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

Property/District Name: John E. And Diana B. Weber House Survey Number: G-IV-A-199

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

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

Eligibility recommended X Eligibility **not** recommended ___

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

Justification for decision: (Use continuation sheet if necessdary and attach map)
The John E. and Diana B. Weber House, an impressive oversized bungalow built *circa* 1915, is associated with the founder of a significant local industry but also relates to the continued expansion and settlement of the Oakland and Mountain Lake Park areas in the early and mid-twentieth century. The development of summer vacation resorts and hotels in the Oakland area in the late nineteenth century had helped to fuel settlement of the region. Although no longer as prominent a resort in the early and mid-twentieth century, Oakland still remained an important local mercantile and community center, and continued its growth throughout this period.

The Weber house is also associated with the H. Weber & Sons Company (MHT # G-IV-A-262), which was an extensive greenhouse and florist operation situated between Oakland and Mountain Lake Park south of MD 135. German immigrant Henry Weber was a nationally-recognized horticulturalist whose varieties of chrysanthemums and carnations won numerous awards at flower shows throughout the United States, and whose greenhouses produced vegetables and potted plants in addition to a large selection of cut flowers. During the company's heyday, Henry Weber had a spacious and ornate Queen Anne-style house called Seelheim (MHT # G-IV-A-172) erected atop a hill overlooking the greenhouses between 1898 and 1904. In the 1910s, Weber's son Ralph built this equally impressive bungalow complete with outdoor tennis court.

This house is associated with Ralph Weber, who, as a partner in the H. Weber & Sons Company, had a significant impact on the Oakland area's past and was also associated with the development of a major local industry. The house is also an excellent, unusually large, and well-preserved example of an early twentieth-century frame bungalow, and it retains integrity of location, setting, workmanship, feeling, material, association, and design. This resource is not likely to yield significant information important in history or prehistory. Therefore the Weber House is recommended eligible for the National Register under Criterion B, association with a person important in local history, and Criterion C, embodiment of the distinctive characteristics of an architectural style. The recommended National Register boundaries include the entire tax parcel.

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 7/17/96 Date

NR program concurrence: X yes ___ no ___ not applicable

Reviewer, NR program Date

The Weber House
G-IV-A-199
West side, Route 219
Oakland vicinity
1915
Private

This is a large, one-and-one-half-story, five-by-four-bay, gable-roofed frame bungalow with a full-width front porch, a shed-roofed front dormer, an interior brick chimney, an enclosed shed-roofed side porch, and a large T-shaped rear wing attached to the main block via a covered walkway. The house includes a concrete foundation, asphalt-shingled walls, and a steeply-pitched asphalt-shingled gable roof finished with decorative verges, eave brackets, and trusswork. Windows are mostly bungalow-style nine-over one, double-hung wooden sash with wooden trim. The primary entrances contain wood and glass bungalow doors with wooden surrounds. One end of the T-shaped wing terminates in a ruinous frame chicken house and stable and a concrete block building which houses the dwelling's boiler. The opposite end of the "T" terminates in a gable-roofed frame garage that matches the house. Southwest of the house stands a large outdoor tennis court furnished with a covered viewing bench. The house faces east-southeast and occupies an open, sloping, and tree-surrounded site on the west side of Route 219 about one mile south-southeast of Oakland.

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1. Name of Property (indicate preferred name)

historic

other John E. And Diana B. Weber House

2. Location

street & number West Side Route 219 between CSX and 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 John E. And Dianna B. Webber

street & number 4763 Greenwich Road telephone (904) 957-3000

city, town Sarasota state and zip code FL 34233-2029

4. Location of Legal Description

courthouse, registry of deeds, etc. Garrett County Courthouse tax map and parcel 82-2-115

city, town Oakland liber and folio 527/353

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
____ 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	
2	0	buildings
0	0	sites
1	0	structures
0	0	objects
3	0	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 concrete foundation that encloses a full cellar. The walls are clad in pale green asphalt shingles with plain wooden corner boards and topped with a steeply-pitched asphalt-shingled gable roof. The roof is finished with exposed rafter feet, deep overhanging eaves, a flat wooden raking board, a wooden eave with decorative triangular eave brackets, open wooden trusswork at the peaks, and a verge embellished with triangular wooden dentils. A single interior corbelled brick chimney pierces the rear slope of the roof near the center of the house. Rectangular attic windows pierce the gable peaks.

Windows consist mostly of single bungalow-style nine-over one double-hung wooden sash finished with flat wooden surrounds, sills, and drip caps. Variations include a few small horizontal bungalow-style windows which pierce the front elevation, a set of paired bungalow windows in the front dormer, and several bungalow-style casement windows on the northeast gable. Several one-light fixed sash windows light the cellar level. The front entrance is centered on the southeast elevation and contains a wood and glass bungalow door. A side entrance leads into the enclosed side porch and is fitted with a similar door. The cellar entrance pierces the northeast gable; it is fitted with a four-light half-glass paneled wooden door. Like the window openings, the door openings are finished with flat wooden surrounds, sills, and drip caps.

The open-sided, full-width front porch is tucked beneath the overhanging front slope of the house roof. The porch consists of a wooden deck, an enclosed asphalt-shingled balustrade capped by a wooden rail, eight square and slightly battered wooden columns with square stepped wooden capitals, and a beaded wooden ceiling. A short flight of steps leads to the porch deck. The back porch consists of two open-sided shed-roofed cutaway porches under either end of the rear shed-roofed addition. The fully-enclosed side porch is clad in asphalt shingles to match the rest of the house, lit by several closely-spaced bungalow-style windows, and topped with an asphalt-shingled shed roof.

A long, T-shaped, stucco-covered one-story building joins the rear elevation of the house via a covered walkway. The central part of the "T" is clad in green asphalt shingles, lit by two-over-two double-hung wooden sash windows with wooden surrounds, and topped with an asphalt-shingled gable roof. The northeast end of the "T" terminates in a rectangular one-story concrete block building which houses the steam boiler unit for the main dwelling. To the east of the boiler unit extends an attached, semi-ruinous, one-story, shed-roofed frame chicken house and the ruin of a stable. The southwest end of the "T" terminates in a one-story, gable-roofed, gable-fronted frame garage. This building is clad in stucco and green asphalt shingles to match the house and the rest of the rear wing. It is also topped with an asphalt-shingled gable roof with matching triangular dentils on the verge. A large wooden garage door pierces the southeast gable, and two nine-light wood and glass windows pierce the southwest wall. This large addition creates an open and protected courtyard at the rear of the house.

Just southwest of the house stands a large outdoor tennis court. A gable-roofed pole-supported covered swing intended as a viewing bench for the tennis court stands at the eastern side of the court.

A driveway leads past the southwest gable of the house and terminates at the garage door. The house stands on an open site that is surrounded by trees. It is presently occupied, retains very good integrity, and remains in good condition.

8. Significance

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

Specific dates 1915 **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):	Architecture, Landscape Architecture and Community Planning

Resource Type:

Category:	Building
Historic Environment:	Rural
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 18.10 acres
Acreage surveyed 18.10 acres
Quadrangle name Oakland, MD-WVA
Quadrangle scale 1:24,000

Verbal boundary description and justification

Parcel 115, Map 85, Grid 2

11. Form Prepared By

name/title	Gabrielle M. Lanier / Architectural Historian		
organization	KCI Technologies, Inc.	date	3-21-97
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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.

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Crownsville, MD 21032
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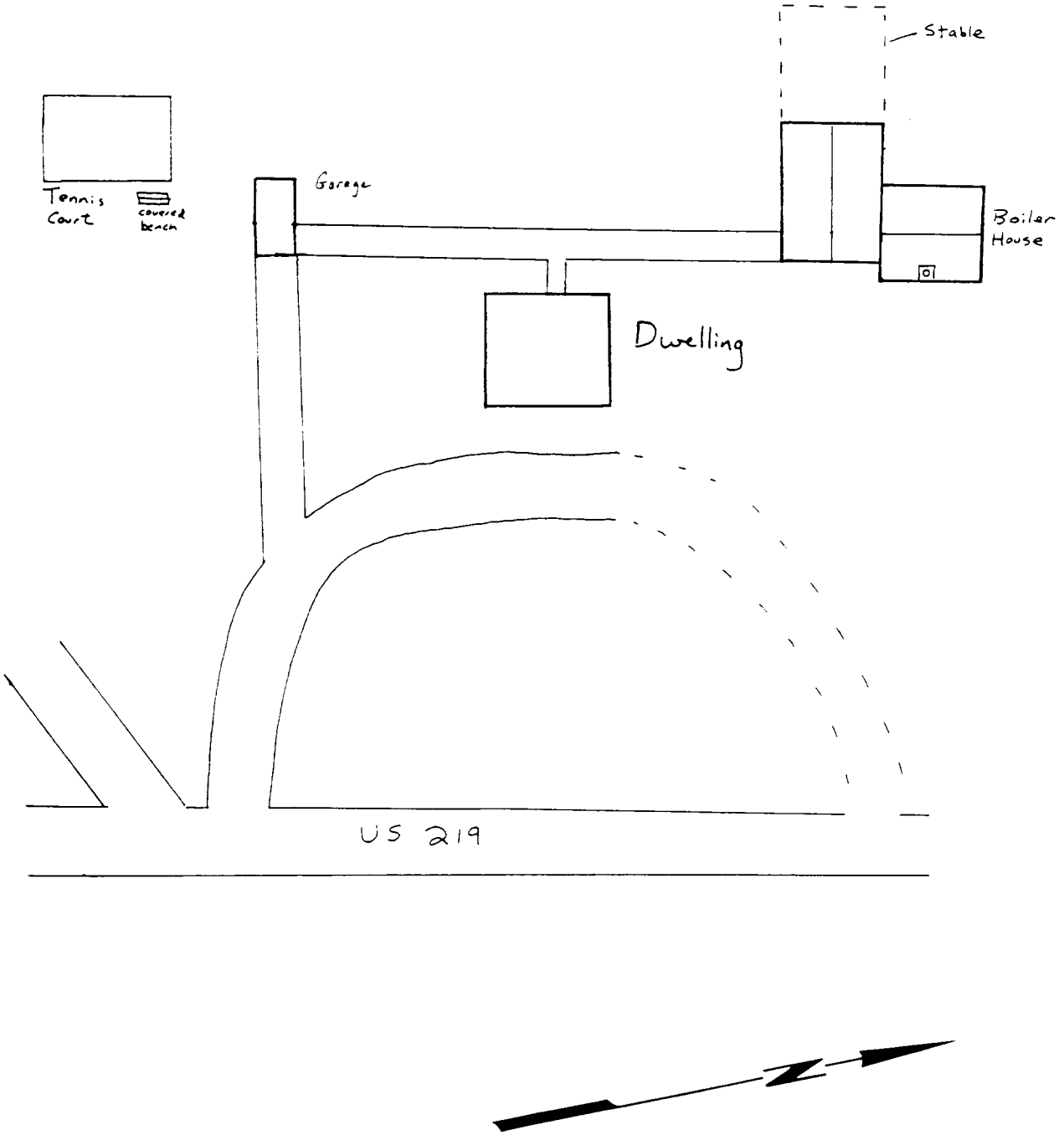

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Resource Sketch Map

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John E. and Diana B. Weber House
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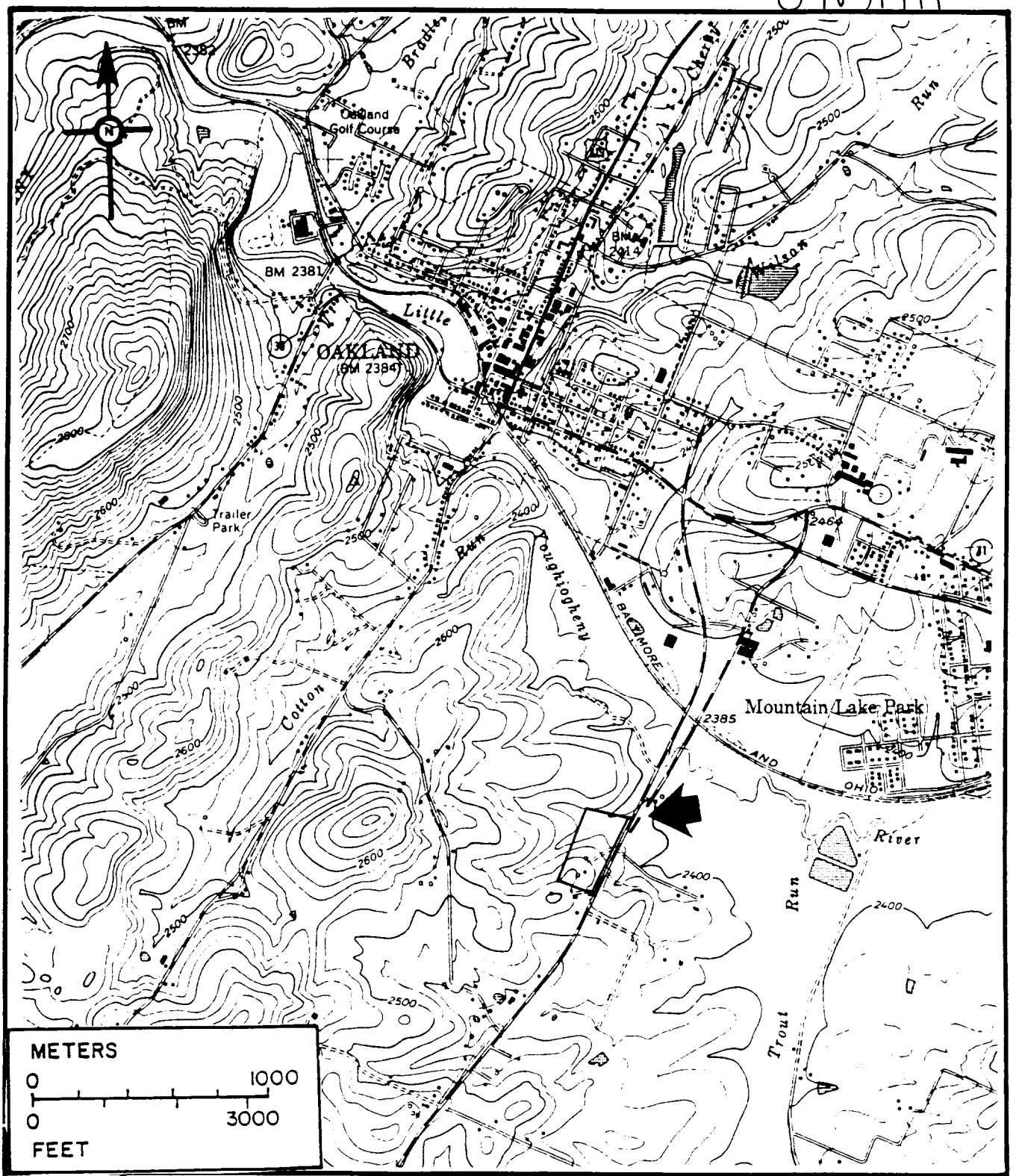

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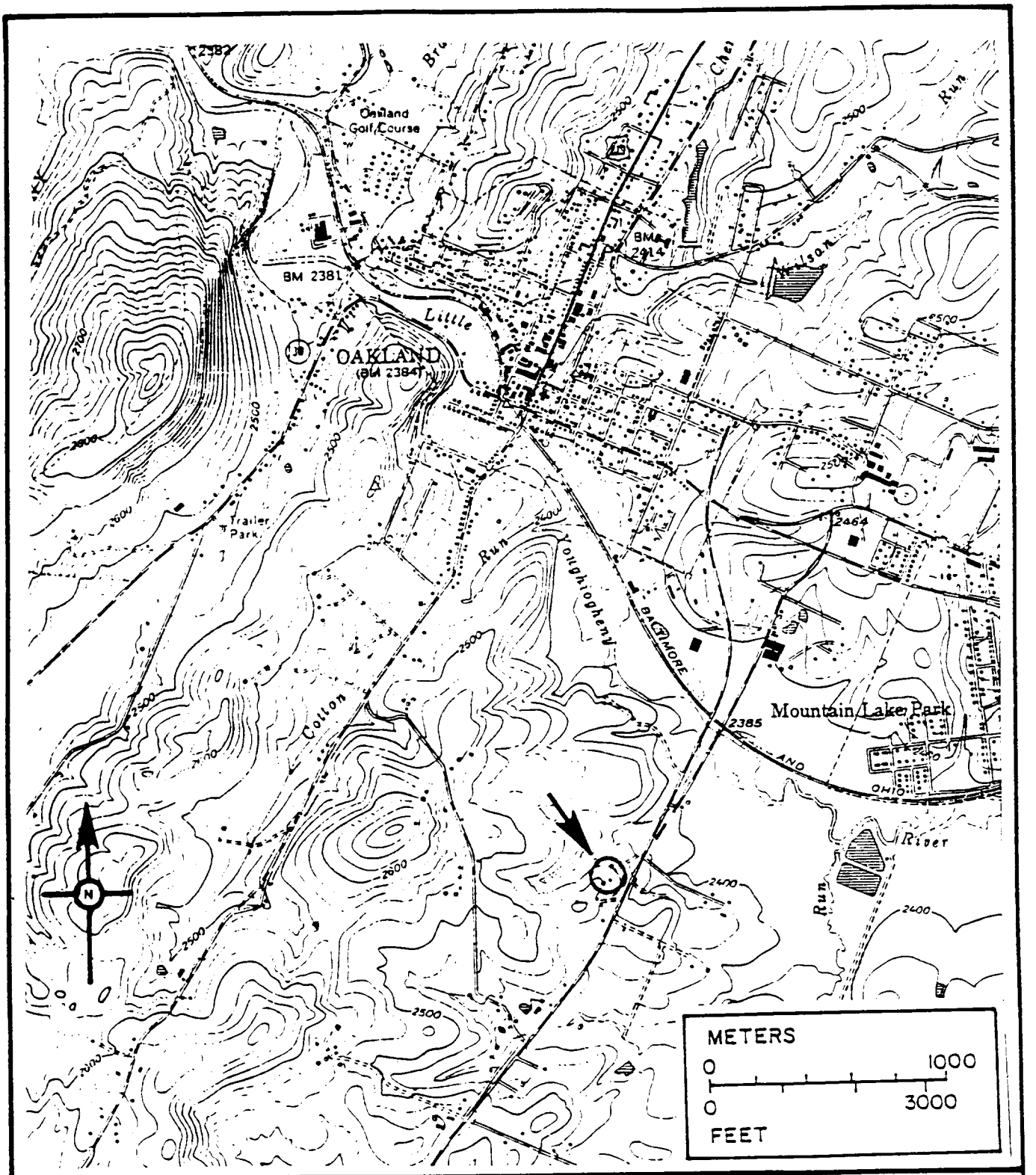
Section of Oakland, MD-WVA 7.5' Quadrangle Map (USGS 1974)
showing the National Register Boundaries for the John E. and Diana B. Weber House
Tax Parcel number 115, Map 85, Grid 2
18.1 acres



Location Map

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Oakland, MD-WVA Quadrangle Map (USGS 1974)

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