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

Property/District Name: Roger W. Smith House Survey Number: G-VI-A-047

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 Roger W. Smith House, heavily modernized but with a *circa* 1915 core, relates to the continued growth and settlement of the Oakland area in the early twentieth century. The development of summer vacation resorts and hotels in the Oakland area in the nineteenth century had helped to stimulate settlement of the region. Toward the end of this period, a writer described Oakland as a commercial town surrounded by rich farming and grazing land. Although no longer as prominent a resort in the early twentieth century, Oakland still remained an important local mercantile and community center, and continued its growth during this period. The Smith house, which began life as an early twentieth-century cold cellar but was transformed into its present configuration through a series of accretions, typifies much of the region's early twentieth-century architecture but also exemplifies the kinds of mid-twentieth-century modernization strategies that many area homeowners have used to update aging housing stock.

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.

Concur - [signature] 7/20/98

Reviewer, Office of Preservation Services Date

NR program concurrence: ___ yes ___ no ___ not applicable

_____ _____

Reviewer, NR program Date

[signature]

Smith House
G-VI-A-047
North Side, Totten Street, near Hamill Street
Oakland vicinity
Circa 1915
Private

This T-plan gable-roofed frame dwelling consists of a two-story center section, a one-story gable-roofed addition, and three one-story shed-roofed additions. It is constructed with a poured concrete foundation, aluminum sided walls, an asphalt-shingled gable roof, one-over-one, double-hung aluminum sash windows, modern metal and/or glass doors, and an exterior concrete block chimney. This house began life as a cold storage cellar or "cave" for the neighboring house on Totten Street, but grew into a full-fledged dwelling through a series of accretions. It faces southeast and is located on a treeless, open and sloping lot about 1/2 mile southwest of Oakland.

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1. Name of Property (indicate preferred name)

historic

other Roger W. Smith House

2. Location

street & number North Side Totten Street, near Hamill Street ____ not for publication

city, town Oakland X vicinity

county Garrett

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

name Roger W. Smith

street & number 4 Totten Street telephone

city, town Oakland state and zip code MD 21550-1835

4. Location of Legal Description

courthouse, registry of deeds, etc. Garrett County Courthouse tax map and parcel 112-14-1682

city, town Oakland liber and folio 474/398

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	0	buildings
0	0	sites
0	0	structures
0	0	objects
1	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.

This T-plan gable-roofed frame dwelling consists of a two-story center section, a one-story gable-roofed addition, and three one-story shed-roofed additions. The building began life as a cold storage cellar or "cave" for the neighboring house on Totten Street, but grew into a full-fledged dwelling through a series of accretions. The building faces southeast and is located on a treeless, open and sloping lot about 1/2 mile southwest of Oakland.

The building rests on a poured concrete foundation. The walls are clad in white aluminum siding, and the main block is topped with an asphalt-shingled gable roof with a boxed aluminum eave. The two shed-roofed additions are clad in aluminum siding to match the rest of the house and covered with asphalt-shingled shed roofs finished with matching boxed aluminum eaves. A single concrete block chimney stack with a projecting clay flue tile rises on the north elevation.

Windows are a combination of single and tripled one-over-one, double-hung aluminum sash of varying sizes; all window openings are finished with aluminum surrounds. One tripartite double-hung sash window lights the northwest elevation. The primary entrance, located on the east elevation, contains a modern metal door. A set of open wooden ladder steps flanked by wooden handrails leads from the yard up to the threshold. A second entrance, located on the south elevation under the overhanging porch roof, is fitted with modern sliding glass doors. A covered wooden deck stands at the southwest corner of the building, and a four-by-four wooden post supports the corner of the shed roof that shelters this deck. A shed-roofed frame shed stands at the northwest corner of this dwelling.

The longest ridge of this building is more or less perpendicularly oriented to Totten Street. This house stands just to the west of another two-story frame house at the corner of Totten and Hamill Streets (627 Hamill Street), and once served as the cold storage cellar for this neighboring dwelling. Although a sidewalk still connects the main entrances of both buildings, they now stand on separate tax parcels. The building on Totten Street is currently for sale and is 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	__ architecture	__ engineering	__ invention	__ politics/government
_X_ 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 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 0.30 acres
Acreage surveyed 0.30 acres
Quadrangle name Oakland, MD-WVA
Quadrangle scale 1:24,000

Verbal boundary description and justification

Parcel 1682, Map 112, Grid 14

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.

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Crownsville, MD 21032
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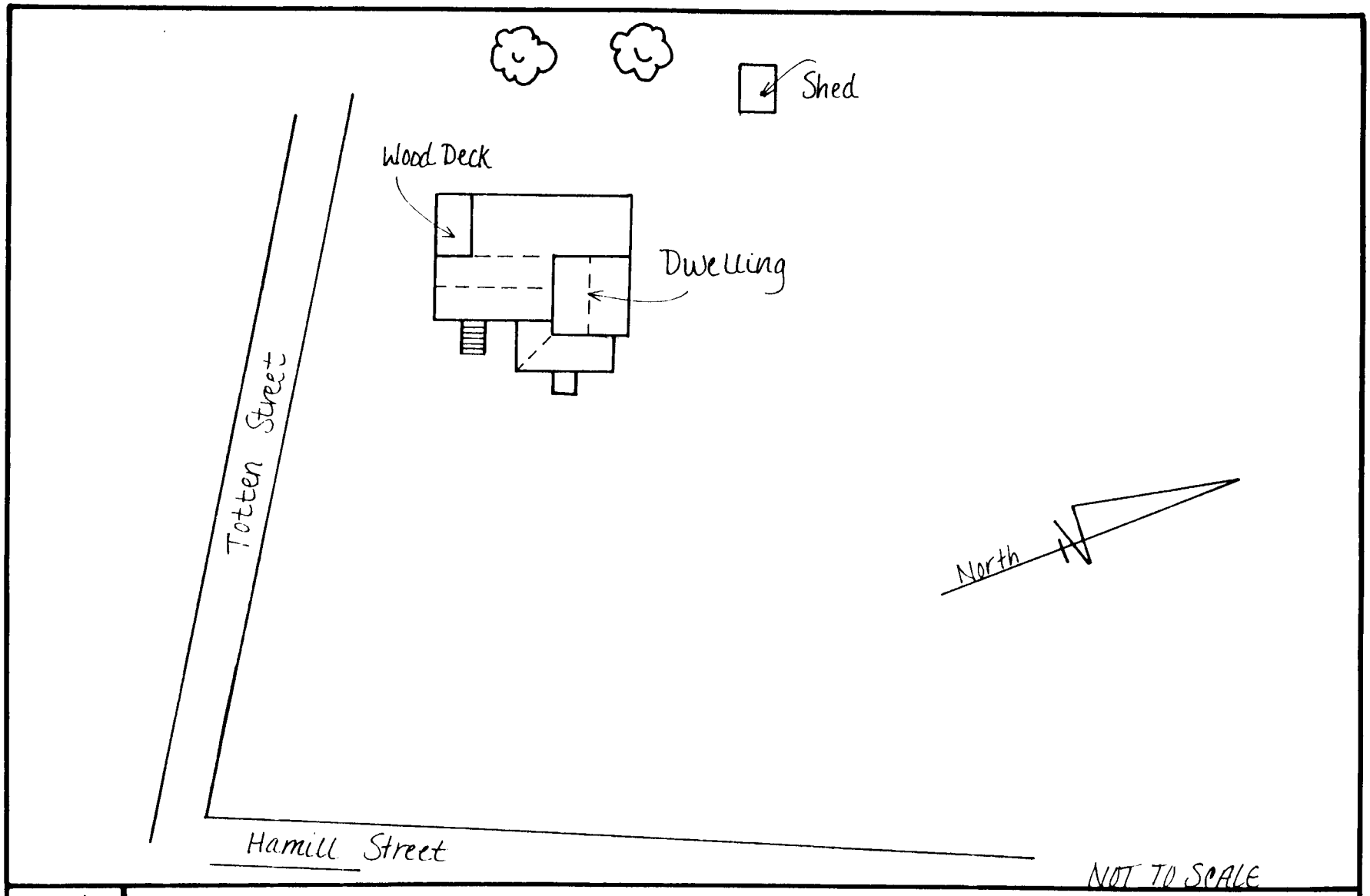

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Resource Sketch Map

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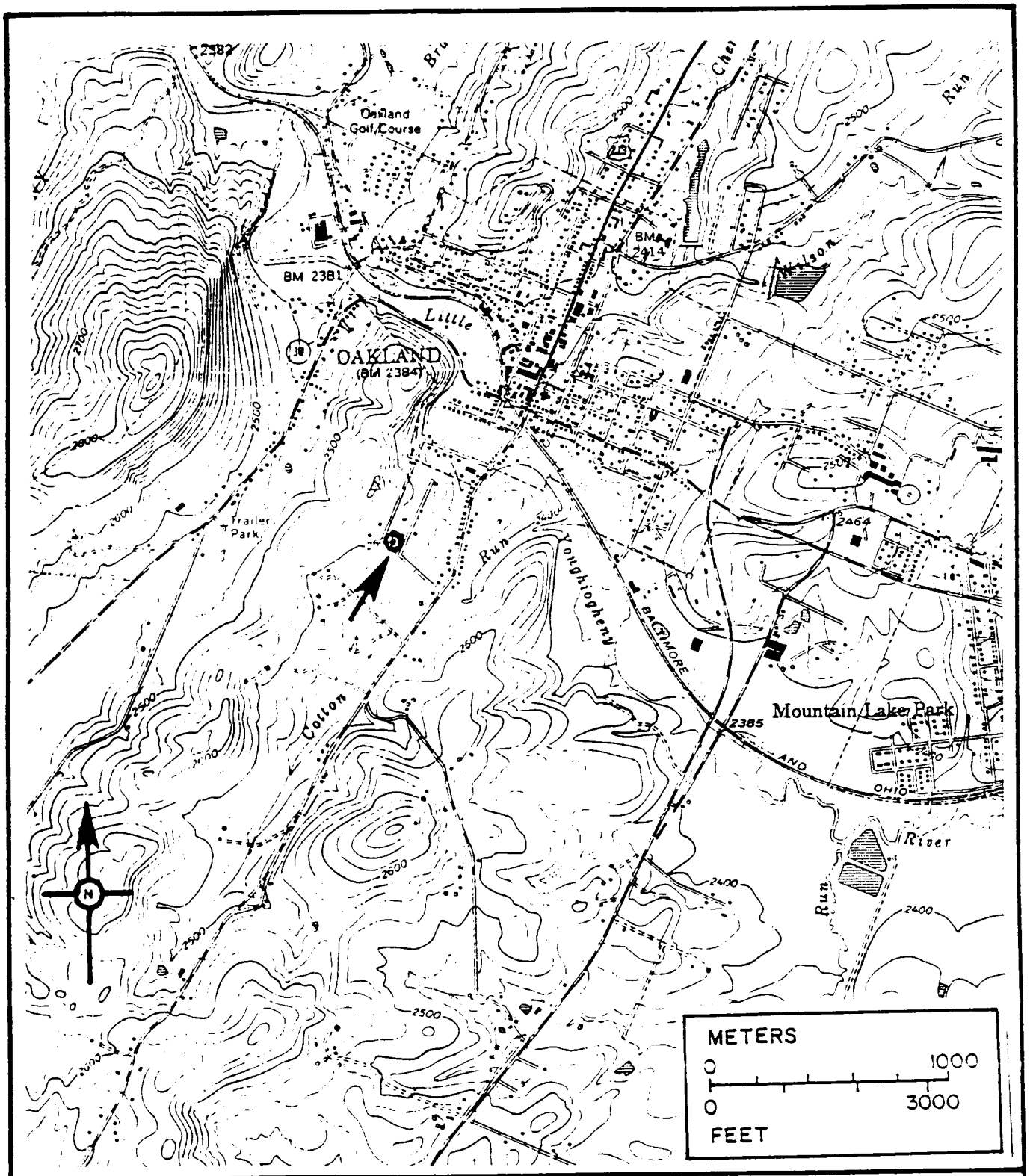
Roger W. Smith House
Oakland, Garrett County



Location Map

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Roger W. Smith House
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Oakland, MD-WVA Quadrangle Map (USGS 1974)

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