

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

Property/District Name: Loch Lvnv Heights Survey District Survey Number: G-IV-B-178

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)

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*CONCUR NOT ELIGIBLE*

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

(KCI/MSHA 1997)

Prepared by: Stuart Dixon/KCI Technologies, Inc.

*Stuart Dixon*  
Reviewer, Office of Preservation Services

*7/7/98*  
Date

NR program concurrence:  yes  no  not applicable

*R. K. ...*  
Reviewer, NR program

*7/7/98*  
Date

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Continuation Sheet 1 of 1  
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Loch Lynn Heights Survey District  
Stuart Dixon

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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.

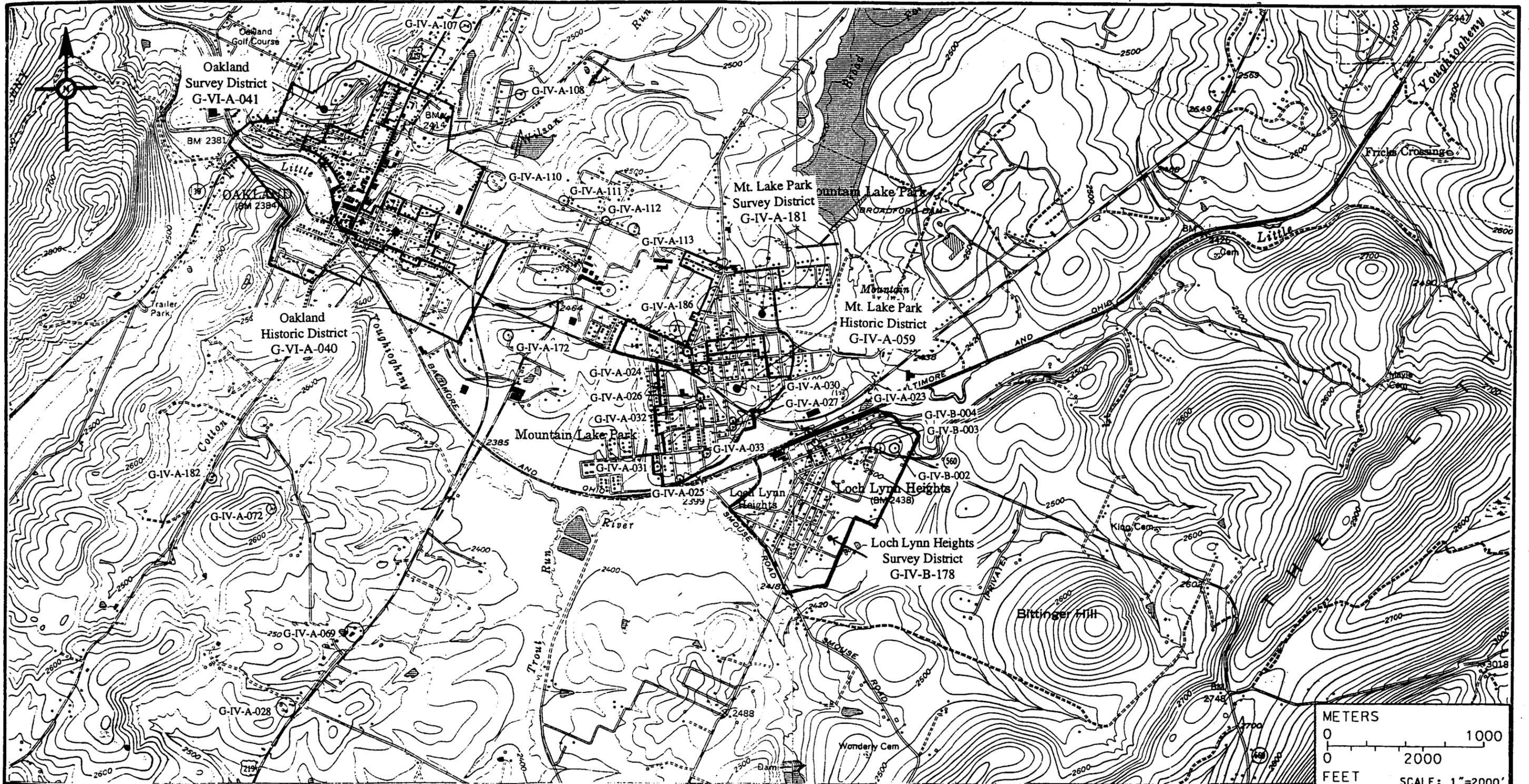
## Addendum

G-IV-A-178  
Loch Lynn Heights  
Survey District  
Garrett County

Preparer: Richard A. Geidel  
Date prepared: October 28, 1998

Based on information from a survey of the Lynn Heights Survey District in January 1997 by KCI Technologies, Inc., the survey district boundaries as previously mapped and described in 1983 remain valid. The properties within these boundaries do not appear to represent a coherent collection of resources that would warrant designation as a Historic District eligible for listing in the National Register of Historic Places. The survey district encompasses the corporate limits of Loch Lynn Heights, one of several fashionable and popular resort communities established in the region along the route of the Baltimore and Ohio Railroad in southern Garrett County in the late nineteenth and early twentieth centuries. These communities declined after World War I as rail travel decreased. As noted in the previous documentation of the survey district, resort cottages in the community were substantially modified or replaced with buildings more suitable for use as year-round residences. Thus the current building stock within the survey district does not reflect the character of the community during its use as a resort community.

A copy of a figure showing the boundaries of the Loch Lynn Heights Survey District accompanies this Addendum.



US 219 in Oakland, Garrett County, MD March, 1998



Figure 13

Sections of the Oakland, MD-WVA (USGS, 1974) and Deer Park, MD (USGS 1981) 7.5' Quadrangle maps showing the location of historic resources previously documented by the MHT within or adjacent to the southern half of the APE (Resources within Oakland shown on Figure 15)

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Loch Lynn Survey District  
Loch Lynn  
Multiple, private

1894 - present

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# Maryland Historical Trust State Historic Sites Inventory Form

Survey No. G 14 B 178Magi No. 1207475638DOE  yes  no

## 1. Name (indicate preferred name)

historic Loch Lynn Heights Survey Districtand/or common Loch Lynn Survey District

## 2. Location

street & number MD Route 560 and other streets  not for publicationcity, town Loch Lynn Heights  vicinity of congressional district 6state Maryland county Garrett

## 3. Classification

Category	Ownership	Status	Present Use	
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> district	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> public	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> occupied	<input type="checkbox"/> agriculture	<input type="checkbox"/> museum
<input type="checkbox"/> building(s)	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> private	<input type="checkbox"/> unoccupied	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> commercial	<input type="checkbox"/> park
<input type="checkbox"/> structure	<input type="checkbox"/> both	<input type="checkbox"/> work in progress	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> educational	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> private residence
<input type="checkbox"/> site	<b>Public Acquisition</b>	<b>Accessible</b>	<input type="checkbox"/> entertainment	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> religious
<input type="checkbox"/> object	<input type="checkbox"/> in process	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> yes: restricted	<input type="checkbox"/> government	<input type="checkbox"/> scientific
	<input type="checkbox"/> being considered	<input type="checkbox"/> yes: unrestricted	<input type="checkbox"/> industrial	<input type="checkbox"/> transportation
	<input type="checkbox"/> not applicable	<input type="checkbox"/> no	<input type="checkbox"/> military	<input type="checkbox"/> other:

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

name Multiple Owners

street &amp; number telephone no.:

city, town state and zip code

## 5. Location of Legal Description

courthouse, registry of deeds, etc. Garrett County Courthouse liber

street &amp; number folio

city, town Oakland state Maryland

## 6. Representation in Existing Historical Surveys

title

date  federal  state  county  local

depository for survey records

city, town state

# 7. Description

Survey No. G-IV-B-178

<b>Condition</b>		<b>Check one</b>	<b>Check one</b>	
<input type="checkbox"/> excellent	<input type="checkbox"/> deteriorated	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> unaltered	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> original site	
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> good	<input type="checkbox"/> ruins	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> altered	<input type="checkbox"/> moved	date of move _____
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> fair	<input type="checkbox"/> unexposed			

Prepare both a summary paragraph and a general description of the resource and its various elements as it exists today.

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Loch Lynn, as it is more commonly known, does not have a single "Main Street"; instead it is made up of numerous short streets arranged in two grids which are joined by two longer streets. The town, which was begun as a speculative enterprise, grew up around the old Loch Lynn Heights Hotel which stood on a hilltop location now occupied by houses #77-80 on the accompanying map. After the hotel burned in 1912, Loch Lynn became a largely residential community, with only a few warehouses along the railroad tracks constituting the commercial section of town.

There are still a number of buildings in town which date from the period before World War I, after which Loch Lynn largely ceased to be a fashionable resort community. These houses are almost without exception of frame construction. Aside from a common building material, however, there are few characteristics which can be pointed out as "typical" of these houses; they range from vernacular two story three bay houses to sophisticated examples of the Shingle and Queen Anne styles. Very few of these houses today present an appearance which is anywhere near that of the original; the majority have been extensively altered, usually in an effort to make these former summer houses suitable for year-round living. A measure of the former resort appearance has remained, however, particularly along a few of the older tree lined streets.

The old Swimming Casino (#78) was once attached to the Loch Lynn Heights Hotel and is the only building connected with that establishment still standing. It is a two story frame building, four bays wide and eight bays long with a doorway in the center of the short side. There are several skylights on the roof and large triple windows on either side of the doorway, the latter having a diamond-paned transom. Before it was converted to a private dwelling, the casino held a heated swimming pool, as well as rooms for bowling and billiards.

The Chesley-Hildreth House (G-IV-B-003) is one of the few surviving "cottages" built in Loch Lynn at the turn of the century by summer visitors. The two-and-one-half story frame building is set several feet back from the road with wide lawns on either side and is an excellent example of Shingle Style architecture. The gable

# 8. Significance

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Period	Areas of Significance—Check and justify below			
<input type="checkbox"/> prehistoric	<input type="checkbox"/> archeology-prehistoric	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> community planning	<input type="checkbox"/> landscape architecture	<input type="checkbox"/> religion
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		<input type="checkbox"/> invention		

**Specific dates**      1894-      **Builder/Architect**

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check: Applicable Criteria:  A  B  C  D  
and/or  
Applicable Exception:  A  B  C  D  E  F  G

Level of Significance:  national  state  local

Prepare both a summary paragraph of significance and a general statement of history and support.

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roof slopes down from the ridge and covers the verandahs which extend on the east and west sides of the house. The roof on the facade is broken by three large dormers, the center one being especially large and opening onto a balcony. The entire building, including the porch posts, balustrade and dormers, is covered with wood shingles.

Nearby is the Burch House (G-IV-B-002), a frame Bungalow style house built in 1917. It too stands on a large wooded lot and is one story tall with wide projecting eaves and tall, slightly tapered paned windows. The house is covered entirely with shingles and has a stone balustrade which runs along the open front porch.

A few other bungalow style houses exist in Loch Lynn, including #16, 88, 62, and 81. House #88, the least altered of the group, is a one-and-one-half story frame building covered with shingle and trimmed with wood painted light brown. Like the Burch House, it has a stone foundation and balustrade running around three sides. Both #16 and #62 are built entirely of frame, with wide overhanging bracketed eaves. The latter has been altered by closing in the front porch and is a one-and-one-half story three bay wide house.

One of the largest houses in town is #157, probably built as a boarding house or hotel for summer visitors. It is two-and-one-half stories tall, and five bays wide with a mansard roof and five dormer windows on the front facade. The house has been extensively and unsympathetically altered and only portions of the original German siding, bracketed porch and balustrade are visible.

House #45 is a vernacular interpretation of a Colonial Revival house. It is a two-and-one-half story frame house painted white and is two bays wide with cross gables. Along the front facade is a porch supported by Doric columns.

The remaining houses built before 1920 are typical two story vernacular frame dwellings, generally indistinguishable from those found in most other small towns in Garrett County. House #91, the most distinctive of these houses, is two stories tall and three bays wide with a two story polygonal bay with pediment projecting from the center of the front facade. A one story bracketed porch runs along three sides of the house. The house is also unusual for the number of original 2/2 window sashes which are still in place, both on the first floor and on the three gables.

Houses #48 and #61 are both simpler versions of this house, the former having a modified T plan with an additional entry on the rear wing and a bracketed porch. The latter house, which is in a generally deteriorated condition, still retains a relatively elaborate porch with scrolled brackets

## 7.2 Description (cont'd.)

between the turned posts. More unusual is house #56, which stands next to the United Brethren Church on Paul Street. It is a one story, four bay wide frame duplex with a pedimented portico supported by square Doric posts on the gable and facade.

A small commercial section lies along the extreme northern edge of town, consisting of a few late nineteenth century frame buildings on First Avenue between Paul and Alderson Streets and several modern warehouses on Alderson and Wyandott Streets as well as on either side of the B&O tracks. Although it stands in the town of Mountain Lake Park, its proximity and size make the frame B&O railroad station (G-IV-A-023) the most notable architectural feature in this area of Loch Lynn. Diagonally across the tracks from the station, in Loch Lynn proper, is the Mountain Lake Park telegraph tower, a two story brick building erected to replace an earlier frame tower which burned in 1919.<sup>1</sup> The two buildings are a reminder of the days when as many as twelve trains daily served the two adjoining communities.<sup>2</sup>

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<sup>1</sup>"Main Stem Scrapbook," Glades Star, Vol. 4, No. 9, June 1971, p. 164.

<sup>2</sup>Stephan Schlosnagle et al., Garrett County - A History of Maryland's Tableland (Parsons, West Virginia: McLain Publishers, 1978), p. 295.

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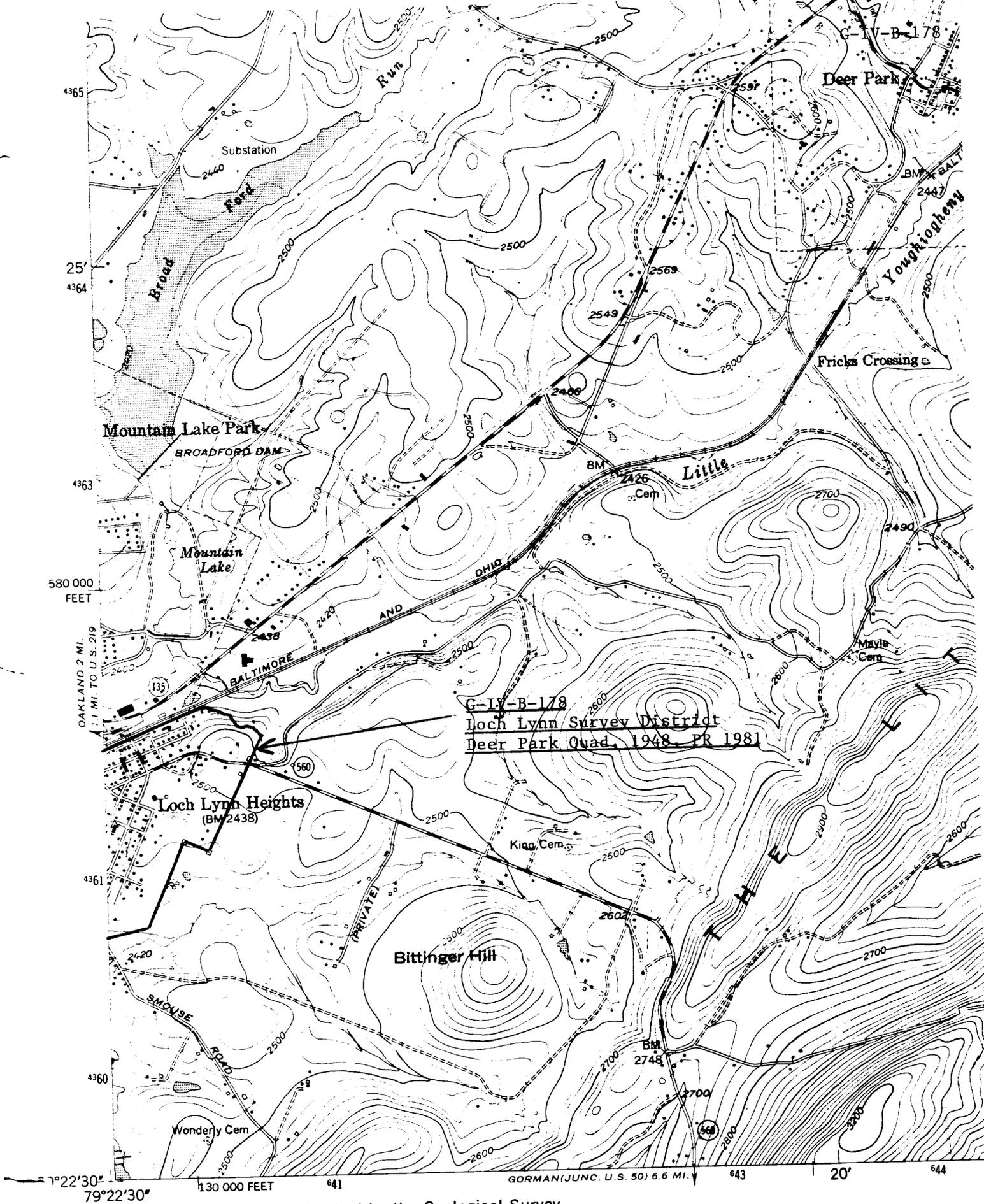
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<sup>4</sup>E.R. O'Donnell "The Story of Loch Lynn Heights," Tableland Trails, Vol. 2, No. 2, Summer, 1956, p. 114.

<sup>5</sup>Ibid., p. 114.

<sup>6</sup>Ibid., p. 95.



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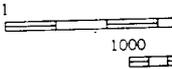
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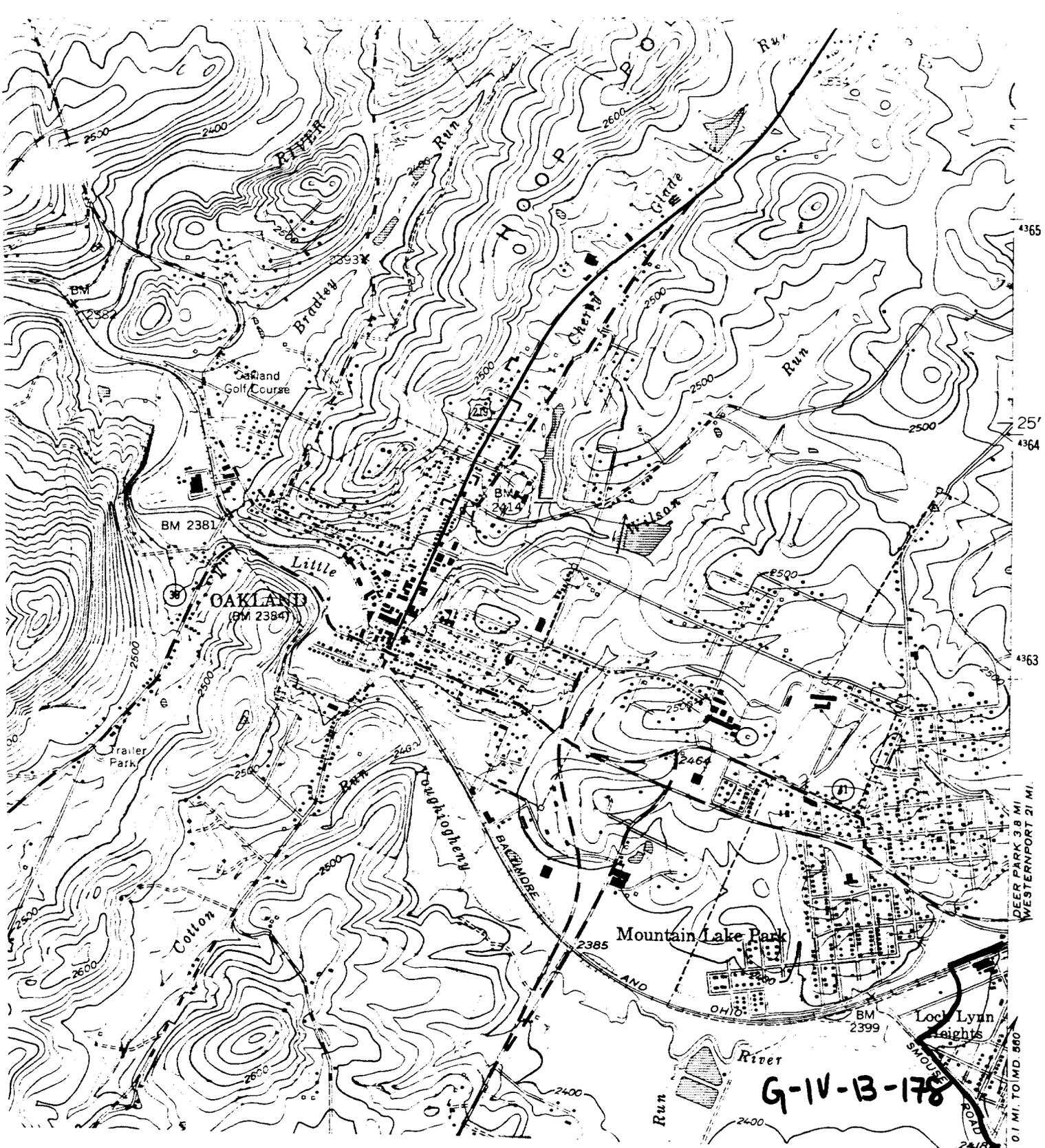
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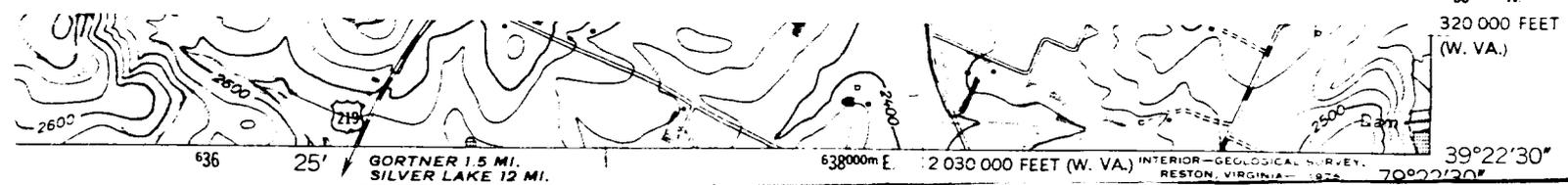
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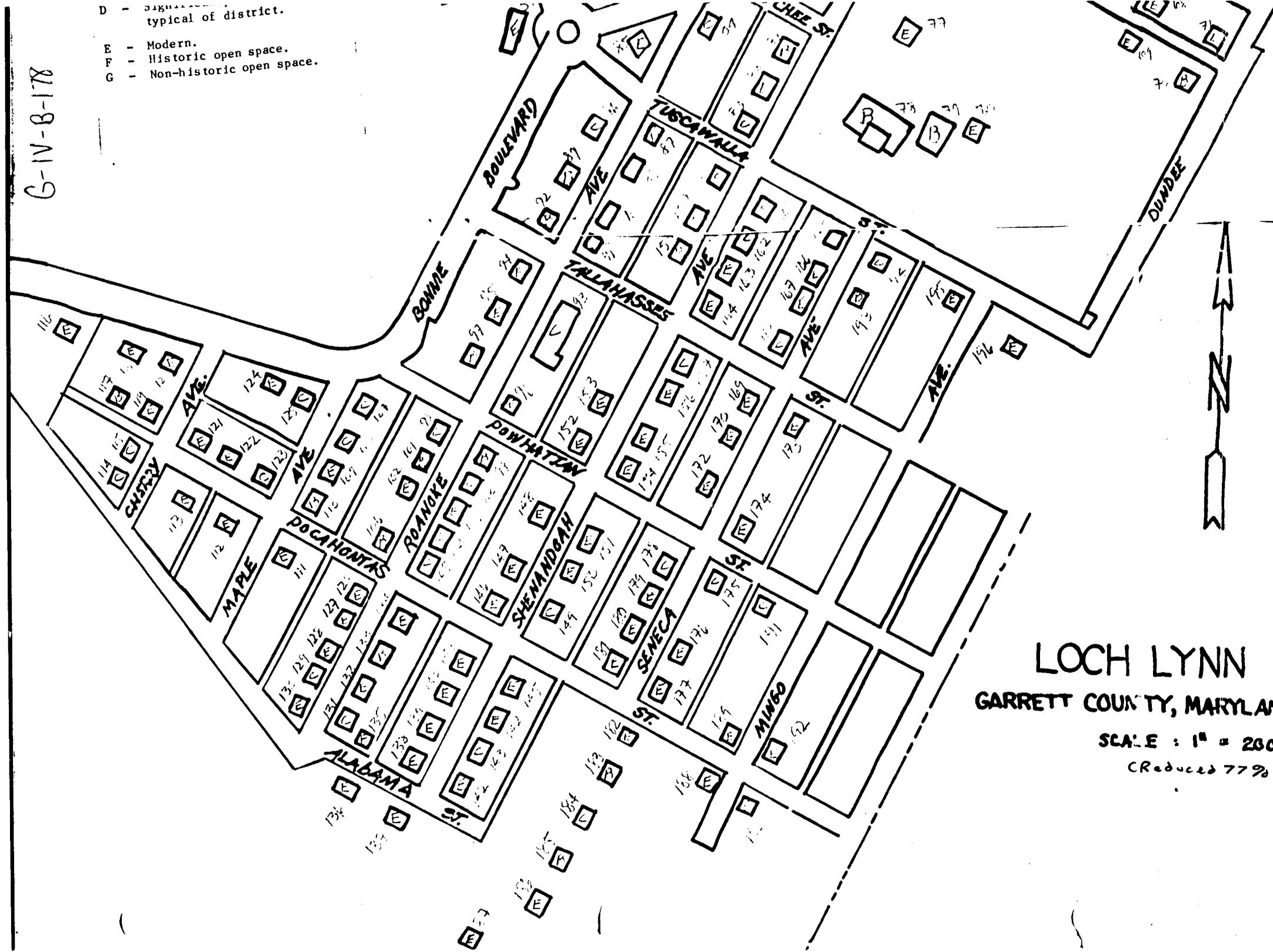
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 Loch Lynn Survey  
 District  
 Loch Lynn



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- D - Significant typical of district.
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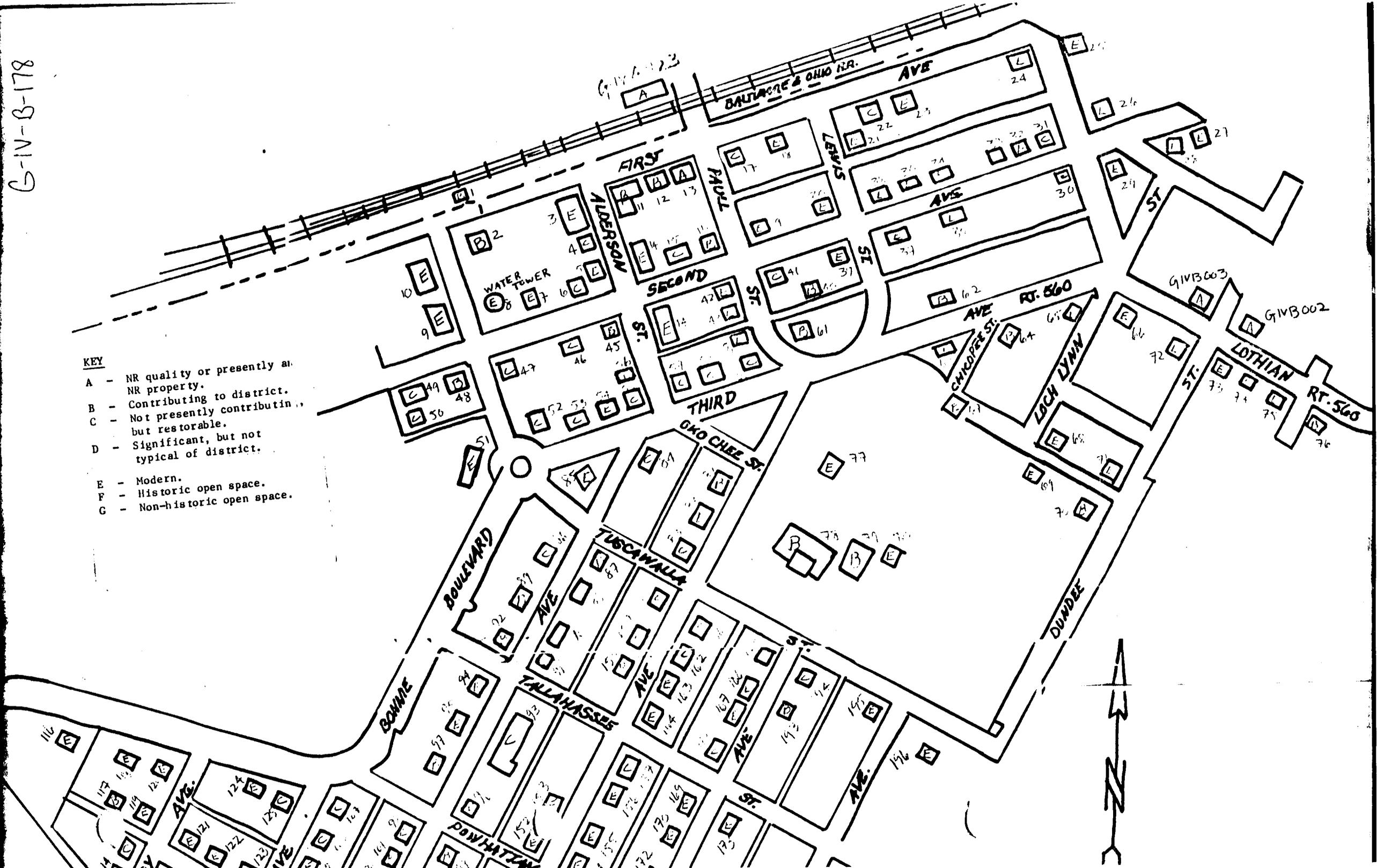
**LOCH LYNN**  
**GARRETT COUNTY, MARYLAND**

SCALE : 1" = 200'  
 (Reduced 77%)

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KEY

- A - NR quality or presently an NR property.
- B - Contributing to district.
- C - Not presently contributing, but restorable.
- D - Significant, but not typical of district.
- E - Modern.
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- G - Non-historic open space.





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Loch Lynn Survey District

Garrett County Maryland

#41

SW corner

G. Henry 3/83



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Loch Lynn Survey District  
Garrett County, Maryland

House #11

NW Corner

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Loch Lynn Survey District  
Garrett County, Maryland

House #61

G. Henry 3/83



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Loch Lynn Survey District  
Garrett County, Maryland

House #16

E. facade

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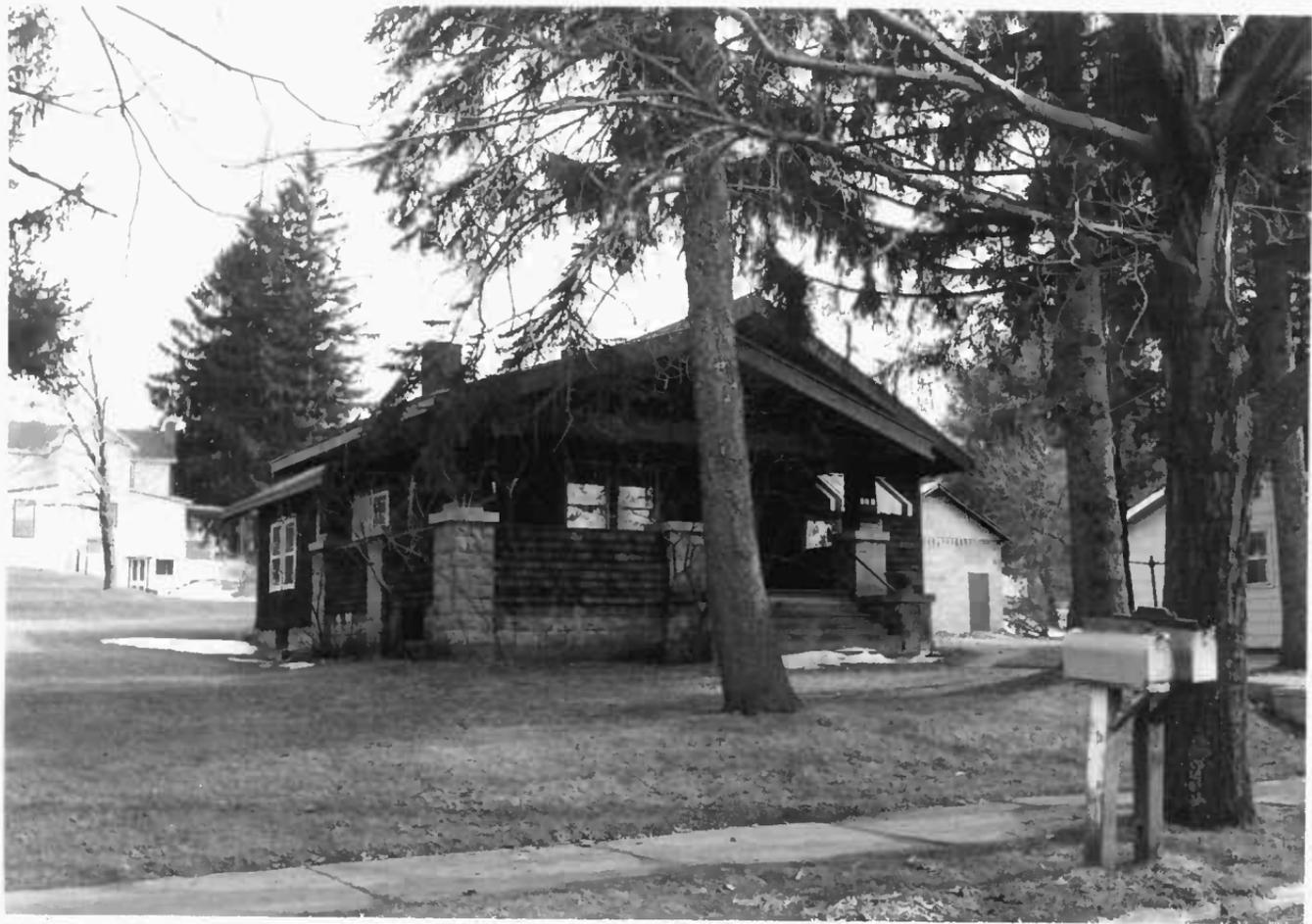
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Loch Lynn Survey District

Garrett County, Maryland

House #56

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Loch Lynn Survey District

Garrett Co., Md.

# 88

W. Fac.

G. Henry 2/83



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Loch Lynn Survey District

Garrett County, Maryland

First Avenue

looking East

G. Henry 3/83



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Loch Lynn Survey District

Garrett Co., Md.

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W. Fac.

G. Henry 2/83



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Loch Lynn Survey District

Garrett Co., Md.

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G-IV-B-178  
Loch Lynn Survey District  
Garrett County, Maryland  
First Avenue  
looking East  
G. Henry 3/83

FIGURE 179  
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Kelly's Warehouse No. 4

Loch LYNN

~~Mt. Lake Park~~ B&O Station (G-IV-A-023)

~~Mt. Lake Park~~, Garrett Co., Md.

SW elevation

G. Henry 3/83

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