

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

Property Name: _____ Inventory Number: H2002 CH-844

Address: 902 Washington Avenue, Charles County - in the vicinity of La Plata

Owner: Prout, Thomas D

Tax Parcel Number: 42 Tax Map Number: 33

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

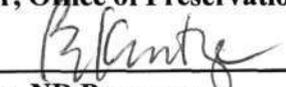
Documentation on the property/district is presented in: Project Review and Compliance Files

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

902 Washington Avenue is two-and-one-half-stories in height and three bays wide. The house is symmetrical with a central entrance. A cross gable roof dormer is centered on the side gable roof. A diamond shaped, 4-light, wood window pierces the dormer. The one-story, full-width porch has a half hipped roof and has been screened. The house sits on a concrete block foundation that has settled significantly. Several of the windows have been replaced.

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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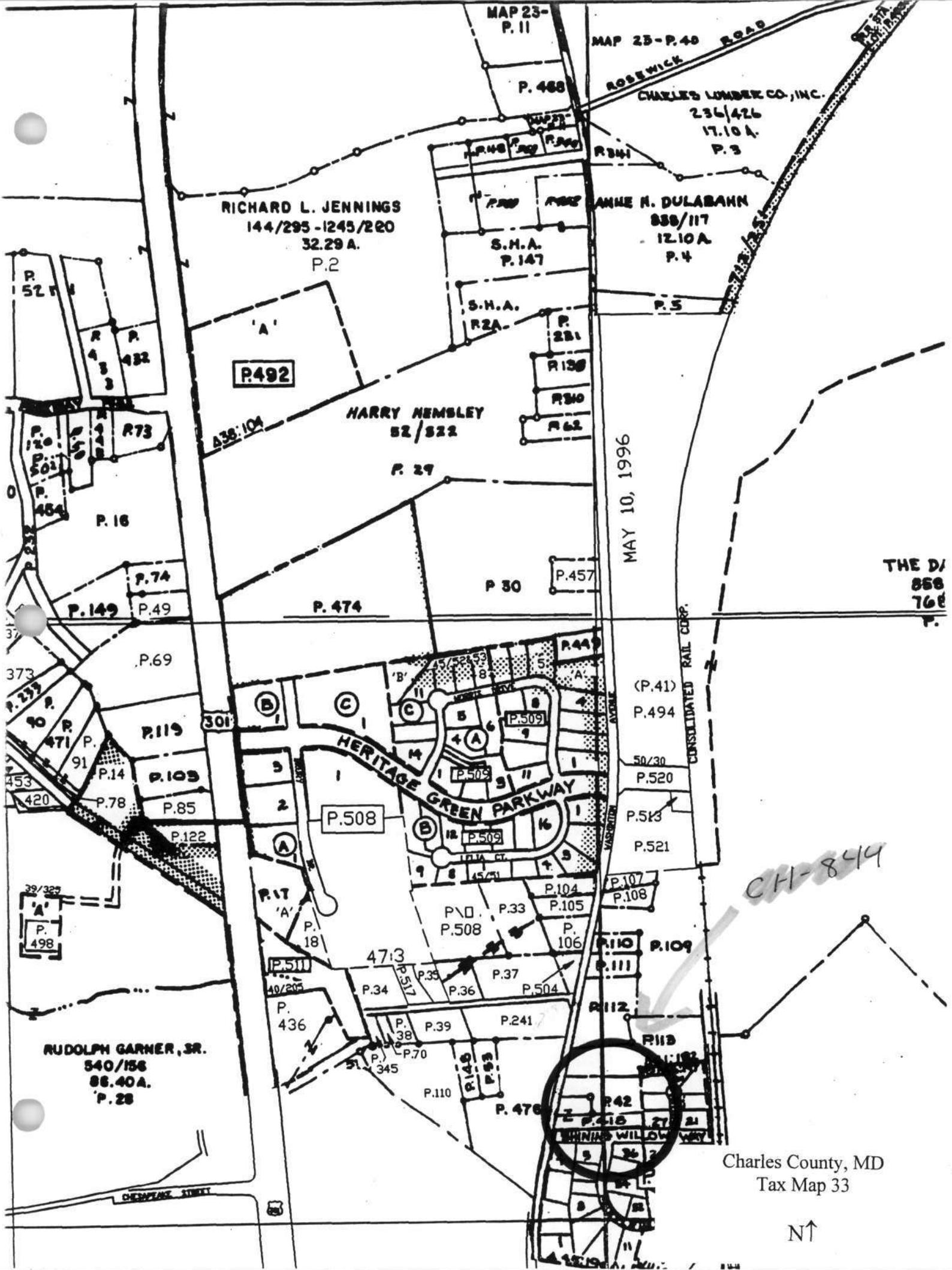
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Towards the end of the first quarter of the 20th century, road improvements and developments also contributed to La Plata's community evolution. In particular, the Robert Crain Highway, later expanded as part of U.S. 301, attracted new development 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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View of west elevation
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