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

Property/District Name: Paul A. And Rachel A. Bender Farm Survey Number: G-IV-A-196

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

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

Eligibility recommended ___ Eligibility **not** recommended X

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)

The Paul A. And Rachel A. Bender Farm, with its main dwelling built *circa* 1880, documents the agricultural landscape surrounding the county seat of Oakland in the late nineteenth and early twentieth centuries. Agriculture was the predominant economic activity outside of Oakland, as farmland comprised abut 50 percent of the county's land mass in 1880, and more than 60 percent by 1910. Farms of this period typically raised potatoes, orchard products, oats, corn, buckwheat, rye and barley as well as cattle, sheep, swine and horses. According to the present owner, the original barn that stood on the property was demolished, but the current barn is close to a century old.

Research has not identified any associations with the lives of persons significant to the Oakland's areas 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.

Reviewer, Office of Preservation Services 7/17/98 Date

NR program concurrence: X yes ___ no ___ not applicable

Reviewer, NR program n Date

Paul A. and Rachel A. Bender Farm
G-IV-A-196
467 West Monte Vista Road
Oakland Vicinity
Circa 1880
Private

This farm complex includes a *circa* 1880 house, a barn, a garage, and several additional domestic and agricultural buildings. The farmhouse is a two-story, three-by-three-bay, gable-roofed L-plan frame dwelling with an open front porch, a two-story shed-roofed rear addition, a single exterior brick chimney, and a small one-story enclosed shed-roofed side porch. It is built on a stone foundation, sheathed in white asbestos siding laid over an earlier cladding of wooden shingles, and topped with an asphalt-shingled roof. Windows consist mostly of single and paired one-over-one, double-hung wooden sash finished with molded wooden surrounds. Several of the entrances contain paneled wooden half-glass doors finished with molded wooden surrounds. The house faces southeast and is located on an open, gently sloping site on Monte Vista Road about one-and-one-half miles south of Oakland.

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1. Name of Property (indicate preferred name)

historic

other Paul A. And Rachel A. Bender Farm

2. Location

street & number 467 West Monte Vista Road ____ not for publication

city, town Oakland _X_ vicinity

county Garrett

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

name Paul A. and Rachel A. Bender

street & number 467 Monte Vista Road telephone (301) 334-1798

city, town Oakland state and zip code MD 21550-9217

4. Location of Legal Description

courthouse, registry of deeds, etc. Garrett County Courthouse tax map and parcel 85-1-246

city, town Oakland liber and folio 573/566 and 587/382

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
____ district
_X_ building(s)
____ structure
____ site
____ object

Ownership
____ public
_X_ private
____ both

Current Function
_X_ agriculture
____ commerce/trade
____ defense
_X_ domestic
____ education
____ funerary
____ government
____ health care
____ industry
____ landscape
____ recreation/ culture
____ religion
____ social
____ transportation
____ work in progress
____ unknown
____ vacant/not in use
____ other:

Resource Count

Contributing	Noncontributing	
7	3	buildings
0	0	sites
3	0	structures
0	0	objects
10	3	Total

Number of Contributing Resources previously listed in the Inventory

0

7. Description

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Condition

____ excellent	____ deteriorated
_X_ 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.

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The house is built on a roughly coursed and dressed rubble stone foundation that encloses a full cellar. The walls are clad in white asbestos siding laid over an earlier cladding of wooden shingles. The building is topped with an asphalt-shingled gable roof finished with a boxed wooden eave and a plain flat wooden verge. A single exterior brick chimney rises on the southwest gable. Triangular metal louvers in the gables of the main block near the roof peak ventilate the attic.

Windows are a mixture of single and paired one-over-one, double-hung wooden sash finished with molded wooden surrounds. Aluminum storm windows cover many of the wooden sash windows. The front entrance occupies the center bay on the southeast elevation; it contains a paneled wooden half-glass door. A second entrance pierces the northeast elevation of the rear ell; this opening contains a paneled wooden two-light half-glass door. A third door leading into the enclosed shed-roofed porch on the southwest elevation contains a modern aluminum and glass door. A bulkhead entrance pierces the southwest gable; the bulkhead door was not visible when the house was surveyed. All door openings are finished with molded wooden surrounds.

The front porch rests on piers concealed behind a wooden lattice skirt. It consists of a wooden deck, four-by-four wooden posts, and an asphalt-shingled shed roof finished with aluminum eaves and aluminum siding in the gables. A set of wooden steps leads up to the level of the porch deck. The porch on the southwest side of the house is fully enclosed: it is clad in aluminum siding and topped with an asphalt-shingled shed roof. According to the current occupants, the rear section of the "L" of the main block was probably constructed in two phases.

Several outbuildings range in a westward direction beyond the house. A one-story gable-roofed, gable-fronted tile block garage ornamented with concrete-filled corner quoins stands just south of the house. This building is topped with a corrugated metal roof with exposed rafter feet and accessed by pair of sliding corrugated metal garage-sized doors on the north gable. Several fixed six-light sash windows finished with flat wooden surrounds light the interior. A long, one-story, gable-roofed animal building or stable stands just to the west of the garage. This building is clad in vertical board or plywood sheathing and topped with a corrugated metal roof finished with exposed rafter feet. Several two-light fixed sash windows light the building, and a standard-sized paneled wooden door on the west elevation provides access to the interior. A large two-story gable-roofed bank barn stands to the west. This building is sheathed and roofed in corrugated metal. An earthen embankment or ramp on the western side of the building leads up to a set of sliding corrugated metal doors centered on the western elevation. Both two-light and four-light sash windows light the interior. A one-story concrete block addition extends the full length of the barn's eastern elevation. Adjacent to the barn's northern gable is a one-story, gable-roofed, concrete-block dairy. This small gable-fronted building is accessed by a metal and glass door in its eastern gable. Three large concrete silos fitted with metal turnbuckles and metal dome roofs stand clustered near the northwest corner of gable roof supported by upbraced four-by-four wooden posts stands northeast of the tractor shed.

Several modern buildings also stand nearby, but are clustered north of the house. These include a one-story, gable-fronted, gambrel-roofed frame garage clad in aluminum siding and accessed by a sliding garage door; a one-story, aluminum-clad, gable-fronted, gable-roofed garage topped with an asphalt-shingled roof and lit by two-light sash windows; and a one-story, gable-roofed, gable-fronted garage clad in corrugated metal and accessed by a pair of wooden doors.

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The entire complex extends westward along a long driveway that runs perpendicular to Monte Vista Road and leads up a slope past the garage, barn, and hay shed to the tractor shed. A sidewalk leads from the lower section of this driveway to the front porch. Several large trees shade the house. A wire fence encloses a large field extending northwest of the house, and a wooden area stands to the far west. The house is presently occupied and remains in good condition.

8. Significance

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Period	Areas of Significance	Check and justify below		
__ 1600-1699	_X_ agriculture	__ economics	__ health/medicine	__ performing arts
__ 1700-1799	__ archeology	__ education	__ industry	__ philosophy
_X_ 1800-1899	__ architecture	__ engineering	__ invention	__ politics/government
__ 1900-1999	__ art	__ entertainment/ recreation	__ landscape architecture	__ religion
__ 2000-	__ commerce		__ law	__ science
	__ communications	__ ethnic heritage	__ literature	__ social history
	__ community planning	_X_ exploration/ settlement	__ maritime history	__ transportation
	__ conservation		__ military	__ other:

Specific dates Circa 1880 **Builder/Architect** Unknown

Evaluation for:

_X_ 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):	Industrial / Urban Dominance A.D. 1870 - 1930
Historic Period Theme(s):	Agriculture
Resource Type:	
Category:	Building
Historic Environment:	Rural
Historic Function(s) and Use(s):	Farmhouse and Agricultural buildings
Known Design Source:	None

9. Major Bibliographical References

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(See Continuation Sheet)

10. Geographical Data

Acreage of property 88.3 acres
Acreage surveyed 88.3 acres
Quadrangle name Oakland, MD - WVA

Quadrangle scale 1:24,000

Verbal boundary description and justification

Parcel 246, Map 85, Grid 1

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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Crownsville, MD 21032
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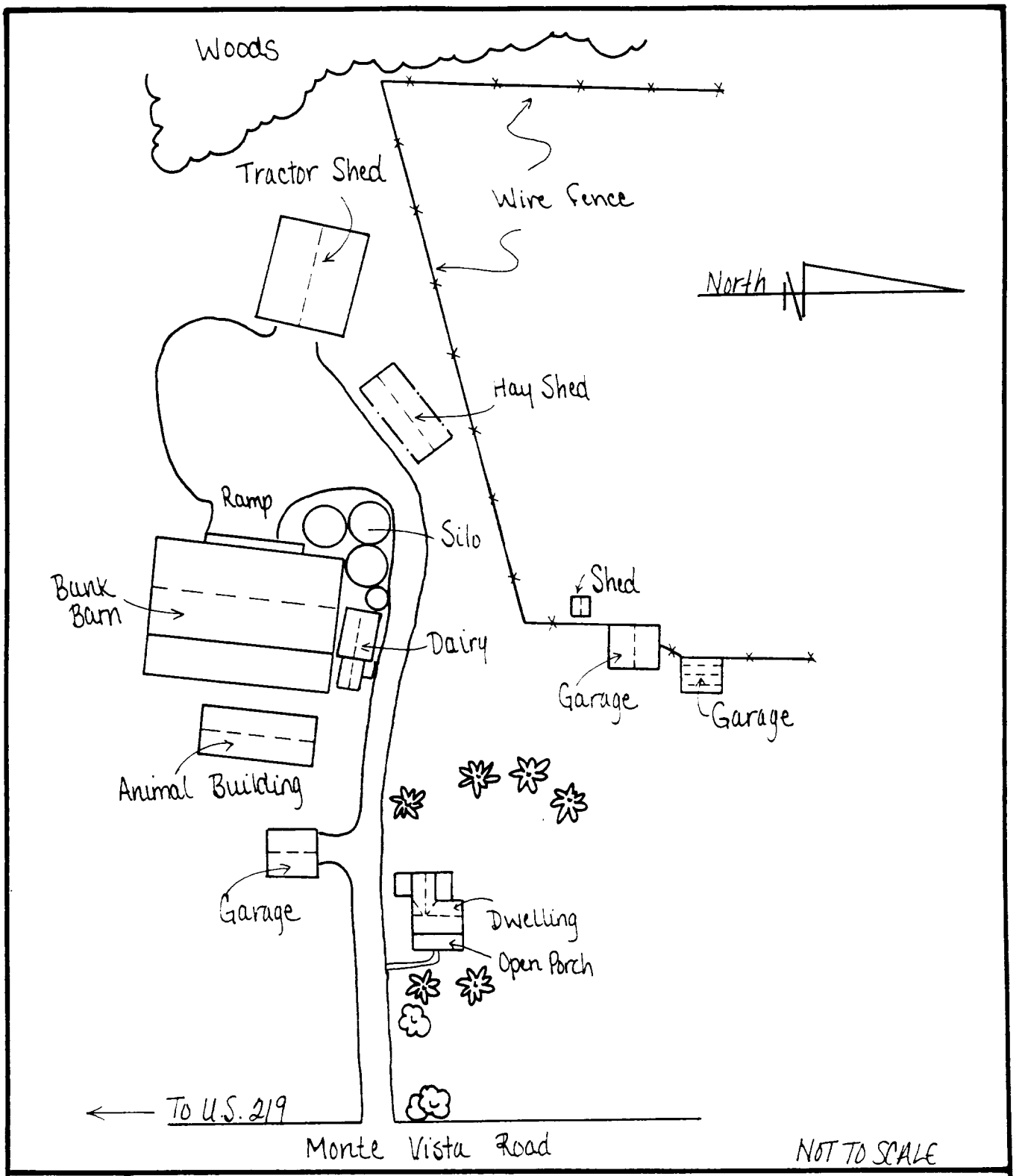

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Resource Sketch Map

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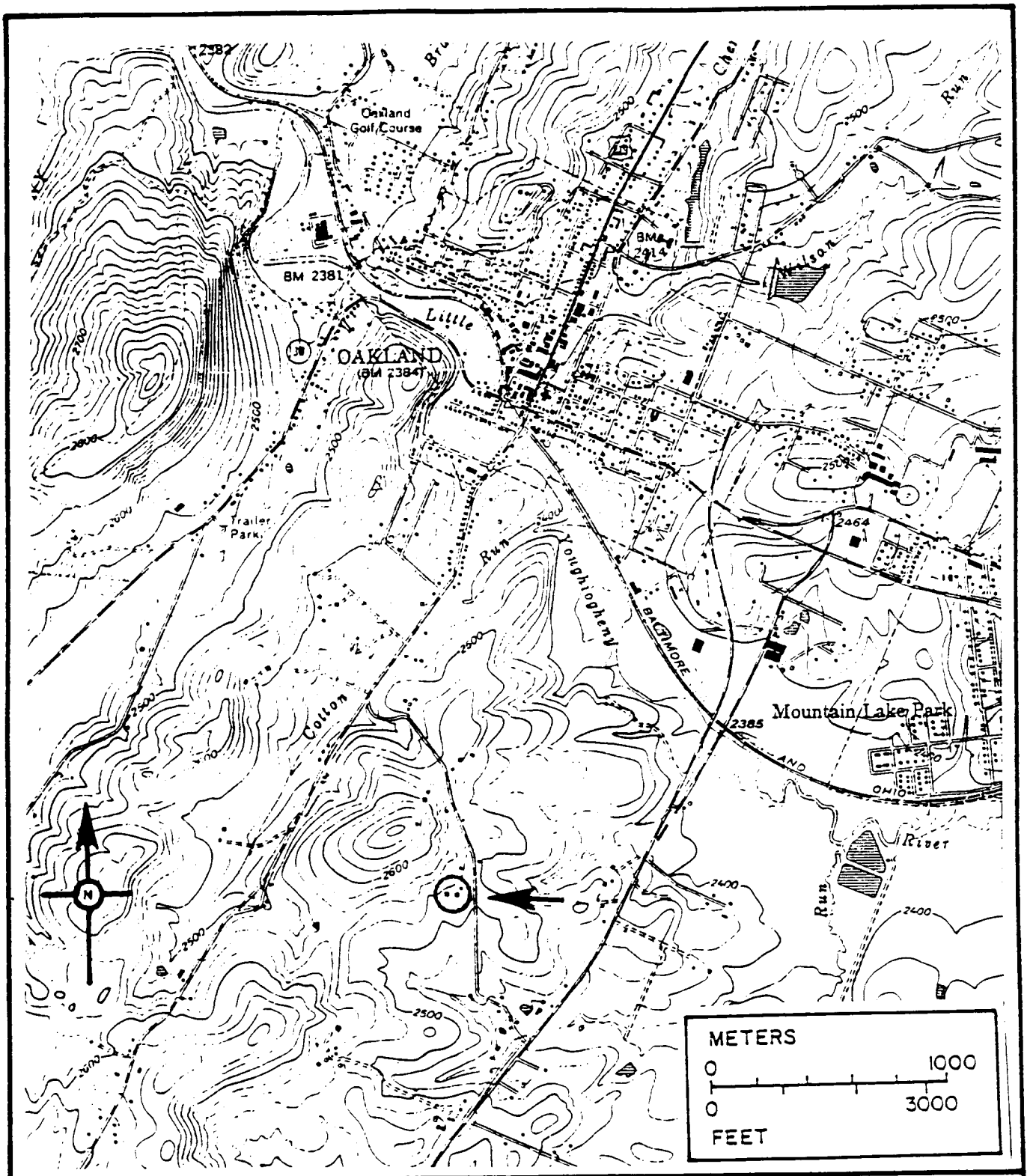
Paul A. and Rachel A. Bender Farm
Oakland Vicinity, Garrett County



Location Map

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Paul A. and Rachel A. Bender Farm
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Oakland, MD-WVA Quadrangle Map (USGS 1974)

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S+E ELEVATIONS FACING NW
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MD SHPO
E+N ELEVATIONS FACING SW
BANK BARN + OUTBUILDINGS
2066

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N+W ELEVATIONS FACING SE
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TRACTOR BARN + HAY SHED

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W+S ELEVATIONS FACING NE BANK BARN
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