

SITE NUMBER: WA-II-894
ADDRESS: 20 Potomac Street, Boonsboro, MD
OWNER/LOT NUMBER/ACCESS: private
BUILDING DATE: mid 19th century, pre-1877

20 Potomac Street is a north-facing, horizontally massed, two-and-a-half-story, six-bay, frame, freestanding, residential structure. The building, which is set directly at the public-right-of-way, rests on a stone foundation, has been covered with manufactured siding, and houses two apartments. It has a side-gable, artificial roll roof with two chimneys and two dormers that face the street. A flat-roof porch supported by posts extends across the facade and protects the center-bay entrance and a one-story bay window in the westernmost bay. The porch has a frieze ornamented with swags. The door is a glazed and paneled one with a two-light transom. It is identical to the doors on 14 and 18 Potomac Street. Windows are double-hung, two-over-two sash throughout, except for in the bay where they are one-over-one. There is a new detached garage on the property.

The building is shown on the 1897 Sanborn as 128 West Church Street. An ell is noted along the eastern edge of the property. By 1904, according to the Sanborn map, the single-family house had been subdivided into two units (128 A and B) and another wing had been added to the opposite end of the building, creating a U-shaped structure. The western unit (A) was occupied by a hand-printer, the eastern unit served as a dwelling. The 1910 Sanborn indicates that both units were used as residences and the wing that had been added to Unit A is no longer shown--indicating that it had either been torn down, or that the 1904 Sanborn had been incorrectly drawn. None of the later Sanborns show this addition.

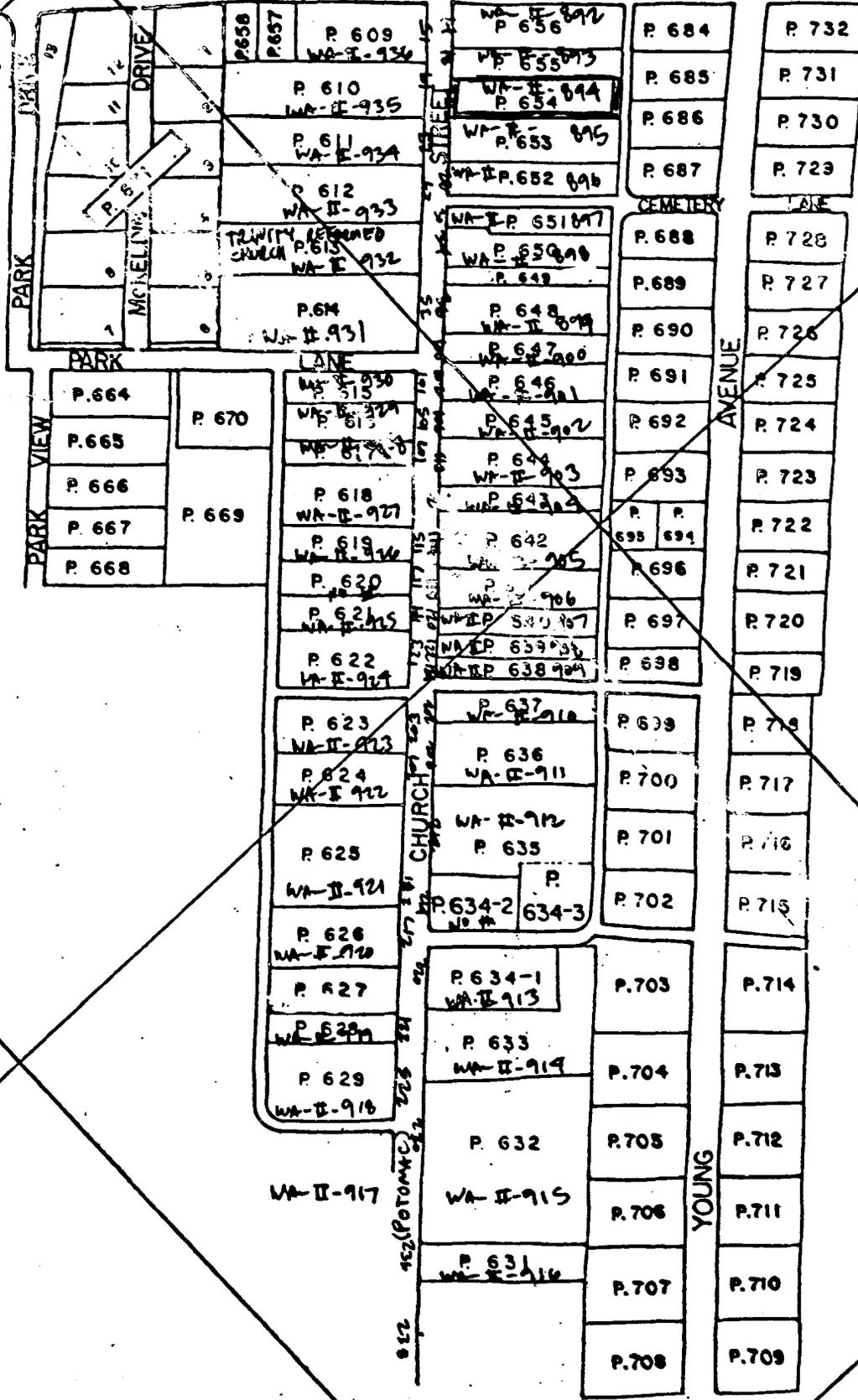
The building is within the Western Maryland Geographic Organization, the probable Development Period of Agricultural-Industrial Transition, and falls within the Historic Period Themes of Economic; and Architecture, Landscape Architecture, and Community Planning.

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