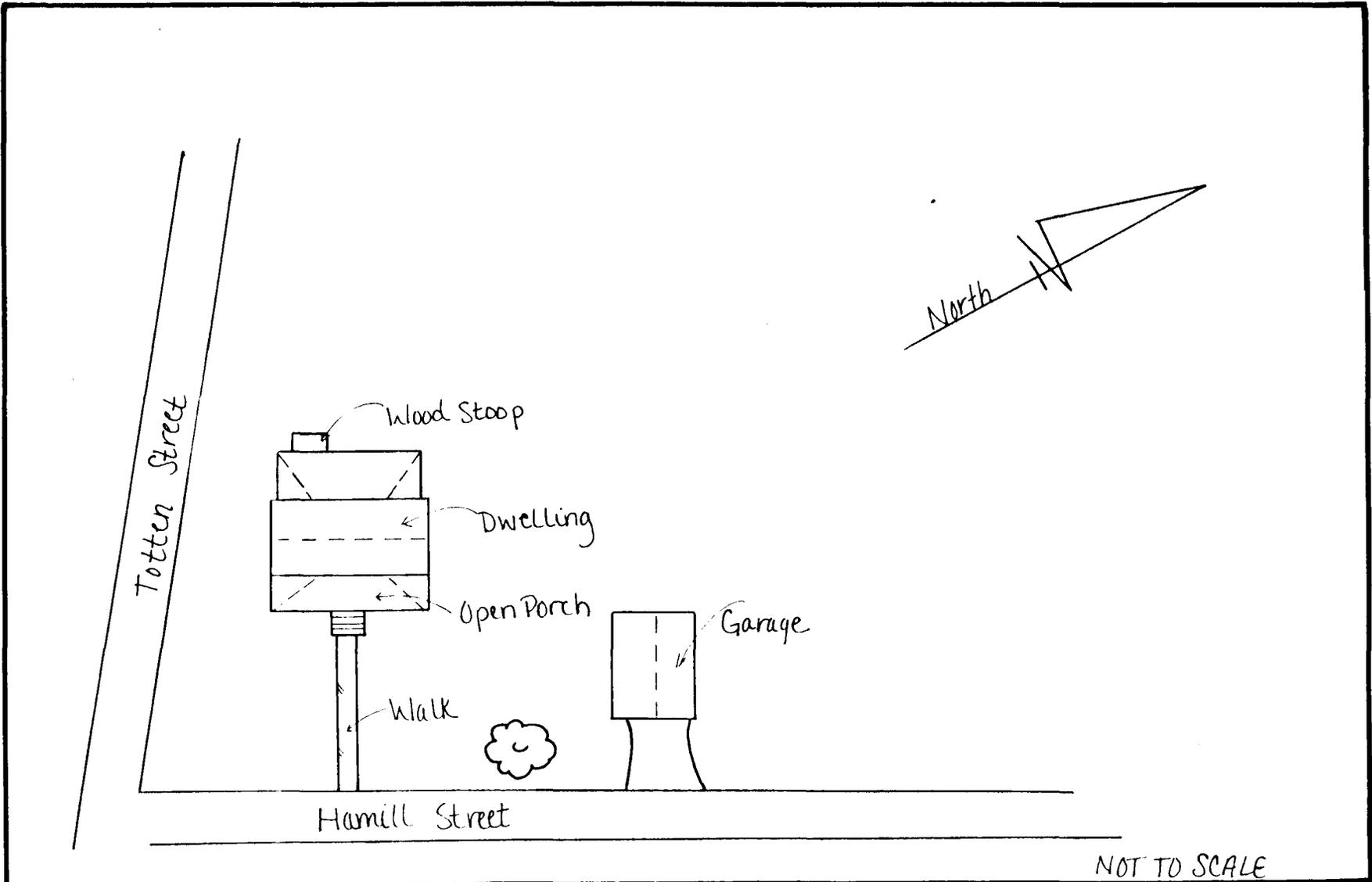
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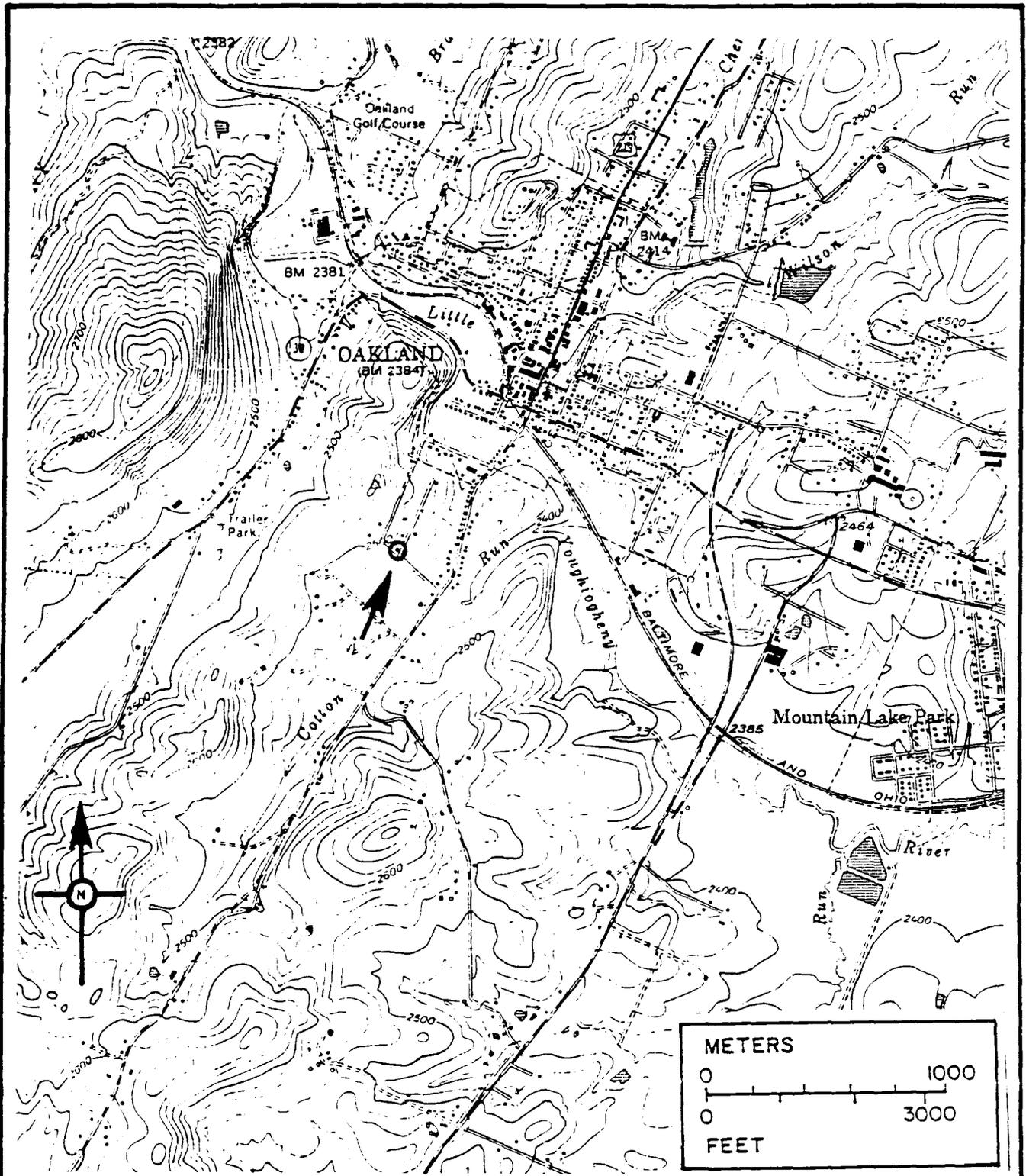
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Resource Sketch Map

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Salem and Laura Shreve House  
Oakland, Garrett County



**Location Map**

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Salem and Laura Shreve House  
Oakland, Garrett County

Oakland, MD-WVA Quadrangle Map (USGS 1974)





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