

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

Property/District Name: Ault House

Survey Number: 093  
G-VI-A-041

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.

*Helen P. Ross*  
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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Ault House  
G-VI-A-~~041~~ 093  
422 North Fourth Street  
Oakland Vicinity  
Circa 1891  
Private

The Ault House, erected in 1891 is a two-story, cross gabled frame house with a two-bay wide facade, a cut stone foundations, and an interior brick chimney. Ornately carved exposed rafter tails are noticeable in the projecting upper gable.

The Ault House is related to the expansion of settlement beyond Oakland's town limits. This structure may have been one of the earliest dwellings located north of the older downtown core of the town. Although the dwelling has been heavily altered by modern and insensitive exterior renovations, it warrants inclusion in the Oakland survey district because it anticipates an expected progression of residential development.

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G-VI-A-041

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

historic

other Ault House

## 2. Location

street & number 422 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 Mikal McCarthy

street & number 422 North Fourth Street telephone (301) 344-3589

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 111-1872

city, town Oakland liber and folio 633/786

## 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	<u>1</u>	<u>1</u>	buildings
<u>X</u> building(s)	<u>X</u> private	<input type="checkbox"/> commerce/trade	<input type="checkbox"/> recreation/ culture	<u>0</u>	<u>0</u>	sites
<input type="checkbox"/> structure	<input type="checkbox"/> both	<input type="checkbox"/> defense	<input type="checkbox"/> religion	<u>0</u>	<u>0</u>	structures
<input type="checkbox"/> site		<u>X</u> domestic	<input type="checkbox"/> social	<u>0</u>	<u>0</u>	objects
<input type="checkbox"/> object		<input type="checkbox"/> education	<input type="checkbox"/> transportation	<u>1</u>	<u>1</u>	Total
		<input type="checkbox"/> funerary	<input type="checkbox"/> work in progress			
		<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

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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.

The Ault House, located at 422 North Fourth Street, was erected in 1891. Situated on the west side of the street, the property is bounded on the north by a neighboring driveway, on the east by a low retaining wall and on the south and west by mature trees. The dwelling sits back from the road and lies on a relatively flat half acre lot. A macadam drive encompasses the east, south, and west elevations; the driveway leads to a modern, single-story, frame, gambrel roofed garage which is found behind the house.

This is a two-story, frame, cross gable roofed house with a two-bay wide facade, a cut stone foundation, and an interior brick chimney. Other features include vinyl siding, asphalt roof shingles, and an unusual two-story, frame, flared roof front porch that has two square columns, wood flooring and a concrete pier foundation. A half-width, two-story, frame side addition is found at the north elevation. This wing has an asphalt shingle gable roof, exposed rafter tails, and a concrete block foundation. Appended to the rear wall is a modern, single story, frame, two bay wide extension. In the projecting upper gable is found an style and ornately carved exposed rafter tails.

There is a mixture of original 2/2 light, double-hung sashes, 2/2 light, Queen Anne units, and 1/1 light, double-hung, modern replacement windows. On the first floor of the two story projecting section is a bay window with single light sashes and above them is an elliptical window with stained glass. At each corner of the first floor of the main block, a diagonal bay with a 1/1 light, double hung sash window has been inserted. The original double leaf front doors have upper glass sections and lower wood panels while the modern rear doors are fifteen light units.

# 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 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 1891      **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 Ault House, erected in 1891, according to County tax records, relates to expanded settlement patterns which occurred in areas previously located beyond the town limits of Oakland. Distinguished by development along new and existing transportation corridors, these areas were eventually annexed into the town of Oakland's corporate boundaries. The Ault House may have been one of the earliest dwellings located this far north of the older, downtown core. Although the dwelling has been heavily altered by modern and insensitive exterior renovations, it should be included in the Oakland survey district because it represents an expected progression of residential 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

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## 9. Major Bibliographical References

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(See Continuation Sheet)

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## 10. Geographical Data

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Acreage of property 0.57 acres  
Acreage surveyed 0.57 acres  
Quadrangle name Oakland, MD - WVA

Quadrangle scale 1:24,000

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### Verbal boundary description and justification

Parcel 1872, Map 111, District 17

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## 11. Form Prepared By

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name/title	Helen P. Ross, Architectural Historian		
organization	KCI Technologies, Inc.	date	3-11-97
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.

return to: Maryland Historical Trust  
DHCD/DHCP  
100 Community Place  
Crownsville, MD 21032  
410-514-7600

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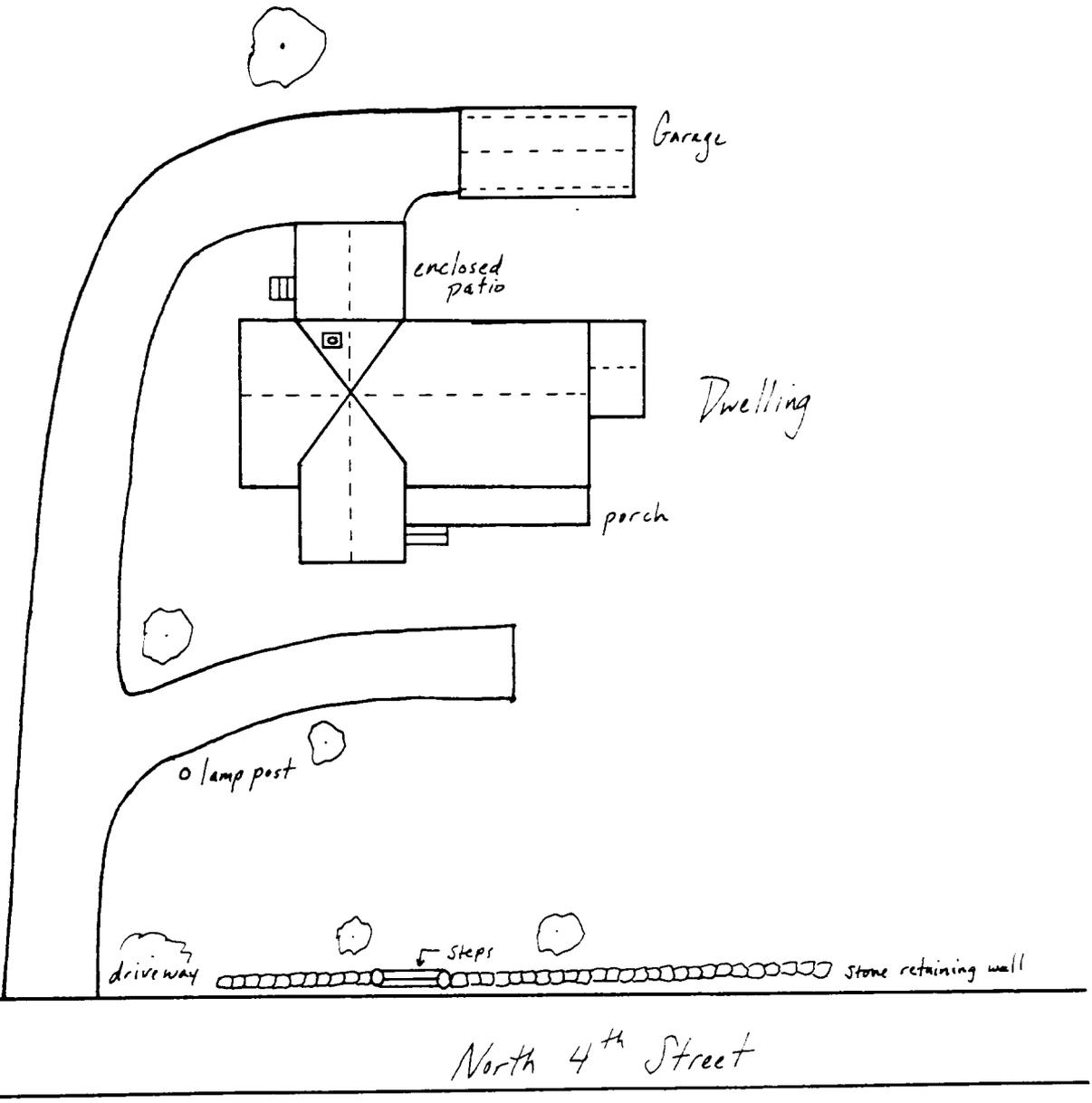
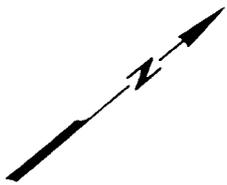
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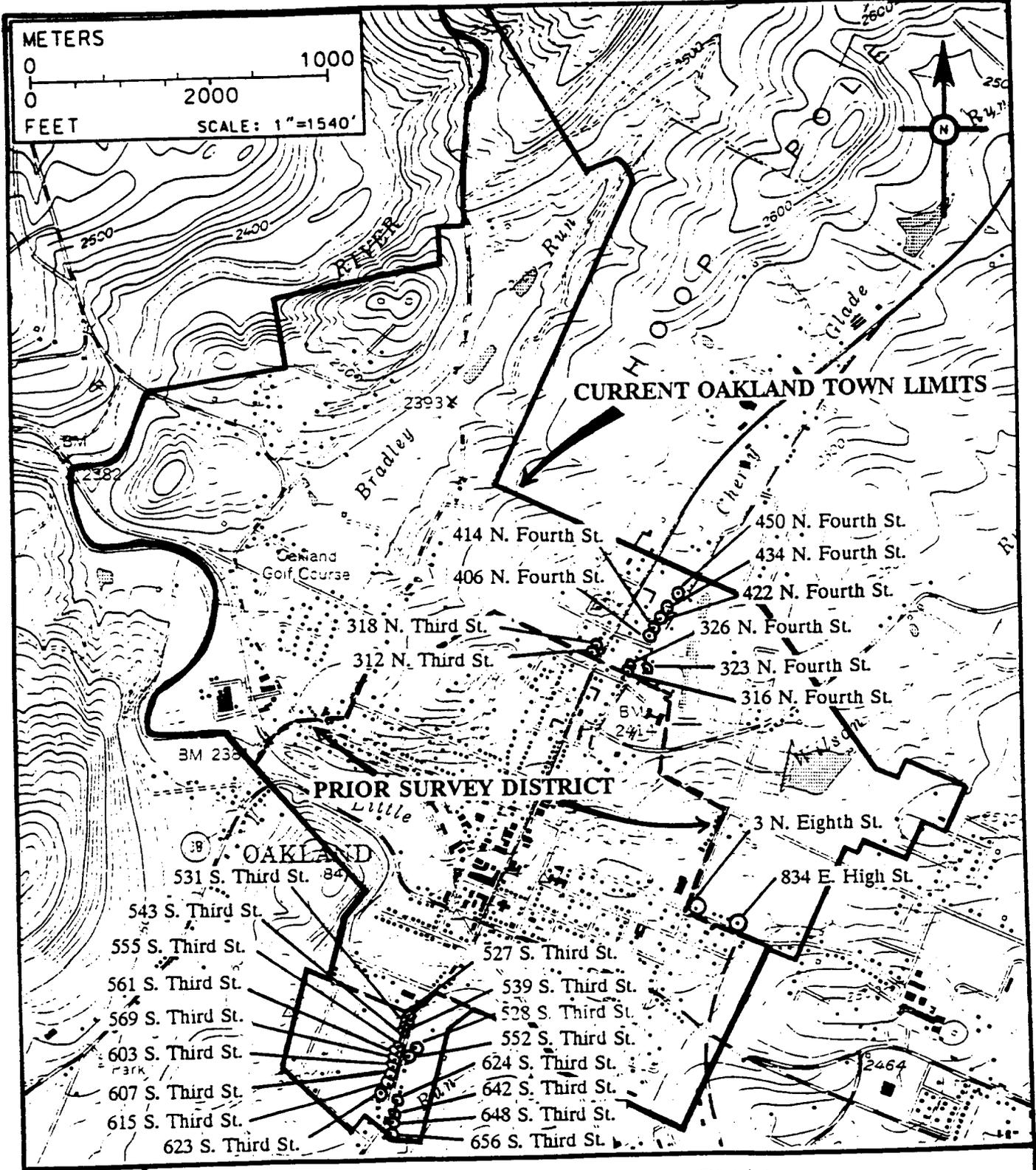
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Not to Scale



Resource Sketch Map  
093  
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Mikal R. Ault House  
422 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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