

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

Property/District Name: Karen S. Reckner House Survey Number: G-VI-A-066

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 Karen S. Reckner House, built *circa* 1940, relates to the continued expansion and settlement of the Oakland area in the mid-twentieth century. The development of summer vacation resorts and hotels in the Oakland area in the late nineteenth century had helped to stimulate settlement of the region. Although no longer as prominent a resort in the mid-twentieth century, Oakland still remained an important local mercantile and community center, and continued its growth throughout this period. Residential development typically occurred along pre-existing road networks. The Reckner house typifies much of the region's mid-twentieth-century residential architecture.

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

(KCI/MSHA 1997)

Prepared by: Gabrielle M. Lanier/KCI Technologies, Inc.

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concur [Signature] 7/20/98  
Reviewer, Office of Preservation Services Date

NR program concurrence:  yes  no  not applicable

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Reviewer, NR program Date

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Reckner House  
G-VI-A-066  
809 Memorial Drive  
Oakland vicinity  
Circa 1940  
Private

This is a one-story, three-by-two-bay, gable-roofed, stone-faced dwelling with an asymmetrical gable-roofed front entry, a three-sided projecting front bay, and a fully enclosed shed-roofed rear porch. The house consists of a concrete block foundation, stone veneered and wood-shingled walls, and an asphalt-shingled gable roof with a single exterior brick chimney. Windows are mostly single and paired three-over-one and one-over-one, double-hung wooden sash with inset wooden surrounds and rowlock brick sills. The front and back door openings contain wood and glass doors. A two-car frame garage also stands on the property. The house faces northwest and is located on an open, gently sloping lot just northeast of Oakland.

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

historic

other Karen S. Reckner House

## 2. Location

street & number 809 Memorial Drive \_\_\_\_\_ not for publication

city, town Oakland X vicinity

county Garrett

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

name Karen S. Reckner

street & number 809 Memorial Drive telephone (301) 334-6301

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 111-7-2144

city, town Oakland liber and folio 617/447

## 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>2</u>	<u>0</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>	Total
		<input type="checkbox"/> funerary	<input type="checkbox"/> work in progress	<u>2</u>	<u>0</u>	
		<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**

0

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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 one-story, three-by-two-bay, gable-roofed, stone-faced dwelling with an asymmetrical gable-roofed front entry, a three-sided projecting front bay, and a fully enclosed shed-roofed rear porch. The house faces northwest and is located on an open, gently sloping lot about just northeast of Oakland.

Built on a concrete block foundation, the walls of the house are clad in a dressed uncoursed yellowish stone veneer. The tops of the gables are sheathed in ochre-colored wood shingles. The building is topped with an asphalt-shingled gable roof finished with a narrow flat wooden verge. A single exterior brick chimney rises along the northeast elevation, and four evenly-spaced rectangular metal louvers in the upper gables ventilate the attic.

Windows consist of a mixture of single and paired three-over-one and one-over-one, double-hung wooden sash finished with inset wooden surrounds and rowlock brick sills. Several small one-over-one double-hung sash windows light the cellar. A three-sided projecting angled bay window located on the northwest elevation lights the interior. The front door opening, which is nearly centered on the northwest elevation, is fitted with a solid wood door with a single lozenge-shaped glass pane at the top. A similar door pierces the opposite elevation at cellar level.

Because of the slope of the lot, the original rear porch stands higher above ground level than the front of the house; it rests on a concrete block foundation that once served to enclose a garage below. This porch, which is topped by an asphalt-shingled shed roof, has since been fully enclosed with fiberglass sheathing. An open wooden deck on four-by-four wooden posts stands just to the southeast of this enclosed rear porch. An X-braced wooden balustrade and rail encircle the deck, and a set of open wooden ladder steps leads from the yard up to the deck level. A macadam patio stands adjacent to the enclosed rear porch and the wooden deck.

A gable-roofed, gable-fronted, one-story, two-car frame garage stands just northeast of the house. This building is topped with an asphalt-shingled roof and clad in ochre-colored wooden shingles. Two overhead paneled metal doors on the northwest gable provide access to the interior. A standard-sized wood and multipaned glass door is located on the southwest elevation, and one-over-one double-hung sash windows on the long walls light the interior. A macadam driveway running perpendicular to Memorial Drive leads along the northeast side of the house to the garage, and a concrete walk which parallels the main road leads from the driveway to the front entrance of the house. A second concrete walk leads from the main road to the front door. A stand of deciduous trees shades the front yard, while the rear of the property is mostly open. The house is presently occupied and remains in good condition.

## 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 1940 **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): Modern Period, A.D. 1930 - Present

Historic Period Theme(s): Architecture, Landscape Architecture and Community Planning

Resource Type:

Category: Buildings

Historic Environment: Rural/Suburban

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

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 0.56 acres

Acreage surveyed 0.56 acres

Quadrangle name Oakland, MD-WVA

Quadrangle scale 1:24,000

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### Verbal boundary description and justification

Parcel 2144, Map 111, Grid 7

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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.

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DHCD/DHCP  
100 Community Place  
Crownsville, MD 21032  
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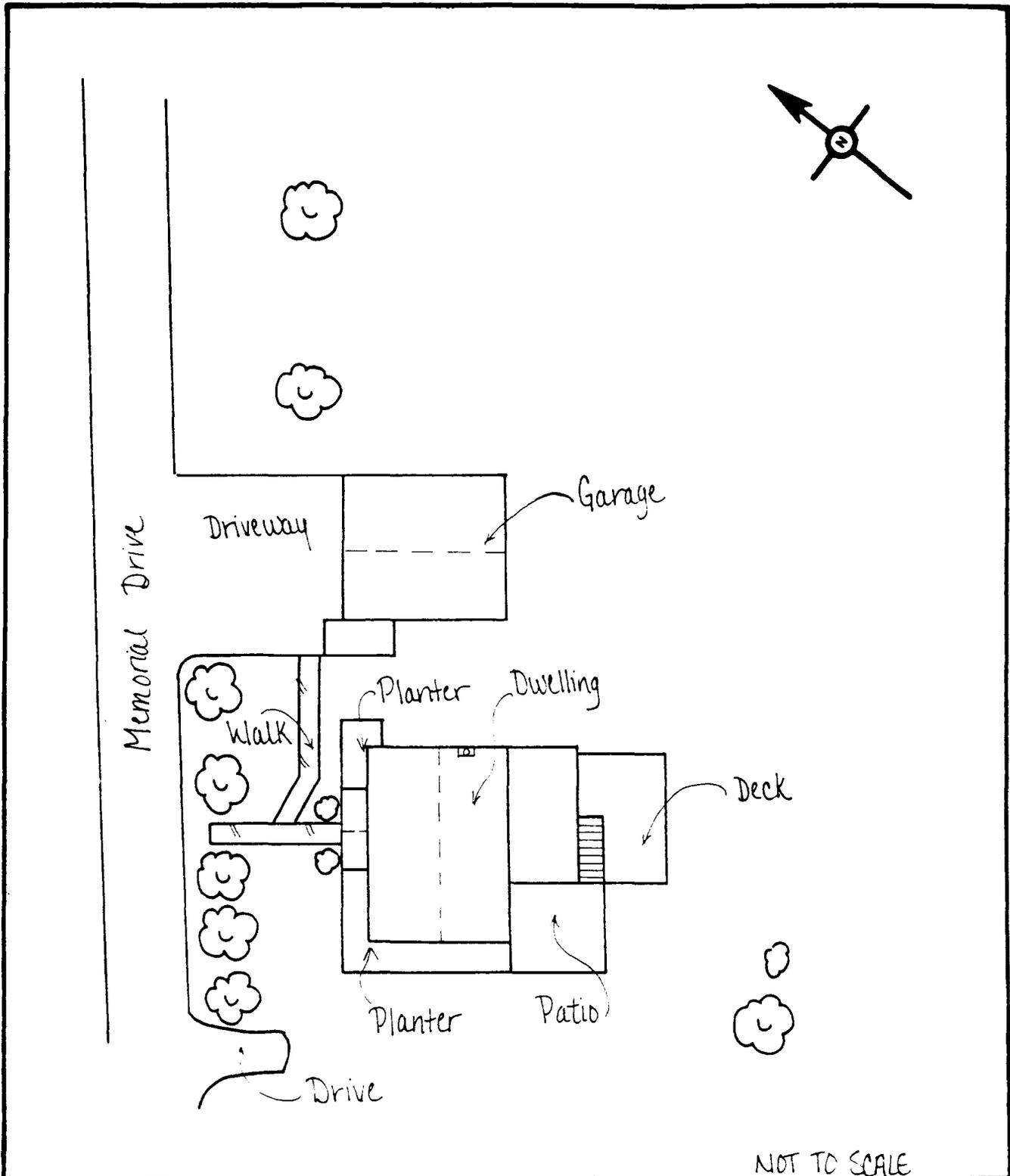
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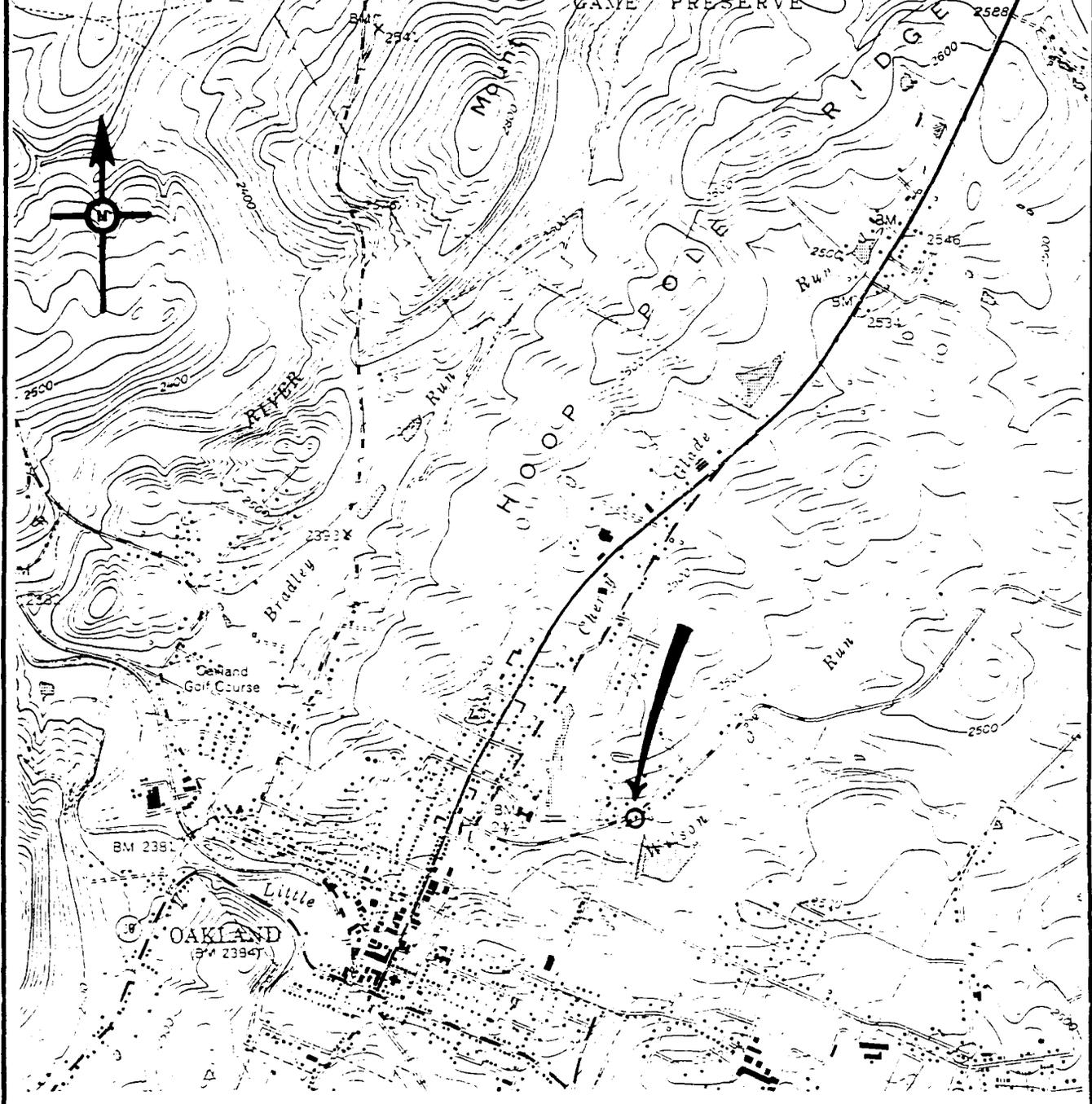
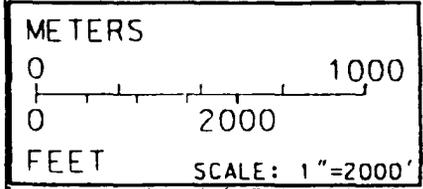


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**Resource Sketch Map**

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 Karen S. Reckner House  
 Oakland, Garrett County



**Location Map**

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 Karen S. Reckner House  
 Oakland, Garrett County  
 Oakland, MD-WVA Quadrangle Map (USGS 1974)



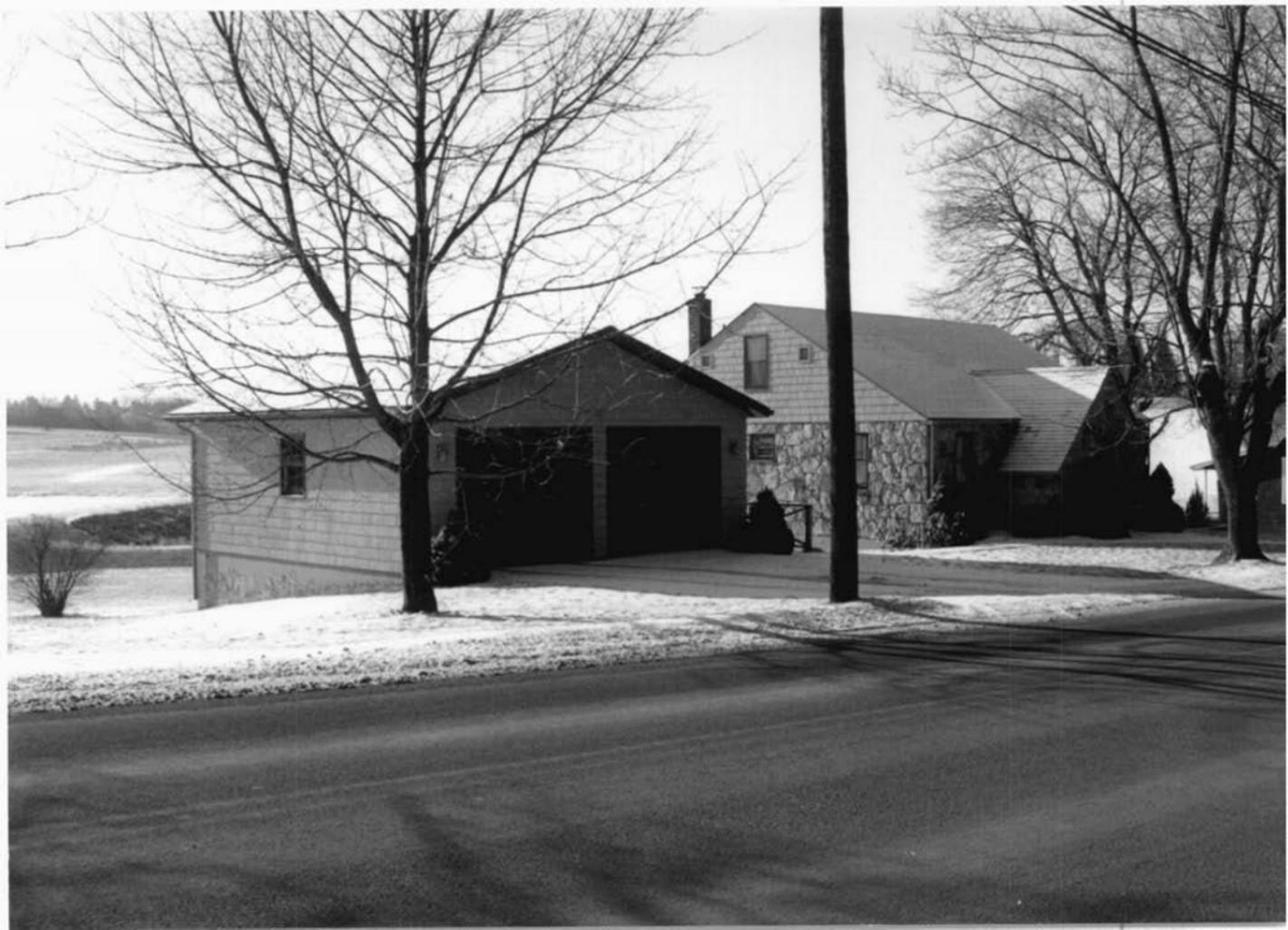
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