

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

Property/District Name: Eric A. Swanson House Survey Number: G-VI-A-068

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 Eric A. Swanson House, built *circa* 1935, relates to the continued expansion and settlement of the Oakland area in the mid-twentieth century. The development of summer vacation resorts and hotels in the Oakland area in the late nineteenth century had helped to stimulate settlement of the region. Although no longer as prominent a resort in the mid-twentieth century, Oakland still remained an important local mercantile and community center, and continued its growth throughout this period. Residential development typically occurred along pre-existing road networks. The Swanson house exemplifies much of the region's mid-twentieth-century residential 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.

REVIEW - NOT ELIG. Allison
Reviewer, Office of Preservation Services

7/20/98
Date

NR program concurrence: yes no not applicable

BK
Reviewer, NR program

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Date

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Swanson House
G-VI-A-068
821 Memorial Drive
Oakland vicinity
Circa 1935
Private

This is a one-story, three-by-three-bay, gable-roofed frame dwelling with a shallowly projecting bay on the southwest elevation, a fully enclosed full-width shed-roofed front porch, and a narrow two-story gable-roofed rear addition with an attached one-story shed-roofed rear leanto. The house is built with a poured concrete foundation, wood-shingled walls, and an asphalt-shingled gable roof with a single exterior concrete block chimney. Windows are primarily single one-over-one, double-hung wooden sash with wooden trim. Most entrances contain wood and glass doors with wooden surrounds. The house faces northwest and is located on an open, gently sloping lot just northeast of Oakland.

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1. Name of Property (indicate preferred name)

historic

other Eric A. Swanson House

2. Location

street & number 821 Memorial Drive _____ not for publication

city, town Oakland X vicinity

county Garrett

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

name Eric A. Swanson

street & number 821 Memorial 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 111-7-2122

city, town Oakland liber and folio 572/351

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

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.

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Built on a foundation of poured concrete that encloses a full cellar, the walls of the house are clad in blue wooden shingles finished with yellow wooden trim. The upper gables of the front porch are clad in narrow vertical boards terminating in a wide wooden frieze board. The building is topped with an asphalt-shingled gable roof finished with exposed rafter feet and purlin ends. A single exterior concrete block chimney rises along the northeast side of the building, and two evenly-spaced rectangular metal louvers in the upper gables near the roof peak ventilate the attic.

Windows consist primarily of single one-over-one, double-hung wooden sash finished with flat wooden surrounds, sills, and drip molds. The primary entrance, which is centered on the front or northwest elevation, is fitted with a multipaned bungalow-style glass and wood door finished with flat wooden surrounds and drip molds. A second entrance is located on the opposite elevation, in the easternmost corner of the house. This opening contains a paneled wood and multipaned glass door finished with no external surrounds.

The front porch consists of a nearly full-width shed-roofed addition clad in matching blue wood shingles and topped with an asphalt-shingled shed roof. This porch is lit by a total of ten closely-spaced one-over-one double-hung sash windows, and accessed by a central door. The rear addition consists of a one-bay, one room wide two-story gable-roofed structure with an attached shed-roofed one-story leanto. Both of these additions are clad in matching blue wooden shingles and topped with asphalt-shingled roofs finished with exposed rafter feet.

Because of the slope of the lot, the rear of the house stands higher above ground level than the front. A macadam driveway which leads to a neighboring house runs along the western side of the house. A roughly square gravel parking area bordered on two sides by wooden retaining walls and ornamented with a planter at its eastern corner stands at the northernmost corner of the property next to Memorial Drive. A concrete walk which runs perpendicular to Memorial Drive leads from the road to the front entrance: an open concrete stoop leads from the level of the rear yard up to the threshold of the rear door. No outbuildings stand on the property. While several deciduous trees shade the house, the lot is mostly open. The house is presently occupied and remains 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 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 1935

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):	Modern Period A.D. 1930-Present
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

9. Major Bibliographical References

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(See Continuation Sheet)

10. Geographical Data

Acreage of property 0.5 acres

Acreage surveyed 0.5 acres

Quadrangle name Oakland, MD-WV

Quadrangle scale 1:24,000

Verbal boundary description and justification

Parcel 2122, Map 111, Grid 7

11. Form Prepared By

name/title	Gabrielle M. Lanier/Architectural Historian		
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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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Crownsville, MD 21032
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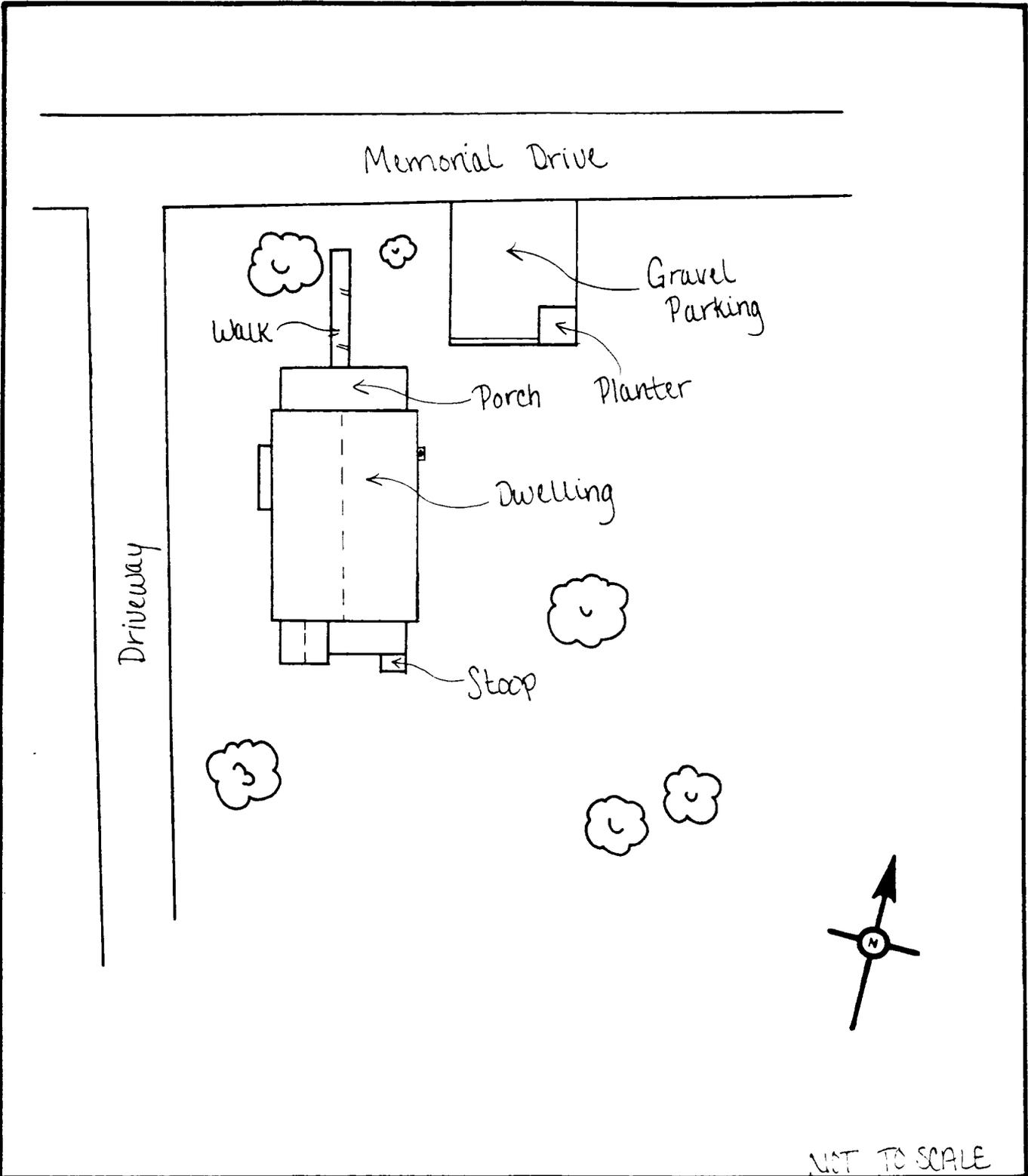
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Resource Sketch Map

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Eric A. Swanson House
Oakland, Garrett County



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