

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

Property Name: \_\_\_\_\_ Inventory Number ~~H-20063~~ CH-891

Address: 5839 Washington Avenue, Charles County, La Plata

Owner: Dent, Eugene C. & Doreen C.

Tax Parcel Number: 62 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

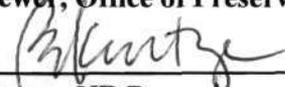
Description of Property and Eligibility Determination *(Use continuation sheet if necessary and attach map and photo)*

Constructed circa 1890, 5839 Washington Avenue is a two-story, wood frame dwelling. The house is covered by a side gable roof clad with metal sheeting. A one-story, full-width, enclosed porch sits on the main elevation (east). The upper story is pierced by two window openings. An interior brick chimney rises above the ridge line of the roof.

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.

Towards the end of the first quarter of the 20th century, road improvements and developments also contributed to

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<p align="center"></p> <p>Reviewer, Office of Preservation Services</p>	<p align="center"><u>10/27/93</u></p> <p>Date</p>
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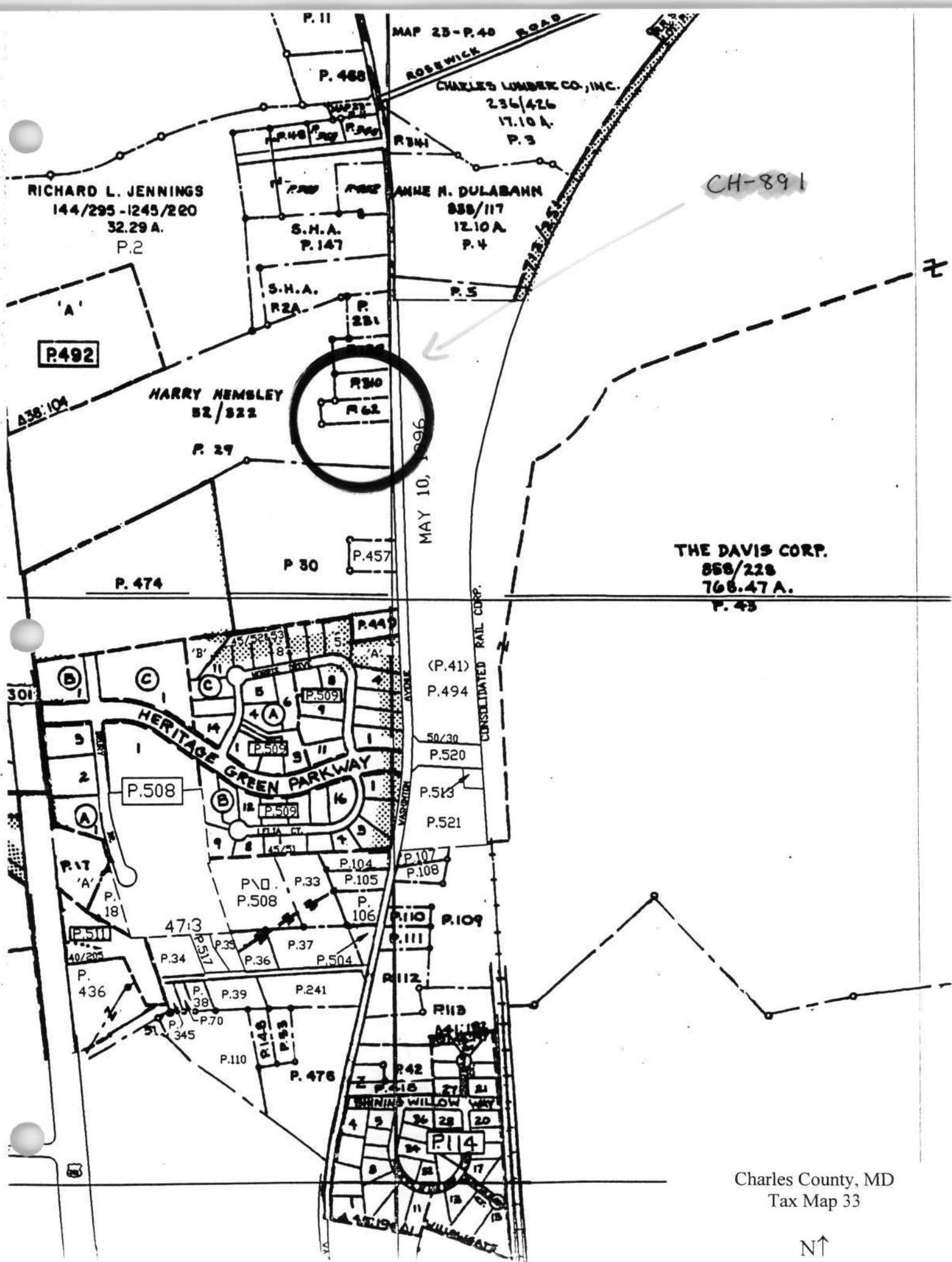


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Charles County's community evolution. In particular, the Robert Crain Highway, later expanded as part of U.S. 301, attracted new development to older communities along its corridor. Crain Highway brought commercial development on La Plata's west side and contributed to the Charles County seat's overall growth in the 1920s and 1930s.

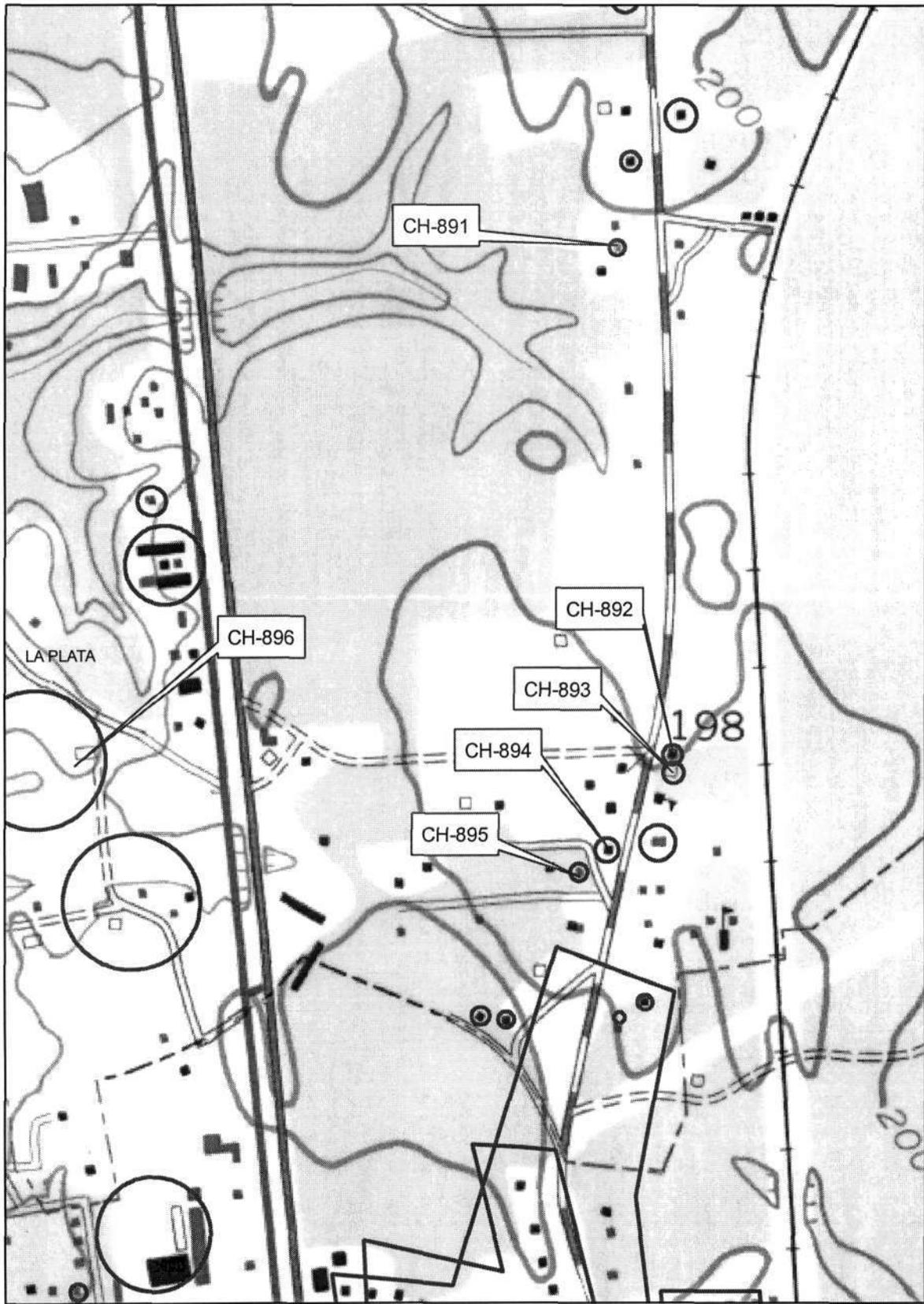
Built circa 1890, this I-house is not eligible for the National Register. While it is an earlier example of the residential development surrounding U.S. 301, this resource lacks significance related to events, persons, or architecture. Criterion D, information potential, was not assessed for this study.

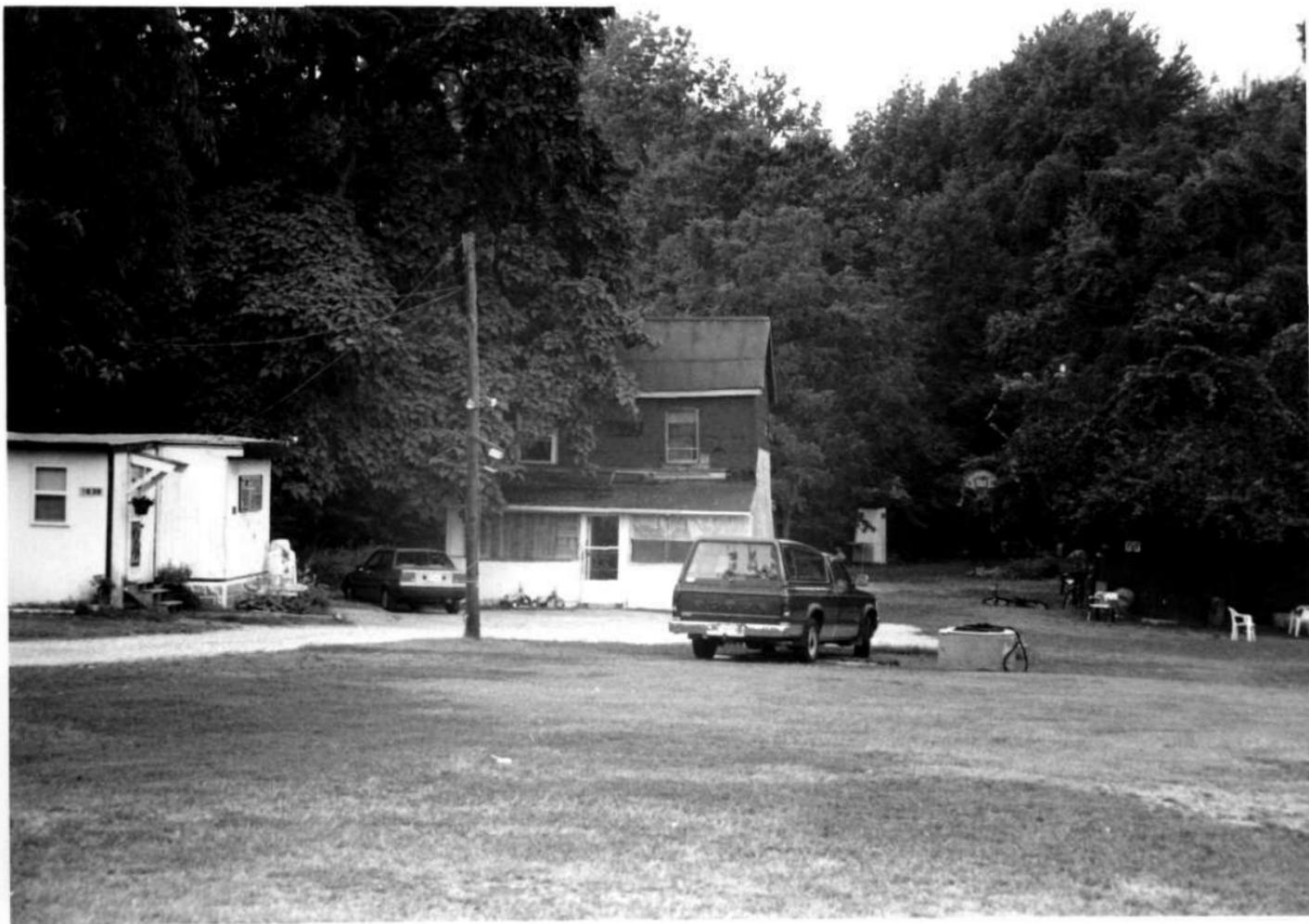


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View of east elevation

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