

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

Property Name: _____ Inventory Number: ~~120017~~ CH-818

Address: 9395 Mathir Place, Charles County - in the vicinity of La Plata

Owner: Young, David M and Anita L

Tax Parcel Number: 216 Tax Map Number: 44

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)*

9395 Mathir Place is one story in height and two bays wide with a one-story addition to the west. The main section of the house is covered by a front gable roof. The side entrance is marked by a front gable roof portico supported by simple wood posts. The addition is set back from the main elevation (south) and is covered by a side gable roof.

Towards the end of the first quarter of the 20th century, road improvements and developments contributed to the suburbanization of La Plata. In particular, the Robert Crain Highway attracted new development to older communities along its corridor. The Robert Crain Highway was completed in 1927 and it provided the most direct way to Baltimore and points north of Charles County. Crain Highway brought commercial development on La Plata's west side and contributed to Charles County seat's overall growth in the 1920s and 1930s. With the introduction of the Harry W. Nice Bridge in 1940, Crain Highway, now known as U.S. 301, was transformed from a local road into a bypass for traffic traveling between Florida and New York.

Although Charles County was still primarily rural, by the 1930's, La Plata began to grow significantly because of the

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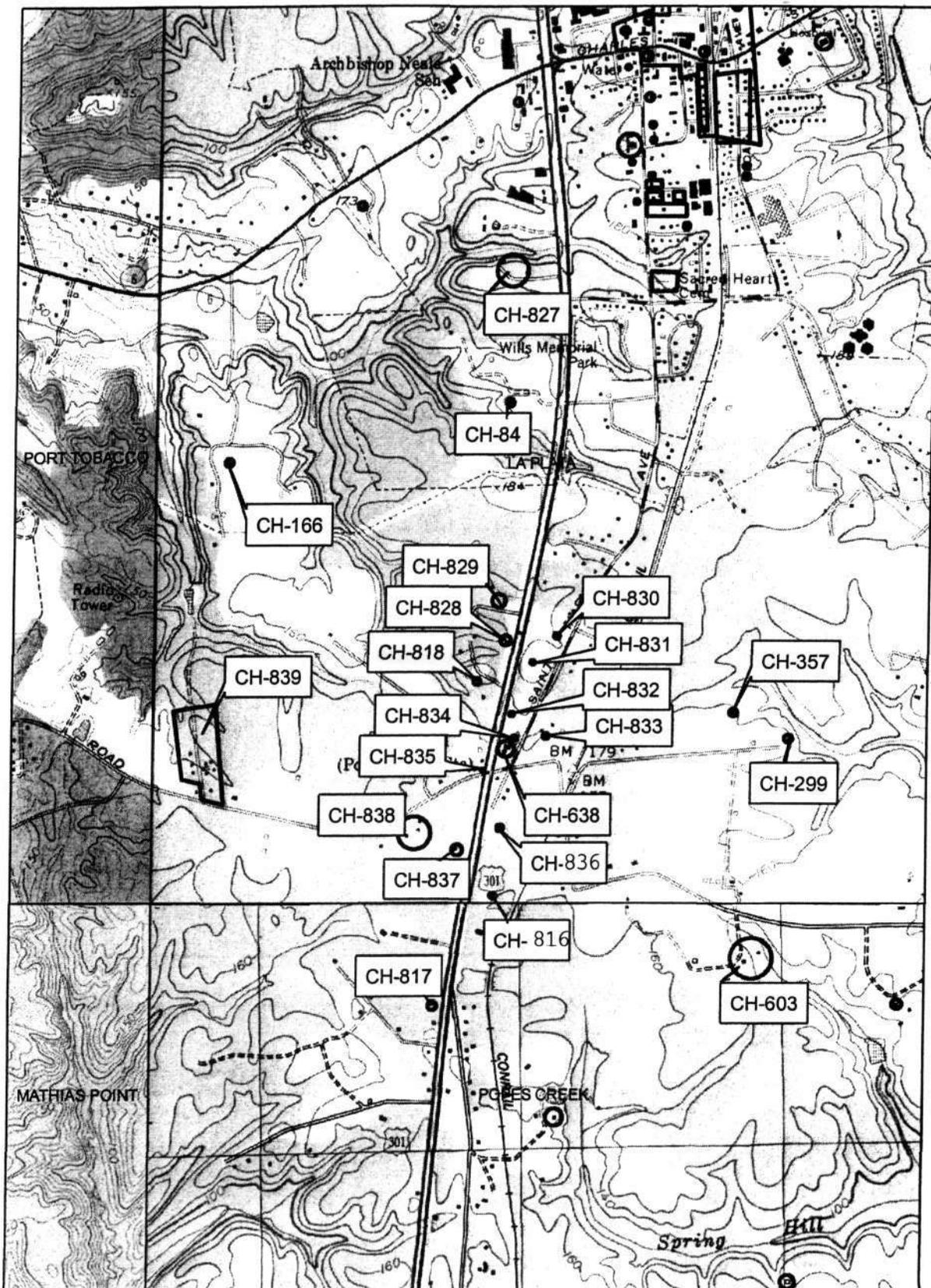
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<p>Eligibility recommended Criteria: <input type="checkbox"/> A <input type="checkbox"/> B <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> C <input type="checkbox"/> D</p>	<p>Eligibility not recommended Consideration <input type="checkbox"/> A <input type="checkbox"/> B <input type="checkbox"/> C <input type="checkbox"/> D <input type="checkbox"/> E <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> F <input type="checkbox"/> G <input type="checkbox"/> None</p>
<p><u>[Signature]</u> Reviewer, Office of Preservation Services</p>	<p><u>10/27/99</u> Date</p>
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development of Crain Highway. Non-agricultural business began to increase around La Plata and the county seat's position within Charles County became economically more diverse. Development, including housing, increased as a result of Crain Highway and the influx of new businesses and investment into the area.

World War II and the increasing dependence upon motor vehicles played a very important role in La Plata's community development. Charles County continued its relative isolation from large-scale residential and commercial development until after Crain Highway was dualized and designated U.S. 301 in the 1960s.

Built circa 1930, this vernacular dwelling is not eligible for the National Register. While it is typical of the residential development of 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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View of South elevation

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