

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

Property/District Name: Leighton House Survey Number: G-VI-A-053

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)

Historical documentation does not indicate that this resource is associated with Criterion A, broad patterns of history or a significant event or Criterion B, an important person who contributed to local or state history. The property does not embody distinctive characteristics of a type, period, or method of construction nor does it represent the work of a master or possess high artistic value; therefore, Criterion C, architecture, does not apply. Lastly, the property is unlikely to yield information which contributes to our understanding of human history.

*NOT ELIGIBLE FOR NRHP*

Document on the property/district is presented in: Historic Structures Inventory and Determination of Eligibility Report

(KCI/MSHA 1997)

Prepared by: Helen P. Ross, KCI Technologies, Inc.

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Reviewer, Office of Preservation Services

*7/20/98*  
Date

NR program concurrence:  yes  no  not applicable

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Reviewer, NR program

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Leighton House  
G-VI-A-053  
555 West Liberty Street  
Oakland Vicinity  
1923  
Private

The Leighton House is a rectangular two story, gable roofed frame dwelling with a poured concrete foundation, painted asbestos shingle siding, and an interior brick chimney stack.

Built in 1923 according to county tax records, the Leighton House is related to the expanded settlement of areas located on the fringes of the town of Oakland. Due to alterations that have reduced integrity, the house no longer typifies early twentieth century domestic architecture.

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

historic

other Leighton House

## 2. Location

street & number 555 West Liberty Street      not for publication

city, town Oakland X vicinity

county Garrett

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

name Laura E. Leighton

street & number 389 Dennett Road telephone

city, town Oakland state and zip code MD 21550

## 4. Location of Legal Description

courthouse, registry of deeds, etc. Land Records Office tax map and parcel 113-2365

city, town Oakland liber and folio 617/637

## 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	
<input type="checkbox"/> district	<input type="checkbox"/> public	<input type="checkbox"/> agriculture <input type="checkbox"/> landscape	<u>1</u>	<u>1</u>	buildings
<u>X</u> building(s)	<u>X</u> private	<input type="checkbox"/> commerce/trade <input type="checkbox"/> recreation/ culture	<u>0</u>	<u>0</u>	sites
<input type="checkbox"/> structure	<input type="checkbox"/> both	<input type="checkbox"/> defense <input type="checkbox"/> religion	<u>0</u>	<u>0</u>	structures
<input type="checkbox"/> site		<u>X</u> domestic <input type="checkbox"/> social	<u>0</u>	<u>0</u>	objects
<input type="checkbox"/> object		<input type="checkbox"/> education <input type="checkbox"/> transportation	<u>0</u>	<u>0</u>	
		<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:			

**Number of Contributing Resources  
previously listed in the Inventory**

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## 7. Description

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### Condition

excellent       deteriorated  
 good             ruins  
 fair               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.

The Leighton house is located at 555 West Liberty Street just south of the intersection with Leighton Drive. The dwelling is sited on a relatively flat, treeless lot and is perpendicular to West Liberty Street. The property is bordered on the west and north by a low-lying, cut stone wall and on the east and south by green open spaces. A paved asphalt section located between the road and the stone wall provides vehicle storage.

The rectangle-shaped two-story, frame, gable roofed dwelling has a poured concrete foundation, painted arbestos shingle siding and an interior brick chimney stack. The roof has been raised and rear elevation extended to incorporate an upper story addition. The top section is three bays long and one bay wide, while the rear wall has three levels of space. A two bay shed-roofed rear entry porch has a wooden enclosed rail. The roof is metal while the remainder of the roof is sheathed with asphalt shingles. Situated on the facade is a fully enclosed, single story porch with astroturf covered steps flanked by metal hand railing.

The majority of windows are single and paired 1/1 light, double-hung sash units with some 3/1 light, double-hung sashes in the front porch and some three light metal casements in the foundation. The main block front door is obscured by the front porch; however, the rear, single-leaf unit has an upper glass light and lower wood panel. Situated north of the house is a single story, masonry, facade gable-roofed garage. Resting upon a concrete slab, the rusticated pattern concrete block building has asbestos shingle siding in the gables, an asphalt shingle covered roof and a four light and nine wood panel horizontal opening garage bay door.

## 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 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** 1923

**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).

The Leighton House, built in 1923 according to county tax records, relates to the expanded settlement of areas located on the fringes of the town of Oakland. Characterized by roadside development, some of these areas were subsequently annexed into the town of Oakland's corporate boundaries. This area of Oakland was subdivided for residential development in the second and third decades of the twentieth century. Due to the integrity-reducing alternations, the house no longer typifies early twentieth century domestic architecture.

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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 & Community Planning
Resource Type:	
Category:	Building
Historic Environment:	Urban
Historic Function(s) and Use(s):	Dwelling
Known Design Source:	None

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## 9. Major Bibliographical References

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## 10. Geographical Data

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Acreage of property 0.61 acres  
Acreage surveyed 0.61 acres  
Quadrangle name Oakland, MD-WV

Quadrangle scale 1:24,000

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### Verbal boundary description and justification

Parcel 2365, Map 113, District 17

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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  
DHCD/DHCP  
100 Community Place  
Crownsville, MD 21032  
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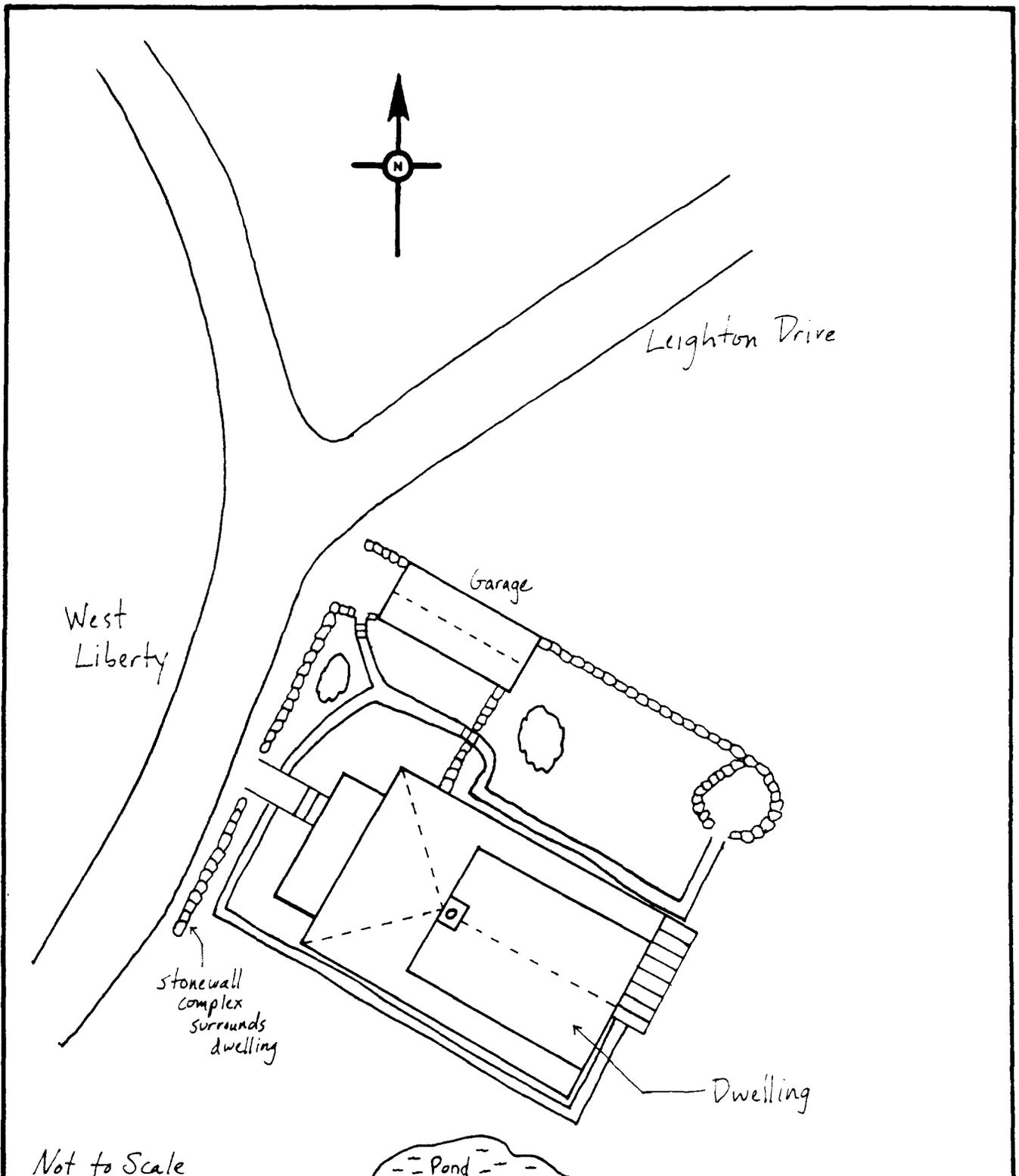
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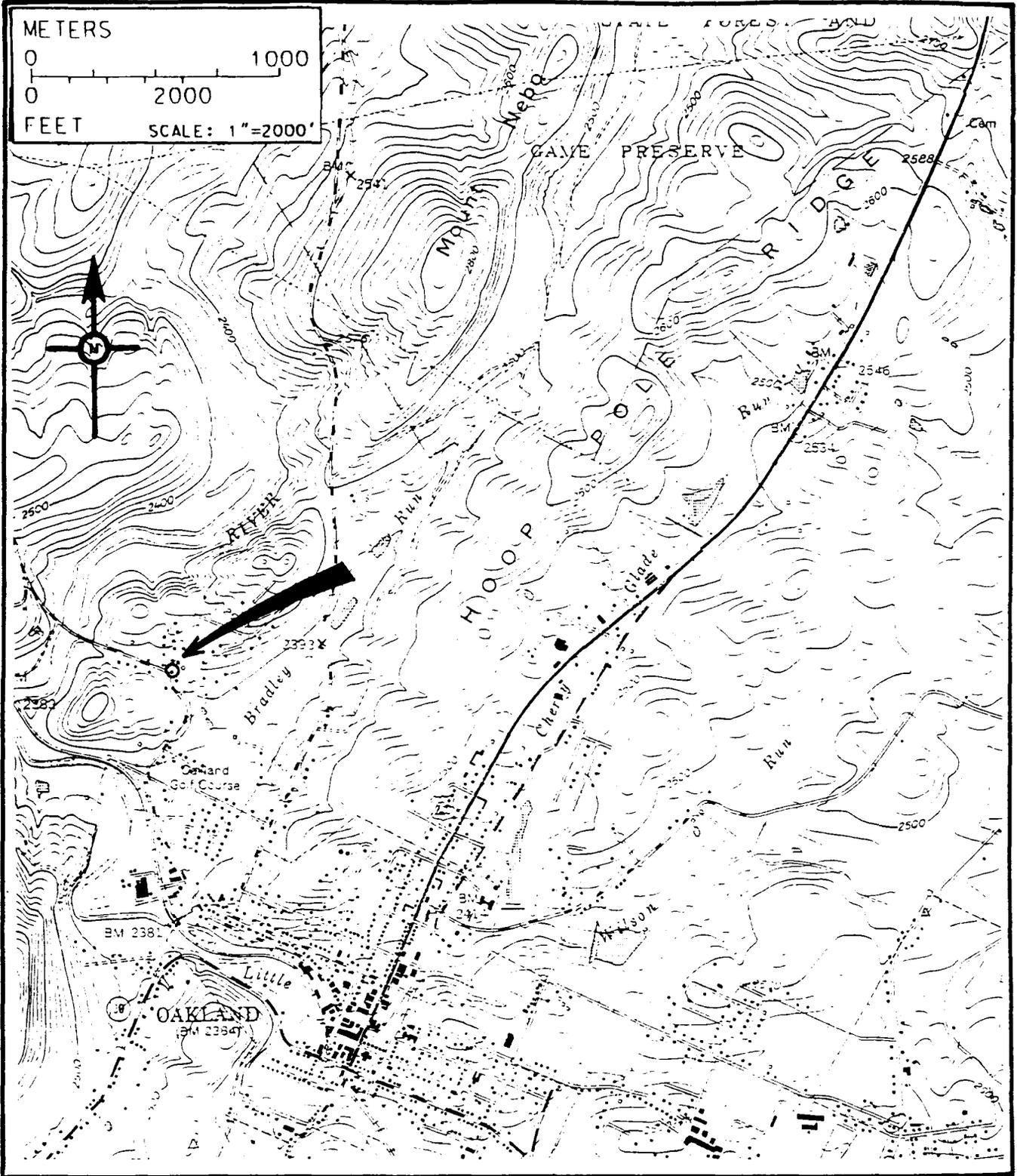
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**Resource Sketch Map**

G-VI-A-053  
Laura E. Leighton House  
Oakland, Garrett County



**Location Map**

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Laura E. Leighton House

Oakland, Garrett County

Oakland, MD-WVA Quadrangle Map (USGS 1974)





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