

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

Property/District Name: Leighton House Survey Number: G-IV-A-255

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)

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.

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

(KCI/MSHA 1997)

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Helen P. Ross
Reviewer, Office of Preservation Services

3/11/90
Date

NR program concurrence: yes no not applicable

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Reviewer, NR program

Date

Leighton House
G-IV-A-255
976 East High Street
Oakland vicinity
1920
Private

The Leighton House is a two-story, frame, side gable-roofed dwelling with an interior brick chimney stack, a concrete block foundation and asbestos shingle siding.

The Leighton House according to local tax records was constructed in 1936 but appears to have an earlier front section which may date to the 1920's. This house is associated with the expanded settlement of areas previously situated beyond the Oakland town limits. The dwelling has been altered and does not exemplify early twentieth century domestic architecture.

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1. Name of Property (indicate preferred name)

historic

other Leighton House

2. Location

street & number 976 East High Street _____ not for publication

city, town Oakland X vicinity

county Garrett

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

name Herbert H. Leighton

street & number 310 Dennett Road telephone

city, town Oakland state and zip code MD 21550

4. Location of Legal Description

courthouse, registry of deeds, etc. Land Records Office tax map and parcel 78-270

city, town Oakland liber and folio 282/43: 283/113

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> 1 </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> 1 </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**

 0

7. Description

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Condition

excellent deteriorated
 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.

The Leighton House is located at 976 East High Street in Oakland. Facing south, the dwelling is situated across the intersection with Highview Drive. The property is bounded east and west by a treeline, on the north by shared open space, and on the south by the road's edge of pavement. Sitting approximately fifteen feet from the road, the square-shaped dwelling is constructed into the downward slope of a hill. An asphalt paved driveway is found west of the house and leads to a modern two-bay frame garage.

The single story, frame, side gable-roofed dwelling has an interior brick chimney stack, a concrete block foundation and with the exception of the facade, which is sheathed with painted wood shingles, the remaining elevations have asbestos shingle siding. Projecting from and over the facade is a nearly full-width, gable roofed porch which is supported on a poured concrete pad by two corner scrolled metal posts and two interior square wood posts. This porch has asphalt roof shingles and weatherboard clad gable end. Appended to the rear wall is a single bay, single pile, frame, shed-roofed lean-to. Attached to its west wall is a half story, plywood covered, shed-roofed entry to the basement.

The majority of the windows are single and paired 1/1 light double-hung sashes with plain wood trim. A Chicago style facade window is a modern replacement and in the foundation are several wood sash hoppers. The front single leaf door is a Craftsman-style unit with nine lights and the rear single leaf wood door is comprised of two vertical panels. The two bay modern garage has wood siding on the facade and corrugated metal siding on the remaining walls.

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 Circa 1920 **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).

The Leighton House according to local tax records was constructed in 1936 but appears to have an earlier front section which may date to the 1920's. This house is associated with the expanded settlement of areas previously situated beyond the Oakland town limits. Distinguished by roadside development, these areas were eventually annexed into the Town of Oakland's corporate boundaries. The dwelling has been altered and does not exemplify early twentieth century domestic architecture.

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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: Urban

 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 2.50 acres

Acreage surveyed 2.50 acres

Quadrangle name Oakland, MD-WVA

Quadrangle scale 1:24,000

Verbal boundary description and justification

Parcel 270, Map 78, District 16

11. Form Prepared By

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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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100 Community Place
Crownsville, MD 21032
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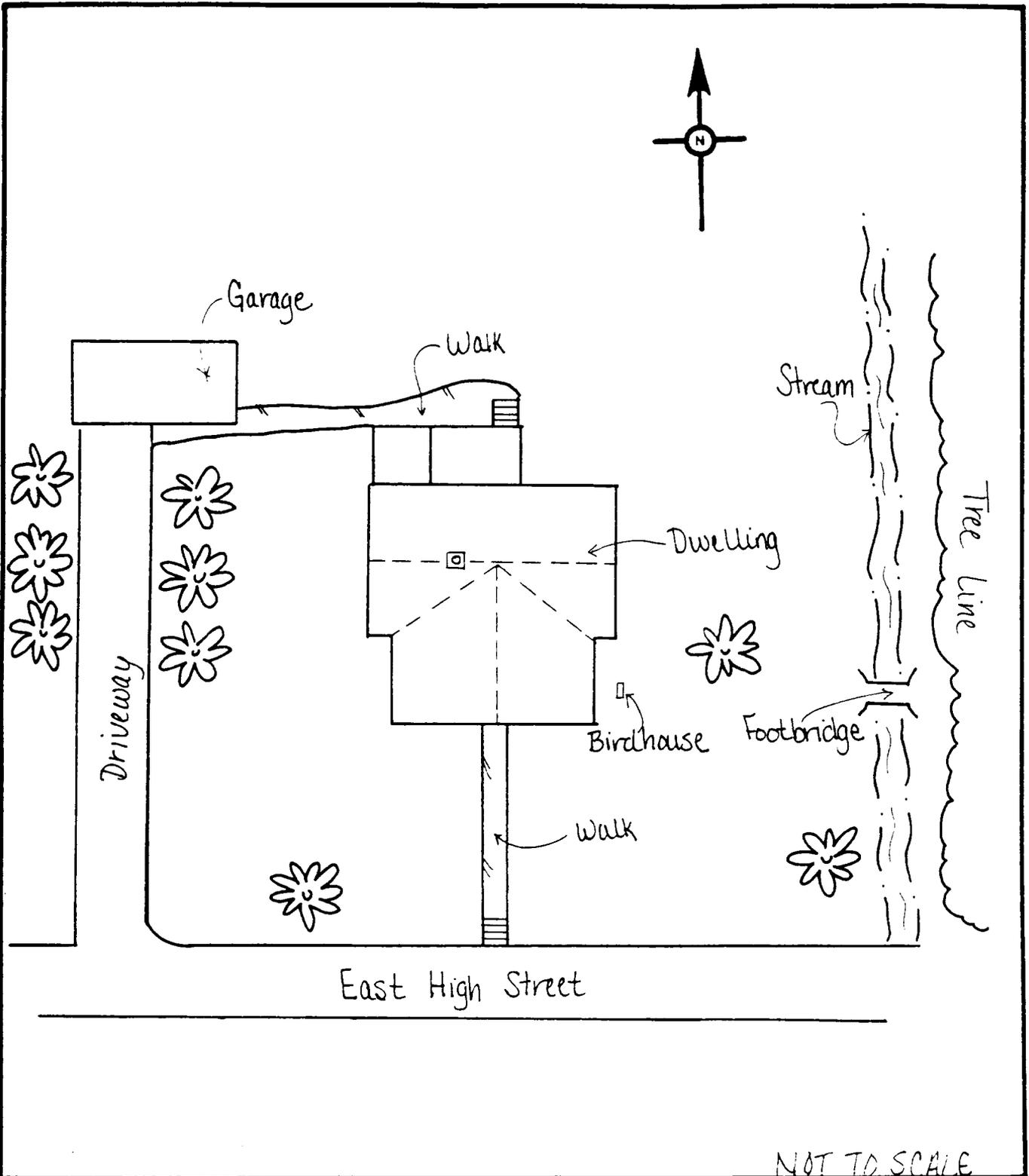
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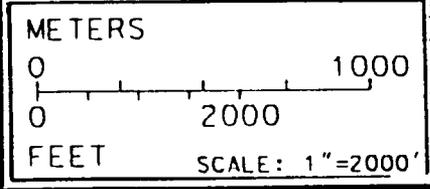
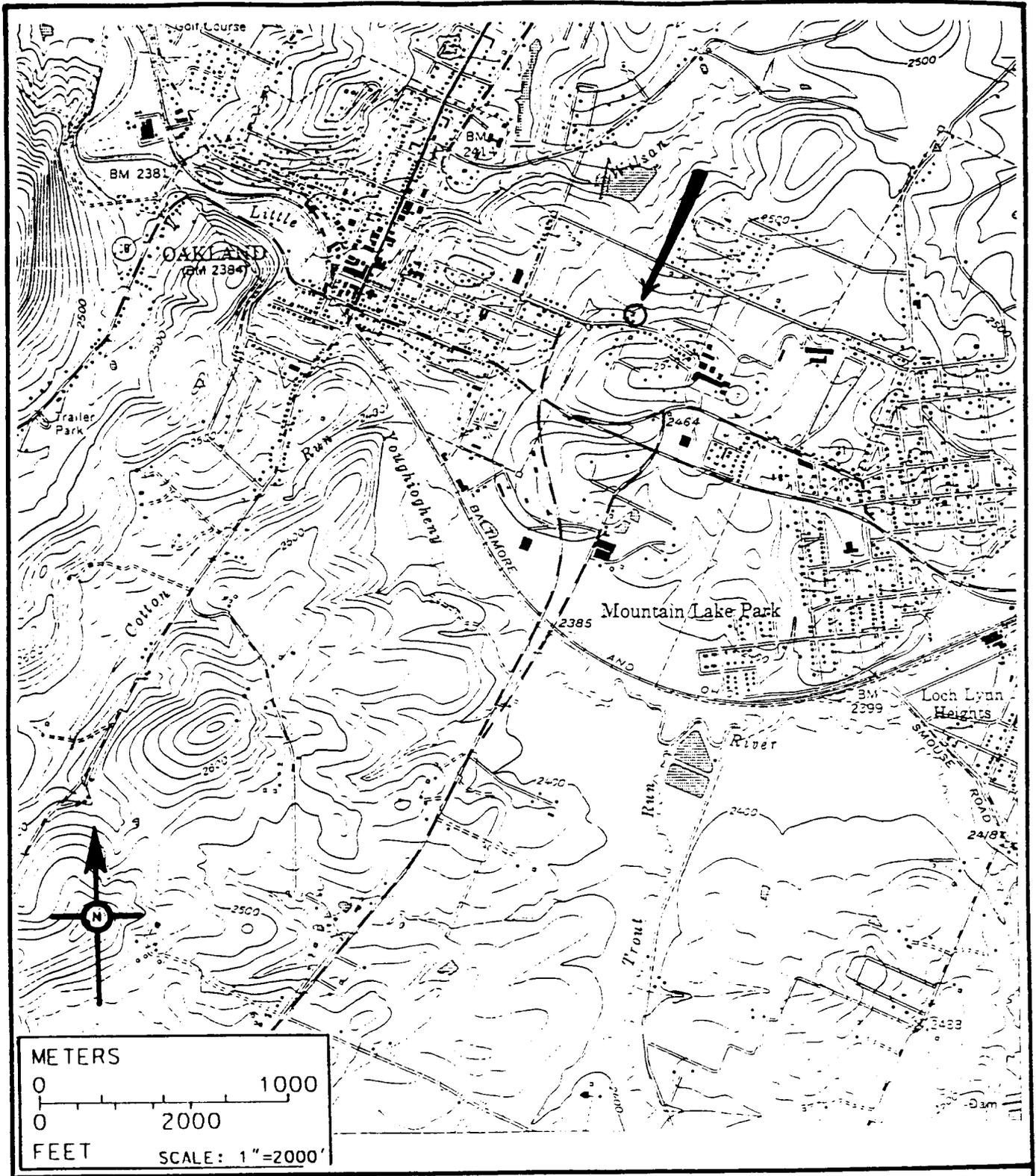
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Resource Sketch Map

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 Leighton House
 Oakland Vicinity, Garrett County



Location Map

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Leighton House
Oakland Vicinity, Garrett County
Oakland, MD-WVA Quadrangle Map (USGS 1974)





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