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

Property/District Name: Burch House Survey Number: G-IV-B-002

Project: US 219/Oakland Vicinity Improvement Project Agency: MSHA

Site visit by MHT Staff: ___ No ___ Yes Name _____ Date _____

Eligibility recommended ___ Eligibility **not** recommended X see below

Criteria: ___ A ___ B ___ C ___ D Considerations: ___ A ___ B ___ C ___ D ___ E ___ F ___ G ___ None

Justification for decision: (Use continuation sheet if necessdary 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.

THE MHT DOES NOT CONCUR WITH KCI'S OPINION. BURCH HOUSE IS ELIGIBLE.

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 7/17/98

NR program concurrence: X yes ___ no ___ not applicable Concur w/OPS

Reviewer, NR program — Date "

Addendum

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Burch House
Loch Lynn Heights
Garrett County

Prepared By: Helen P. Ross
Date Prepared: March 27, 1997

The Burch House in Loch Lynn Heights has received a new asphalt-shingled roof since the prior survey of 1975. However, two contemporaneous outbuildings were omitted from the original architectural description. The two-story frame, gable-roofed carriage house has asphalt roof shingles, German wood siding, and cornice returns. A single story, two-bay, frame, gable-roofed addition is attached to the side elevation. Above the sliding, double leaf garage doors in the facade and the opposing gable end is a double casement window flanked by sidelights. The other frame structure is a single story, gable-roofed shed with painted wood shingle siding, a concrete pier foundation, and paired, six-light, wood casement windows.

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HISTORIC SITE SURVEY INVENTORY

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MARYLAND HISTORICAL TRUST WORKSHEET

NOMINATION FORM
for the
NATIONAL REGISTER OF HISTORIC PLACES, NATIONAL PARKS SERVICE

SEE INSTRUCTIONS

1. NAME

COMMON: Burch House

AND/OR HISTORIC:

2. LOCATION

STREET AND NUMBER: 314 Lothian Street, Maryland Route 560

CITY OR TOWN: Loch Lynn Heights

STATE: Maryland

COUNTY: Garrett

3. CLASSIFICATION

CATEGORY (Check One)	OWNERSHIP		STATUS	ACCESSIBLE TO THE PUBLIC
☐ District ☒ Building ☐ Site ☐ Structure ☐ Object	☐ Public ☒ Private ☐ Both	Public Acquisition: ☐ In Process ☐ Being Considered	☒ Occupied ☐ Unoccupied ☐ Preservation work in progress	Yes: ☐ Restricted ☐ Unrestricted ☒ No

PRESENT USE (Check One or More as Appropriate)

☐ Agricultural	☐ Government	☐ Park	☐ Transportation	☐ Comments
☐ Commercial	☐ Industrial	☒ Private Residence	☐ Other (Specify)	
☐ Educational	☐ Military	☐ Religious		
☐ Entertainment	☐ Museum	☐ Scientific		

4. OWNER OF PROPERTY

OWNER'S NAME: Sally B. McCord et al

STREET AND NUMBER: 1242 34th Street

CITY OR TOWN: Washington

STATE: D.C.

5. LOCATION OF LEGAL DESCRIPTION

COURTHOUSE, REGISTRY OF DEEDS, ETC: Garrett County Courthouse

STREET AND NUMBER: South Third Street at Alder Street

CITY OR TOWN: Oakland

STATE: Maryland

Title Reference of Current Deed (Book & Pg. #): 104-17

6. REPRESENTATION IN EXISTING SURVEYS

TITLE OF SURVEY:

DATE OF SURVEY: ☐ Federal ☐ State ☐ County ☐ Local

DEPOSITORY FOR SURVEY RECORDS:

STREET AND NUMBER:

CITY OR TOWN:

STATE:

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7. DESCRIPTION

CONDITION	(Check One) ☒ Excellent ☐ Good ☐ Fair ☐ Deteriorated ☐ Ruins ☐ Unexposed	
	(Check One) ☐ Altered ☒ Unaltered	(Check One) ☐ Moved ☐ Original Site

DESCRIBE THE PRESENT AND ORIGINAL (*If known*) PHYSICAL APPEARANCE

The Burch House, 314 Lothian Street (Maryland Route 560) in Loch Lynn Heights, Garrett County, stands on the north side of the street.

The house is an early twentieth century bungalow frame structure, one story high, with accentuated horizontal features, broad roofs with great pitches and great projection. It is covered with shingle and has flat windows that taper at the top. A stone balustrade runs around the open porch on the principal facade (east side).

The house is structurally sound and basically unaltered.

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9. SIGNIFICANCE

PERIOD *(Check One or More as Appropriate)*

- ☐ Pre-Columbian
- ☐ 15th Century
- ☐ 16th Century
- ☐ 17th Century
- ☐ 18th Century
- ☐ 19th Century
- ☒ 20th Century

SPECIFIC DATE(S) *(If Applicable and Known)* c. 1915-1920

AREAS OF SIGNIFICANCE *(Check One or More as Appropriate)*

- Aboriginal
  - ☐ Prehistoric
  - ☐ Historic
- ☐ Agriculture
- ☒ Architecture
- ☐ Art
- ☐ Commerce
- ☐ Communications
- ☐ Conservation
- ☐ Education
- ☐ Engineering
- ☐ Industry
- ☐ Invention
- ☐ Landscape Architecture
- ☐ Literature
- ☐ Military
- ☐ Music
- ☐ Political
- ☐ Religion/Philosophy
- ☐ Science
- ☐ Sculpture
- ☒ Social/Humanitarian
- ☐ Theater
- ☐ Transportation
- ☐ Urban Planning
- ☐ Other *(Specify)*

STATEMENT OF SIGNIFICANCE

The Burch House, a summer home of the Burch family since 1917, was probably built by the Burch family. Stylistically, the house is representative of the Bungalow style that was popular in the early twentieth century. Several houses of this type can be found throughout Garrett County. The house stands in sharp contrast with the Shingle Style house to the west at 212 Lothian Street. (G-IV-003).

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9. MAJOR BIBLIOGRAPHICAL REFERENCES

Garrett County Land Records, Courthouse, Oakland, Maryland.

10. GEOGRAPHICAL DATA

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APPROXIMATE ACREAGE OF NOMINATED PROPERTY:

Acreage Justification:

SEE INSTRUCTIONS

11. FORM PREPARED BY

NAME AND TITLE:
Ronald L. Andrews, Historic Site Survey

ORGANIZATION
Tri-County Council for Western Maryland, Inc.

DATE
5/26/75

STREET AND NUMBER:
Algonquin Motor Inn, Suite 510

CITY OR TOWN:
Cumberland

STATE
Maryland

12. State Liaison Officer Review: (Office Use Only)

Significance of this property is:

National ☐ State ☐ Local ☐

Signature

Ware, Donna M.
1991 Green Glades & Sooty Gob Piles. Crownsville, Maryland: Maryland Historical and Cultural Publications.

length have tetrastyle Roman Ionic porticos in front of the second and third floors. The second-story windows are trimmed with Renaissance-style entablatures and heavy pediments supported on scroll brackets. The courthouse is undoubtedly the largest and best example of the Classical Revival in Garrett County.

Very different from the styles that preceded it is the Bungalow style, popular during the late 1910s and throughout the 1920s. The style moved east from its origins in California, where it had drawn its inspiration from the houses designed by Frank Lloyd Wright and Bernard Maybeck.[30] Whereas houses from the Victorian era were tall, vertical masses with high-peaked gables and decorative woodwork, Bungalow-style houses were predominantly horizontal and visually unified beneath low-pitched roofs with wide overhanging eaves. These houses were usually built in a combination of materials, commonly brick and wood, and often featured tall, narrow windows and square, tapered posts supporting the front porch.

Examples of the Bungalow style are legion in Garrett County, although they are more often found in small towns than in isolated rural areas. Some of the best examples are found in Kitzmiller, along East Main Street in Grantsville, in Friendsville where a few incorporate Spanish-Colonial features, and in Swanton, Loch Lynn, and Oakland.

The Burch House (G-IV-B-002) in Loch Lynn is a one-story frame house with accentuated horizontal features, low-pitched roofs with large overhanging eaves, and windows that taper at the top. It is completely covered with wood shingles. An equally complex disposition of roofs is seen on the house at 142 North Second Street (G-VI-A-017) in Oakland. Several other examples of the Bungalow style may be found in Oakland on Second Street, as well as on North Fourth Street and South Third Street.

RESORT ARCHITECTURE IN GARRETT COUNTY

Blessed with natural beauty and a healthful climate, in 1850 the Garrett County area known as "the Glades" lacked only dependable transportation and the necessary capital for development as a premier resort. Both needs were met by the Baltimore and Ohio Railroad. Under the leadership of its far-sighted president, John W. Garrett, the B&O spent the next fifty years exploiting the scenic appeal of southern Garrett County. Garrett had advocated the building of resort hotels in Oakland as early as 1860,[31] wisely predicting the increase in prestige and profits that would accrue to the railroad from resorts it exclusively owned and operated. He also realized such resorts must appeal to the Gilded Age leisure class who had made a success of similar hotels elsewhere in the country.

The Deer Park and Oakland hotels, built in 1873 and 1876 respectively,[32] represented the fruition of Garrett's vision. Situated within easy access of the B&O's new railroad stations, both resorts benefitted from fast and frequent train service. The hotels themselves, designed by the B&O's favored architectural firm of Baldwin and Pennington,[33] provided the utmost in luxury under the illusion of a rustic mountain retreat. The Deer Park Hotel, laid out on a carefully landscaped property several miles east of Oakland, was particularly successful in combining the amenities normally found at fashionable metropolitan hotels with such "country" activities as swimming and tennis. The hotel, which was expanded several times during the next twenty years, was built in a version of the Swiss Alpine style with spacious verandas and numerous decorative towers and cupolas.

Shortly after one of the most extensive additions at Deer Park had been completed in 1882, a travel guide described the hotel as follows:

> The main building at Deer Park has by the recent improvements been enlarged and the dining room increased to double its former capacity. Flanking either side of the hotel are the new annexes--the architecture of the Queen Anne order--and their exterior adding greatly to the ornamental attractiveness of the place. They are connected by light and graceful passage-ways covered overhead, and so arranged so as to be closed on all sides in inclement weather. In the west annex is a ball-room--one of the most spacious and best arranged to be found at any summer resort.[34]

The principal attractions of these hotels were the surrounding natural scenery and exclusive clientele, features the B&O tirelessly promoted for the next forty years.[35] A succession of wealthy visitors, among them several U.S. presidents, came to both Oakland and Deer Park. Many visitors built large and expensive summer houses of their own near the hotels. A number of these, including those built for the president and vice-president of the B&O, were also designed by the firm of Baldwin and Pennington.[36]

Despite their air of pseudo-rusticity and the fact that they were invariably referred to as "cottages," the houses at Deer Park were typical of those found at fashionable upper-class summer retreats elsewhere in the United States; their owners would hardly have demanded less. Following the tone set by the railroad hotels, the scale of these houses was often impressive--many towered

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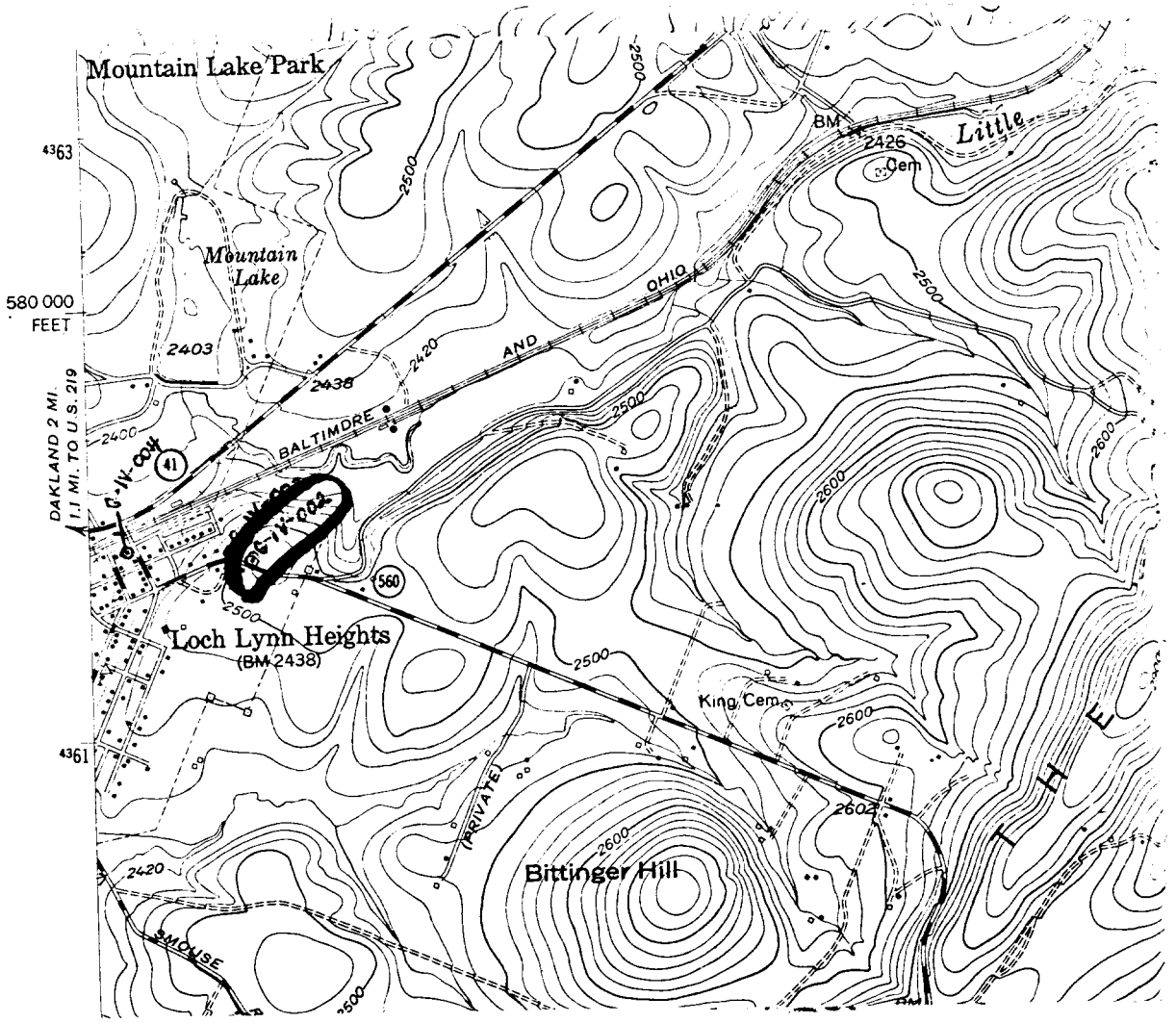

Deer Park, MD Quad
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FIGURE 143

Burch House
314 Lothian Street, Md Rt 560
Loch Lynn Heights
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