

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

Property/District Name: Pythian Avenue Cemetery Survey Number: G- VI-A-062

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 ruinous Pythian Avenue Cemetery relates to the continued growth and settlement of the Oakland region in the late nineteenth and early twentieth centuries. The development of summer vacation resorts and hotels in the Oakland area in the nineteenth century had helped to stimulate settlement of the area. 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. Most of the visible gravestones in the Pythian Avenue Cemetery have been toppled and are illegible, but the form and material of several of the stones suggest a late nineteenth or early twentieth-century date.

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.

*MAY BE ELIGIBLE UNDER  
CRIT. D.*

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.

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Reviewer, Office of Preservation Services

Date

NR program concurrence:  yes  no  not applicable

BK  
Reviewer, NR program

7/20/98  
Date

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Pythian Avenue Cemetery  
G-VI-A-062  
Northwest side Pythian Avenue  
Oakland vicinity  
Unknown  
Private

This is a ruinous cemetery which stands in a wooded area about thirty yards north of a pronounced right-angle curve in Pythian Avenue. The graveyard contains several toppled stones that were largely illegible when the property was surveyed. It is probably largely inaccessible and perhaps invisible during the summer months due to vines and underbrush.

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## Maryland Inventory of Historic Properties Form

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

historic

other Pythian Avenue Cemetery

### 2. Location

street & number Northwest side Pythian Avenue \_\_\_\_\_ not for publication

city, town Oakland X vicinity

county Garrett

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

name Board of Governors of the Garrett County Memorial Hospital

street & number 251 North Fourth Street 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 111-7-621

city, town Oakland liber and folio 574/767

### 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	
<input type="checkbox"/> building(s)	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> private	<input type="checkbox"/> commerce/trade	<input type="checkbox"/> recreation/ culture	<u>0</u> buildings
<input type="checkbox"/> structure	<input type="checkbox"/> both	<input type="checkbox"/> defense	<input type="checkbox"/> religion	<u>1</u> sites
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> site		<input type="checkbox"/> domestic	<input type="checkbox"/> social	<u>0</u> structures
<input type="checkbox"/> object		<input type="checkbox"/> education	<input type="checkbox"/> transportation	<u>0</u> objects
		<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> funerary	<input type="checkbox"/> work in progress	<u>1</u> Total
		<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: public works	
				<b>Number of Contributing Resources previously listed in the Inventory</b>
				<u>0</u>

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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.

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The cemetery is in ruinous condition. It is probably largely inaccessible and perhaps invisible during the summer months due to vines and underbrush.

# 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 checked="" type="checkbox"/> 1800-1899	<input type="checkbox"/> architecture	<input type="checkbox"/> engineering	<input type="checkbox"/> invention	<input type="checkbox"/> politics/government	
<input type="checkbox"/> 1900-1999	<input type="checkbox"/> art	<input type="checkbox"/> entertainment/ recreation	<input type="checkbox"/> landscape architecture	<input checked="" 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 Unknown

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):	Religion
Resource Type:	
Category:	Site
Historic Environment:	Rural/Suburban
Historic Function(s) and Use(s):	Cemetery
Known Design Source:	None

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## 9. Major Bibliographical References

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## 10. Geographical Data

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Acreage of property 17.11 acres

Acreage surveyed 17.11 acres

Quadrangle name Oakland, MD-WV

Quadrangle scale 1:24,000

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### Verbal boundary description and justification

Parcel 621, Map 111, Grid 7

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## 11. Form Prepared By

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name/title	Gabrielle M. Lanier/Architectural Historian		
organization	KCI Technologies, Inc.	date	3-13-97
street & number	10 North Park Drive	telephone	410-316-7857
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  
410-514-7600

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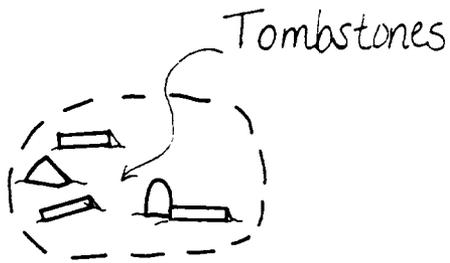
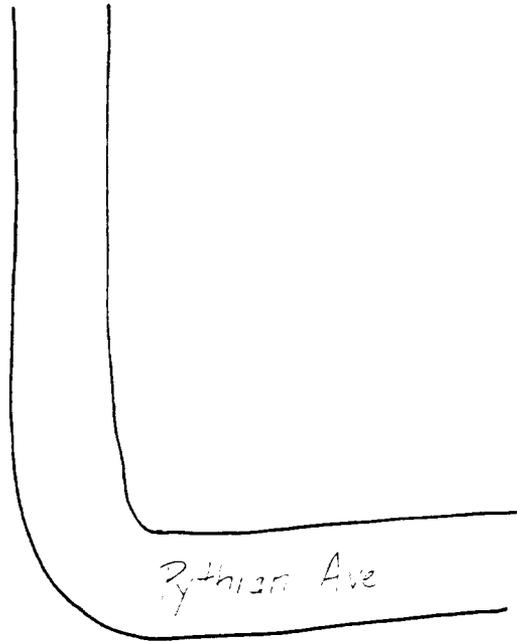
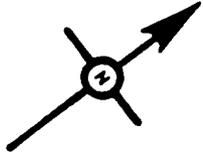
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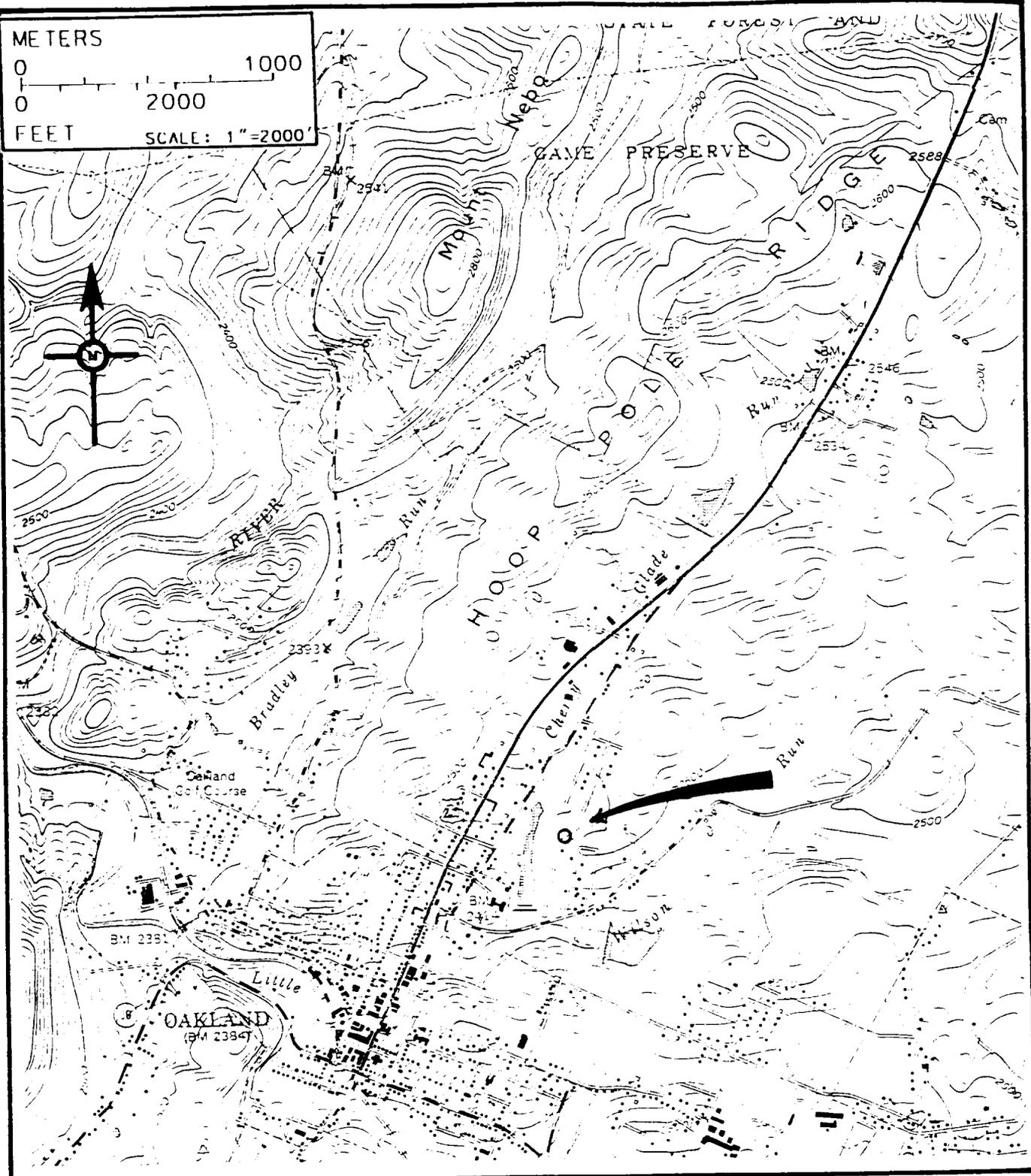
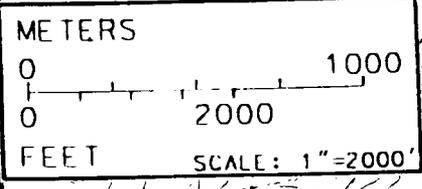


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**Resource Sketch Map**

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Pythian Avenue Cemetery  
Oakland, Garrett County



Location Map

G-VI-A-062  
 Pythian Avenue Cemetery  
 Oakland, Garrett County  
 Oakland, MD-WVA Quadrangle Map (USGS 1974)



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