

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

Property Name: _____ Inventory Number: ~~620007~~ CH-862

Address: 4450 Middletown Road, Charles County - in the vicinity of Pombret

Owner: Marshall, James A

Tax Parcel Number: 161 Tax Map Number: 14

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)*

4450 Middletown Road was constructed in 1953. This wood frame, single family dwelling is one story in height with a one-story side addition on the north elevation. The addition is set back from the main elevation (north) and is pierced by a 6/6 double-hung, sash window. The house is pierced (from north to south) by a 6/6 double-hung, sash window, a single-leaf entry, and two sets of paired double-hung, sash windows. The addition and first bay of the house are clad with German siding. The rest of the façade is clad with asphalt sheeting simulated to look like irregular-coursed ashlar. A flat hood, supported by metal brackets, is located above the main entry. Cast-concrete steps lead to the main entry. The roof is clad with asphalt shingles.

The development and increase of housing within Charles County was enhanced by the increasing dependence on the automobile and the end of World War II. 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 with the introduction of the Harry W. Nice Bridge in 1940. Charles County was relatively isolated from large-scale residential and commercial development within the MD 301 corridor until the 1960s. It was at that point that Crain Highway was designated US Route 301.

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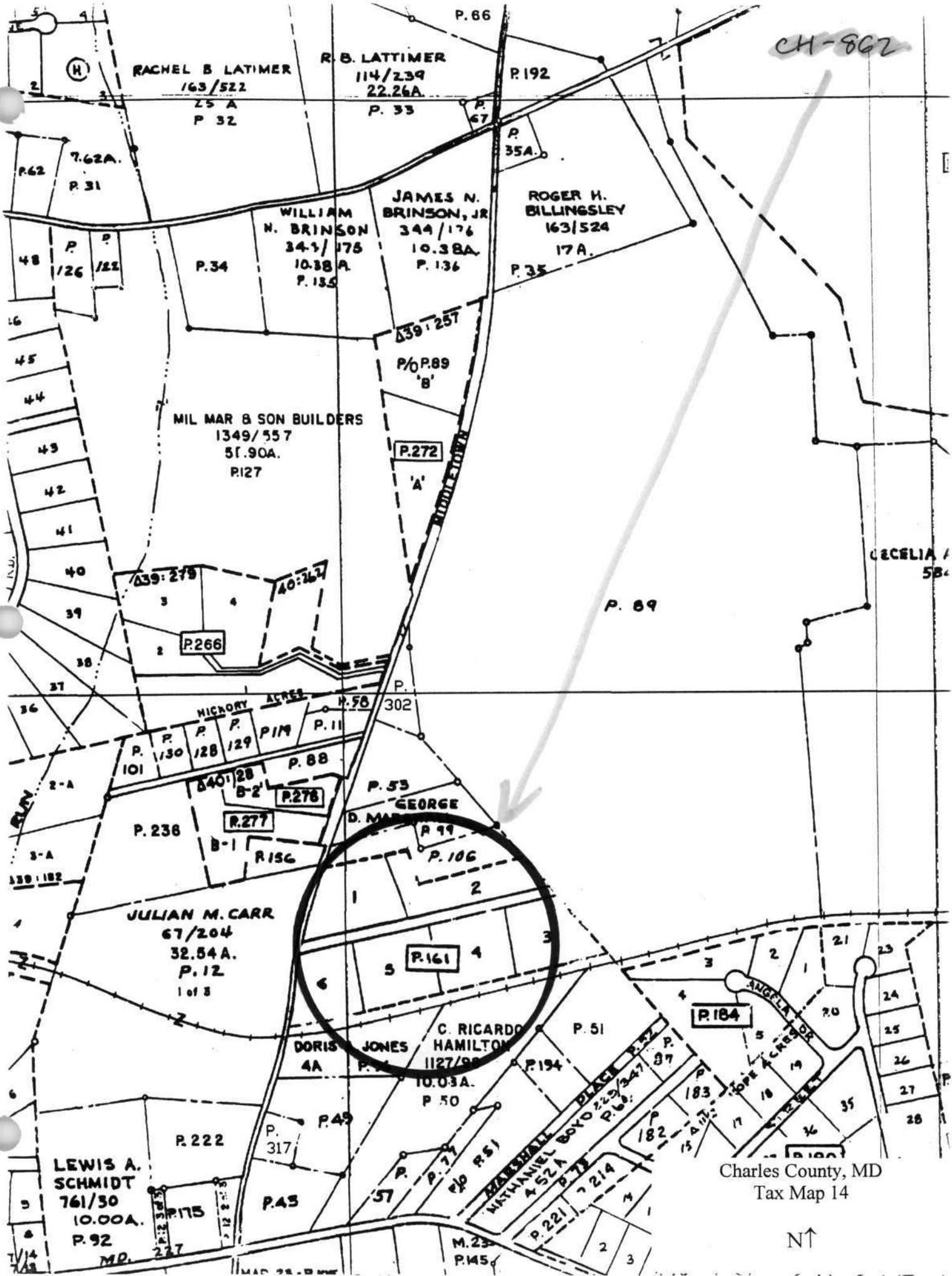
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The population of Charles County in the middle of the 20th century numbered less than 25,000 people and the economy was based upon agricultural production, especially tobacco. Charles County was one of the largest producers of tobacco in the State of Maryland. With its economy geared toward agricultural, Charles County was primarily rural and the housing introduced after World War II was on a small scale in comparison to other areas in the country.

Modern development of Northern Charles County began in the early 1970s as the suburbs of Montgomery and Prince George's Counties became costly and congested. This influx of residents has continued over the last few decades as modern road networks have provided commuters easy access to Washington, D.C., Annapolis, Baltimore, and other cities. By 1980, the population of Charles County increased to 72,000, tripling the number of people living in the area before 1950. Although Northern Charles County, along U.S. 301, had been significantly developed before the 1990s, the majority of Southern Charles County had remained rural and agricultural. Within the last five years, Southern Charles County has experienced significant change in the form of residential housing developments.

Built in 1953, this vernacular dwelling is not eligible for the National Register. While this house is typical of the modest residential development in Charles County during the last half of the 20th century, this resource lacks significance related to events, persons, or architecture. Criterion D, information potential, was not assessed for this study.

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Charles County, MD
Tax Map 14





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View of West Elevation

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