

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

Property Name: _____ Inventory Number: ~~6000~~ CH-905

Address: 3955 Annies Place, Charles County - in the vicinity of White Plains

Owner: Morris, Leslie and Jill T

Tax Parcel Number: 178 Tax Map Number: 13

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)*

3955 Annies Place is a circa 1890 farm complex composed of a single family dwelling and several barns. The wood frame, altered I-house is two-stories in height and three bays wide with a two-story, two bay wide addition to the east. The addition projects one-bay to the north of the primary elevation (north). The main section of the house is covered by a side gable roof with one large, central front gable wall dormer flanked by two, smaller front gable wall dormers. The addition is covered by a side gable roof with two, small front gable wall dormers. All of the dormers have decoratively carved, wood vergeboards. The first story of the main section of the house comprises (from east to west) two, 1/1 double-hung, sash windows, a central single-leaf paneled door, and a 1/1 double-hung, sash window. A one-story, half-hipped roof porch supported by turned wood posts wraps around this section of the house to the west elevation. The second story is punctured by three, 1/1 double-hung, sash windows. The main section of the house has also been expanded to the rear. The east addition is punctured by two, 1/1 double-hung, sash windows on both the first and second stories. The house is clad in wood weatherboard. A corbeled cap, brick chimney rises above the primary roof. Two chimneys have been added, one on the east elevation of the addition and one to the west elevation, on the rear addition.

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A two-story, front gable roof barn with a one-story, side gable roof addition is located to the northeast of the house. The two-story section of the barn is clad in vertical wood siding and has a standing seam metal roof. The one-story addition is clad in horizontal siding and is also covered by a standing seam metal roof. The two sections of the barn are connected by a side gable roof, open passageway.

Located to the northwest of the dwelling is a one-and-one-half-story, side gable roof barn with a shed roof extension to the south and a one-story, front gable, two-portal addition on the main elevation (east). A one-story, shed roof addition also projects from the west elevation. The north and south elevations of the barn are covered in vertical wood siding, while the east elevation is clad with board and batten wood siding. The barn is covered with a standing seam metal roof.

Most inhabitants of Charles County were engaged in farming at the time of the first settlement. The barn was the principle building erected on a farm which provided space for cows, horses, equipment, and hay, straw or tobacco storage. Throughout the 19th century, barns increased in size or were newly built to include space for smaller animals, such as poultry and pigs, and as a place for the threshing and storage of grain. Their size also increased during the 19th century as the introduction of improved equipment led to more efficient and profitable operations, and, consequently, to increased need for storage facilities. Typically, livestock was housed on the lower level, while the upper level was reserved for the storage of hay and straw, and the threshing and storage of feed grains.

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. La Plata station still stands at the intersection of the rail line with Charles Street.

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 US 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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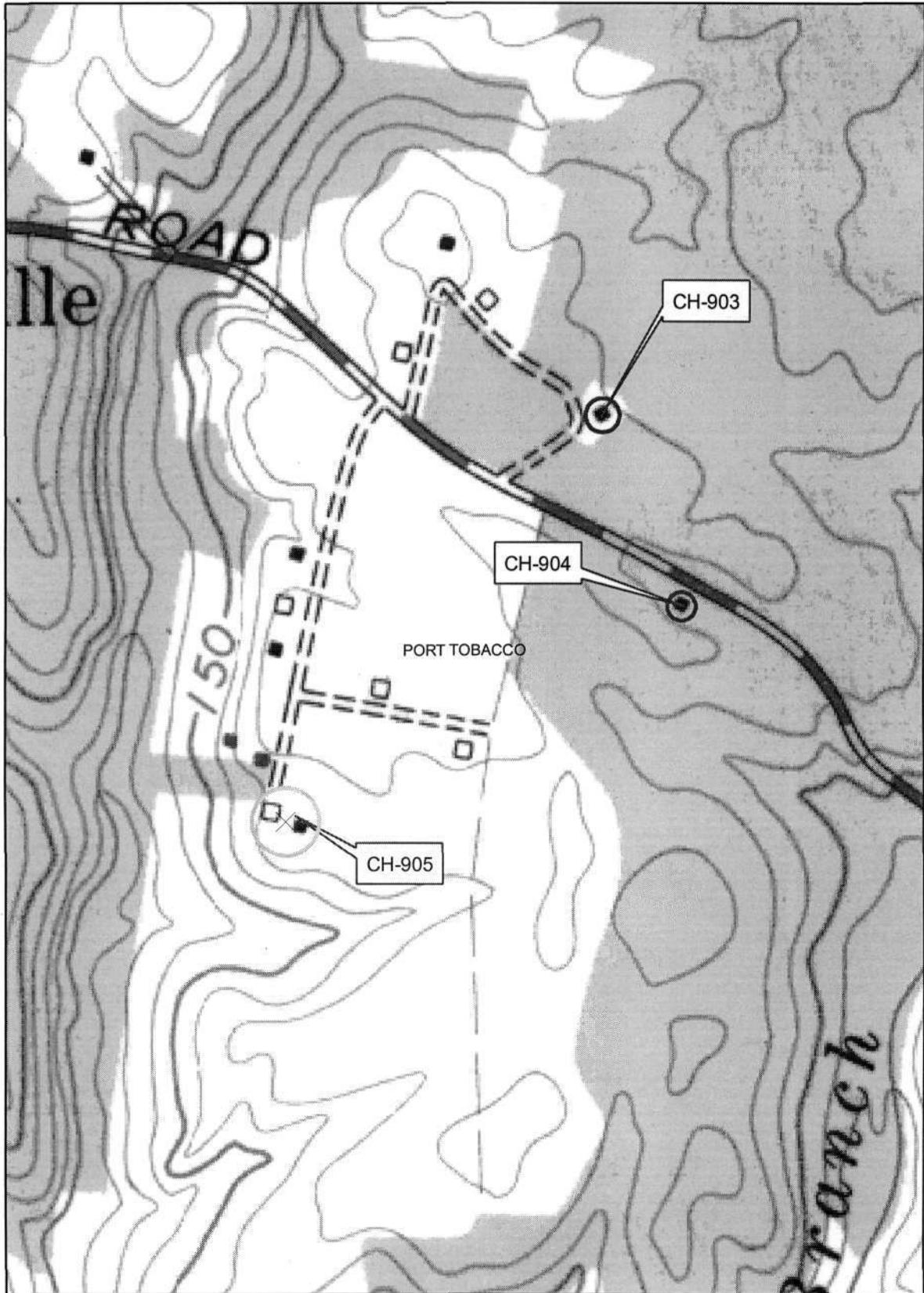
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The population of Charles County in the middle of the 20th century numbered less than 25,000 people and the economy was based upon agricultural production, especially tobacco. Charles County was one of the largest producers of tobacco in the State 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 circa 1890, this farm complex is not eligible for the National Register. While this complex illustrates Charles County's residential and agricultural development surrounding U.S. 301, the altered I-house and the barns lack significance related to events, persons, or architecture. Criterion D, information potential, was not assessed for this study.

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