

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

Property/District Name: Albert F., Jr. and Muriel R. Franc House Survey Number: G-IV-A-206

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)

The Albert F., Jr., and Muriel R. Franc House relates to the expanded settlement of areas previously located on the fringes of the town of Oakland. Characterized by development along pre-existing road networks, these areas were subsequently annexed into Oakland's corporate boundaries. Garrett County historian Thekla Weeks noted that this area of Oakland was subdivided for residential development in the 1940s. The Franc house is typical of early-twentieth-century architecture.

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.

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

7/7/98  
Date

NR program concurrence:  yes  no  not applicable

  
Reviewer, NR program

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Date



Albert F. And Muriel R. Franc House  
G-IV-A-206  
East Side of South Third Street, near Totten Street  
Oakland Vicinity  
Circa 1910  
Private

This is a two-story, three-by-two-bay frame dwelling with an asymmetrical gable roof, a shed-roofed rear dormer, an open-sided hip-roofed front porch, a single interior brick chimney, and an asymmetrically-roofed one-story rear wing. It is built on a poured concrete foundation, sheathed in asbestos shingles, and covered with an asphalt-shingled roof. Windows are mostly two-over-two, double-hung wooden sash with wooden surrounds. Door openings contain either paneled wooden half-glass or flush doors and are finished with flat wood surrounds. Two foundations and a modern shed stand nearby. The building faces northwest and is located on a mostly open and relatively flat lot about 1/2 mile south-southwest of Oakland.

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## 1. Name of Property (indicate preferred name)

historic

other Albert F. Jr. and Muriel R. Franc House

## 2. Location

street & number East Side South Third Street, Near Totten Street      not for publication

city, town Oakland   X   vicinity

county Garrett

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

name Albert F. Jr. and Muriel R. Franc

street & number 220 Wedgewood Court telephone

city, town Carnegie state and zip code PA 15106-1540

## 4. Location of Legal Description

courthouse, registry of deeds, etc. Garrett County Courthouse tax map and parcel 78-13-209

city, town Oakland liber and folio 283/20

## 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>  0  </u>	buildings
<u>  X  </u> building(s)	<u>  X  </u> 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		<u>  X  </u> 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
		<input type="checkbox"/> funerary	<input type="checkbox"/> work in progress	<u>  1  </u>	<u>  0  </u>	
		<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**

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## 7. Description

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### Condition

excellent       deteriorated  
 good             ruins  
 fair               altered

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

This is a two-story, three-by-two-bay frame dwelling with an asymmetrical gable roof, a shed-roofed rear dormer, an open-sided hip-roofed front porch, and an asymmetrically-roofed one-story rear wing. The building faces northwest and is located on a mostly open and relatively flat lot about 1/2 mile south-southwest of Oakland.

The main block of the building rests on a poured concrete foundation. The walls are clad in cream-colored asbestos shingles with green trim, and the building is topped with an asphalt-shingled roof finished with a wooden eave and projecting nailer ends. The dormer is clad in incised plywood siding and topped with an asphalt-shingled roof, as is the one-story rear wing. A single interior brick chimney stack exits from the rear wing at the ridge; a metal stovepipe exits from the southeast elevation of this wing at foundation level.

Windows consist mostly of single two-over-two, double-hung wooden sash finished with flat beaded wooden surrounds. Several fixed two-light sash windows are also present. Two metal one-over-one double-hung aluminum sash windows light the rear dormer. The front entrance is centered on the northwest elevation and contains a paneled half-glass nine-light wooden door. A second entrance pierces the northeast elevation; this opening contains a modern wooden flush door protected with a wooden storm door. A third opening leads into the northwest elevation. This entrance is fitted with a paneled wooden one-light half-glass door. A new storm door protects this entrance. All door openings are finished with plain flat wooden trim; each door lintel is ornamented with a single bead. A cellar bulkhead entrance protected by double wooden doors leads into the southeast elevation of the rear wing.

The rear addition rests on a concrete block foundation. Its walls are clad in asbestos siding to match the main block, but the northeast elevation is sheathed in incised plywood. The asymmetrical fenestration and the massing of this wing suggest a possible log core; this wing may be the earliest portion of the existing house.

The front porch spans the full width of the house. It consists of a stone foundation, a new wooden deck, squared tapered columns, a beaded board ceiling, and an asphalt-shingled hipped roof. Another open porch on the southwest side of the building is constructed with a new wooden deck and steps, square wooden porch posts, and an asphalt-shingled hipped roof. An L-shaped open wooden deck wraps around the southwest and southeast sides of this porch. This deck is supported on four-by-four wooden posts that have been partially concealed behind a wood lattice skirt. An open horizontal wooden railing borders the deck's outer edges.

A modern one-story gambrel-roofed prefabricated frame shed stands near the easternmost corner of the house. This building is accessed by a set of double doors in the southwest gable. To the southwest of the house stands the stone remnant of an earlier foundation. This foundation is large enough to have supported a barn or another building of equally substantial size. Directly behind the house stands a second, more recent concrete block foundation measuring approximately ten feet square.

A driveway that is oriented perpendicular to South Third Street extends southeastward from the road, paralleling the southwest side of the house. A line of evergreens borders the southwest side of this driveway; a second line of evergreens screens the front of the property from the road. A wood picket fence defines the property's northeastern boundary. The rear section of the property slopes down to a narrow creek. Except for a few well-placed coniferous and deciduous trees, the property is mostly open. The house is presently occupied and in good condition.

## 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 checked="" 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** 1910

**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).

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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/Suburban
Historic Function(s) and Use(s):	Dwelling
Known Design Source:	None

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## 9. Major Bibliographical References

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(See Continuation Sheet)

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## 10. Geographical Data

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Acreage of property 2.28 acres

Acreage surveyed 2.28 acres

Quadrangle name Oakland, MD-WVA

Quadrangle scale 1:24,000

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### Verbal boundary description and justification

Parcel 209, Map 78, Grid 13

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## 11. Form Prepared By

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name/title	Gabrielle M. Lanier / Architectural Historian		
organization	KCI Technologies, Inc.	date	3-11-97
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city or town	Hunt Valley	state and zip code	MD 21030-1888

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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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DHCD/DHCP  
100 Community Place  
Crownsville, MD 21032  
410-514-7646

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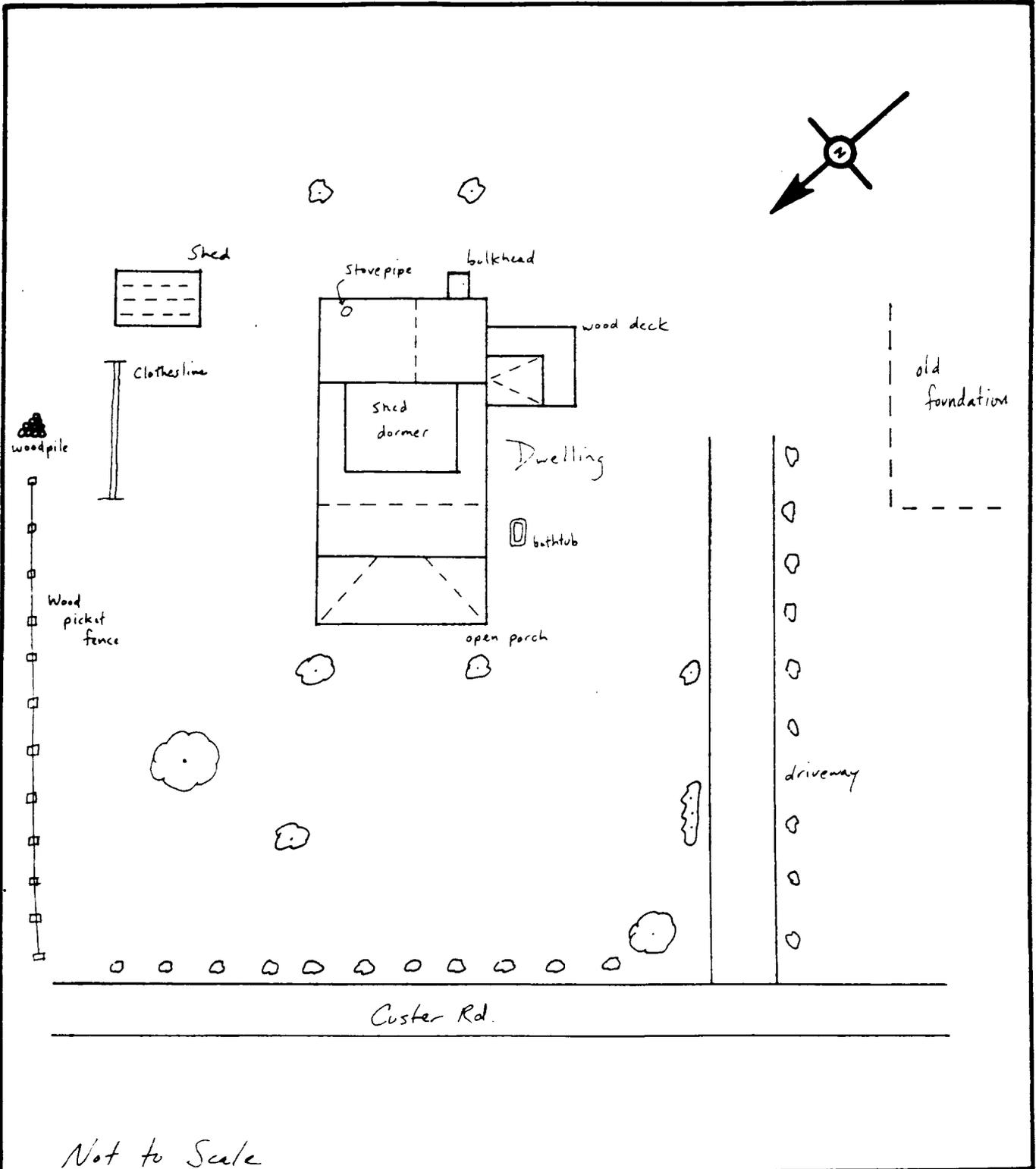
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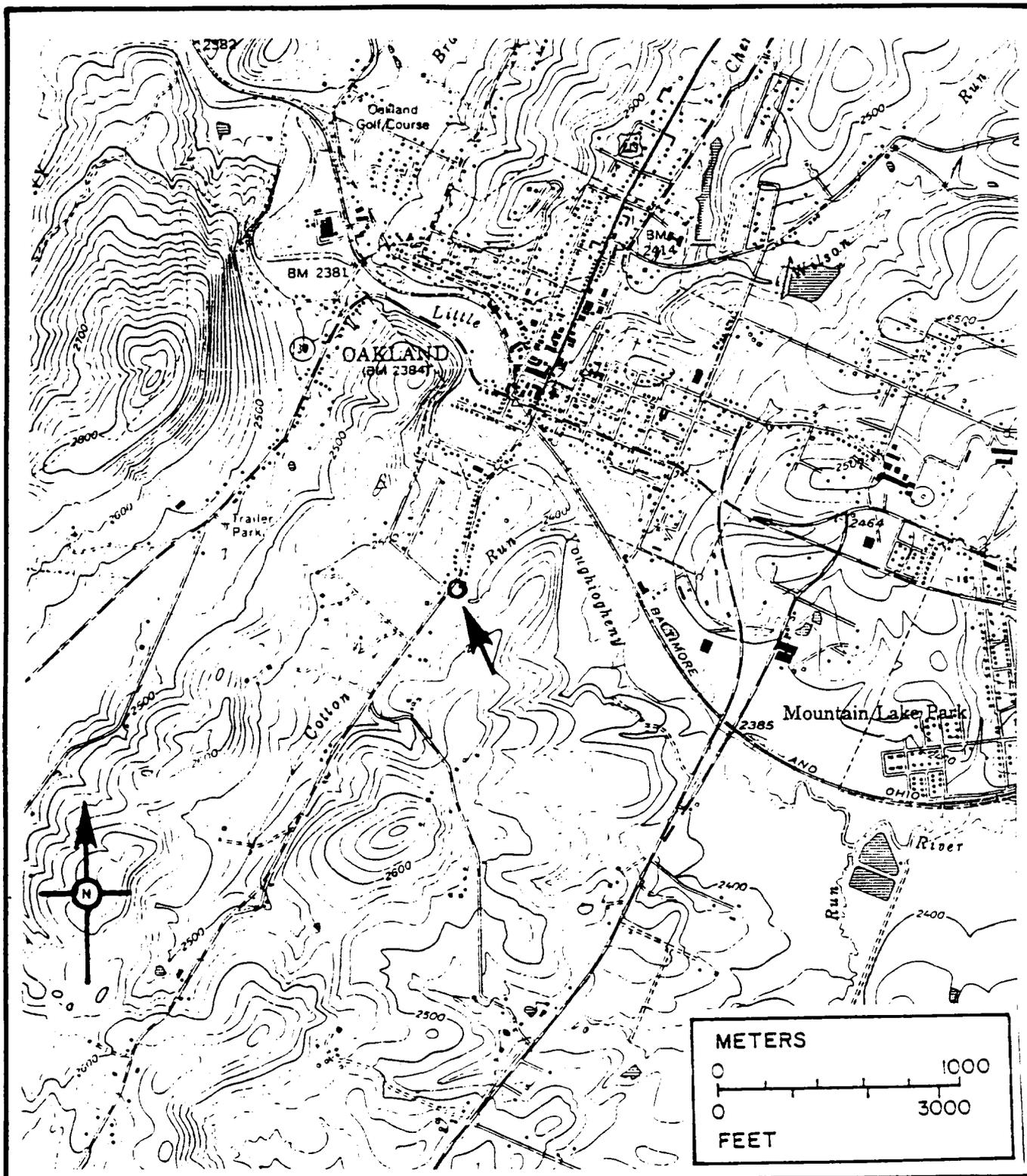
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	<p align="center"><b>Resource Sketch Map</b></p> <p align="center">G-IV-A-206          Albert F. Jr. and Muriel R. Franc House          Oakland Vicinity, Garrett County</p>
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**Location Map**

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Albert F. Jr. and Muriel R. Franc House  
Oakland Vicinity, Garrett County

Oakland, MD-WVA Quadrangle Map (USGS 1974)





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