

G-IV-A-248

## Ralph J. Hight & Jarlath Fitzwater House

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

Property/District Name: Ralph J. Hight & Jarlath Fitzwater House Survey Number: G-IV-A-248

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)

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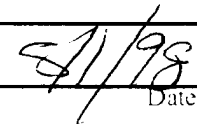
Research has not identified any associations with the lives of persons significant to the Oakland area's past or with events that have contributed significantly to broad patterns of the area's historical development. The architecture does not represent a particularly distinctive type, period, or method 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. Lamer/KCI Technologies, Inc

  
Reviewer, Office of Preservation Services

  
Date

NR program concurrence:  yes  no  not applicable

  
Reviewer, NR program

  
Date

Ralph J. Hight & Jarlath Fitzwater House  
G-IV-A-248  
911 Broadford Road  
Oakland vicinity  
Circa 1945  
Private

This is one-story, three-by-two-bay, gable-roofed frame dwelling with two hip-roofed front dormers, a partially-enclosed hip-roofed front porch, a 2/3-width shed-roofed rear dormer, and a shed-roofed gable addition. It includes a concrete block foundation, wooden weatherboard-clad walls and an asphalt-shingled gable roof with an interior brick chimney. Windows are mostly two-light casement or horizontal sliding sash with wooden trim. The side entrance contains a set of modern sliding glass with wooden surrounds. A prefabricated plywood shed also stands on the lot. The house faces and faces west and stands on a flat and open pieces of property about one mile east of Oakland.

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

historic

other Ralph J. Hight and Jarlath Fitzwater House

## 2. Location

street & number 911 Broadford Road      not for publication

city, town Oakland   X   vicinity

county Garrett

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

name Ralph J. Hight and Jarlath Fitzwater

street & number 911 Broadford Road 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 78-7-592-1820

city, town Oakland liber and folio 670/229

## 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
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> building(s)	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> 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		<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> 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>  0  </u>	<u>  0  </u>	Total
		<input type="checkbox"/> funerary	<input type="checkbox"/> work in progress	<u>  1  </u>	<u>  1  </u>	
		<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:			
				<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

<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

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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 house is built on a concrete block foundation, clad in wooden weatherboards, and topped with an asphalt-shingled gable roof finished with an aluminum eave. An interior brick chimney with a corbeled drip cap rises from the center of the house near the ridge. The building is presently painted blue with white trim. All of the dormers are clad in wooden weatherboards and topped with asphalt-shingled roofs.

Windows are primarily two-light casement or horizontal sliding sash finished with flat wooden surrounds. The front entrance is centered on the front elevation, but the door was not visible when the house was surveyed. A side entrance located on the south elevation of the gable addition leads to an open wooden deck; this entrance contains a set of modern sliding glass doors. All door openings are finished with flat wooden surrounds.

The front porch, which rests on a concrete block foundation and is topped with an asphalt-shingled hipped roof, has been enclosed at its northwestern end. The enclosed section of the porch is clad in wooden weatherboards to match the rest of the house. The open section includes a wooden deck, a slatted wooden balustrade and rail, and four-by-four wooden porch posts. An open wooden deck encircled by an open wooden balustrade and rail wraps around the southeastern corner of the building. A short flight of wooden ladder steps leads up to the deck level.

A one-story, gambrel-roofed, prefabricated plywood shed stands south of the house. This is a gable-fronted building topped with an asphalt-shingled roof. A curving macadam driveway oriented diagonally to Broadford Road leads between the house and shed, and a concrete sidewalk leads from the driveway to a set of concrete steps and the front porch. A few deciduous trees provide shade, but the property is mostly open and flat. Although the house is presently occupied and in good condition, it retains very little integrity due to extensive refenestration, reroofing, and residing.

## 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 1945

**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 & Community Development
Resource Type:	
Category:	Building
Historic Environment:	Suburban/Rural
Historic Function(s) and Use(s):	Dwelling
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 0.49 acres

Acreage surveyed 0.49 acres

Quadrangle name Oakland, MD-WV

Quadrangle scale 1:24,000

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### Verbal boundary description and justification

Parcel 592, Subdivision 1820, Map 78, Grid 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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Crownsville, MD 21032  
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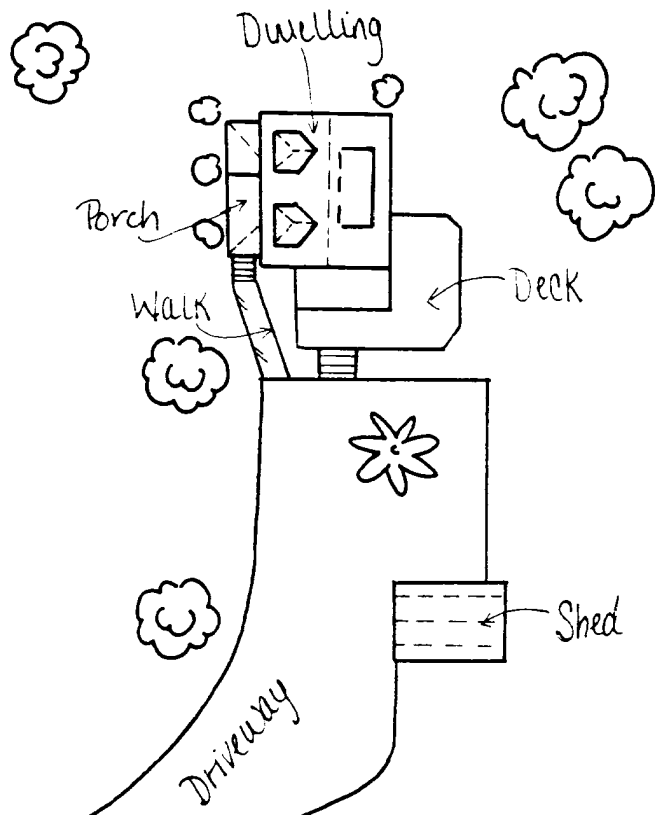
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Broadford Road

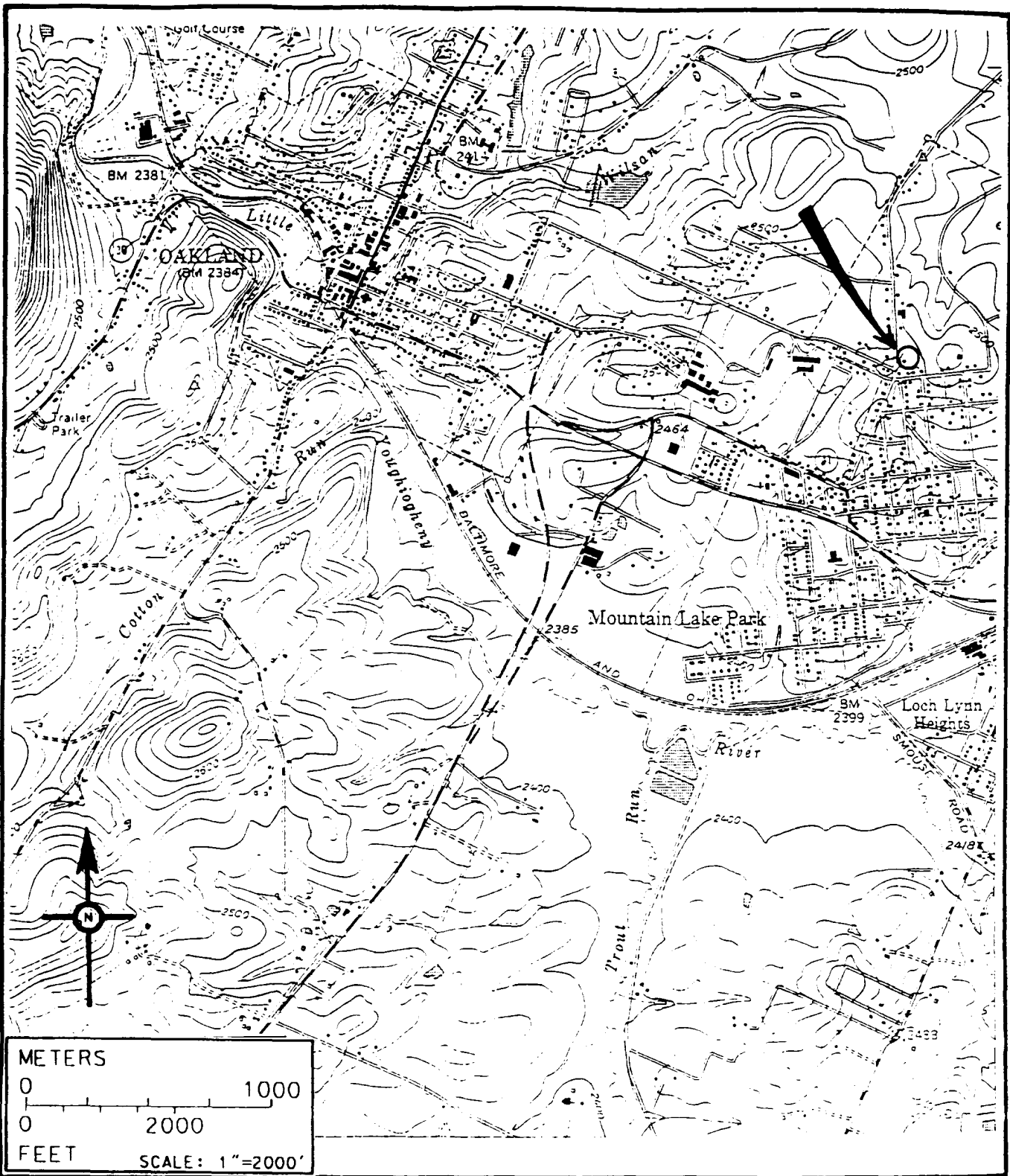


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**Resource Sketch Map**

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Ralph J. Hight House  
Oakland Vicinity, Garrett County



**Location Map**

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Ralph J. Hight House

Mt. Lake Park, Garrett County

Oakland, MD-WVA Quadrangle Map (USGS 1974)





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NW ELEVATION LOOKING SE

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