

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

Property Name: _____ Inventory Number: ~~2-0003~~ CH-910

Address: 2760 Mill Hill Road, Charles county - in the vicinity of Waldorf

Owner: Bealle, Anna M H et al

Tax Parcel Number: 266 Tax Map Number: 7

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)*

The farm complex located at 2760 Mill Hill Road, across from Francis Street, is composed of a single family dwelling and two barns. The wood frame house is two stories in height, three bays wide, and has a side gable roof. A one-story shed roof wing is located on the northeast elevation. The primary elevation (southeast) is pierced on the first story by a 6/6 double-hung, sash window, an off-center, single-leaf door, and two, grouped, 6/6 double-hung, sash windows. The one-story, three-bay, full-width porch is covered by a half-hipped roof supported by brick piers. Below the porch, the house is clad with vertical wood paneling. The upper story is punctured by three, 6/6 double-hung, sash windows. The side wing is pierced by a 1/1 double-hung, sash window. The upper story and side wing are clad with wide horizontal siding. The roofs are covered by asphalt shingles. An exterior, brick, gable wall chimney rises along the southwest elevation.

The barns are located to the west of the house. One barn is two stories in height with a front gable roof. The barn has two double-leaf doors. It is clad with vertical wood siding and has a corrugated metal roof. The other barn is a one-and-one-half-story building with a front gable roof and a side shed extension. Double-leaf doors pierced the front

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gable and the shed roof sections of the barn. The barn is clad with vertical wood siding.

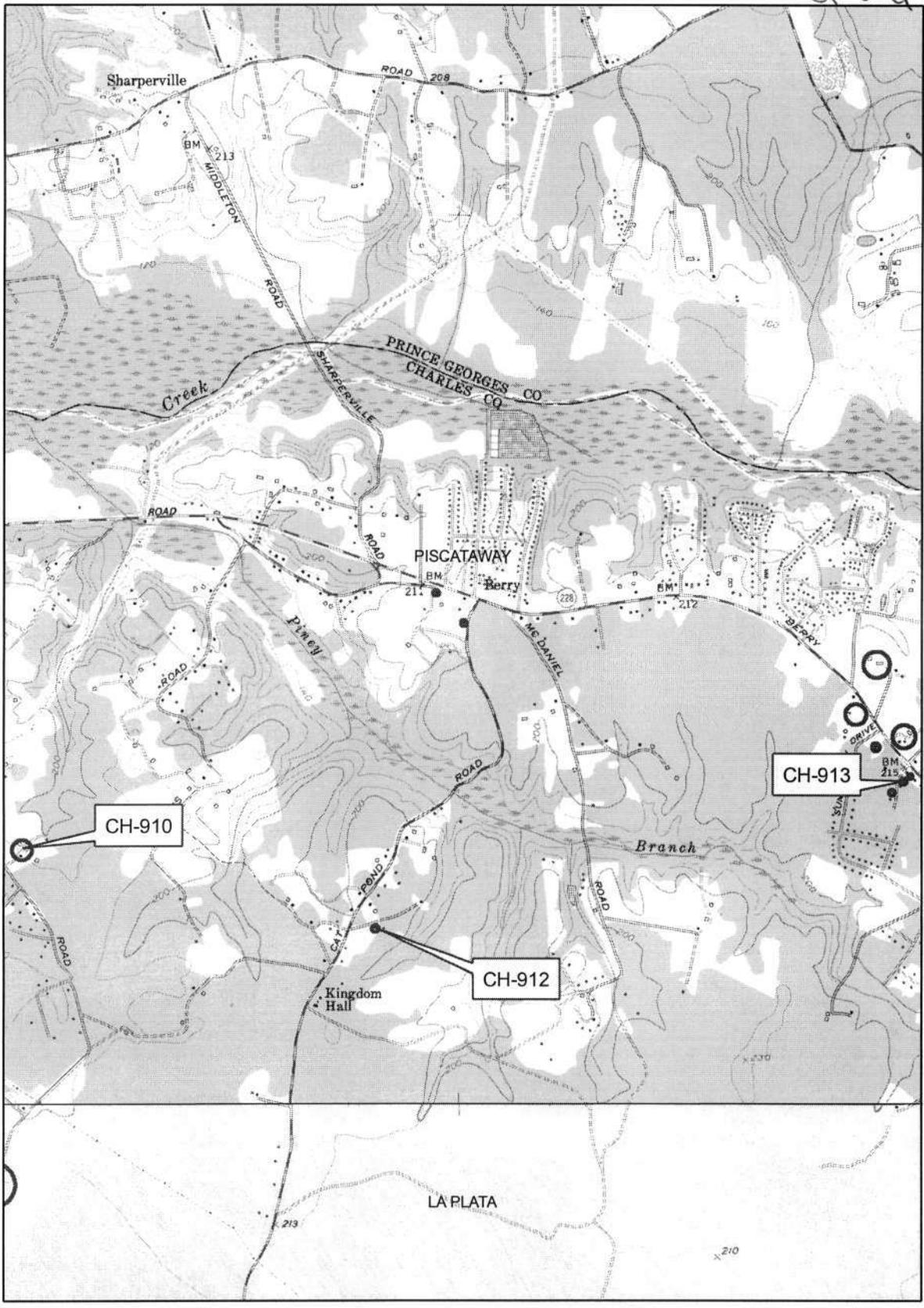
Most inhabitants of Charles County were engaged in farming at the time of the first settlement. The barn was the principle building erected on a farm which provided space for cows, horses, equipment, and hay, straw or tobacco storage. Throughout the 19th century, barns increased in size or were newly 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.

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. Waldorf became an important interchange on the Crain Highway between the rest of Southern Maryland and Washington, D.C. and expanded in the 1920s both commercially and residentially. In 1922 in anticipation of the Crain Highway, J. Spence Howard surveyed and subdivided the village of Waldorf, which came to include such amenities as a hotel, a general store, several small shops, a two-room school, restaurants and entertainment establishments equipped with slot machines.

Built circa 1900, this vernacular I-house and barns are not eligible for the National Register. While this farm complex is an earlier example of residential and agricultural development surrounding Waldorf, this resource lacks significance related to events, persons, or architecture. Criterion D, information potential, was not assessed for this study.

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