

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

Property/District Name: Joseph E. Helbig House Survey Number: G-VI-A-067

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 Joseph E. Helbig 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 Helbig house exemplifies 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.

NOT ELIGIBLE  
REVIEWER: [Signature]  
Reviewer, Office of Preservation Services \_\_\_\_\_ Date \_\_\_\_\_

NR program concurrence:  yes  no  not applicable  
[Signature]  
Reviewer, NR program \_\_\_\_\_ Date \_\_\_\_\_

[Signature]

Helbig House  
G-VI-A-067  
817 Memorial Drive  
Oakland vicinity  
Circa 1940  
Private

This is a one-story, three-by-two-bay, gable-roofed frame dwelling with a full-width shed-roofed rear addition, a shed roofed one-bay dormer, an open-sided gable-roofed covered entry, a gable-roofed attached garage, and an open wooden rear deck. The building includes a mixed rusticated and plain concrete block foundation, aluminum-sided walls, and an asphalt-shingled gable roof with a single exterior brick chimney. Windows are mostly single one-over-one, double-hung aluminum sash with aluminum surrounds. Most door openings contain wood and glass doors with wood or aluminum surrounds. 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 Joseph E. Helbig House

## 2. Location

street & number 817 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 Joseph E. Helbig

street & number 817 Memorial Drive telephone

city, town Oakland state and zip code MD 21550-5102

## 4. Location of Legal Description

courthouse, registry of deeds, etc. Garrett County Courthouse tax map and parcel 111-7-289

city, town Oakland liber and folio 539/57 and 618/156

## 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>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	
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		<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: public works				
						<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 one-story, three-by-two-bay, gable-roofed frame dwelling with a full-width shed-roofed rear addition, a shed roofed one-bay dormer, an open-sided gable-roofed covered entry, a gable-roofed attached garage, and an open wooden rear deck. The house faces northwest and is located on an open, gently sloping lot just northeast of Oakland.

Built on a foundation of mixed rusticated and plain concrete block that encloses a full cellar, the walls of the house are clad in white aluminum siding with gray shutters and trim. The building is topped with an asphalt-shingled gable roof finished with an aluminum eave. A single exterior brick chimney rises along the northeast gable, and four evenly-spaced rectangular metal louvers in the gable peaks ventilate the attic. The shed-roofed rear dormer is topped with asphalt shingles and fitted with a single one-over-one double-hung sash window.

Windows are mostly single one-over-one, double-hung aluminum sash with aluminum surrounds. A large tripartite focal window pierces the front elevation, and several small single-paned horizontal sliding sash windows light the cellar. The front door opening, which is centered on the northwest elevation, contains a solid wood door with a single central glass pane at the top; it is finished with wooden surrounds. A rear entrance on the opposite elevation contains a wood and multipaned glass door; this entrance is finished with aluminum surrounds. A third recessed cellar entrance pierces the same rear elevation; the door in this entrance was not visible when the house was surveyed.

The front porch consists of a small concrete stoop covered with a wooden ceiling and an asphalt-shingled gable roof supported on wooden Doric columns. The gable of the entry is clad in aluminum siding. Because of the slope of the lot, the rear of the house stands higher above ground level than the front. A full-width shed-roofed addition extends across the rear of the building; this addition is topped with an asphalt-shingled shed roof. An open wooden deck stands southeast of this addition. The deck is supported on four-by-four wooden posts and encircled with a slatted wooden balustrade and rail; a set of open ladder steps leads from the yard up to the deck level. A macadam patio stands adjacent to the wooden deck. A one-story gable-roofed frame one-car garage joins the northeast gable of the house. This garage is topped with an asphalt-shingled roof and lit by one-light horizontal sliding sash windows. A metal overhead garage door provides access to the interior.

No separate outbuildings stand on the property. 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. A second concrete walk leads from the main road to the front door. 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 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: Building

Historic Environment: Rural/Suburban

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 0.51 acres

Acreage surveyed 0.51 acres

Quadrangle name Oakland, MD-WV

Quadrangle scale 1:24,000

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### Verbal boundary description and justification

Parcel 289, Map 111, Grid 7

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## 11. Form Prepared By

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name/title	Gabrielle M. Lanier/Architectural Historian		
organization	KCI Technologies, Inc.	date	3-13-97
street & number	10 North Park Drive	telephone	410-316-7857
city or town	Hunt Valley	state and zip code	MD 21030-1888

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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  
410-514-7600

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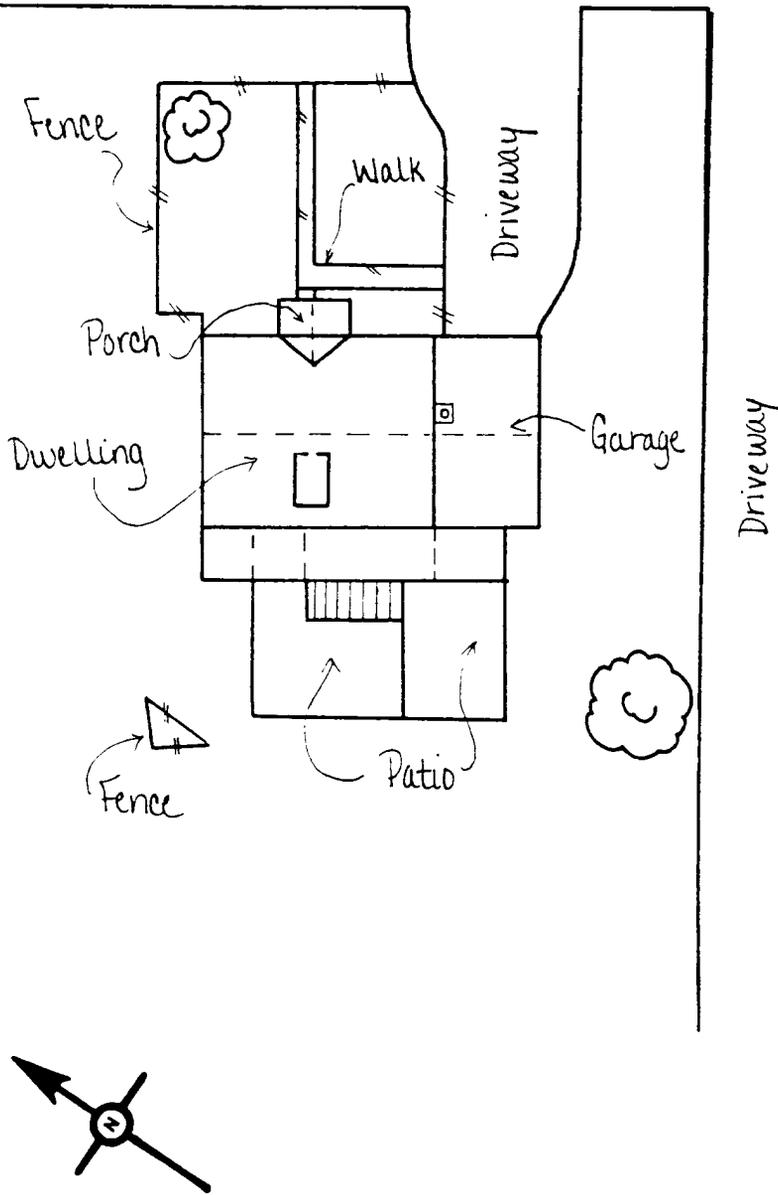
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Memorial Drive



NOT TO SCALE



**Resource Sketch Map**

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Joseph E. Helbig House  
Oakland, Garrett County





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