

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

Property/District Name: DeWitt House Survey Number: G-VI-A-~~041~~⁰⁹⁵

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

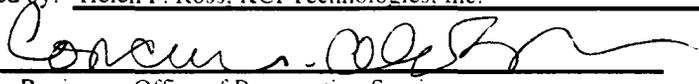
Justification for decision: (Use continuation sheet if necessary and attach map)

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.

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.


Reviewer, Office of Preservation Services


Date

NR program concurrence: yes no not applicable


Reviewer, NR program

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Date



DeWitt House
G-VI-A-~~041~~ 095
450 North Fourth Street
Oakland
Circa 1933
Private

The DeWitt House is located on the west side of North Fourth Street and is numbered 450. Sighted on the top of a slight rise, the property is surrounded by large balsam trees on three elevations and the edge of pavement on the east elevation. The dwelling sitting parallel to the road, is approximately twenty-five feet away from it. Found on the north and west elevations is an asphalt paved driveway which leads to a Quonset hut garage at the northwestern corner of the property.

The DeWitt House, built in 1933 according to the current owner, relates to the expanded settlement in fringe areas previously located beyond the town limits of Oakland. The house is typical of mid-twentieth century domestic architecture and represents the natural outward migration of housing styles in the expanded Oakland survey district boundaries.

Maryland Historical Trust Maryland Inventory of Historic Properties Form

Inventory No. G-VI-A-011-⁰⁹⁵

1. Name of Property (indicate preferred name)

historic

other The DeWitt House

2. Location

street & number 450 North Fourth Street _____ not for publication

city, town Oakland X vicinity

county Garrett

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

name William H. & Patricia A. DeWitt

street & number 450 North Fourth Street telephone 301-334-4909

city, town Oakland state and zip code MD 21550-1104

4. Location of Legal Description

courthouse, registry of deeds, etc. Garrett County Courthouse tax map and parcel 111-1751

city, town Oakland liber and folio 481/162

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
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> building(s)	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> 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		<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> 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:			
				Number of Contributing Resources previously listed in the Inventory		

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.

The DeWitt House is located on the west side of North Fourth Street and is numbered 450. Sighted on the top of a slight rise, the property is surrounded by large balsam trees on three elevations and the edge of pavement on the east elevation. The dwelling sitting parallel to the road, is approximately twenty-five feet away from it. Found on the north and west elevations is an asphalt paved driveway which leads to a Quonset hut garage at the northwestern corner of the property.

This is a single story, frame, side gable roofed dwelling with asphalt roof shingles, asbestos shingle siding, and a concrete block foundation. A full width, single pile, single story, frame, extension is attached to the northern elevation. Immediately adjacent to it is a shed-roofed, frame, sun room addition. Both are covered with asbestos shingle siding and have 1/1 light, double hung sash windows. At the rear elevation, the former full-width attached porch has been enclosed while the facade front porch has a single bay, a gable roof, and an aluminum siding foundation skirt. There are two aluminum-sided corner piers which support tapered wood posts, and vertical wood siding in the gable. An interior brick chimney stack is located between the north wall and the side addition.

There are a variety of windows throughout the house such as 3/1 and 1/1 light, double hung sashes, two light casement units, and two picture windows. The doors consist of a front flush wood unit, a single leaf, multiple-pane unit and atop the metal fire escape stairs in the upper gable is a single leaf, four light upper section and a lower wood panel door. A single story, Quonset hut at the rear of the lot functions as a two car garage and workshop.

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 1933 **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 DeWitt House, built in 1933 according to the current owner, relates to the expanded settlement in fringe areas previously located beyond the town limits of Oakland. Distinguished by roadside development, these areas were eventually incorporated within the town of Oakland's expanded boundaries. Although this area of town was subdivided around the turn of the twentieth century, residential development occurred through the early decades. The house is typical of mid-twentieth century domestic architecture and represents the natural outward migration of housing styles in the expanded Oakland survey district boundaries.

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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 & Community Planning

Resource Type:

Category: Building

Historic Environment: Urban

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

Known Design Source: None

9. Major Bibliographical References

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(See Continuation Sheet)

10. Geographical Data

Acreage of property 1.35 acres

Acreage surveyed 1.35 acres

Quadrangle name Oakland, MD-WV

Quadrangle scale 1:24,000

Verbal boundary description and justification

Parcel 1751, Map 111, District 17

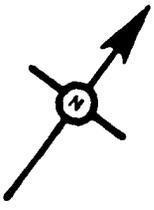
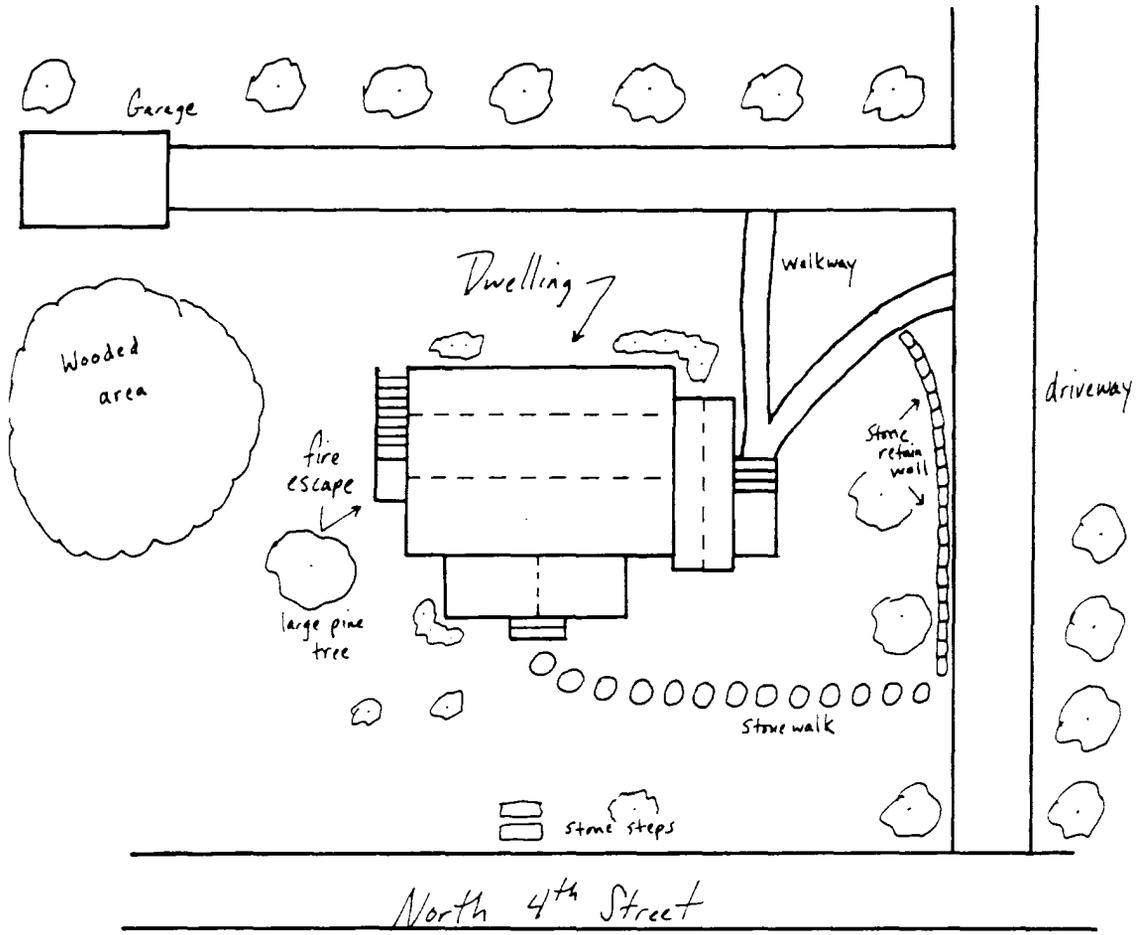
11. Form Prepared By

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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.

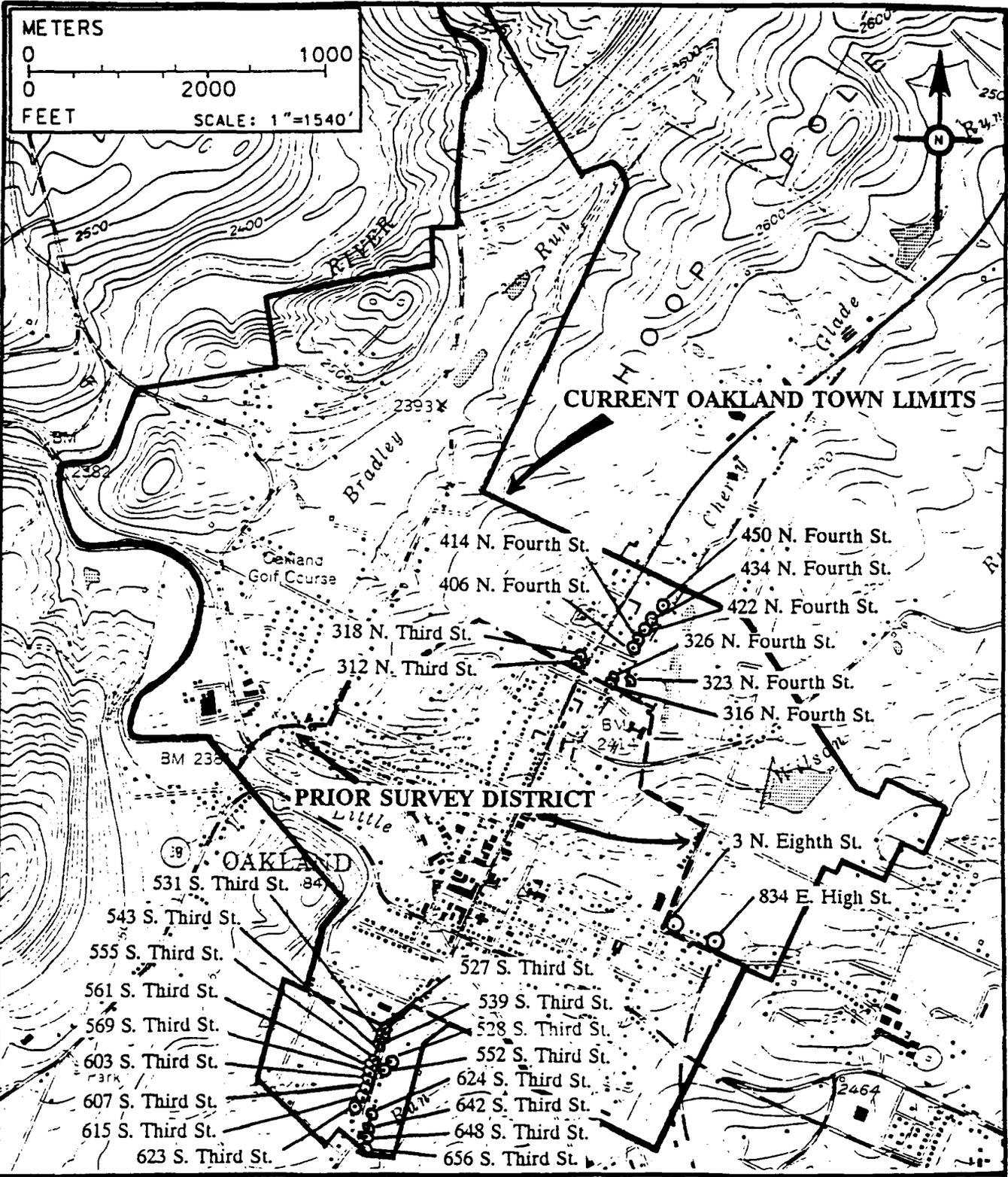
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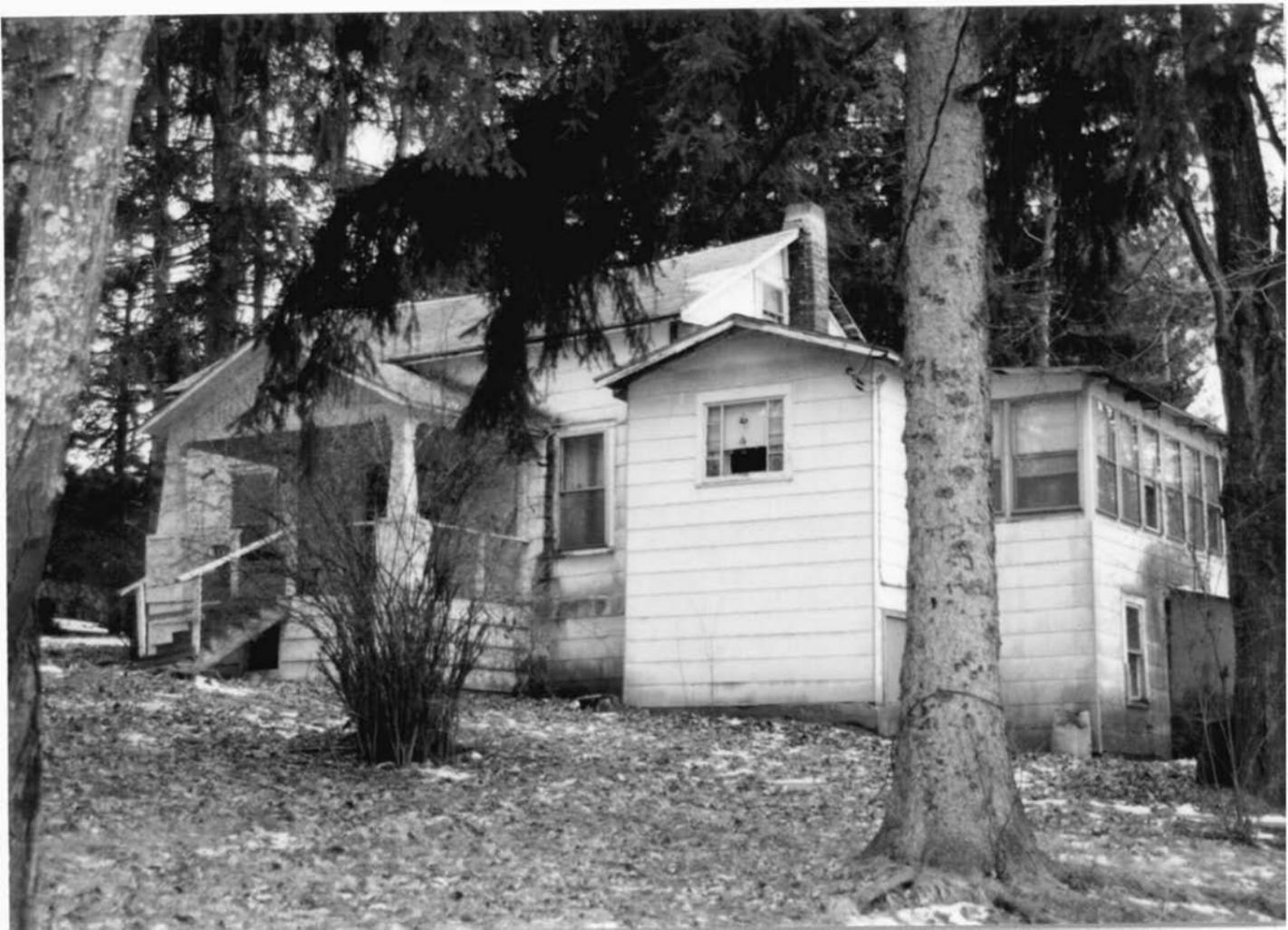
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Resource Sketch Map
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 Wm. & Patricia Dewitt House
 450 N. Fourth Street
 Oakland, Garrett County



Addenda to Oakland Survey District
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 Enlargement of the Oakland, MD-WVA (USGS 1974) 7.5' Quadrangle map showing the location of historic resources being added to the Oakland Survey District previously documented by the MHT.



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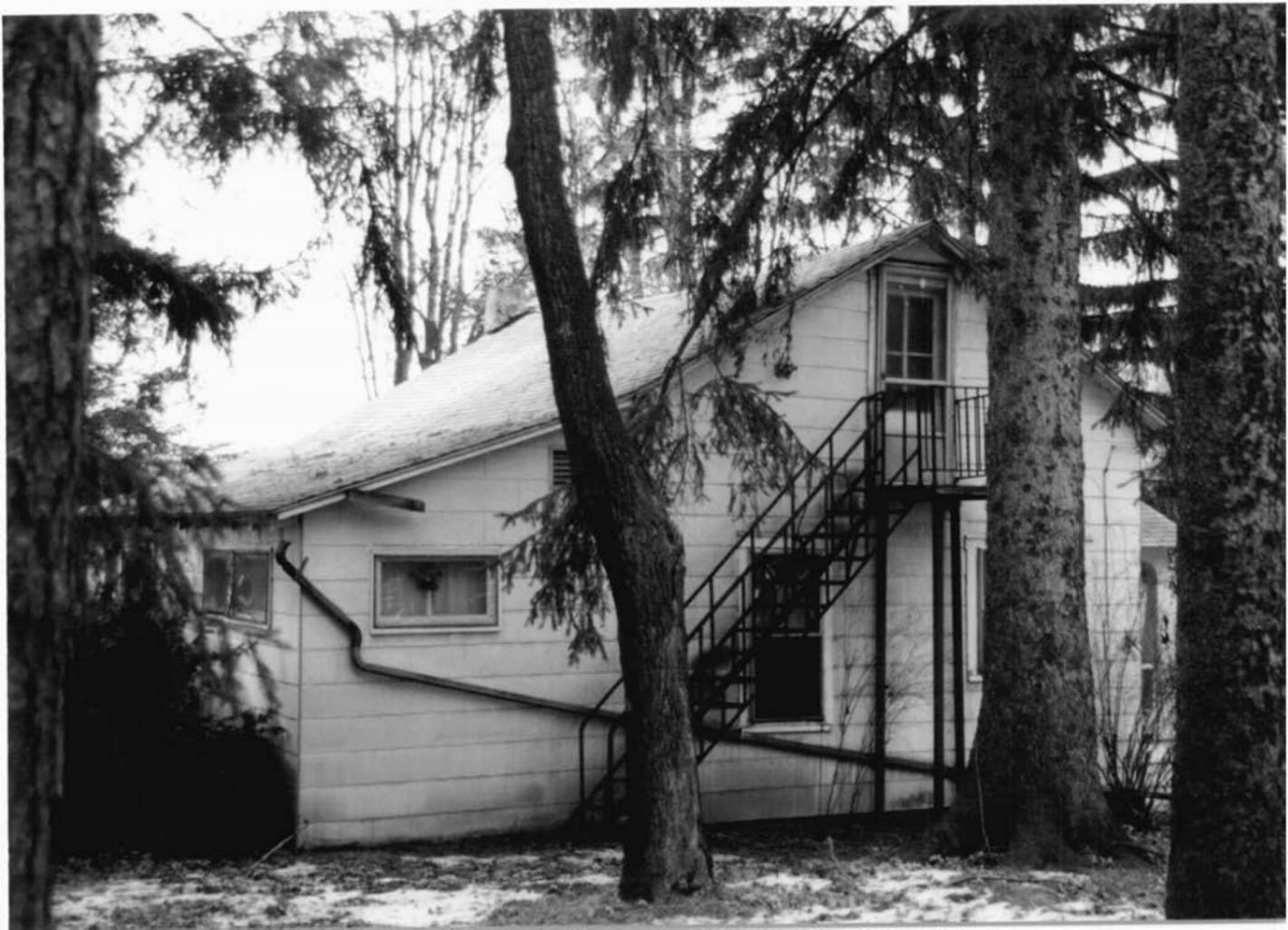
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