

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

Property Name: \_\_\_\_\_ Inventory Number: ~~XXXX~~ CH-945

Address: 12535 Crain Highway, Charles County - in the vicinity of Newburg

Owner: Clifton/River View Association LTD

Tax Parcel Number: 51 Tax Map Number: 79

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)*

12535 Crain Highway is a multiple use site. Once a gas station, the property now appears to contain a wood frame dwelling and a wood frame service garage. The dwelling, sited north of the garage, is a one-story, three-bay, hipped roof building with a single-bay, half-hipped projecting bay on the north elevation. A metal hood covers the central entry. The garage is a one-story, side gable structure.

Towards the end of the first quarter of the 20th century, road improvements and developments contributed to the suburbanization of Charles County. Charles County experienced the expansion of commercial establishments which catered to the tourist trade along the Robert Crain Highway and its successor U.S. 301.

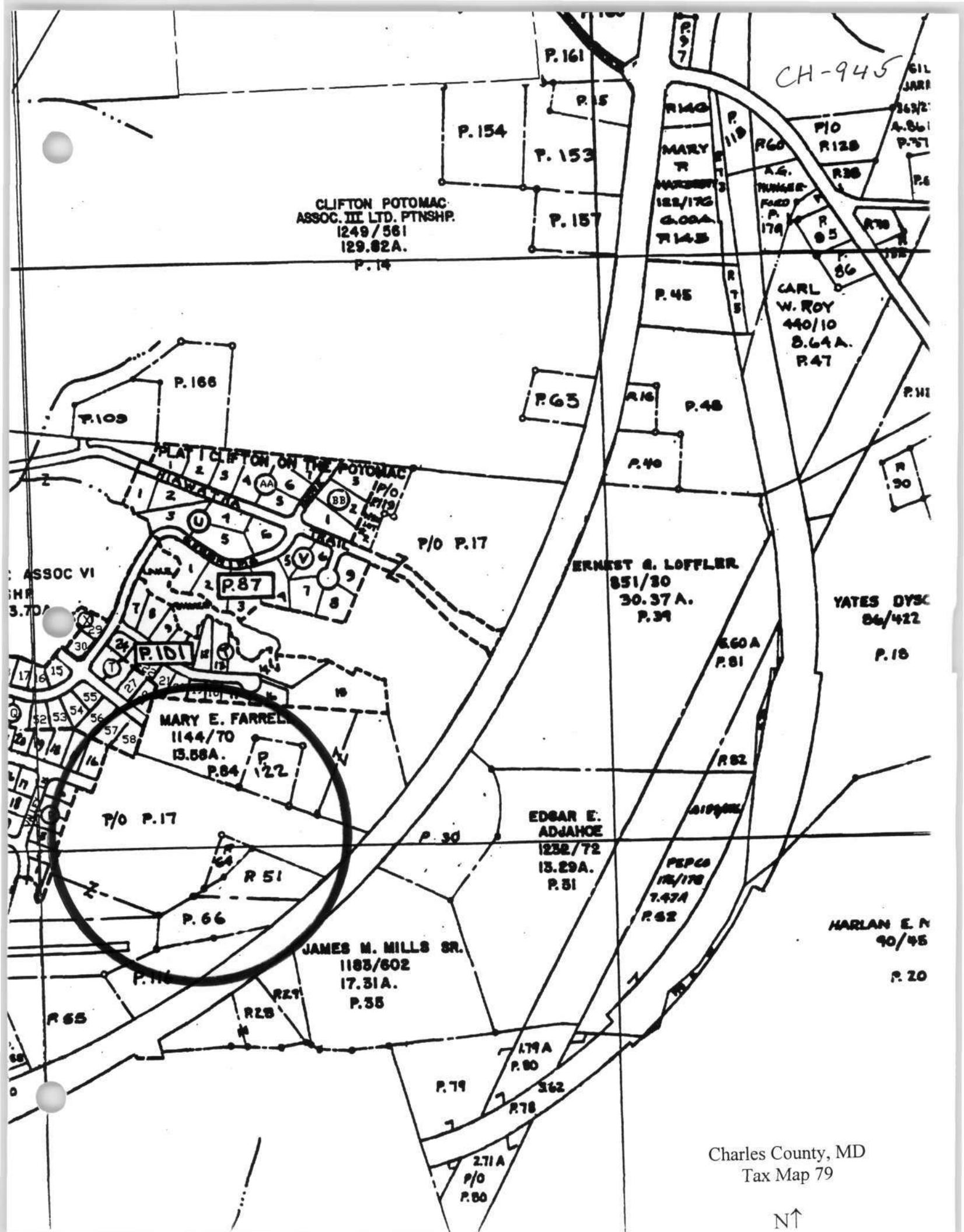
World War II and the increasing dependence upon motor vehicles played a very important role in Charles County's development. Charles County continued its relative isolation from large-scale residential and commercial development until after Crain Highway was dualized and designated U.S. 301 in the 1960s. Earlier trends in travel-related services and entertainment along the Crain Highway grew somewhat when the highway was extended across

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the Potomac River to Virginia through southern Charles County and over the new Harry W. Nice Bridge in 1940, thus completing a route from New York to Florida.

Built circa 1930, this multiple use site is not eligible for the National Register. While it is typical of the modest commercial 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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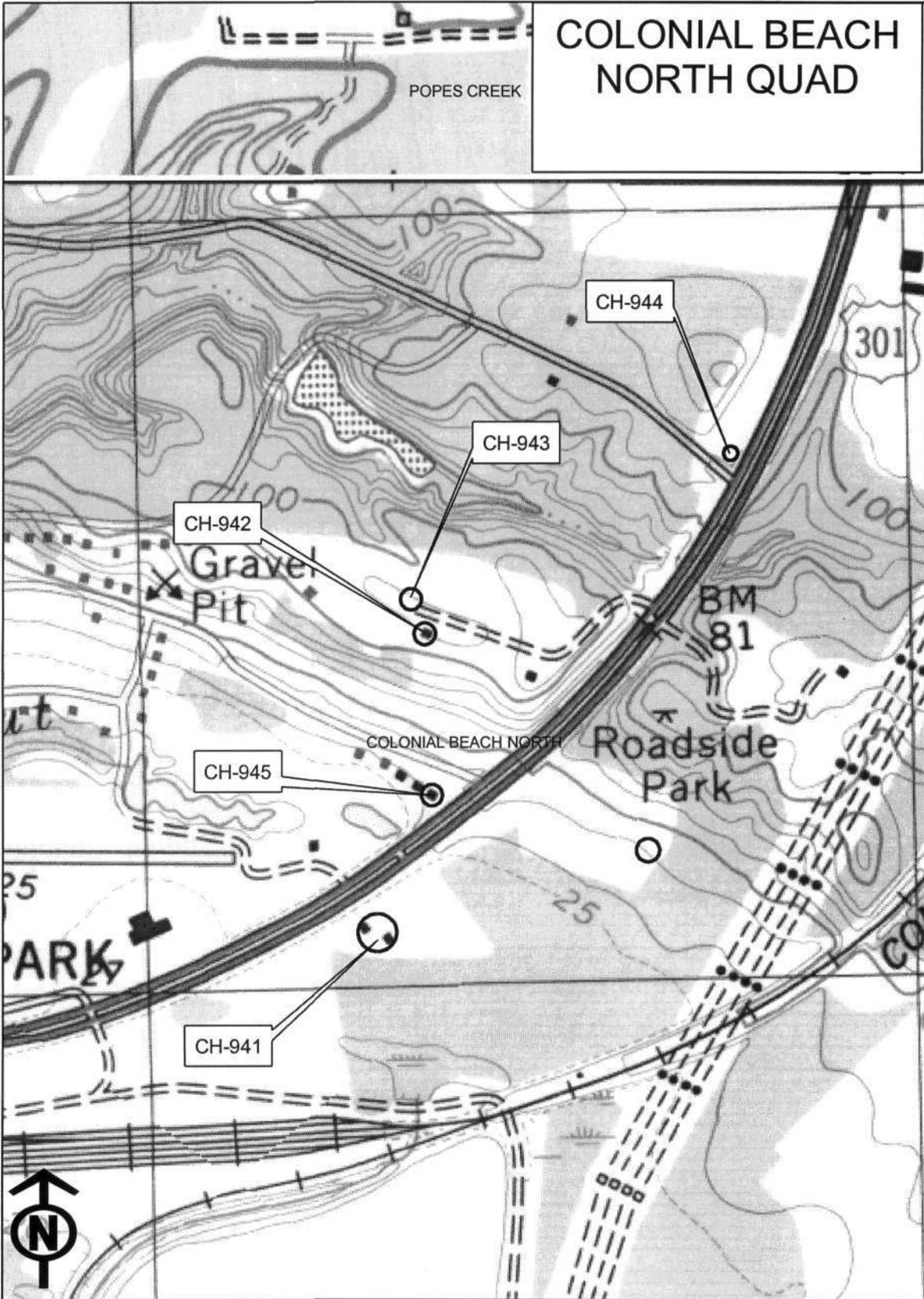
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View of West elevation

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