

SITE NUMBER: WA-II-917
ADDRESS: 241 Potomac Street, Boonsboro, MD
OWNER/LOT NUMBER/ACCESS: private
BUILDING DATE: mid 19th century, pre-1877

241 Potomac Street is a south-facing, horizontally massed, two-and-a-half-story, four-bay, brick, freestanding, residential structure. The building is set far back from the public-right-of-way at the junction of Potomac and Monument. It has a side-gable, artificial roll roof with two endwall chimneys. A deep, wrought-iron portico with a bell-cast roof extends from the center bay. It is supported by heavily decorative wrought-iron railings in a grape vine motif. The door consists of eight recessed panels and is topped by a single-light transom. Fenestration is double-hung, one-over-one sash. The structure has a massive two-story rear ell with a one-story frame, side addition; a one-story, frame, shed-roof, rear addition; and a one-story concrete-block addition. The two-story ell also has an open two-story porch facing east. The property is delineated at the front property line by a brick retaining wall that is capped with wrought-iron upon which a wrought-iron fence is located. An elaborate wrought-iron gate provides an entrance to the property. There are several large farm structures in the back.

A building of similar configuration is indicated on the 1877 map of Boonsboro. The map notes that the owner was J. Nicodemus. the town. The 1910-1940 Sanborn maps show the building as 15 Potomac Street and show a one-story brick building directly behind the structure, labeled "locker." On other historic maps of other towns, "locker" was used to indicate a jail. Whether that is how that structure was used was not researched as part of this study.

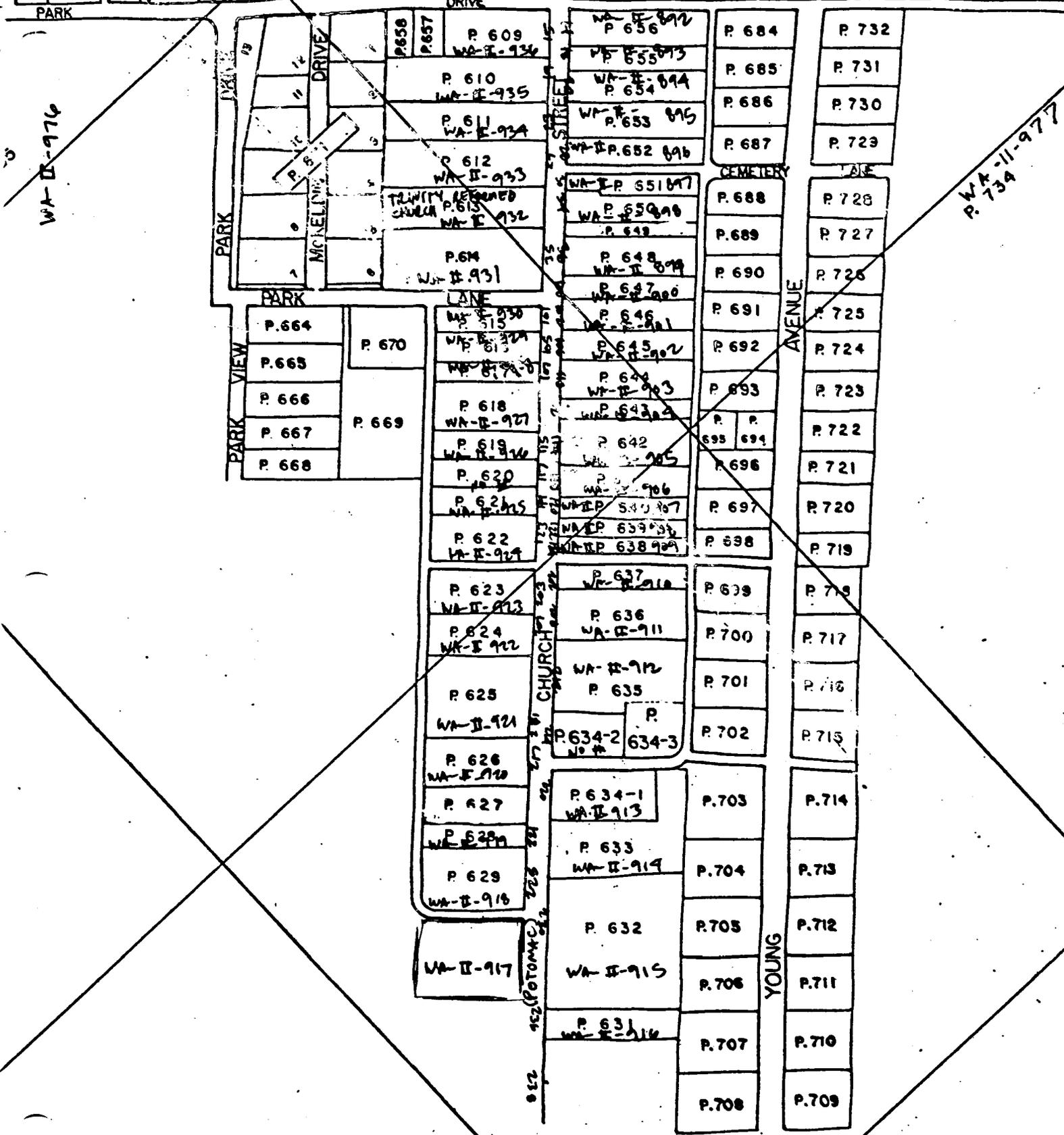
The building is within the Western Maryland Geographic Organization, the probable Development Period of Agricultural-Industrial Transition, and falls within the Historic Period Theme of Architecture, Landscape Architecture, and Community Planning.

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