

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

Property Name: _____ Inventory Number: ~~1000~~ CH-948

Address: 11655 Crain Highway, Charles County - in the vicinity of Newburg

Owner: Mosteller, Richard E and Anita G

Tax Parcel Number: 172 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)*

11655 Crain Highway is a one-and-one-half-story, wood frame dwelling with a separate garage and a weathered barn. The house is formed by a front gable with side wings that are set back from the main elevation (north). The side wings create a cross gable. The front porch has a front gable roof that is supported by brick piers. The porch is set to the western corner of the main elevation. The barn is a front gable roofed structure with a shed projecting from its south elevation. The barn is constructed of board and batten siding and has 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.

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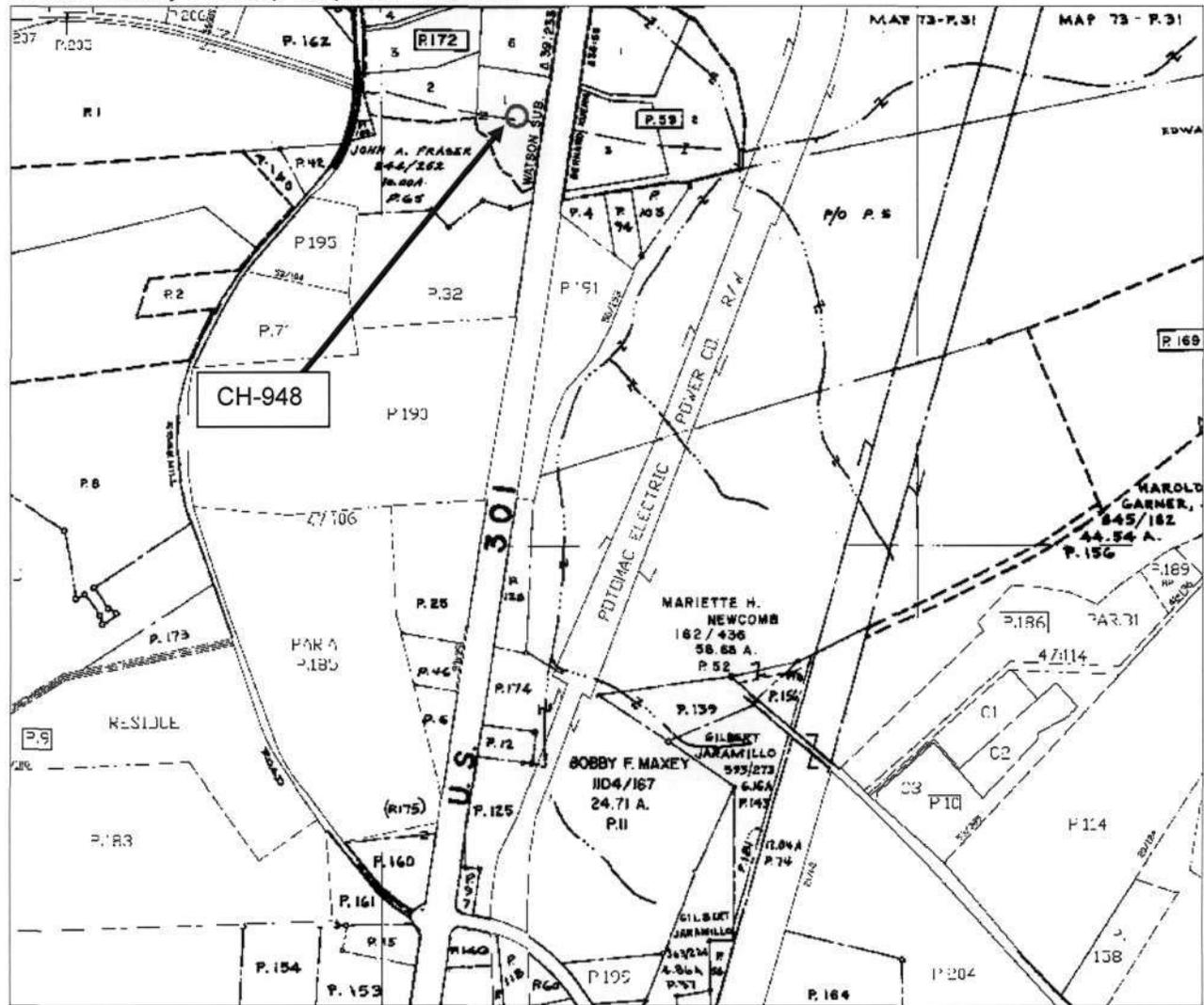
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_____ Reviewer, NR Program	_____ Date

Towards the end of the first quarter of the 20th century, road improvements and developments contributed to the suburbanization of Charles County. 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.

World War II and the increasing dependence upon motor vehicles played a very important role in La Plata's community 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 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.

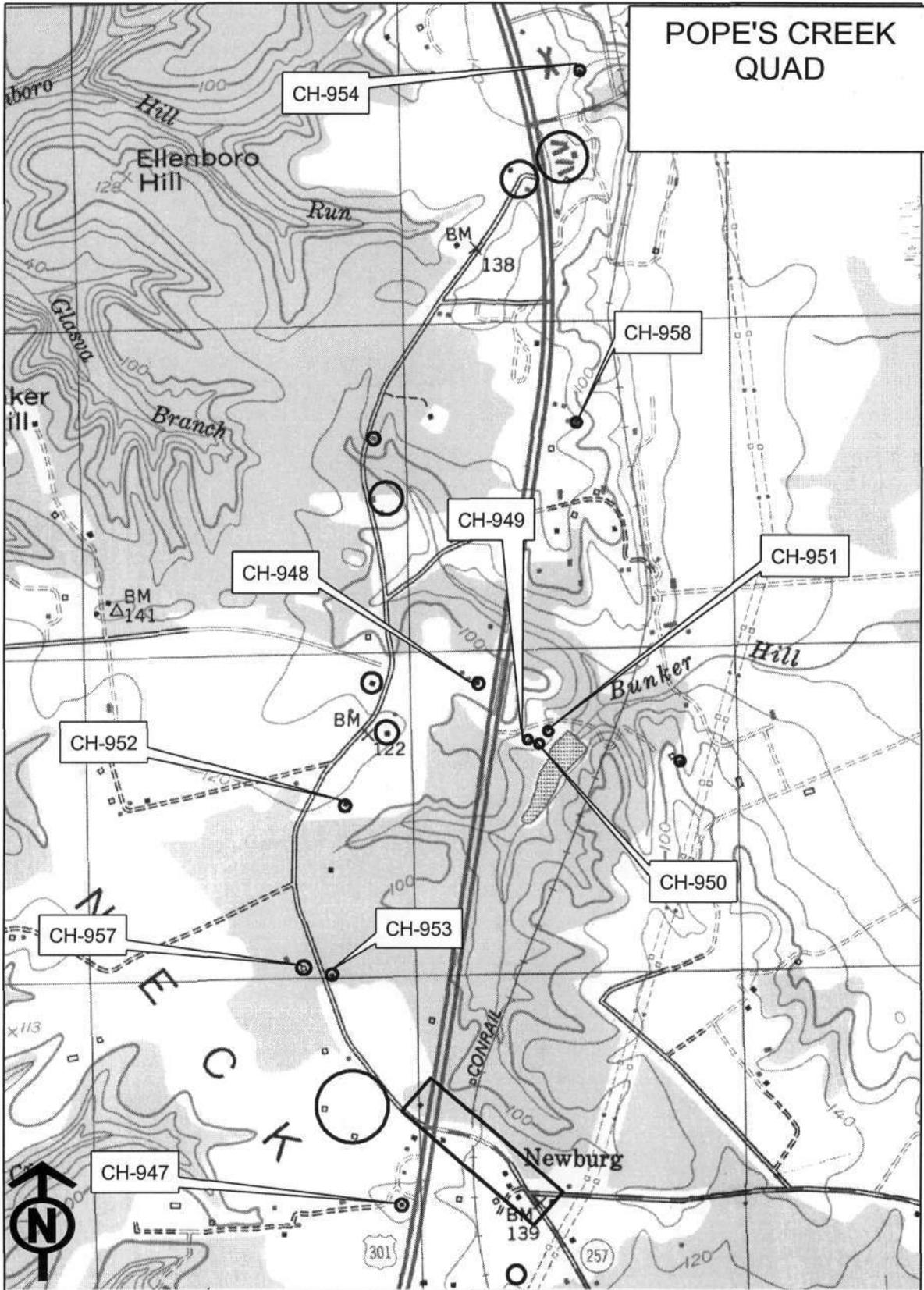
Built circa 1920, this vernacular house and barn are not eligible for the National Register. While they are typical of the residential development along U.S. 301, these resources lack significance related to events, persons, or architecture. Criterion D, information potential, was not assessed for this study.

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11655 Crain Highway (MD 301), Newburg
Charles County Tax Map 79, parcel 172, Lot 1



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POPE'S CREEK QUAD





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