

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

Property/District Name: Browning House Survey Number: G-VI-A-041-088

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)

Prepared by: Helen P. Ross, KCI Technologies, Inc.
[Signature] Date 7/20/98
Reviewer, Office of Preservation Services

NR program concurrence: yes no not applicable
[Signature] Date _____
Reviewer, NR program

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Browning House
G-VI-A-~~041~~ 088
316 North Fourth Street
Oakland Vicinity
Circa 1918
Private

The Browning House is a two-story, facade gable roofed frame house with a rectangular main block. The structure has a two bay wide facade and a stone foundation.

The Browning House is related to the expansion of settlement into areas previously located on the fringes of the town of Oakland. The Garrett Highway (the original US 219) entered Oakland from the north via Fourth Street. The home is typical of early twentieth century architecture; the extended survey district boundaries will encompass this pattern of historic development.

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1. Name of Property (indicate preferred name)

historic

other Browning House

2. Location

street & number 316 North Fourth Street not for publication

city, town Oakland X vicinity

county Garrett

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

name Brownings, Inc.

street & number PO Box 129 telephone

city, town Oakland state and zip code MD 21550-0129

4. Location of Legal Description

courthouse, registry of deeds, etc. Garrett County Courthouse tax map and parcel 111-1720

city, town Oakland liber and folio 214/333 209/92

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			
<input type="checkbox"/> district	<input type="checkbox"/> public	<input type="checkbox"/> agriculture	<input type="checkbox"/> landscape	Contributing	Noncontributing	
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> building(s)	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> private	<input type="checkbox"/> commerce/trade	<input type="checkbox"/> recreation/ culture	<u> 2 </u>	<u> 0 </u>	buildings
<input type="checkbox"/> structure	<input type="checkbox"/> both	<input type="checkbox"/> defense	<input type="checkbox"/> religion	<u> 0 </u>	<u> 0 </u>	sites
<input type="checkbox"/> site		<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> domestic	<input type="checkbox"/> social	<u> 0 </u>	<u> 0 </u>	structures
<input type="checkbox"/> object		<input type="checkbox"/> education	<input type="checkbox"/> transportation	<u> 0 </u>	<u> 0 </u>	objects
		<input type="checkbox"/> funerary	<input type="checkbox"/> work in progress	<u> 2 </u>	<u> 0 </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:			
				Number of Contributing Resources previously listed in the Inventory		
				<u> 0 </u>		

7. Description

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Condition

<input type="checkbox"/> excellent	<input type="checkbox"/> deteriorated
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> good	<input type="checkbox"/> ruins
<input type="checkbox"/> fair	<input type="checkbox"/> altered

Prepare both a one paragraph summary and a comprehensive description of the resource and its various elements as it exists today.

The Browning House is located at 316 North Fourth Street on the west side of the road. The property is bounded on the south and west by a line of trees, on the north by a neighboring house and on the east by the road's pavement edge. The dwelling sits approximately thirty feet away from Fourth Street, perpendicular to the road and is built into a slightly rising hillside. A circular macadam driveway on the south elevation provides vehicular storage and egress to the two car garage.

The two story, frame, facade gable roofed main block is rectangle shaped, has a two bay wide facade and has a stone foundation. Projecting from the main block's northwest corner is a single story, frame, one room deep addition. This wing has an asphalt shingle gable roof and sits upon a concrete block foundation. Attached to the west elevation is a single story, frame, shed-roofed addition. This section like the rest of the house has wide eaves and painted wooden shingle siding. On either long elevation, there is an exterior chimney stack; the south wall is cut stone and the north elevation is brick.

Some of the original 2/2 light, double hung sash windows remain while others have been replaced with modern fixed light picture and Chicago-style units. Except for the north elevation, there is a single leaf door on every other main elevation: the facade unit has a single light over three horizontal panels; the west unit has three vertical panes over three horizontal wood panels; and the rear door has nine lights with wooden muntions and surrounds. The two-bay-wide, single story, front porch has three square wood posts, a hipped roof, and concrete floor. A single story, two automobile, frame, facade gable garage is located southwest of the dwellings. Some of its elements include a concrete foundation, two modern aluminum horizontal bay doors, exposed rafter tails, and painted wood shingle siding.

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
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<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 1918 **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 Browning House, erected in 1918 according to local tax records, relates to the expanded settlement of areas previously located on the fringes of Oakland. Distinguished by development along new and existing roads, these areas were subsequently annexed into the town of Oakland's corporate boundaries. For nearly thirty years between 1916 and 1948, the original US 219 (the Garrett Highway) entered Oakland from the north on North Fourth Street. This home is typical of early twentieth architecture; the extended survey district boundaries will encompass this pattern of historic development.

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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 1.76 acres

Acreage surveyed 1.76 acres

Quadrangle name Oakland, MD-WVA

Quadrangle scale 1:24,000

Verbal boundary description and justification

Parcel 1720, Map 111, District 17

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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.

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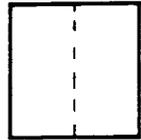
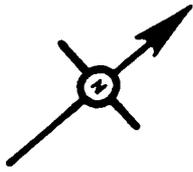
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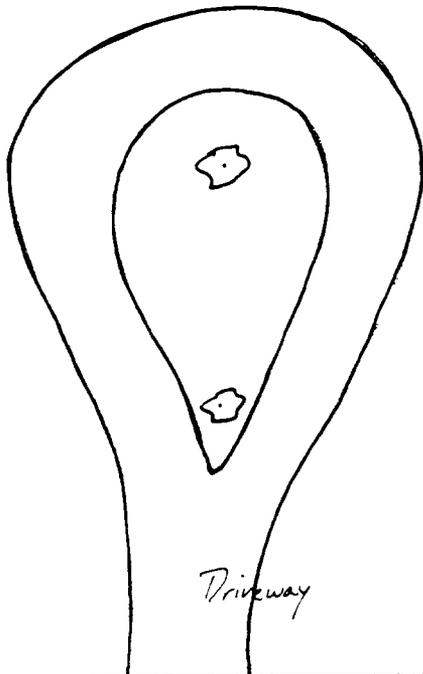
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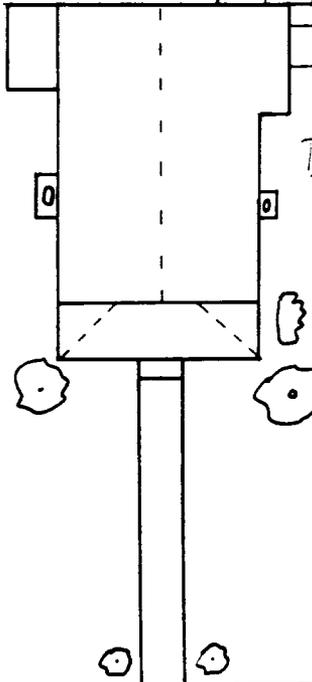


Garage



Driveway

enclosed porch



concrete stoop

bulkhead

Dwelling

North 4th St.

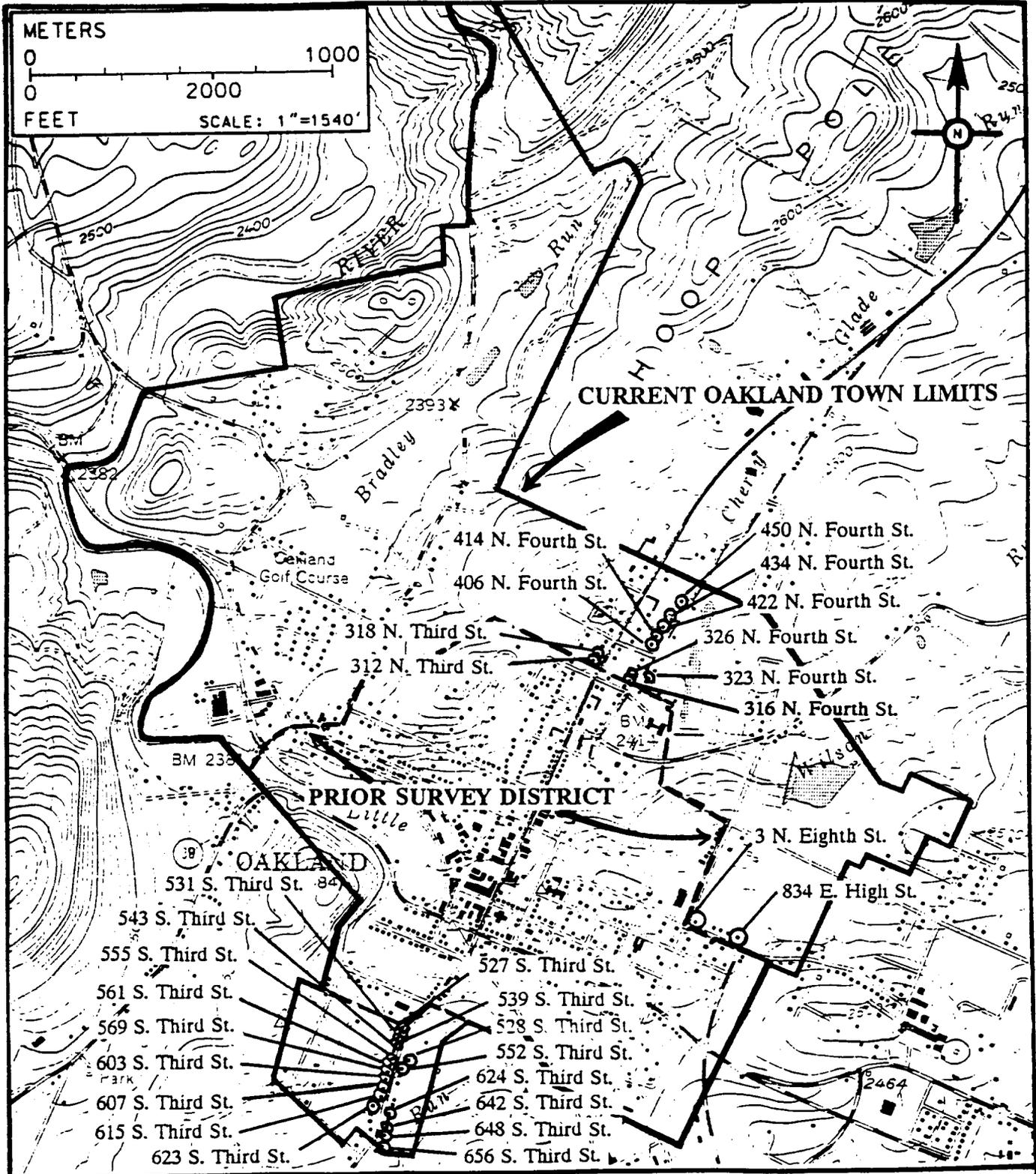


Resource Sketch Map

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Brownings, Inc. House
316 N. Fourth Street
Oakland, Garrett County



Addenda to Oakland 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 Oakland Survey District previously documented by the MHT.



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