

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

Property/District Name: B.P.O.E. Oakland Lodge 2481 Survey Number: G- VI-A-046

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)

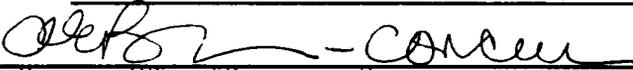
The B.P.O.E. Oakland Elks Lodge # 2481, a building which most likely began life as an early twentieth-century dwelling but has since been appropriated and expanded for use as an organizational headquarters, relates to the continued growth and settlement of the Oakland region in the late nineteenth and early twentieth centuries and the concomitant rise of the area's social, civic, and community service organizations. The development of summer vacation resorts and hotels in the Oakland area in the nineteenth century had helped to stimulate settlement and development of the region. Toward the end of this period, a writer described Oakland as a commercial town surrounded by rich farming and grazing land. Symptomatic of Oakland's rising stature within Garrett County as a seat of government and local mercantile center, a number of social and community service organizations were also established within the town in the late nineteenth and early twentieth centuries, including the National Grange of the Patrons of Husbandry and the Garrett Lodge of the Knights of Pythias. Although the original domestic core of the Oakland Elks Lodge has been nearly consumed by subsequent additions, the adaptive reuse of this building for the purpose of community service exemplifies the kinds of twentieth-century modernization strategies that have been used throughout the area to update and reappropriate 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

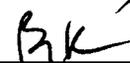
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Reviewer, Office of Preservation Services

7/20/95
Date

NR program concurrence: yes no not applicable


Reviewer, NR program

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Date



B.P.O.E. Oakland Lodge 2481
G-VI-A-046
East Side, Hamill Street
Oakland vicinity
Circa 1910
Private

This two-story, L-plan, gable-roofed frame building with an enclosed hip-roofed wraparound front porch and a very large gable-roofed addition is used as a lodge for the Oakland Elks. Although the building has a relatively early core, extensive additions have all but consumed the original main block. It now includes aluminum-clad walls, an asphalt-shingled roof, one-over-one wooden sash and modern three-part sliding sash windows, and modern glass and/or metal doors. Several small modern outbuildings stand nearby. The lodge faces southeast and is located on an open and sloping hilltop site overlooking Oakland about one quarter of a mile to the northeast.

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Maryland Historical Trust Maryland Inventory of Historic Properties Form

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1. Name of Property (indicate preferred name)

historic

other B.P.O.E. Oakland Lodge 2481

2. Location

street & number East Side, Hamill Street ___ not for publication

city, town Oakland ___ X_ vicinity

county Garrett

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

name B.P.O.E. Oakland Lodge 2481

street & number PO Box 265 telephone (301) 334-1119

city, town Oakland state and zip code MD 21550

4. Location of Legal Description

courthouse, registry of deeds, etc. Garrett County Courthouse tax map and parcel 112-14-1699

city, town Oakland liber and folio 355/403

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		
			Contributing	Noncontributing	
___ district	___ public	___ agriculture	1	3	buildings
<u>X</u> building(s)	<u>X</u> private	___ commerce/trade	0	0	sites
___ structure	___ both	___ defense	0	0	structures
___ site		___ domestic	0	0	objects
___ object		___ education	<u>0</u>	<u>3</u>	Total
		___ funerary			
		___ government			
		___ health care			
		___ industry			
		___ landscape			
		___ recreation/ culture			
		___ religion			
		<u>X</u> social			
		___ transportation			
		___ work in progress			
		___ unknown			
		___ vacant/not in use			
		___ other:			
			Number of Contributing Resources previously listed in the Inventory		
			<u>0</u>		

7. Description

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Condition

excellent deteriorated
 good ruins
 fair altered

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, L-plan, gable-roofed frame building with an enclosed hip-roofed wraparound front porch and a very large gable-roofed addition which dwarfs the original main block. The building faces southeast and is located on an open and sloping hilltop site overlooking Oakland about one quarter of a mile to the northeast.

The foundation was not visible when the building was surveyed. The walls are clad in white aluminum siding, and the main block of the building is topped with an asphalt-shingled gable roof with a boxed aluminum eave. Rectangular metal louvers near the gable peaks ventilate the attic. No masonry chimney piles were visible.

Windows consist of a combination of single one-over-one, double-hung sash and three-part sliding sash in the newer addition. Window openings are finished with wooden surrounds. The primary entrance, which pierces the south elevation of the large addition off to the west, contains a modern glass double door. Another entrance, opening into the same elevation of enclosed front porch, contains a metal door, and a third entrance, which pierces the same elevation of the oversized addition, contains a modern metal and glass door.

The hip-roofed front porch is now fully enclosed, and wraps around the north and east elevations. An open-sided porch joins the south elevation of the large rear addition; this porch consists simply of a pole-supported extension of the roof slope covering the rear addition. An open, L-shaped, balustraded wooden deck wraps around the northwest corner of the original main block. A second, much smaller balustraded wooden deck projects from the east elevation of the enclosed wraparound porch.

A large L-shaped asphalt parking area leads from Hamill Street and wraps around the south and east sides of the building. Several small buildings stand north of the main building. These include a one-story, open-sided, pole-supported frame gazebo topped with a hipped roof, a small one-story shed-roofed frame ticket/refreshment stand, and a one-story open-sided frame shed topped with an asymmetrical gable roof. This lodge occupies a hilltop site that is bordered by woods to the west and south. The building is presently occupied and in good condition, but extensive additions have all but consumed the original main block, thereby compromising its integrity.

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 checked="" 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 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 checked="" type="checkbox"/> other: comm. svc.

Specific dates Circa 1910 **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): Social / Education / Cultural

Resource Type:

Category: Building

Historic Environment: Rural

Historic Function(s) and Use(s): Dwelling; now used as Elks Lodge

Known Design Source: None

9. Major Bibliographical References

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(See Continuation Sheet)

10. Geographical Data

Acreage of property 2.00 acres
Acreage surveyed 2.00 acres
Quadrangle name Oakland, MD-WVA

Quadrangle scale 1:24,000

Verbal boundary description and justification

Parcel 1699, Map 112, Grid 14

11. Form Prepared By

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city or town	Hunt Valley	state and zip code	MD 21030-1888

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.

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Crownsville, MD 21032
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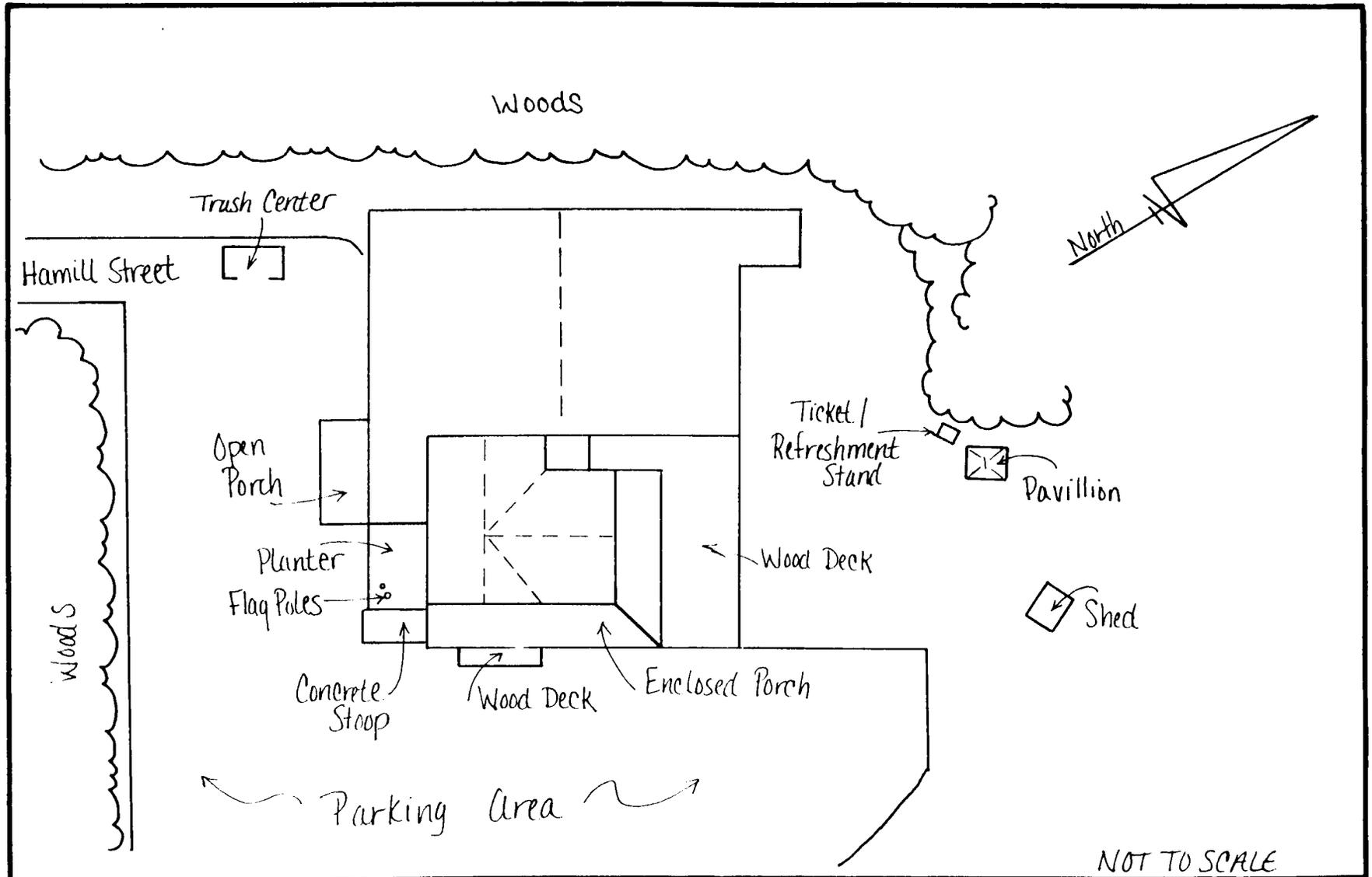
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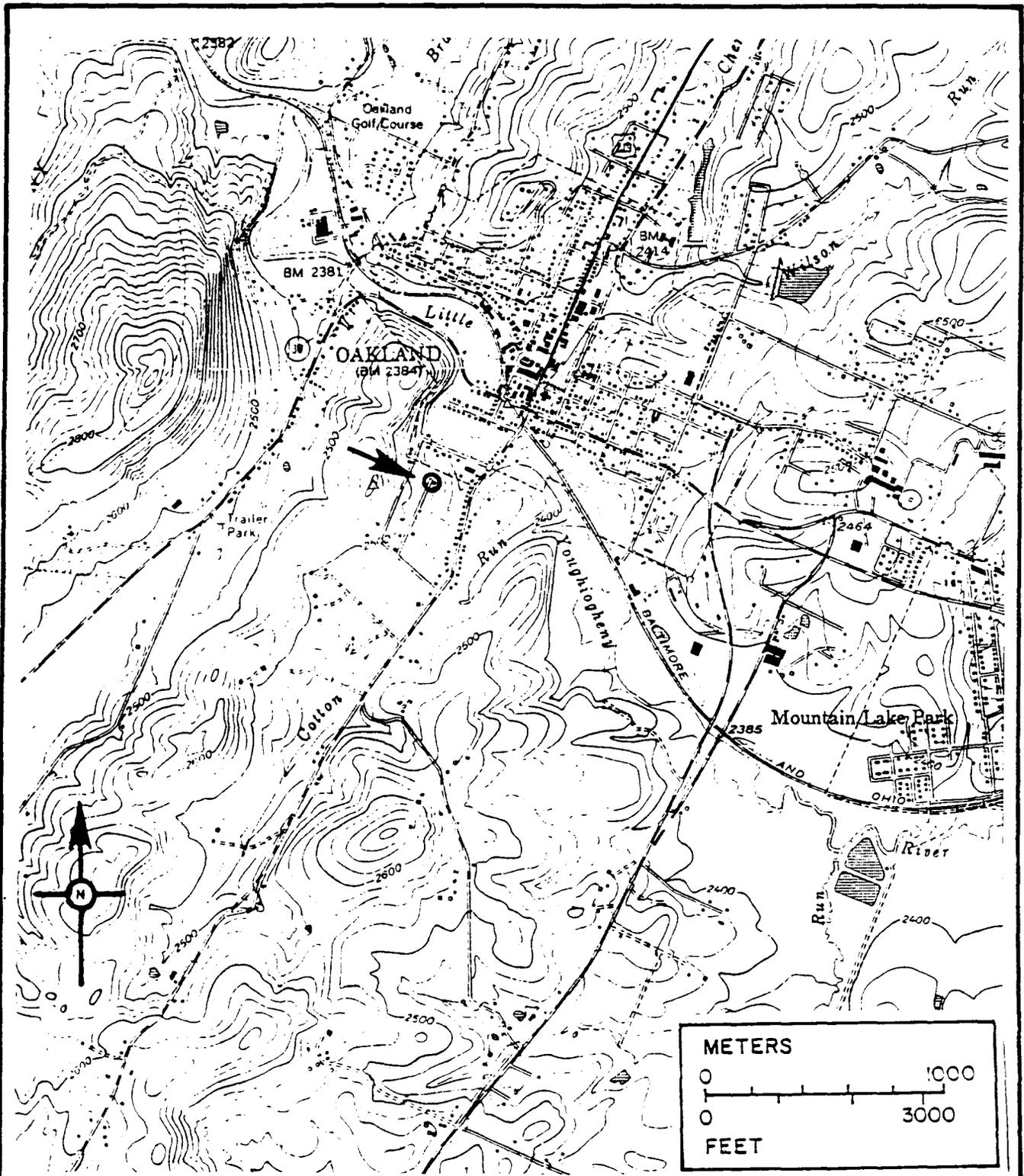
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Resource Sketch Map

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 B.P.O.E Oakland 2481
 Oakland, Garrett County



Location Map

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 B.P.O.E Oakland 2481
 Oakland, Garrett County
 Oakland, MD-WVA Quadrangle Map (USGS 1974)





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