

**MARYLAND HISTORICAL TRUST
NR-ELIGIBILITY REVIEW FORM**

Property Name: _____ Inventory Number: H-0008 CH-637

Address: 208 St. Mary's Avenue, Charles County - in vicinity of La Plata

Owner: Raymond, Michael O and Kristina M

Tax Parcel Number: 164 Tax Map Number: 113

Project MD 301 Agency State Highway Administration (SHA)

Site visit by SHA Staff: no ___ yes Name: _____ Date: _____

Eligibility recommended ___ Eligibility not recommended

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

Is property located within a historic district?: no ___ yes Name of District: _____

Is district listed?: no ___ yes

Documentation on the property/district is presented in: Project Review and Compliance Files

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

208 St. Mary's Avenue is one-and-one-half stories in height with a steeply pitched side gable roof. A one-story, two-bay wide, side gable roof wing projects from the north elevation. The main section of the wood frame house is two-bays wide. The roof is continuous of the northernmost bay that projects beyond the building line. A single hipped roof dormer is centered on the primary roof.

Charles County's late 19th- and early 20th-century history is dominated by industrial and urban development. The greatest impact upon community growth came from the railroad. The completion of the Baltimore and Potomac Railroad's (B&P) mainline from Bowie in Prince George's County to Pope's Creek in Charles County in 1872 prompted local entrepreneurs to establish stores and other commercial facilities near the railroad stations. The B&P Railroad also made inland farms accessible, thus, increasing their value and revitalizing the practice of agriculture in Southern Maryland. As a main stop on the B&P line, La Plata was able to expand both commercially and residentially. La Plata station still stands at the intersection of the rail line with Charles Street.

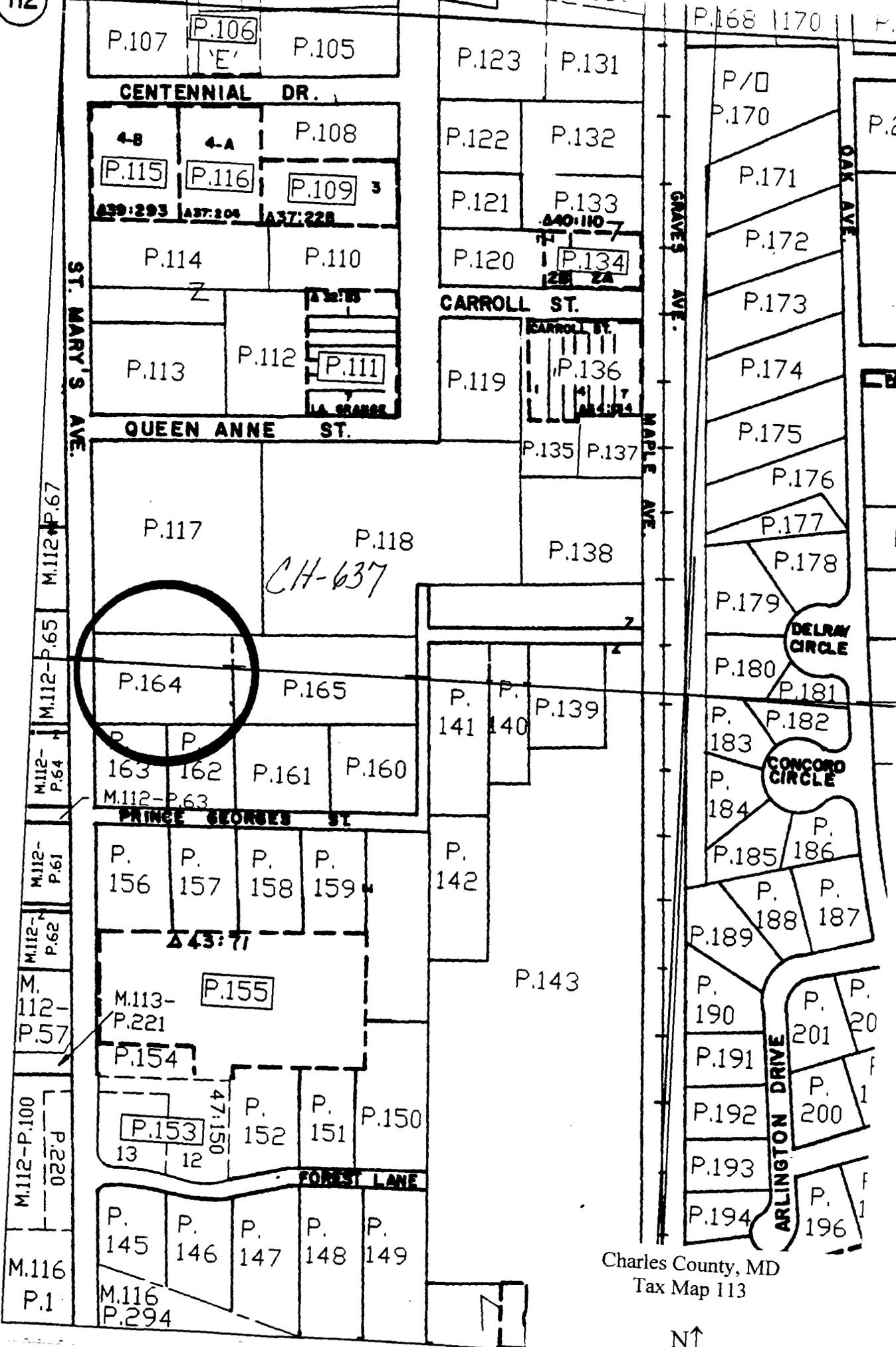
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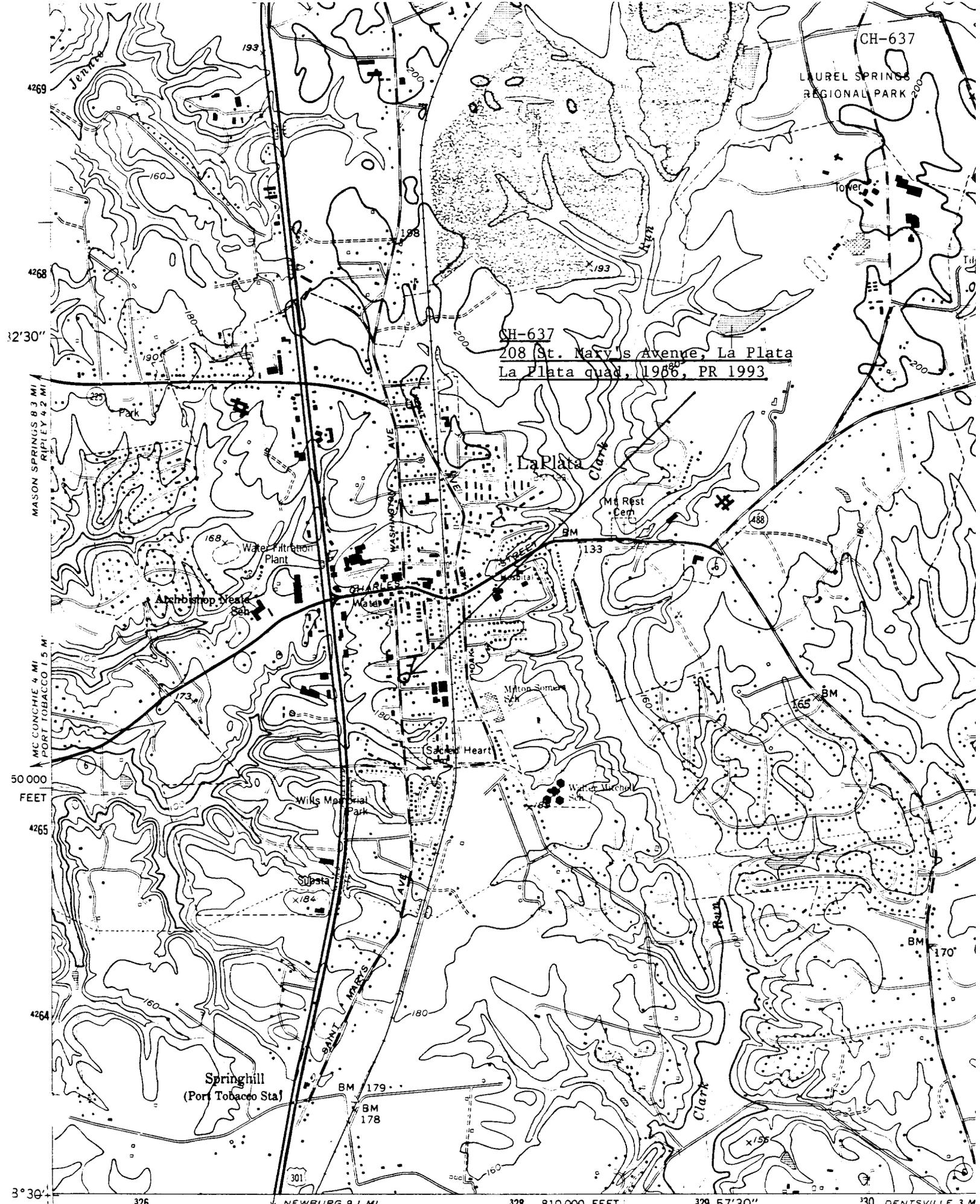
Towards the end of the first quarter of the 20th century, road improvements and developments also contributed to La Plata's community evolution. In particular, the Robert Crain Highway, later expanded as part of U.S. 301, attracted new development to older communities along its corridor. Crain Highway brought commercial development on La Plata's west side and contributed to the Charles County seat's overall growth in the 1920s and 1930s.

Built circa 1920, this vernacular dwelling is not eligible for the National Register. While this house is typical of the residential development within La Plata, this resource lacks significance related to events, persons, or architecture. Criterion D, information potential, was not assessed for this study.



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 208 St. Mary's Avenue, La Plata
 La Plata quad, 1966, PR 1993



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View of West Elevation

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