

SITE NUMBER: WA-II-920  
ADDRESS: 217 Potomac Street, Boonsboro, MD  
OWNER/LOT NUMBER/ACCESS: private  
BUILDING DATE: mid-19th century, pre 1877

217 Potomac Street is a south-facing, two-and-a-half-story, four-bay, brick, freestanding, residential structure. The building, which is set directly at the public-right-of-way at the junction of Potomac and Sinnisen, rests on a stone foundation and has been covered in manufactured siding on the front portion. The ell is brick laid in common bond and painted white. A two-story octagonal bay has been added to the southeast corner of the building. It has a low pyramidal roof that hits the gable end of the building. The side-gable, tin roof has two chimneys in the main body and one in the rear ell. A hipped-roof, wrap-around porch extends across the facade and east elevation of the house and protects the center-bay entrance. The door, which is partially obscured by a storm door, appears to have a glazed upper portion and is topped by a two-light transom. All windows are rectangular, double-hung, two-over-two sash with shutters. The rear, two-story brick ell rests on a raised stone foundation and has a two-story open porch. The property has a large side yard and a relatively new barn in the rear.

According to the 1877 map of Boonsboro, a building of a similar configuration stood at this location. In all likelihood, it is the extant building before a number of alterations, such as the addition of the two-story bay and the wrap-around porch, took place. The building in its present configuration is indicated on the 1910 Sanborn map, which numbers it 28 Potomac Street. According to the owner, the structure is about 130 years old.

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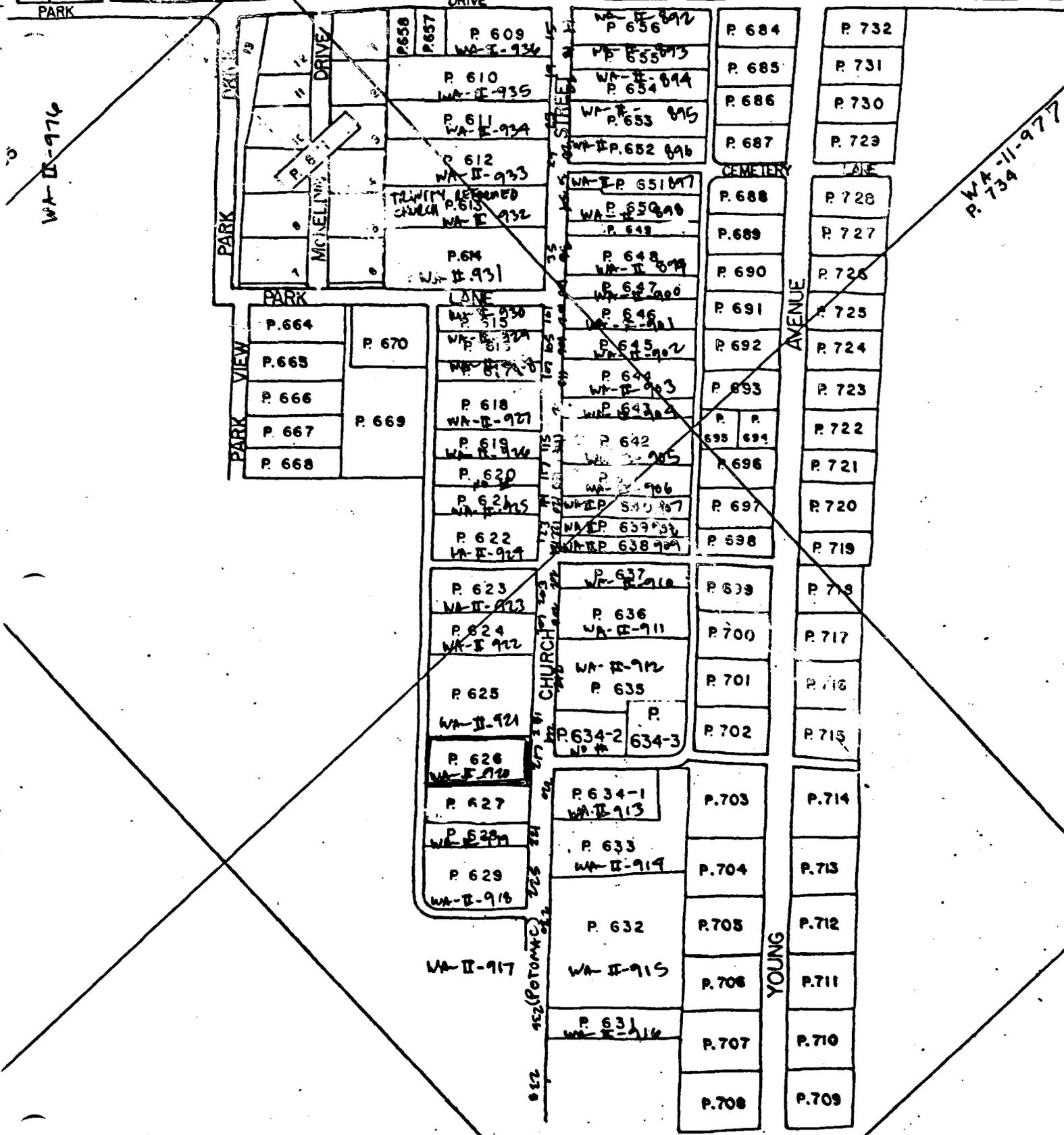
The building is within the Western Maryland Geographic Organization, the probable Development Period of Agricultural-Industrial Transition, and falls within the Historic Period Theme of Architecture, Landscape Architecture, and Community Planning.

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