MARYLAND HISTORICAL TRUST
NR-ELIGIBILITY REVIEW FORM

Property Name: _____ Inventory Number ~~[illegible]~~ PG:85A-65

Address: 12400 Cherry Tree Crossing Road, Prince George's County - in the vicinity of Brandywine

Owner: A.H. Smith Association LTD. Partnership

Tax Parcel Number: 37 Tax Map Number: 135

Project MD 301 Agency State Highway Administration (SHA)

Site visit by SHA Staff: X no __ yes Name: _____ Date: _____

Eligibility recommended __ Eligibility **not** recommended X

Criteria __A __B __C __D Considerations: __A __B __C __D __E __F __G X None

Is property located within a historic district? X no __ yes Name of District: _____

Is district listed?: X 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 one-and-a-half story house is a vernacular expression of the Craftsman style house. The front gable, two- rooms deep house has a half-hipped roof intersecting the main elevation, creating a porch. The three-bay wide house has a standing seam metal roof and has wood siding.

Prince George's County relied on its agricultural roots for its economic growth through the early half of the 20th century. Most of southern Prince George's County remained rural around the turn of the century. The county's position as one of the largest tobacco growers in Maryland and the increasing diversification of the crops grown to be sent to the urban markets allowed for a family to be supported by agricultural means. Its population between 1910 and 1930 rose from 36,000 to almost 60,000 people, but its population growth was primarily limited to the settlements of the new towns and villages brought about by the Baltimore and Potomac rail lines. The villages around the rail lines became the economic and social centers for the rural communities throughout the southern section of Prince George's County.

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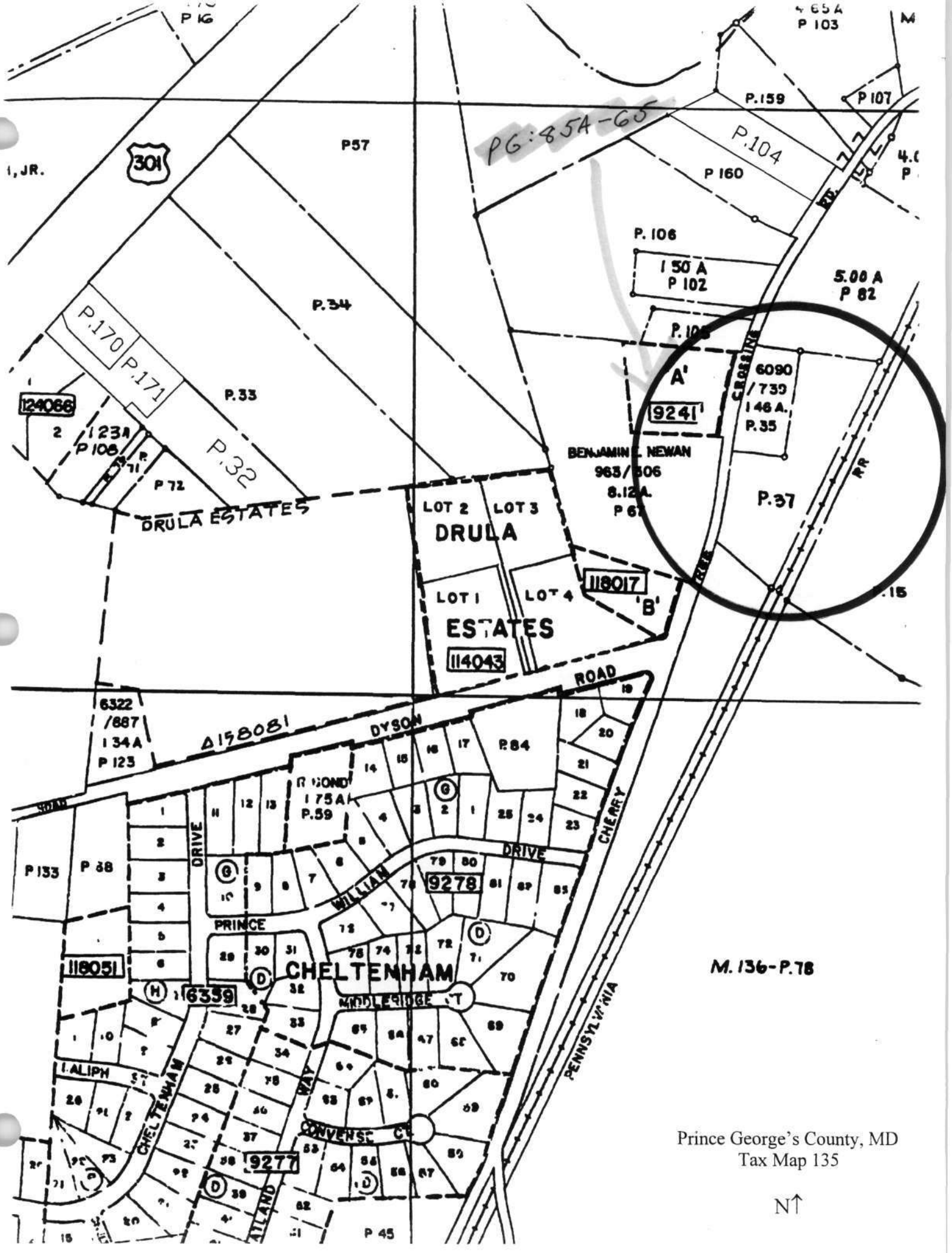
Reviewer, Office of Preservation Services **Date** 10/22/99

Reviewer, NR Program **Date**

Crain Highway benefited both Charles and Prince George's County in opening up the area around the new artery to increased residential and commercial development. The development along Crain Highway was not as intense in Prince George's County as it was in Charles County. The farmers closer to the urban markets of Washington began to diversify their crops and began to produce more products for the urban populations. Grains and potatoes were in demand in the cities and the access to the rail lines within Prince George's County assured the farmers' crops safe and easy delivery to the urban centers.

The c. 1920 house is not eligible for the National Register. The resource lacks significance related to events, persons, or architecture. Criterion D, information potential, was not assessed for this study.



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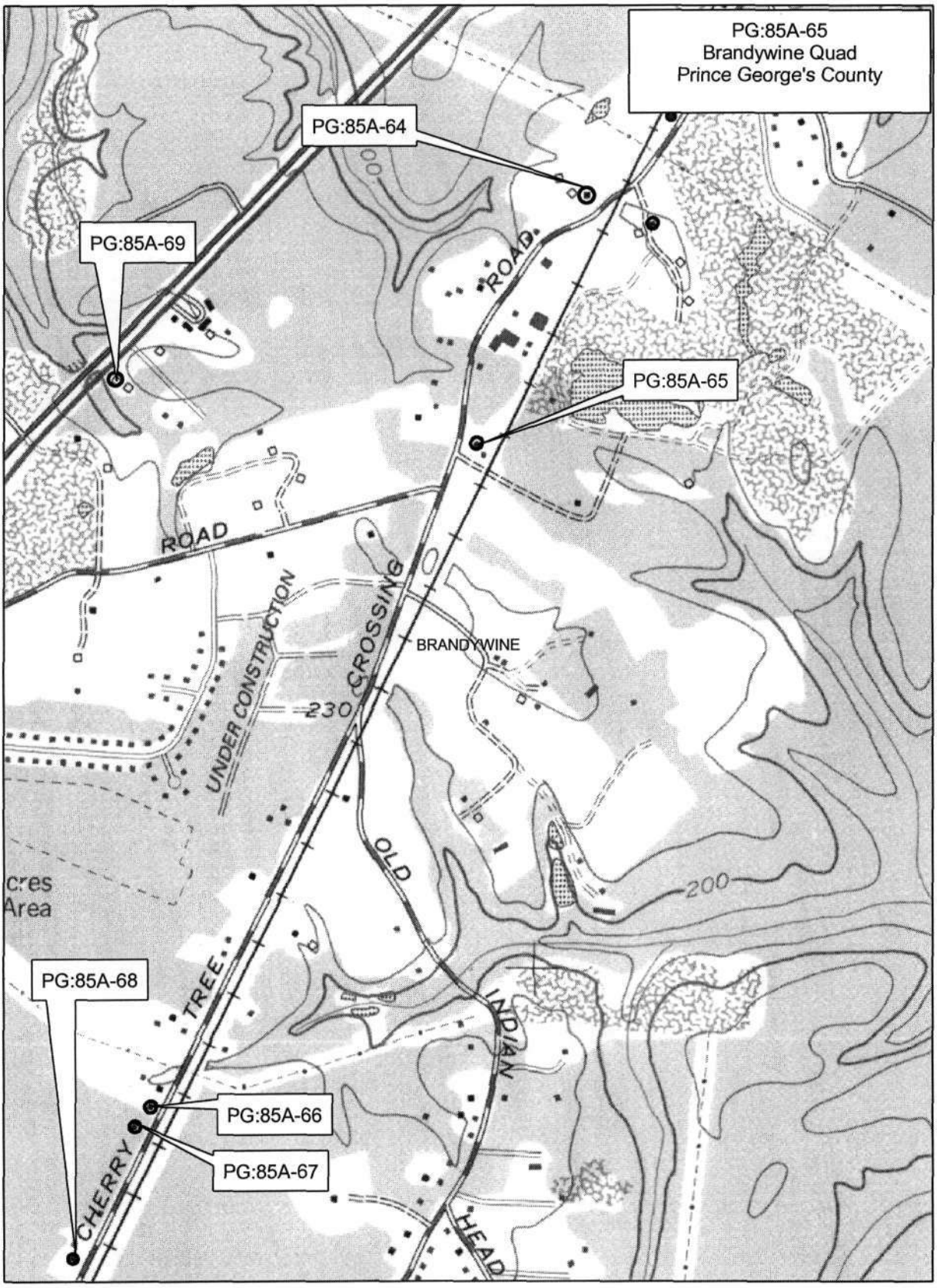
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