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

Property/District Name: Franklin Earl Sweitzer House Survey Number: G-IV-A-277

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 Franklin Earl Sweitzer House, built *circa* 1890, relates to the nineteenth and early twentieth-century development of the Mountain Lake Park region as a resort area. Mountain Lake Park was founded in 1881 as a Christian resort community modeled after the Chautauquas begun in New York state in the late nineteenth century. Situated a short distance east of Oakland and adjacent to the B & O rail line, Mountain Lake Park in the late nineteenth and early twentieth centuries combined religious, educational, and cultural activities into a wholesome retreat. But unlike Deer Park and Oakland where the B & O had built large lodgings for its wealthy patrons, Mountain Lake Park emphasized more modest, privately-owned family units, and thus smaller, single-family dwellings predominated. The Sweitzer house is typical of the area's late nineteenth and early-twentieth-century architecture.

esearch 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 7/17/98 Date

NR program concurrence: X yes ___ no ___ not applicable

Reviewer, NR program Date

Sweitzer House
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679 Oakland Drive
Oakland vicinity
Circa 1890
Private

This is a two-story, two-by-two-bay, gable-roofed L-plan frame dwelling with a shed-roofed front porch, a gable-roofed rear addition, and a small shed-roofed rear leanto. The house is built with a stone foundation, aluminum-sided and wood-shingled walls, and a rolled asphalt gable roof with an exterior concrete block chimney. Windows include single one-over-one, six-over-nine, and two-over-two, double-hung wooden sash with wooden trim. The front and rear entrances contain wood and glass doors with wooden surrounds. A small frame shed/garage, a frame shed, and a frame gazebo also stand on the property. The house faces southwest and occupies a mostly open, gently sloping lot about one mile east-southeast of Oakland.

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1. Name of Property (indicate preferred name)

historic

other Franklin Earl Sweitzer House

2. Location

street & number 679 Oakland Drive ____ not for publication

city, town Oakland X vicinity

county Garrett

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

name Franklin Earl Sweitzer

street & number 679 Oakland Drive telephone

city, town Oakland state and zip code MD 21550

4. Location of Legal Description

courthouse, registry of deeds, etc. Garrett County Courthouse tax map and parcel 78-16-306

city, town Oakland liber and folio 356/294

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	
1	4	buildings
0	0	sites
0	0	structures
0	0	objects
1	4	Total

Number of Contributing Resources previously listed in the Inventory

0

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7. Description

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Condition

___ excellent ___ deteriorated
___ good ___ ruins
_X_ 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 foundation encloses a full cellar and is constructed of roughly dressed stone. The walls are sheathed in yellow aluminum siding, while the tops of the gables are clad in white wooden shingles ornamented by a brown wooden scalloped trim board. The building is topped with a rolled asphalt gable roof finished with a wooden eave. A single exterior concrete block chimney with a projecting clay flue tile rises from the northernmost corner of the building.

Windows are a mixture of single one-over-one, six-over-nine, and two-over-two, double-hung wooden sash finished with beaded wooden surrounds, flat drip caps, wooden sills, and scalloped wooden sill skirts. Diamond-shaped fixed wooden sash windows pierce the front gable and the second floor of the northwest elevation. The front entrance is fitted with a wooden door lit by a diamond-paned lass upper section. The rear entrance, which is located on the southeast elevation and leads into the shed-roofed rear addition, contains a similar door. All door openings are finished with wooden surrounds.

An open-sided shed-roofed porch spans almost the entire front elevation. This porch rests on posts or piers masked by a wooden lattice skirt. The porch includes a wooden deck, modern vinyl Doric columns, and a set of wooden steps. The roof over this porch is encircled by a wood lattice balustrade and rail a second-floor level. A two-level open wooden deck is attached to the easternmost corner of the house, adjacent to the rear entrance, and spans the entire southeastern elevation. A small one-story gable-roofed rear addition extends from the rear of the house. This addition is clad in aluminum siding trimmed with wooden corner boards; it is topped with a rolled asphalt roof trimmed with a scalloped wooden verge board. A small shed-roofed leanto is attached to the southeast side of this rear addition. The leanto is similarly clad and roofed.

A gable-roofed, one-story, gable-fronted frame shed/garage stands near the easternmost corner of the house. This building is clad in fiberboard sheathing and topped with a rolled asphalt roof. A fiberglass garage-sized door pierces its southeast elevation; a standard-sized door opens into the opposite gable. A metal stovepipe rises on the northwest gable. This building is semi-ruinous. A gambrel-roofed, one-story, gable-fronted frame shed stands adjacent. This building is clad in particle board and topped with a rolled asphalt roof; it is also semi-ruinous. A front lattice-sided frame gazebo topped with a pyramidal roof stands just northwest of the front porch.

A rectangular wire-fenced garden is located northeast of the house. A small doghouse defines the westernmost corner of this fenced garden enclosure. A curving gravel driveway runs along the southeastern side of the house and leads up a slope past the house, sheds, and garden plot. A line of conifers borders the southeastern side of the driveway, and several medium-sized trees ornament the front of the property. The house is presently occupied and in fair to poor condition; although much of its original massing is intact, the extensive application of aluminum siding has compromised its integrity.

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	__ architecture	__ engineering	__ invention	__ politics/government
X 1900-1999	__ art	__ entertainment/ recreation	__ landscape architecture	__ religion
__ 2000-	__ commerce	__ ethnic heritage	__ law	__ science
	__ communications	X exploration/ settlement	__ literature	__ social history
	__ community planning		__ maritime history	__ transportation
	__ conservation		__ military	__ other:

Specific dates Circa 1890 **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:	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)

10. Geographical Data

Acreage of property 0.52 acres
Acreage surveyed 0.52 acres
Quadrangle name Oakland, MD-WVA
Quadrangle scale 1:24,000

Verbal boundary description and justification

Parcel 306, Map 78, District 16

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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100 Community Place
Crownsville, MD 21032
410-514-7646

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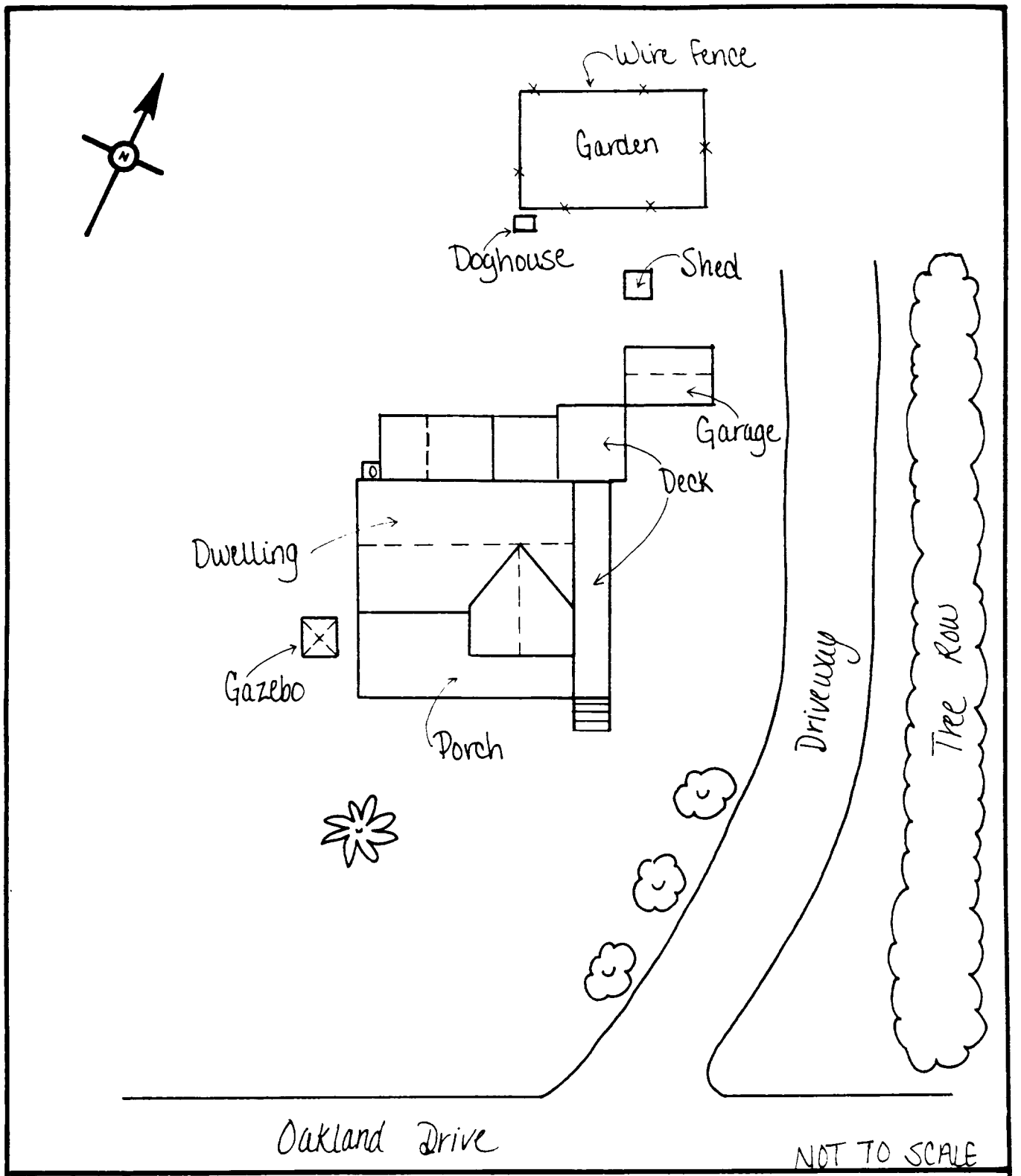

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Resource Sketch Map

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Mt. Lake Park, Garrett County

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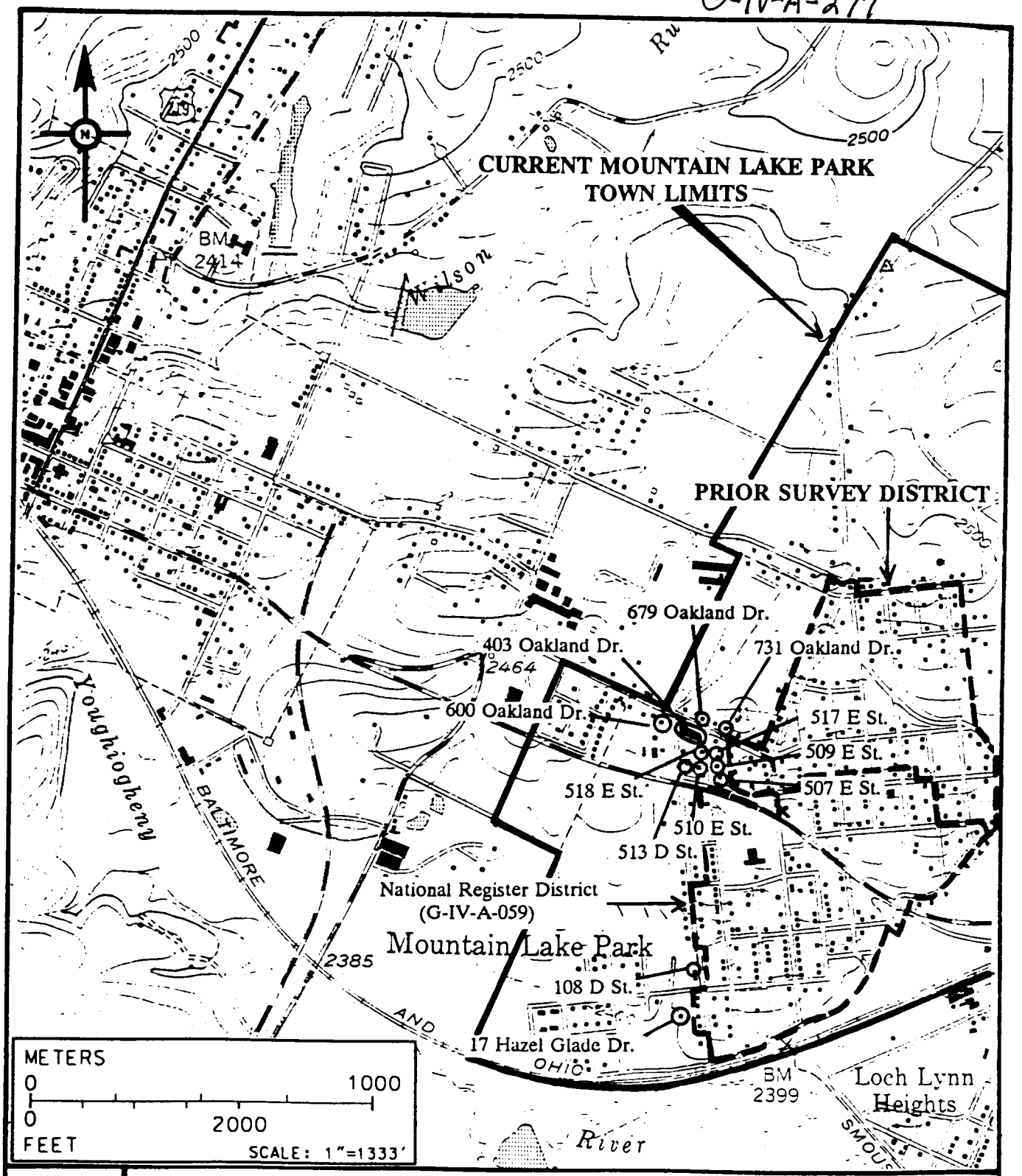

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(Addenda to Mt. Lake Park Survey District)
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Enlargement of the Oakland, MD-WVA (USGS 1974) 7.5 ' Quadrangle map showing the location of historic resources being added to the Mt. Lake Park Survey District previously documented by the MHT.

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NE + NW ELEVATIONS FACING S

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