

MARYLAND HISTORICAL TRUST
NR-ELIGIBILITY REVIEW FORM

Property Name: 13 - 15 North Main Street Inventory Number: WA-II-773

Address: 13 - 15 North Main Street, Boonsboro, Maryland

Owner: 13 = Robert & Katharine Devine ; 15 = Leon Kitchen

Tax Parcel Number: 13 = 430 ; 15 = 431 Tax Map Number: 601

Project: Boonsboro Streetscape - WA960A21 Agency: Maryland State Highway Administration

Site visit by: John Milner Associates, Inc. Staff: no yes

Name: Kerri Culhane and Rachel Mancini Date: June 1999

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: Town of Boonsboro

Is district listed? no yes

Documentation on the property/district is presented in: Boonsboro Streetscape, Alternate US 40: MD 68 to East of Mousetown Road, Washington County, Maryland, SHA Report 215 (JMA 1999) and Final Report: Architectural and Cultural Survey of Boonsboro and Clear Spring, MD (Mueller 1992).

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

The former Potomac Hotel was located in the south half of the two-story, six-bay-wide, double block commercial/residential building at 113-115 North Main Street. The raised English basement once contained shops and still exhibits sliding shop doors, which slide vertically to create a similar effect to a Dutch door, which swings, rather than slides. The current plate-glass windows in the basement are later additions. The one-story, five-bay, hip-roofed porch has attenuated Tuscan-derived columns. The building has two interior end chimneys. Number 13 has 6/6 wood-sash windows and 6/1 replacement sashes and a single-leaf door with transom. Number 15 has 1/1 replacement sash windows. There is a two-story gable ell with one interior and one interior end chimney, plus a one-story shed addition. There is also an early/mid-twentieth-century, frame, gable-roofed, two-car garage at the east lot line.

As part of the commercial and residential streetscape of the center of Boonsboro, this building contributes to the Town of Boonsboro Historic District. Future investigations of the Old National Pike may qualify this building as a contributing resource to a road-related district for its former use as a hotel.

Prepared by: Kerri Culhane, John Milner Associates, Inc., VA

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Comments: _____

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Reviewer, Office of Preservation Services

11/20/99

Date

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Reviewer, NR program

10/12/00

Date

2/15/00

**PRESERVATION VISION 2000; THE MARYLAND PLAN
STATEWIDE HISTORIC CONTEXTS**

I. Geographic Region:

- Eastern Shore (all Eastern Shore counties, and Cecil)
 Western Shore (Anne Arundel, Calvert, Charles, Prince George's and St. Mary's)
 Piedmont (Baltimore City, Baltimore, Carroll, Frederick, Harford, Howard, Montgomery)
 Western Maryland (Allegany, Garrett and Washington)

II. Chronological/Developmental Periods:

- Rural Agrarian Intensification A.D. 1680-1815
 Agricultural-Industrial Transition A.D. 1815-1870
 Industrial/Urban Dominance A.D. 1870-1930
 Modern Period A.D. 1930-Present
 Unknown Period (prehistoric historic)

III. Historic Period Themes:

- Agriculture
 Architecture, Landscape Architecture, and Community Planning
 Economic (Commercial and Industrial)
 Government/Law
 Military
 Religion
 Social/Educational/Cultural
 Transportation

IV. Resource Type:

Category: Building

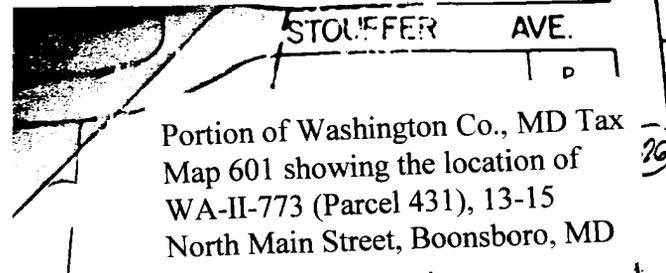
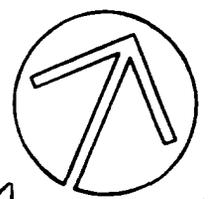
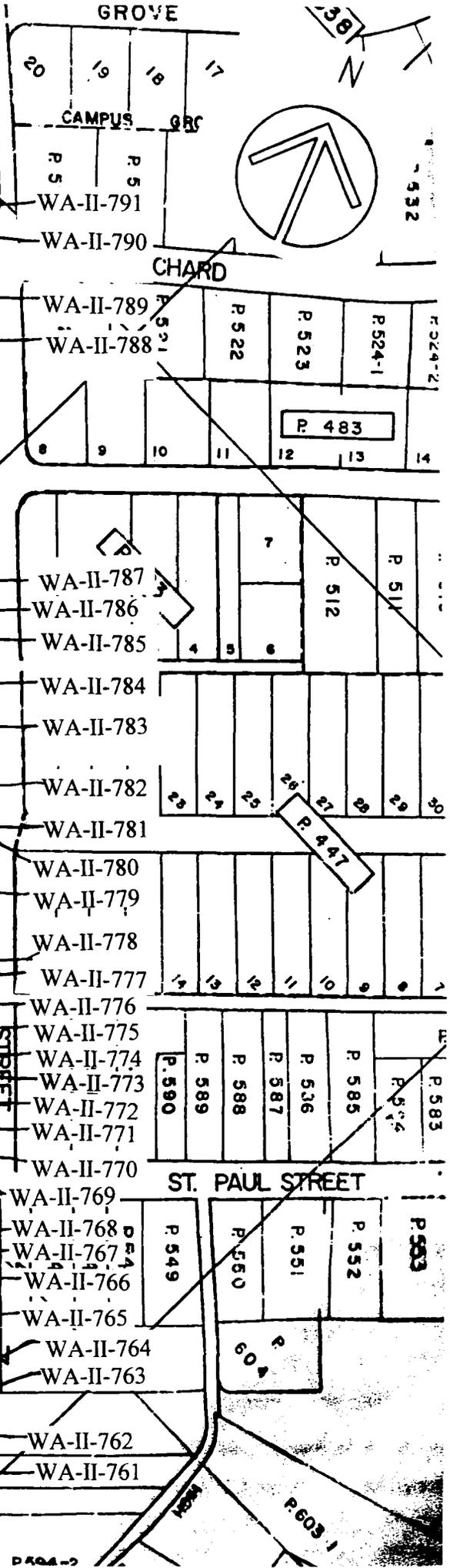
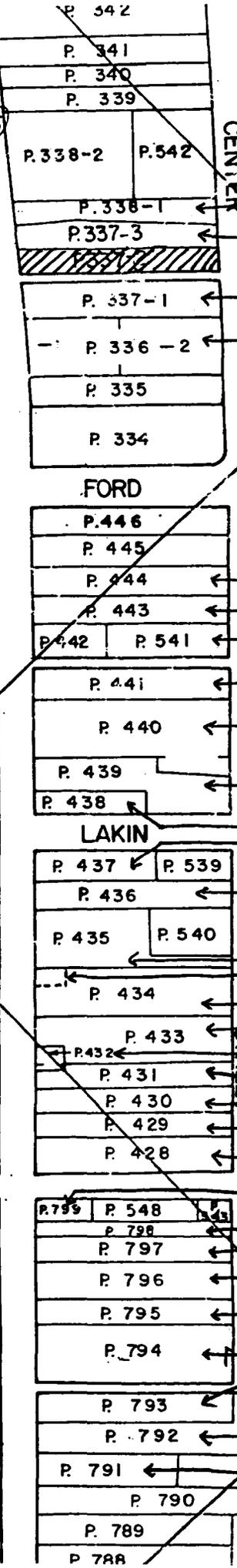
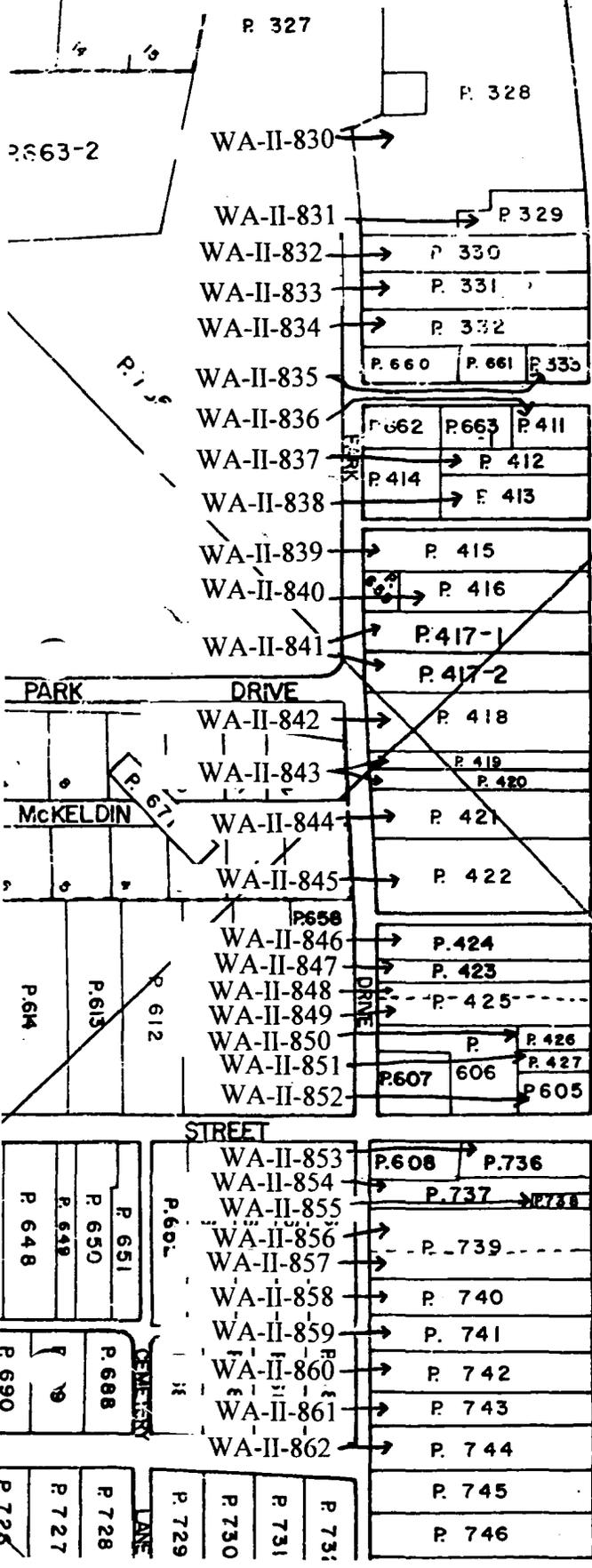
Historic Environment: Village

Historic Function(s) and Use(s): DOMESTIC/single dwelling/hotel; COMMERCE/TRADE/specialty store/department store

Known Design Source: none

STOUFFER AVE.

Portion of Washington Co., MD Tax Map 601 showing the location of WA-II-773 (Parcel 431), 13-15 North Main Street, Boonsboro, MD





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13-15 N. Main St.

Boonsboro, Washington Co., MD

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neg: MD SHPO

west elevation, main house(s)



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13-15 N. Main St

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looking SE, main house (s)



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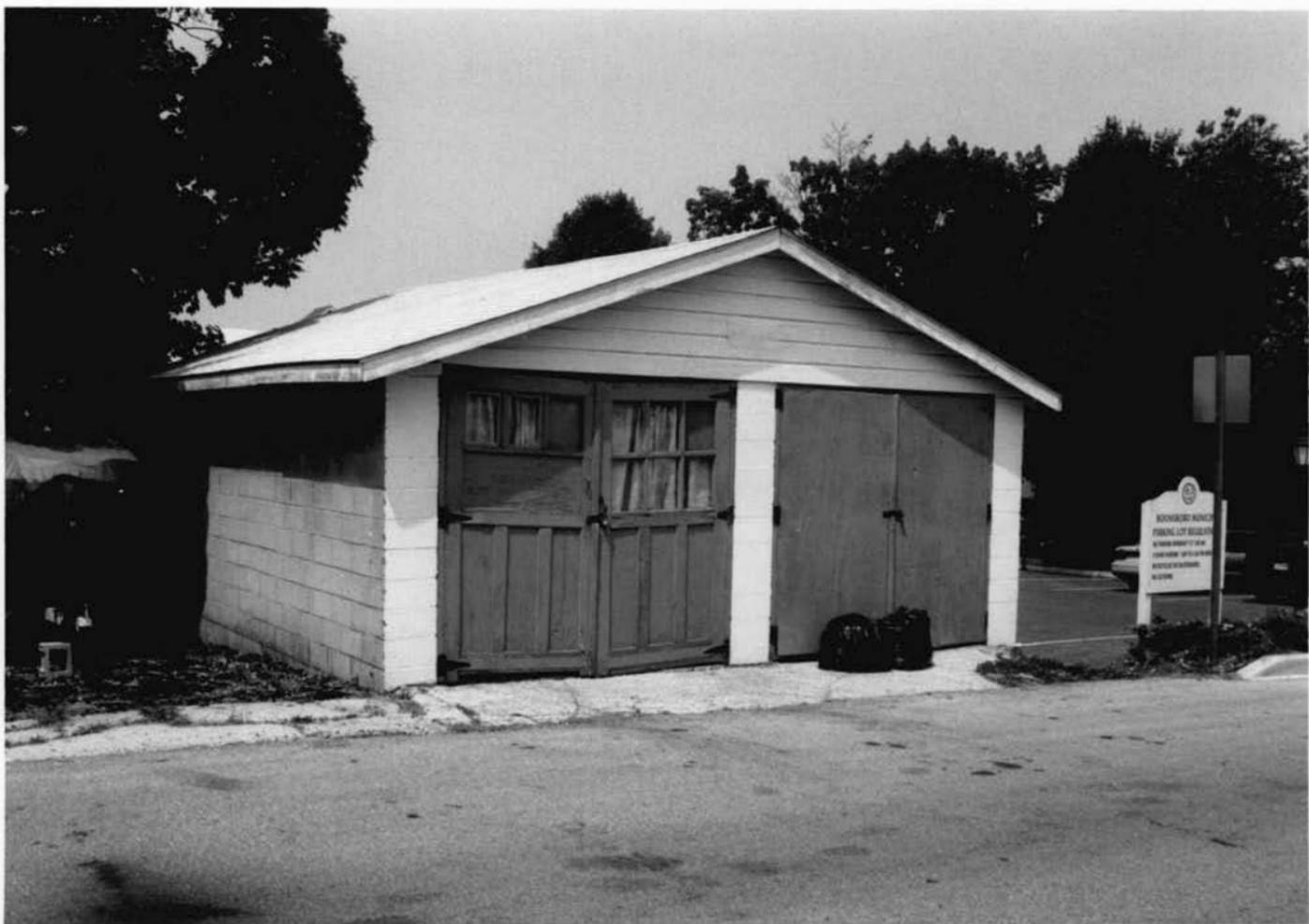
Boonsboro, Washington Co., MD

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neg: MD SHPO

looking sw, main building



MEMORIAL PARK
FURNISHING LOT BUILDING
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13-15 N. Main St.

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neg: MD SHPO

looking NW, garage

SITE NUMBER: WA-II-773
ADDRESS: 13-15 North Main Street, Boonsboro, MD
OWNER/LOT NUMBER/ACCESS: private
BUILDING DATE: 19th century, pre-1877?

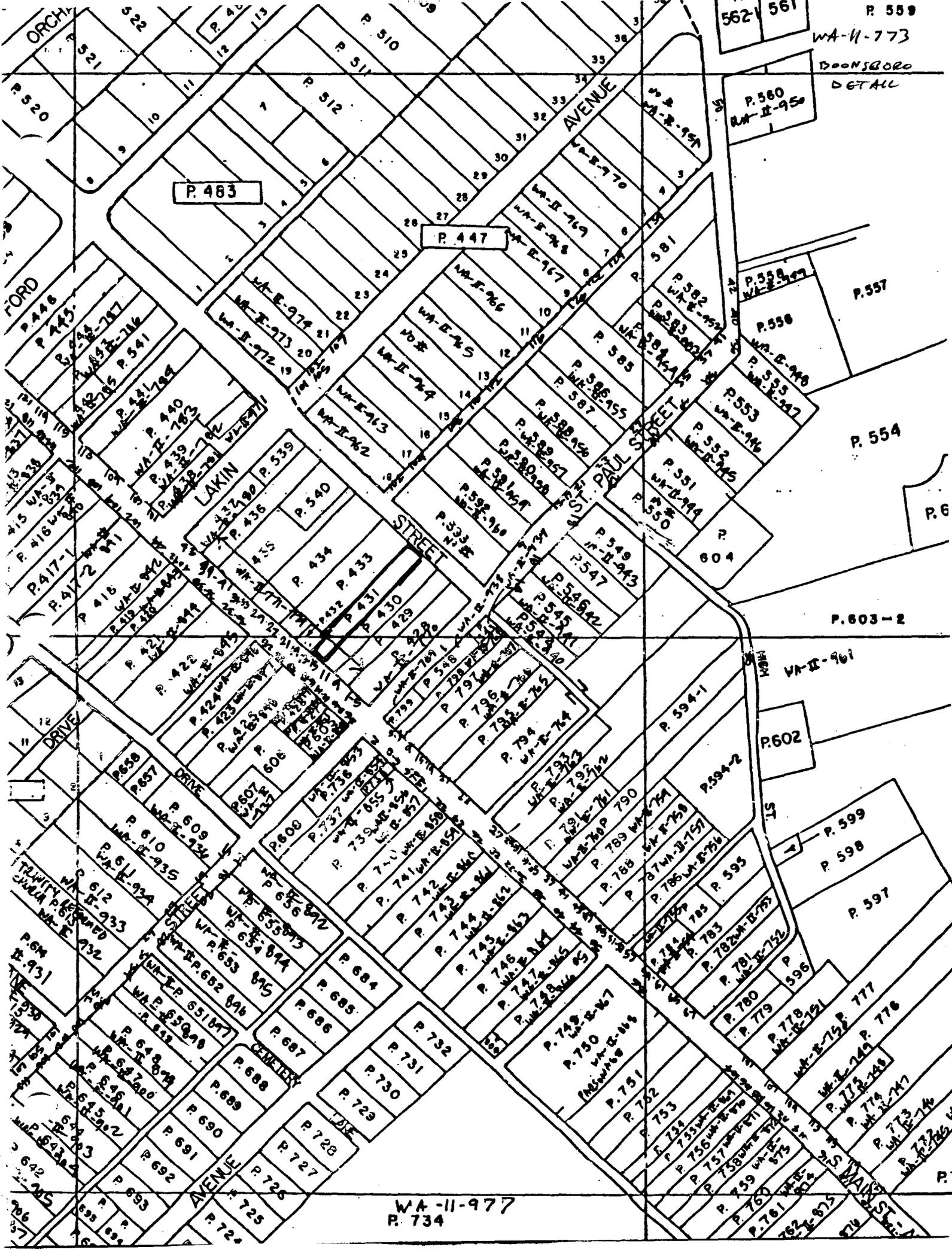
13-15 North Main Street is a raised, west-facing, horizontally massed, two-and-a-half-story, six-bay, brick, attached (on the south), residential structure. The building, which is set directly at the public-right-of-way, has been subdivided into several apartment units. The brick on the front facade is set in flemish bond and is painted red. The side-gable, artificial roll roof has two interior, endwall chimneys and is contiguous with its neighbor to the south. The principal focus of the structure is an elevated, five-bay open porch that extends across the facade. It is accessed by a set of steep stairs at the sixth (south) bay. The entire porch structure has been extensively altered over the years and is supported on slender posts. The hipped roof is held up by columns between which runs a turned balustrade. There are several entrances to the building, including ones in the raised basement. All doors appear to be new. Transoms have been enclosed. There are a variety of double-hung window types: the basement has two-over-two sash, the first floor has one-over-one and six-over-one sash, and the second floor has one-over-one and six-over-six sash.

The 1897 and 1904 Sanborns show two addresses: 339 (now 15 North Main) and 338 (now 13 North Main). While 339 is noted as a dwelling, 338 is shown as the Potomac Hotel with a parlor, dining room, and kitchen on the first floor. A laundry building is shown behind 338. Neither building had a front porch at the time. The Potomac Hotel is shown as having expanded into the neighboring building to the south, where the first floor now served as an

office. A historic photograph from the 1910s show the porch with steps leading to it on each end. A barber pole and a sign "H.C. Dagenhart Confectionery and Groceries" are located on the sidewalk in front of the building. The building then had shutters. The 1910 and 1924 Sanborns note that what was the Potomac Hotel was now a boarding house with a salon where the office had been in 1904. The structure numbered 339 was still noted as a dwelling. The porch which now extends across the facade of both buildings (13 and 15) is not indicated until the 1940 Sanborn, when the two buildings are noted as dwellings. All the Sanborns indicate many outbuildings behind both structures, especially near the alley.

The buildings are within the Western Maryland Geographic Organization, the probable Development Period of Agricultural-Industrial Transition, and fall within the Historic Period Theme of Architecture, Landscape Architecture, and Community Planning.

Prepared by Julianne Mueller, February 1992



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13-15 N. MAIN ST. BOONSBORO, WASH. CO.

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