

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

Property Name: _____ Inventory Number: ~~R-0000~~ CH-863

Address: 4480 Crain Highway, Charles County - in the vicinity of White Plains

Owner: Lanham, Katherine P and Mary L

Tax Parcel Number: 257 Tax Map Number: 23

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)*

4480 Crain Highway is a two-and-one-half-story, wood frame dwelling covered by a front gable roof. The house is three bays wide with a central entrance. The entrance is marked by a single-leaf, paneled wood door with lights. The entry is flanked by paired, 6/1, double-hung, wood sash windows. The windows and door have wide wood surrounds. The house is clad in wide, horizontal siding.

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. The B&P Railroad's La Plata station still stands at the intersection of the rail line with Charles Street.

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| _____ Reviewer, Office of Preservation Services | _____ Date |
| _____ Reviewer, NR Program | _____ Date |

Towards the end of the first quarter of the 20th century, road improvements and developments also contributed to Charles County'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 1900, this vernacular dwelling is not eligible for the National Register. While it is an earlier example of the residential development along U.S. 301, this resource lacks significance related to events, persons, or architecture. Criterion D, information potential, was not assessed for this study.

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LTD; PTNSHP.
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EVELYN
M.
DAVIS
1076/318
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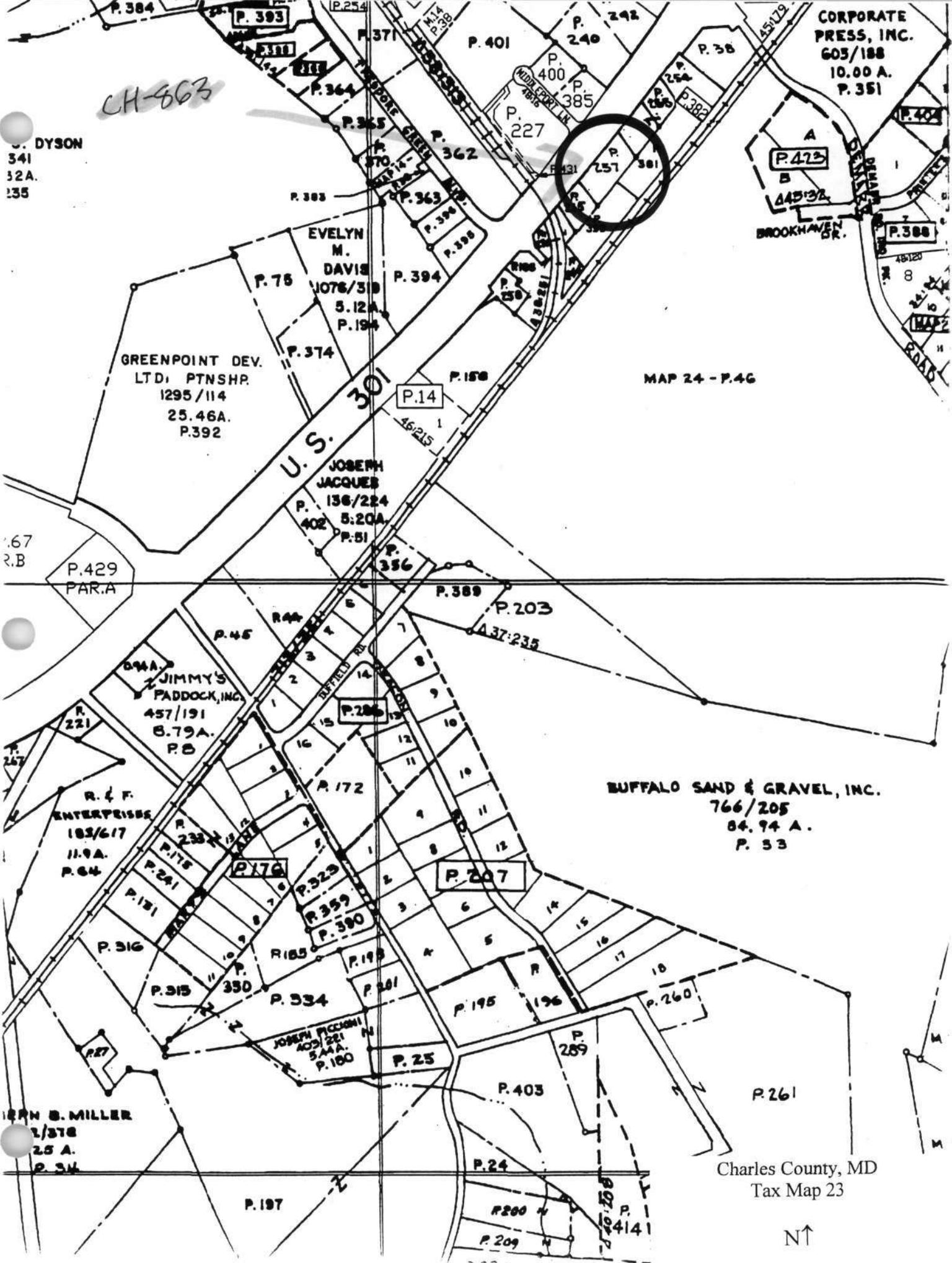
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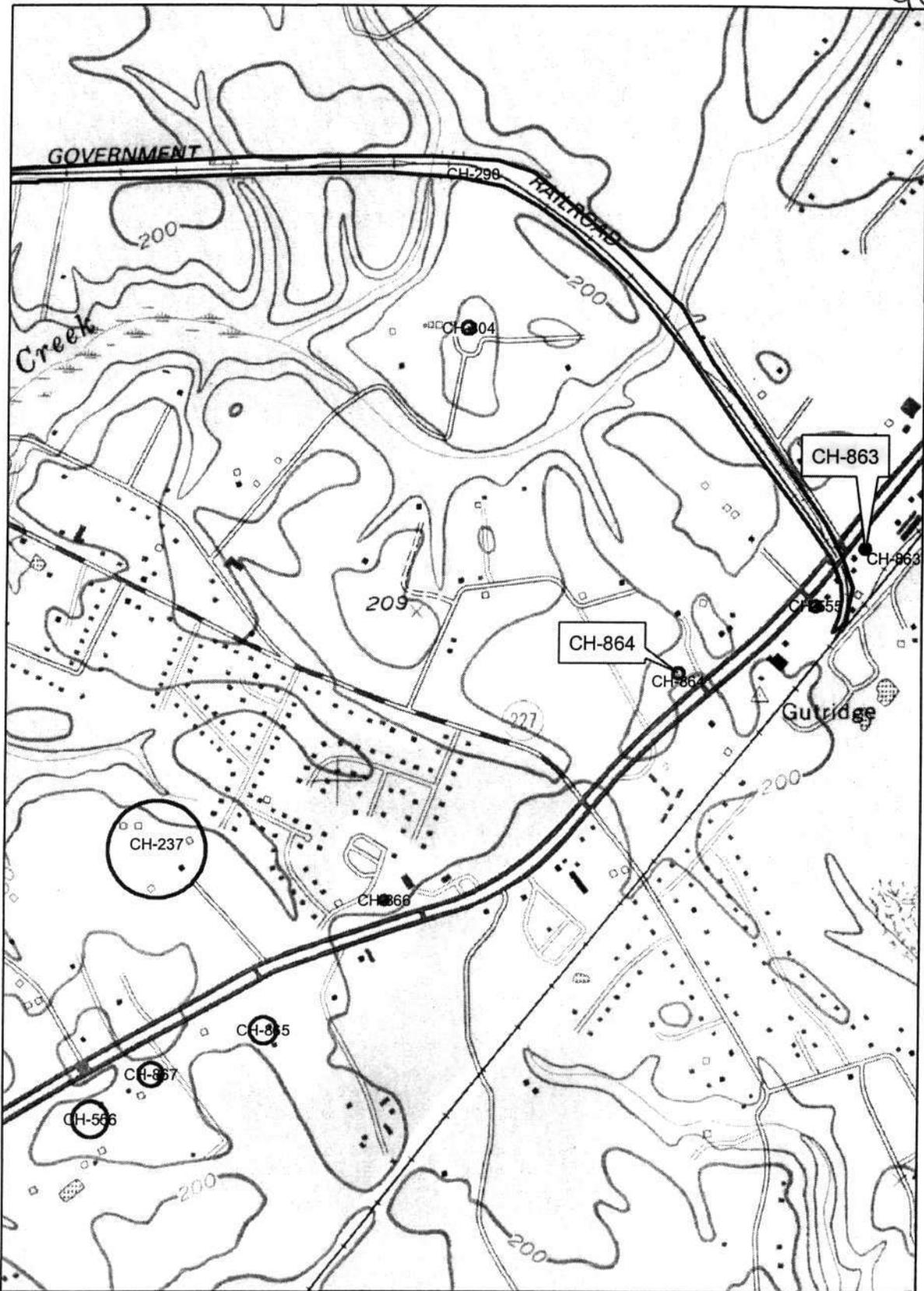
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View of West Elevation

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