

**MARYLAND HISTORICAL TRUST  
DETERMINATION OF ELIGIBILITY FORM**

NR Eligible: yes   
no

Property Name: Waldorf Store and Post Office Inventory Number: CH-624

Address: 3190 Leonardtown Road City: Waldorf Zip Code: 20601

County: Charles USGS Topographic Map: LaPlata, MD Quad

Owner: Pleas E Dillard, Jr. Is the property being evaluated a district?  yes

Tax Parcel Number: 226 Tax Map Number: 15 Tax Account ID Number: 022626

Project: Waldorf Industrial Park Em. Tower - Chas. Co. Govt. Agency: FCC

Site visit by MHT Staff:  no  yes Name: \_\_\_\_\_ Date: \_\_\_\_\_

Is the property located within a historic district?  yes  no

<i>If the property is within a district</i>		District Inventory Number: _____
NR-listed district <input type="checkbox"/> yes	Eligible district <input type="checkbox"/> yes	District Name: _____
Preparer's Recommendation: Contributing resource <input type="checkbox"/> yes <input type="checkbox"/> no Non-contributing but eligible in another context <input type="checkbox"/>		

<i>If the property is not within a district (or the property is a district)</i>	
Preparer's Recommendation: Eligible <input type="checkbox"/> yes <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> no	

Criteria:  A  B  C  D Considerations:  A  B  C  D  E  F  G  None

Documentation on the property/district is presented in:

**Description of Property and Eligibility Determination:** *(Use continuation sheet if necessary and attach map and photo)*

The Waldorf Store and Post Office is a two-story front gable commercial structure, located on the north side of Leonardtown Road, near the historic Popes Creek Railroad intersection. Considered one of the early commercial structures built in Charles County, its significance appears to be dramatically limited due to the many alterations and modifications that have occurred throughout its time. While some elements of the original configurations remain, the majority of the building fabric has been compromised with a multitude of "mismatched" additions, providing functionally needed spaces for its varied uses. Finally, what original fabric does remain is in a very deteriorated condition. This property is not recommended for listing on the National Register of Historic Places.

Prepared by: Kate Mahood,  
Architectural Historian

Date Prepared: 6/11/03

<b>MARYLAND HISTORICAL TRUST REVIEW</b>	
Eligibility recommended <input type="checkbox"/>	Eligibility not recommended <input checked="" type="checkbox"/>
Criteria: <input type="checkbox"/> A <input type="checkbox"/> B <input type="checkbox"/> C <input type="checkbox"/> D	Considerations: <input type="checkbox"/> A <input type="checkbox"/> B <input type="checkbox"/> C <input type="checkbox"/> D <input type="checkbox"/> E <input type="checkbox"/> F <input type="checkbox"/> G <input type="checkbox"/> None
Comments: _____	
<u>[Signature]</u> Reviewer, Office of Preservation Services	<u>7/17/03</u> Date
<u>[Signature]</u> Reviewer, NR Program	<u>7/21/03</u> Date

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**Account Identifier:** District - 06 Account Number - 022626

**Owner Information**

<b>Owner Name:</b>	DILLARD, PLEAS E JR ET AL	<b>Use:</b>	COMMERCIAL
		<b>Principal Residence:</b>	NO
<b>Mailing Address:</b>	7450 POPLAR ST CHARLOTTE HALL MD 20622-3020	<b>Deed Reference:</b>	1) / 3154/ 352 2)

**Location & Structure Information**

<b>Premises Address</b>	<b>Zoning</b>	<b>Legal Description</b>
3190 LEONARDTOWN RD WALDORF 20601	CB	0.583 AC ON RT 5 WALDORF DOUBLE EAGLE TAVERN

Map	Grid	Parcel	Sub District	Subdivision	Section	Block	Lot	Group	Plat No:
15	4	226						80	Plat Ref:

<b>Special Tax Areas</b>	<b>Town Ad Valorem Tax Class</b>	
<b>Primary Structure Built</b>	<b>Enclosed Area</b>	<b>Property Land Area</b>
0000	5,041 SF	25,395.00 SF
<b>Stories</b>	<b>Basement</b>	<b>Type</b>
		Exterior

**Value Information**

	Base Value	Value Phase-in Assessments		
		As Of 01/01/2001	As Of 07/01/2002	As Of 07/01/2003
Land:	177,760	177,700		
Improvements:	50,230	70,100		
<b>Total:</b>	<b>227,990</b>	<b>247,800</b>	<b>241,196</b>	<b>247,800</b>
Preferential Land:	0	0	0	0

**Transfer Information**

<b>Seller:</b> BERRY, J HORACE	<b>Date:</b> 03/13/2001	<b>Price:</b> \$250,000
<b>Type:</b> IMPROVED ARMS-LENGTH	<b>Deed1:</b> / 3154/ 352	<b>Deed2:</b>
<b>Seller:</b>	<b>Date:</b>	<b>Price:</b>
<b>Type:</b>	<b>Deed1:</b>	<b>Deed2:</b>
<b>Seller:</b>	<b>Date:</b>	<b>Price:</b>
<b>Type:</b>	<b>Deed1:</b>	<b>Deed2:</b>

**Exemption Information**

<b>Partial Exempt Assessments</b>	<b>Class</b>	07/01/2002	07/01/2003
County	000	0	0
State	000	0	0
Municipal	000	0	0

**Tax Exempt:** NO  
**Exempt Class:**

**Special Tax Recapture:**

\* NONE \*



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CH-624  
 OLD WALDORF  
 STORE & POST  
 OFFICE

Scale  
 N.T.S.

Date  
 7/8/03

Design By \_\_\_\_\_ Source Job No. \_\_\_\_\_  
 USGS BRANDYWINE, LAPLATA  
 HUGHESVILLE, & PISCATAWAY QUADRANT



WALDORF STORE AND  
POST OFFICE  
WALDORF, MD  
CHAS. COUNTY

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KATE MAHOOD  
05-30-2003

MD SHPO

View of Front (South) Facade and  
Side (West) View

Photograph # 1 of 3



WALDORF STORE AND  
POST OFFICE  
WALDORF, MD  
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View of Side (East) Facade  
Photograph # 2 of 3



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View of Rear (North) and Side (East)

Facade

Photograph # 3 of 3

**Waldorf Store and Post Office**  
**CH-624**  
**Waldorf**  
**Public**

**Circa 1900**

Although significantly altered, the Waldorf Store and Post Office is one of a handful of surviving early commercial structures in Charles County. Located near the intersection of Leonardtown Road and the Popes Creek Railroad, the store and post office served an important role in Waldorf's development from a crossroads village to a regional commercial center. Although once such buildings could be found at virtually every crossroads, only a handful of similar buildings have survived throughout the county.

The former Waldorf Store and Post Office building was originally a typical two-story, three bay, front gable commercial structure built at the turn of the twentieth century. Despite alterations, notable features include cornice returns and a lunette window in the attic story gable wall.



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## 7. Description

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### Condition

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

The former Waldorf Store and Post Office building is a two-story front gable commercial structure built at the turn of the twentieth century. It is located on the north side of Leonardtown Road near the historic Popes Creek Railroad intersection. The building is situated in an intensely developed section of the county and is currently surrounded by late twentieth century construction. Although substantially altered notable features include cornice returns and a lunette window in the attic story gable wall.

The original front gable, three bay building has had several alterations and additions. Most notable is a circa 1930 two story three bay, side gable wing attached to the east elevation which dramatically extends the façade along Leonardtown Road. The storefront façade has also been significantly modified with the addition of brick facing covering the exterior up to the second story windows, and modified first floor fenestration. Finally, at least five additional building periods are visible from the rear or northern elevation.

The building is of frame construction with stucco covering the primary wall surfaces. Asphalt shingles cover the roof. Two shallow shed porches are present on the façade and are supported upon square wooden posts. The foundation was not visible at the time of the survey.

The first floor of the façade has been substantially altered, obscuring the original configuration. Currently it includes a central doorway flanked by a sash double-hung wood window with 6/6 lights near the west wall, and a 1-light fixed large storefront window near the east wall. The side gable wing includes two doors in the westernmost bays and a single light fixed storefront window near the east wall.

The second floor remains fairly intact with the exception of replacement 1/1 light double-hung windows in the front gable façade. The side gable wing features three original 6/6 light wood double-hung sash windows. An exterior square chimney stack is positioned in the interior of the L where the side gable wing meets the original front gable structure.

The second story eastern elevation of the main front gable building includes two 1/1 replacement windows in their original position, while the third bay is incorporated into the side gable wing. On the opposite western façade are three replacement 1/1 light windows also in their original position.

A historic postcard of the Post Office and Store dating from the early 1900's documents the building's early form. In this photograph the store consists of the main front gable building as well as several one story additions to the western and rear elevations. A first floor front gable porch supported on wooden posts appears at the façade. Also discernable is the original weatherboard wall covering. Although the eastern façade is less visible, this image seems to predate the two story side gable wing.

## 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	performing arts
<input type="checkbox"/> 1700-1799	<input type="checkbox"/> archeology	<input type="checkbox"/> education	<input type="checkbox"/> industry	philosophy
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> 1800-1899	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> architecture	<input type="checkbox"/> engineering	<input type="checkbox"/> invention	politics/government
<input type="checkbox"/> 1900-1999	<input type="checkbox"/> art	<input type="checkbox"/> entertainment/ recreation	<input type="checkbox"/> landscape architecture	religion
<input type="checkbox"/> 2000-	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> commerce	<input type="checkbox"/> ethnic heritage	<input type="checkbox"/> law	science
	<input type="checkbox"/> communications	<input type="checkbox"/> exploration/ settlement	<input type="checkbox"/> literature	social history
	<input type="checkbox"/> community planning		<input type="checkbox"/> maritime history	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> transportation
	<input type="checkbox"/> conservation		<input type="checkbox"/> military	other:

<b>Specific dates</b>	Circa 1900	<b>Architect</b>	Unknown
<b>Construction dates</b>	Circa 1900	<b>Builder</b>	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.)

Although significantly altered, the Waldorf Store and Post Office is a good example of early commercial architecture in Charles County. Located near the intersection of Leonardtown Road and the Popes Creek Railroad, the store and post office served an important role in Waldorf's development from a crossroads village to a regional commercial center. Although once, such structures could be found in every crossroads community, only a handful of similar structures have survived throughout the county.

The introduction of the railroad in Charles County following the Civil War not only provided efficient inexpensive land transportation, but affected significant physical change in the landscape itself. Along with revolutionizing the way farmers brought goods to market, the railroad caused several entirely new centers of commerce to emerge.

A railroad through the County had been proposed as early as 1854, but was delayed by the Civil War. In 1867, the idea was revived, and the Baltimore and Potomac Railroad began construction of a line between Bowie, Maryland and Pope's Creek in Charles County. Later, the Pennsylvania Railroad acquired the line and proceeded to connect it to Washington, DC via Bowie. The first regular daily passenger service from Cox's Station (present day Bel Alton) to Bowie began running in January 1873.

New "railroad" towns began to spring up along the railroad's route. Initially, each town consisted of little more than a small station, several houses, and a corner store. White Plains, Waldorf, and La Plata were all formed after the construction of the railroad, and grew up around their railroad stations. Waldorf was first established in 1872 along the B & P Railroad line. Originally known as Beantown Station, for the nearby community of Beantown, the railroad village was renamed Waldorf around the time the first post office was established there in 1880.

Commercial growth in Waldorf proceeded quickly in the last decades of the 19th century. Established businesses moved to the new village to take advantage of its proximity to the railroad, while new businesses emerged. One such established business, Peter Trotter's Wheelwright shop in Bryantown, announced in 1877 that it would open a new shop at Beantown Station. Other early businesses located in Waldorf included Kerr's Store, the J.B. Ryon & Brothers Store, both general merchandise establishments, a bowling alley, and a barber shop. In addition, two hotels were erected in Waldorf during the early decades of the railroad's operation. One of these

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was Trotter's Hotel. Two hotels appear on an 1885 map of Waldorf, one on either side of present day Route 5, just east of the railroad tracks.

During the early twentieth century the store was occupied by Joseph H. Howard and Russell Howard, then trading as Joseph H. Howard & Son. After Joseph Howard's death in 1931, his real estate, including joint stock and property, was sold by his son and heirs to relinquish outstanding debts. The estate was not settled until 1939 when James P. Ryon acquired the property and took over the operation of the store. Ryon ran a store there until 1946 when he sold the property to Alexius M. Edelin. Six years later Edelin sold the building to the current owner J. Horace Berry.

Although altered over the last century, existing architectural evidence and historic photographs illustrate that the Waldorf Store and Post Office shared many of the characteristics of vernacular nineteenth and early twentieth century commercial architecture in Charles County. These characteristics include a building site near a prominent intersection of road and railroad, a front gable orientation, and a one story front or wrap around porch.

These characteristics are also found at the Gallant Green Store (CH-602) which dates to the first decade of the twentieth century and is located at the intersection of the railroad tracks and Gallant Green Road. Another example includes the Nanjemoy Store and Post Office (CH-194).

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## 9. Major Bibliographical References

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## 10. Geographical Data

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Acreage of surveyed property .583  
Acreage of historical setting .583  
Quadrangle name LaPlata Quadrangle scale 1:24,000

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### Verbal boundary description and justification

The property is associated with Charles County Property Map 15, Grid 4, Parcel 226.

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## 11. Form Prepared By

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name/title	Cathy Currey/Historic Sites Surveyor		
organization	Charles County Planning Department	date	10/23/2000
street and number	200 Baltimore Street	telephone	301-396-581
city or town	LaPlata	state MD	zipcode 20646

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  
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100 Community Place  
Crownsville MD 21032  
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name of property  
Charles County, MD  
county and state

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Chain of title:

August 21, 1939      Walter J. Mitchell and John F. Mudd for the late Joseph H. Howard and  
Russell Howard, formerly trading under the name Joseph H. Howard and  
Son.

**WMA 70 Folio 644**

January 10, 1946      James P. and Ula J. Ryon to Alexius M. Edelin.

**TBM 82 Folio 501**

June 11, 1952      Alexius M. Edelin and Catherine B. Edelin to J. Horace Berry. bounded on  
the south by state road, west by Dr. George O. Monroe, east by land of  
Thomas A. Middleton . Part of the property of the late Joseph H. Howard  
property formerly known as "Storehouse and Dwelling".

**Liber 102 Folio 248**

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Old Waldorf Store and Post Office

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**Major Bibliographic References:**

Brown, Jack D., et al. Charles County, Maryland, A History. Charles County Bicentennial Committee, 1976.

Charles County Land Records, Charles County Courthouse, LaPlata, Maryland.

Klapthor, Margaret Brown. The History of Charles County, Maryland. LaPlata, MD: Charles County Tercentenary, Inc., 1958.

**RESOURCE SKETCH MAP**

Date: 12/2/99

North arrow:



Name: OLD WALDORF STORE & POST OFFICE

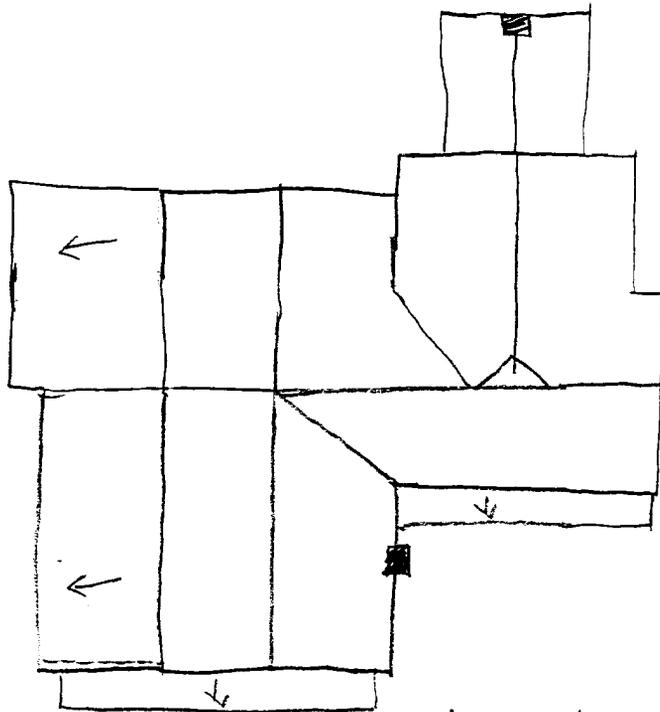
Address: Leonardtown Rd 1

CH - 624

Charles County, Maryland

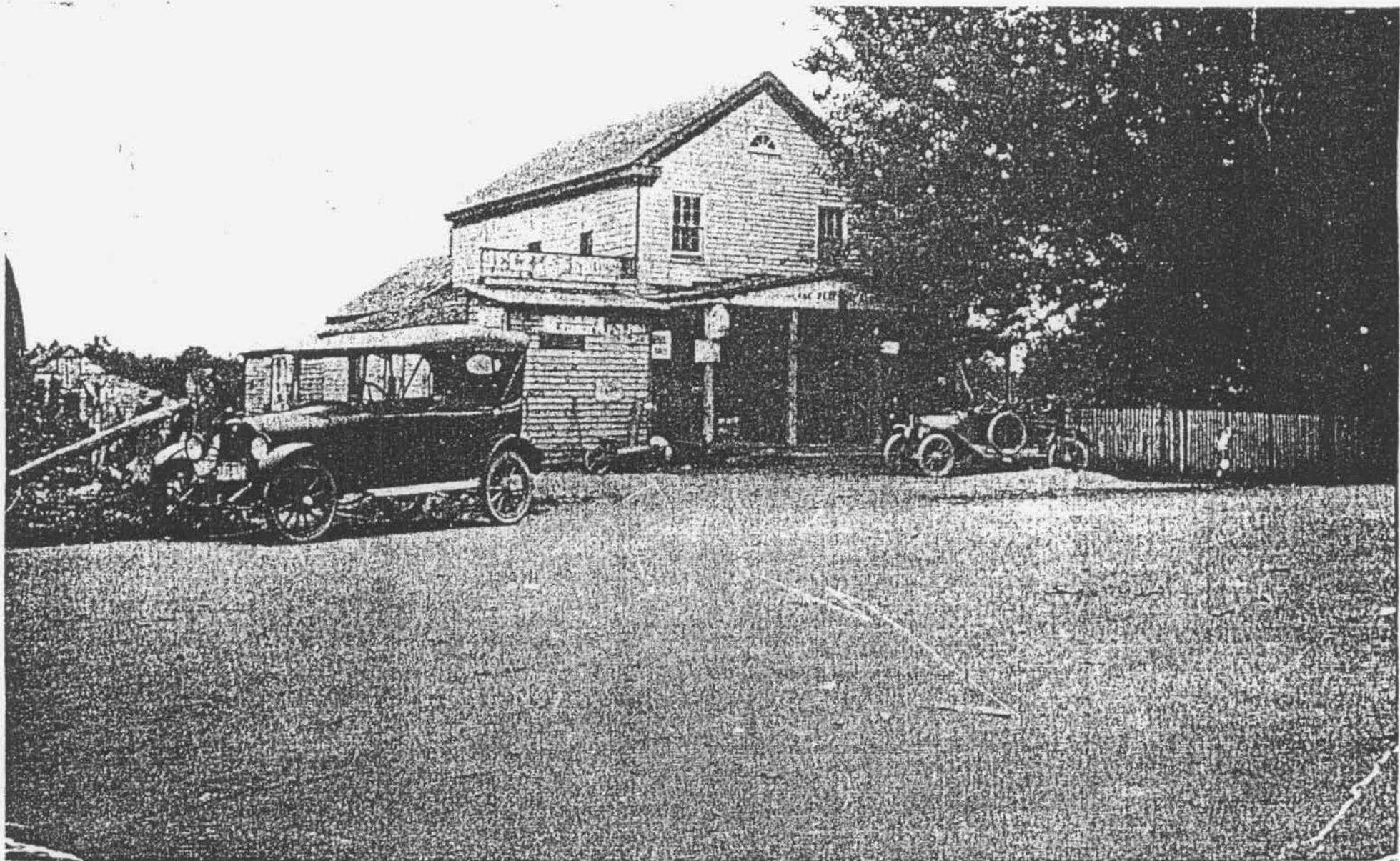
Waldorf  Vicinity

- gravel -



paved area

LEONARDTOWN ROAD



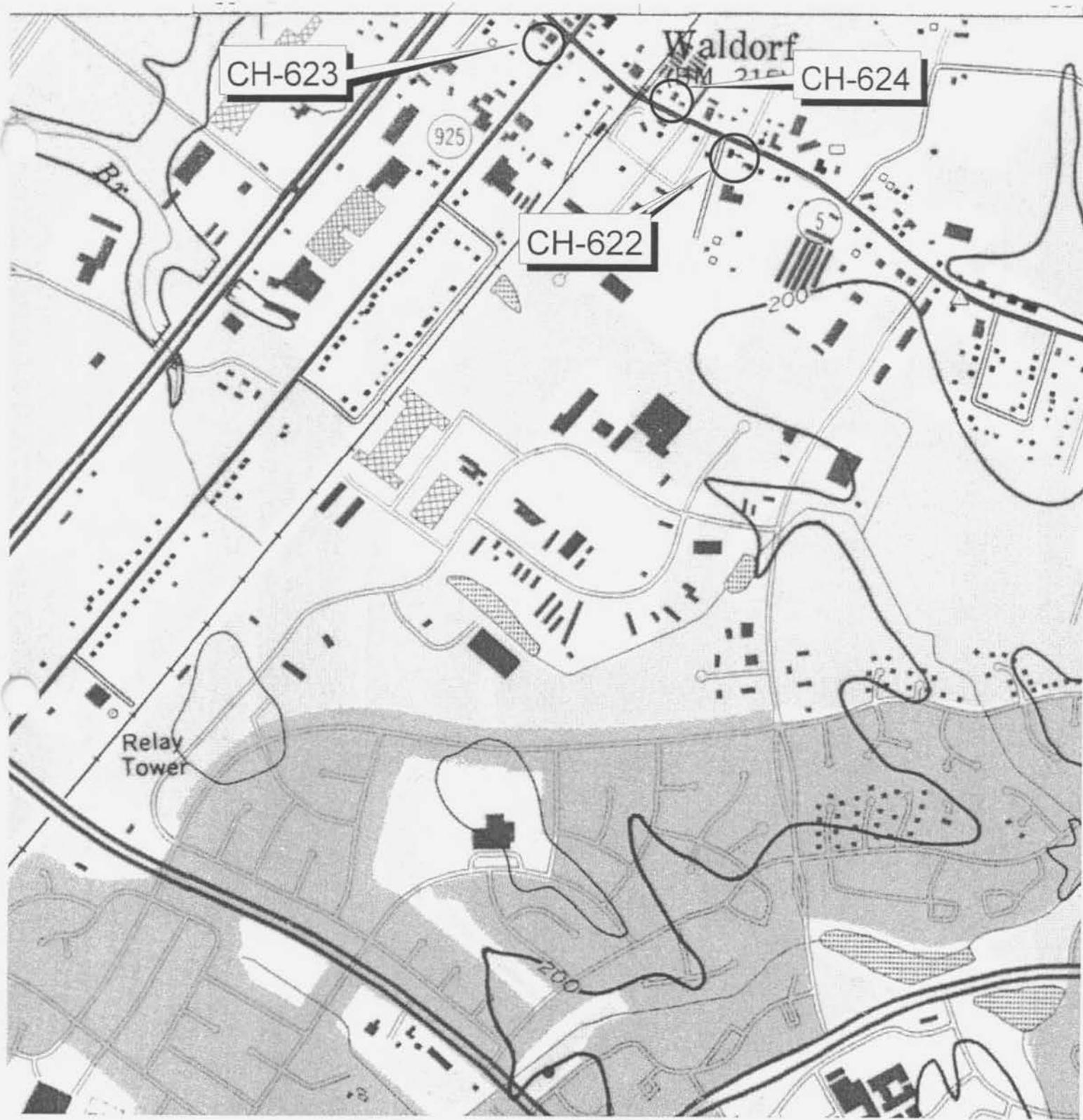
POST OFFICE, Waldorf, Md.

building still stands - approx 110 years old)

Early 1900's Berry Howard Store across from the store is the U.S. Post Office sometimes moved across to Kings Store

Copy from early postcard

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Relay Tower

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LaPlata, MD Quad





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LOOKING NW

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MARYLAND SHPO

~~100~~ NORTH ELEVATION

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