

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

Property Name: _____ Inventory Number: ~~1-0049~~ CH-940

Address: ⁷⁵³⁵ End of Sutton Place, Charles County - in the vicinity of La Plata (Port Tobacco Road)

Owner: Maddox, William A Jr and Darlene L

Tax Parcel Number: 260 Tax Map Number: 43

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

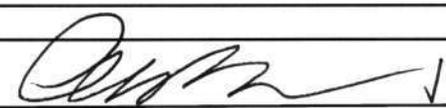
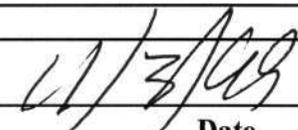
Documentation on the property/district is presented in: Project Review and Compliance Files

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

The stable located at the end of Sutton Place is two stories in height and is covered by a side gable roof. The barn is constructed of vertical wood siding with a sheet metal roof. A single casement window has been added to each end of the second story of the primary elevation (west). A partial-width shed roof porch is located at the northern end of the main elevation. The porch has a corrugate metal, shed roof and is supported by simple wood posts with simple wood brackets.

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.

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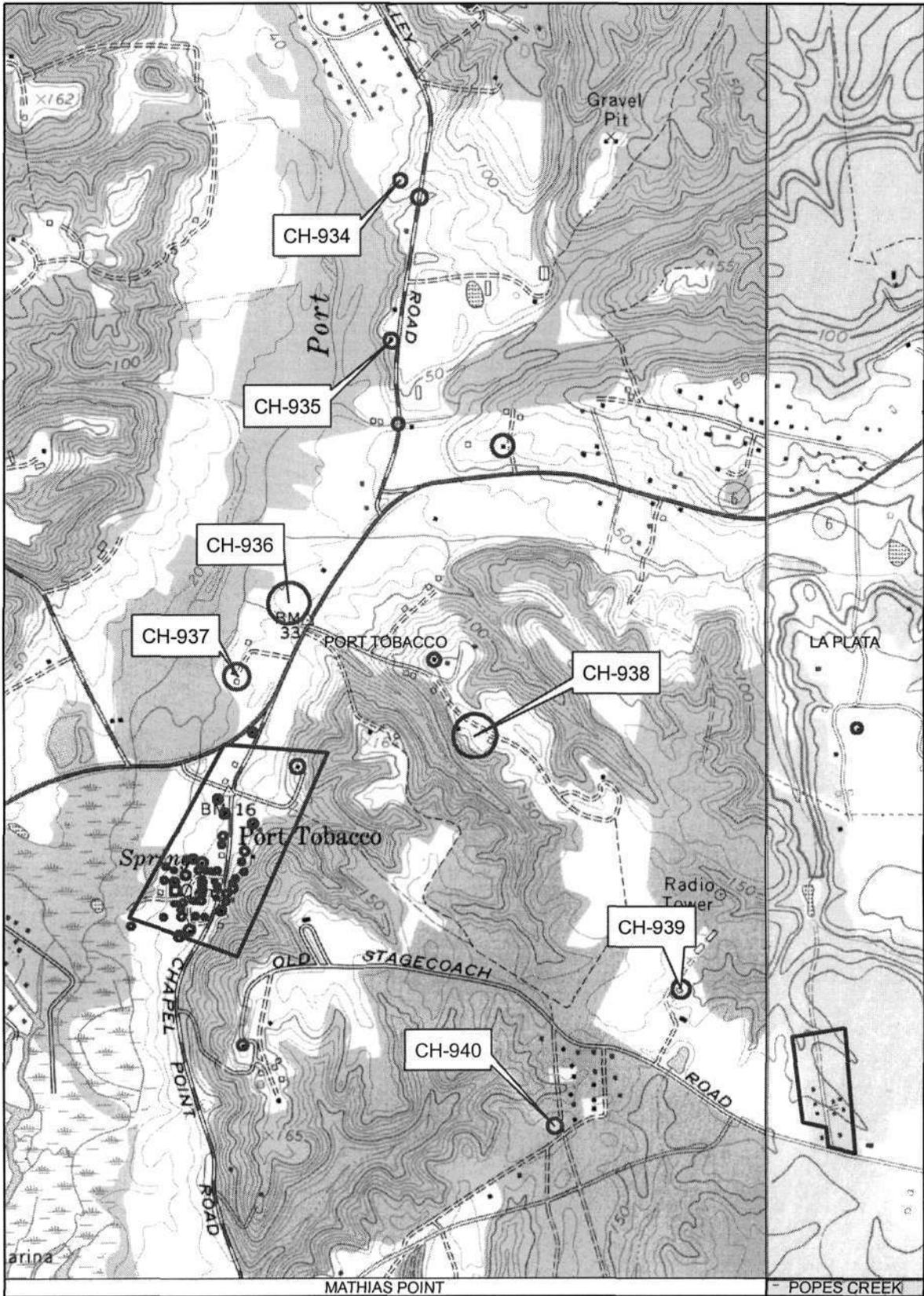
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 _____ Reviewer, Office of Preservation Services	 _____ Date
_____ Reviewer, NR Program	_____ Date

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.

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.

The barn, constructed circa 1900, is not eligible for the National Register. While it is typical of the agricultural development surrounding La Plata, these resources lack significance related to events, persons, or architecture. Criterion D, information potential, was not assessed for this study.

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End of Sutton Place
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View of West elevation

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