

CH-851

Old Durham Church Historic Marker

Architectural Survey File

This is the architectural survey file for this MIHP record. The survey file is organized reverse-chronological (that is, with the latest material on top). It contains all MIHP inventory forms, National Register nomination forms, determinations of eligibility (DOE) forms, and accompanying documentation such as photographs and maps.

Users should be aware that additional undigitized material about this property may be found in on-site architectural reports, copies of HABS/HAER or other documentation, drawings, and the “vertical files” at the MHT Library in Crownsville. The vertical files may include newspaper clippings, field notes, draft versions of forms and architectural reports, photographs, maps, and drawings. Researchers who need a thorough understanding of this property should plan to visit the MHT Library as part of their research project; look at the MHT web site (mht.maryland.gov) for details about how to make an appointment.

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

Property Name: Old Durham Church Historic Marker Inventory Number: ~~12000~~ CH-851

Address: NW corner of Rt. 6 and 301 Junction, Charles County - in the vicinity of La Plata

Owner: _____

Tax Parcel Number: _____ 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)*

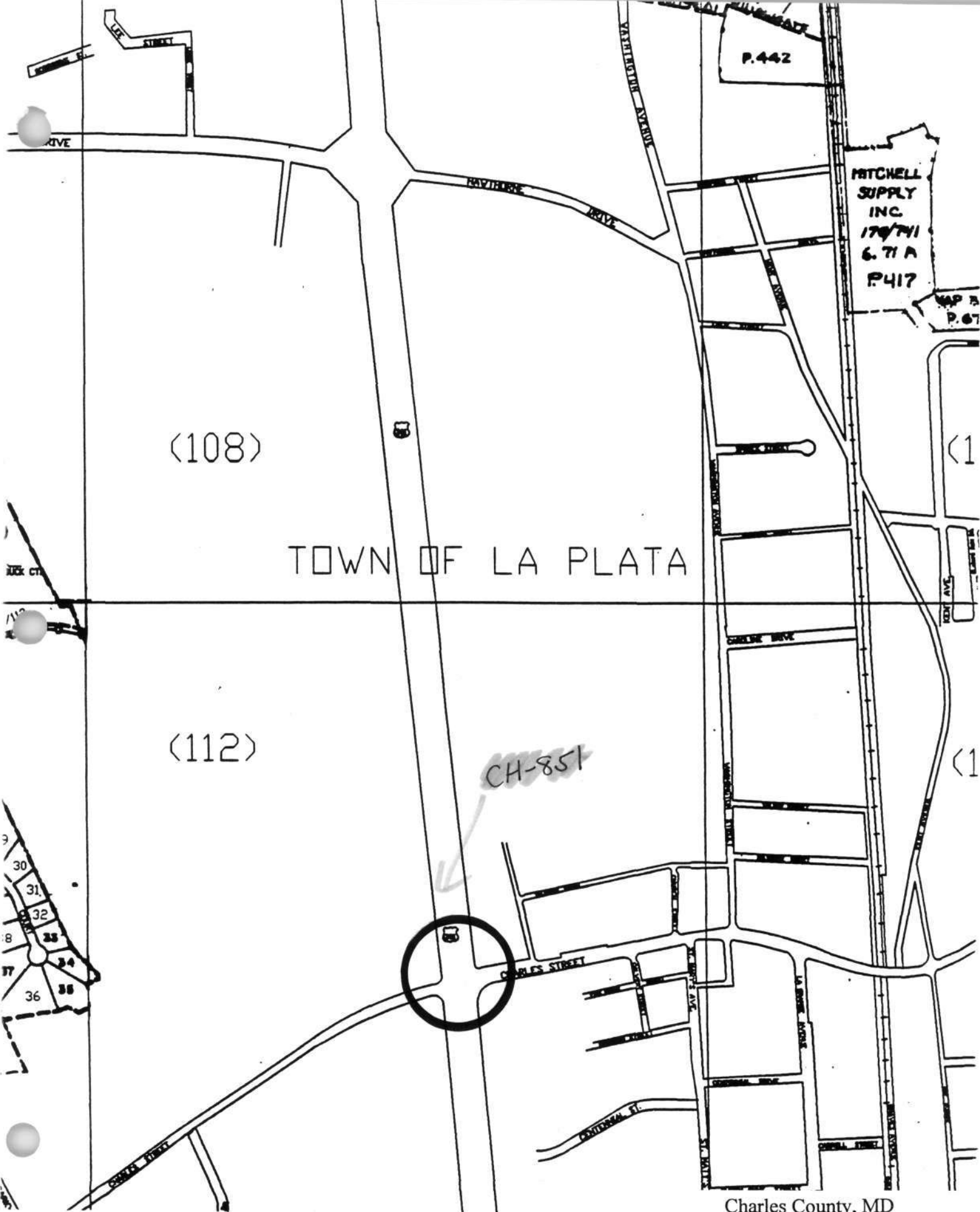
11.3 miles west of this marker, near Ironsides, Maryland, is Old Durham Church. The original Episcopal church dates to 1692. The present building was erected in 1732. This is the oldest church in Charles County and has been served by thirty rectors since its founding. George Washington visited this church in 1771. The church was restored by Governor Smallwood in 1791.

Following the American Revolution, the 1776 Maryland Declaration of Rights ended the Anglican hegemony over religious practice. Despite the earlier periods of intolerance, Catholicism remained a strong presence in the state and flourished under the new religious freedom. Introduced in the 1770s, Methodism also became popular within the state. Other denominations were introduced to Maryland, but none were as popular as Roman Catholic, Episcopal, or the Methodist churches.

The marker, erected in 1949, is not eligible for the National Register because it simply marks an event. It is not an actual historical resource. Criterion D, information potential, was not assessed for this study.

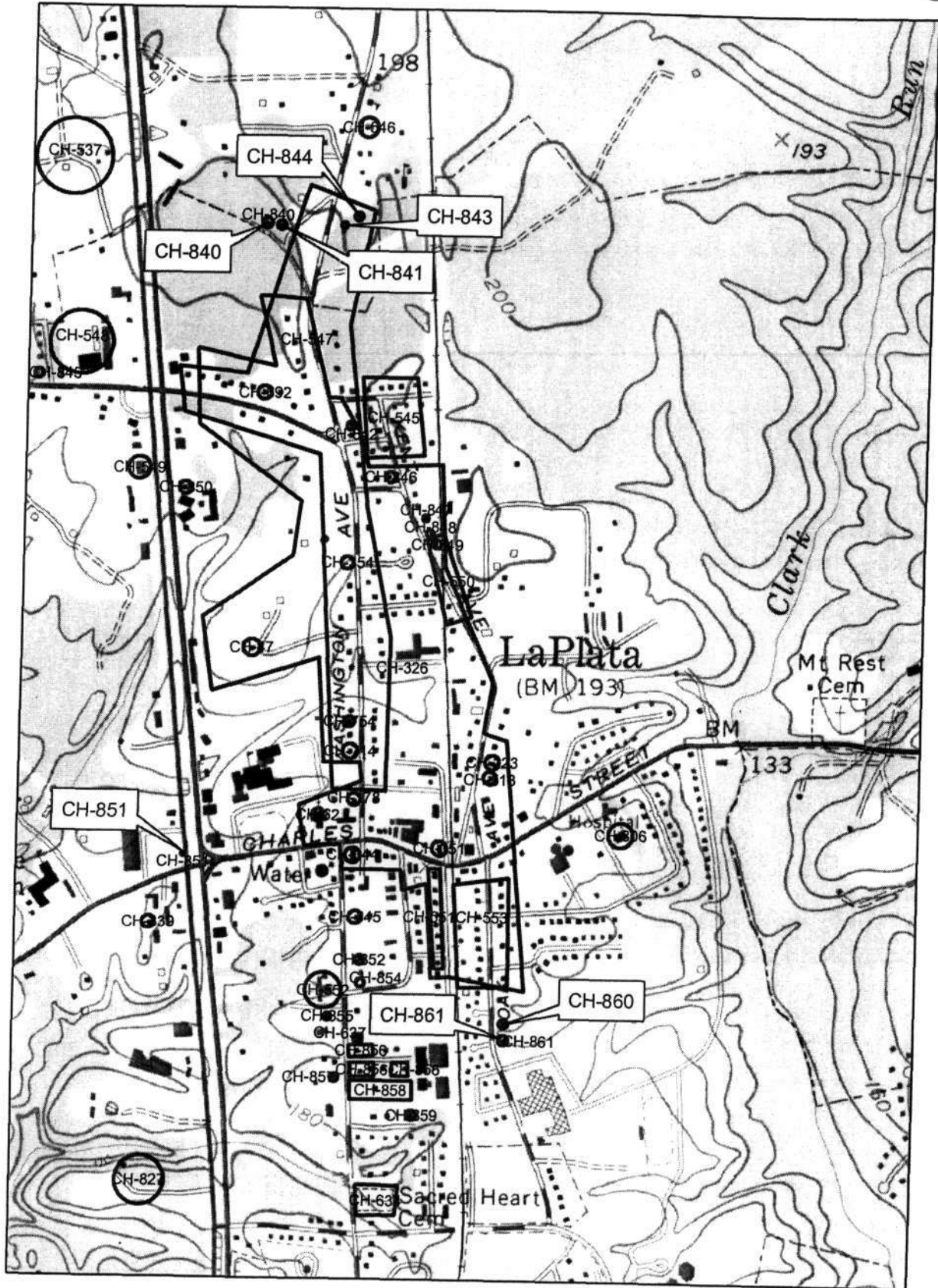
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<u>[Signature]</u> Reviewer, Office of Preservation Services	<u>10/27/99</u> Date
_____ Reviewer, NR Program	_____ Date



Charles County, MD
Tax Map 33

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OLD DURHAM CHURCH.
EPISCOPAL - 1692

1/4 MILES WEST NEAR IRONSIDES, MD.
OLDEST CHURCH IN CHARLES COUNTY.
SERVED BY CHURCH RECTORS
THROUGH 267 YEARS.
PRESENT BUILDING ERECTED 1792.
VISITED BY GEORGE WASHINGTON 1771.
RESTORED BY GOVERNOR SMALLWOOD 1791.

MARYLAND EPISCOPAL CHURCH
NATIONAL SOCIETY, 1400 N. GAVIN ST. WASHINGTON, D.C. 20004
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Northwest corner of Rt. 6 and 301 Junction
Charles County, MD

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View looking south

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