

SITE NUMBER: WA-II-937

ADDRESS: 7 Potomac Street, Boonsboro, MD

OWNER/LOT NUMBER/ACCESS: Boonsboro Video and Potomac Street Creamery

BUILDING DATE: mid 19th century, pre-1877

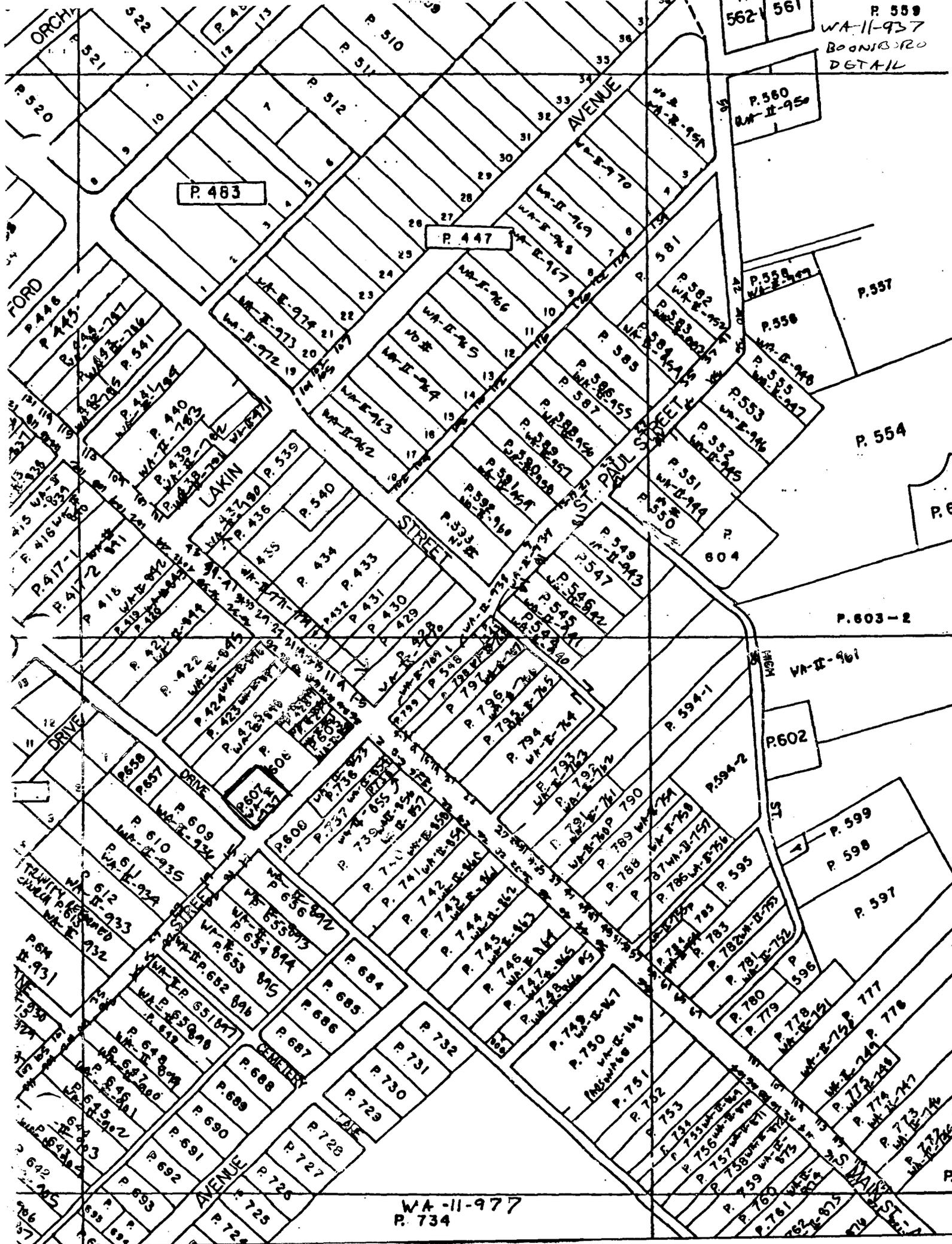
7 Potomac Street is a south-facing, horizontally massed, two-and-a-half-story, seven-bay, frame, freestanding, commercial/residential structure. The building is set directly at the public-right-of-way and is covered with manufactured siding. It has a side-gable tin roof. A flat-roof permanent awning extends across the facade of the building and out over the sidewalk. The building is divided into two stores, both of which have new aluminum frame shopfronts. Windows on the second floor are double-hung, two-over-two sash. The property includes a parking lot to the west of the building and a outside deck used by the restaurant as additional seating space.

The 1877 map of Boonsboro shows a building of similar configuration. The extant structure is shown on the 1897 Sanborn as a single building divided into three units numbered 109-111 West Church Street. 109 served as a dwelling, 110 was a confectionery, and 111 is labeled "sal." The property also included an ice house and coal house where the parking lot is today and another ice house directly behind the building. In 1904, according to the Sanborn map, only the dwelling unit remained occupied, the other two units were vacant. In 1910, the dwelling continued to be occupied as such, 110 served as a grocery and hardware store, and 111 is labeled "B&S". The icehouse and coal house to the west of the building had been replaced by a buggy shed and the icehouse to the rear of the house had been replaced by a larger, unlabeled, one-

story frame structure. In 1924, according to the Sanborn map, 109 and 111 served as dwellings and 110 was a store. The buggy shed had been converted for automobile use. The 1940 Sanborn indicates that the property continued to be used in an identical fashion through that date. Today, the building houses Boonsboro Video and the Potomac Street Creamery, an ice cream shop.

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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