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4873 Piney Church Road

Architectural Survey File

This is the architectural survey file for this MIHP record. The survey file is organized reverse-chronological (that is, with the latest material on top). It contains all MIHP inventory forms, National Register nomination forms, determinations of eligibility (DOE) forms, and accompanying documentation such as photographs and maps.

Users should be aware that additional undigitized material about this property may be found in on-site architectural reports, copies of HABS/HAER or other documentation, drawings, and the "vertical files" at the MHT Library in Crownsville. The vertical files may include newspaper clippings, field notes, draft versions of forms and architectural reports, photographs, maps, and drawings. Researchers who need a thorough understanding of this property should plan to visit the MHT Library as part of their research project; look at the MHT web site (mht.maryland.gov) for details about how to make an appointment.

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NR-ELIGIBILITY REVIEW FORM

Property Name: _____ Inventory Number ~~CH-841~~ CH-883

Address: 4873 Piney Church Road, Charles County - in the vicinity of Waldorf

Owner: Gough, James E.

Tax Parcel Number: 110 Tax Map Number: 24

Project MD 301 Agency State Highway Administration (SHA)

Site visit by SHA Staff: X no __ yes Name: _____ Date: _____

Eligibility recommended __ Eligibility **not** recommended X

Criteria __ A __ B __ C __ D Considerations: __ A __ B __ C __ D __ E __ F __ G X None

Is property located within a historic district? X no __ yes Name of District: _____

Is district listed?: X no __ yes

Documentation on the property/district is presented in: Project Review and Compliance Files

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

The two-story, four-bays wide house is designed in the Folk Victorian style. The house has a side-gabled roof with a center gable and a half-hipped roof projecting from the main elevation to create an open porch. The five turned porch supports have delicate spindlework and the porch's roof is constructed with composition shingles. An half-gabled addition has been constructed at the rear of the house.

Charles County's late 19th- and early 20th-century history is dominated by industrial and urban development. The greatest impact upon community growth came from the railroad. The completion of the Baltimore and Potomac Railroad's (B&P) mainline from Bowie in Prince George's County to Pope's Creek in Charles County in 1872 prompted local entrepreneurs to establish stores and other commercial facilities near the railroad stations. The B&P Railroad also made inland farms accessible, thus, increasing their value and revitalizing the practice of agriculture in Southern Maryland. The B&P Railroad's La Plata station still stands at the intersection of the rail line with Charles Street.

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Eligibility recommended __ **Eligibility not recommended** X

Criteria: _ A _ B X C _ D **Consideration** _ A _ B _ C _ D _ E _ F _ G _ **None**

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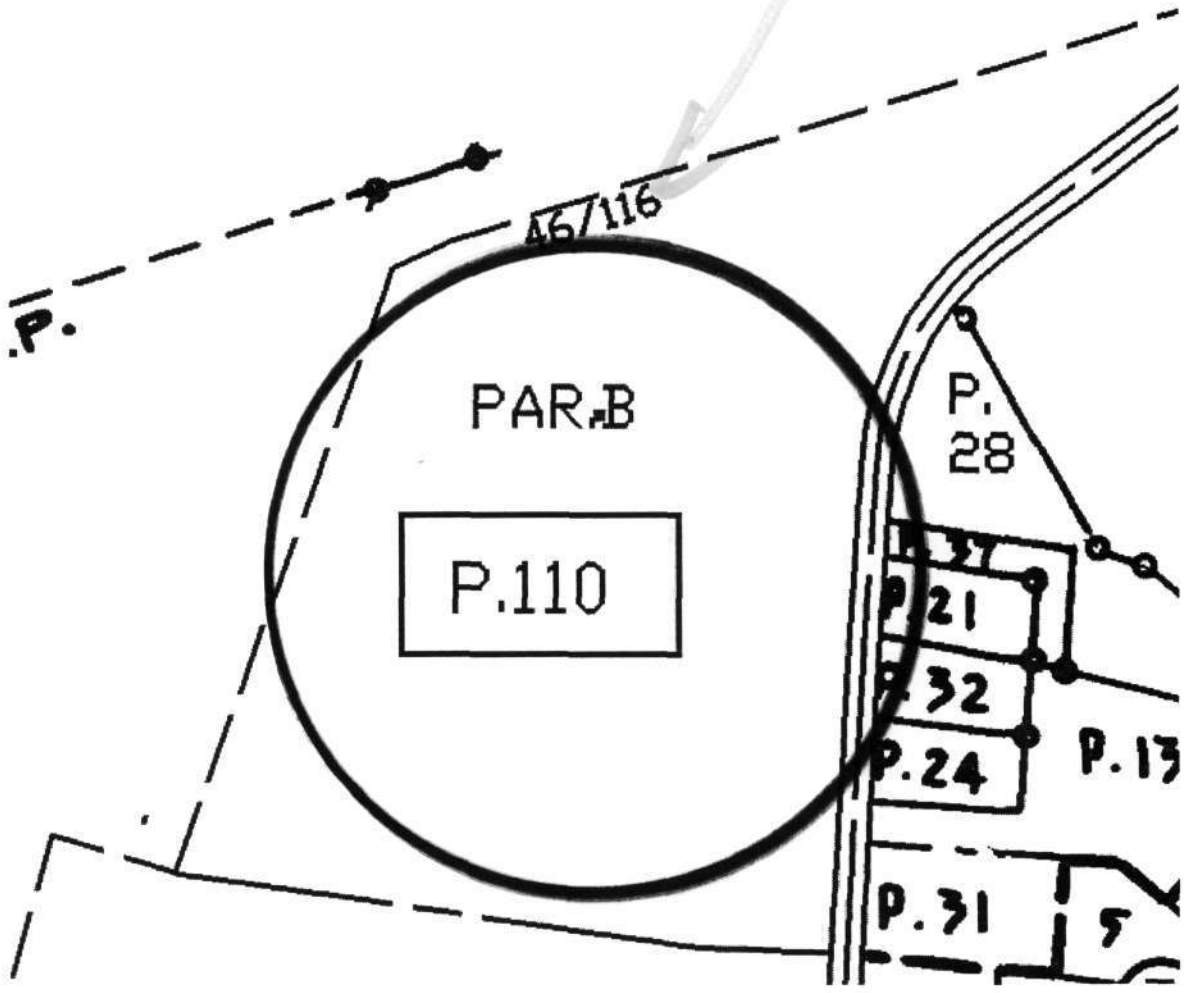
Reviewer, Office of Preservation Services **Date** 10/28/99

Reviewer, NR Program **Date**

Towards the end of the first quarter of the 20th century, road improvements and developments also contributed to Charles County's community evolution. In particular, the Robert Crain Highway, later expanded as part of U.S. 301, attracted new development to older communities along its corridor. Crain Highway brought commercial development on La Plata's west side and contributed to the Charles County seat's overall growth in the 1920s and 1930s.

Built circa 1880-1890, this house is not eligible for the National Register. While it is an earlier example of the residential development surrounding U.S. 301, this resource lacks significance related to events, persons, or architecture. Criterion D, information potential, was not assessed for this study.

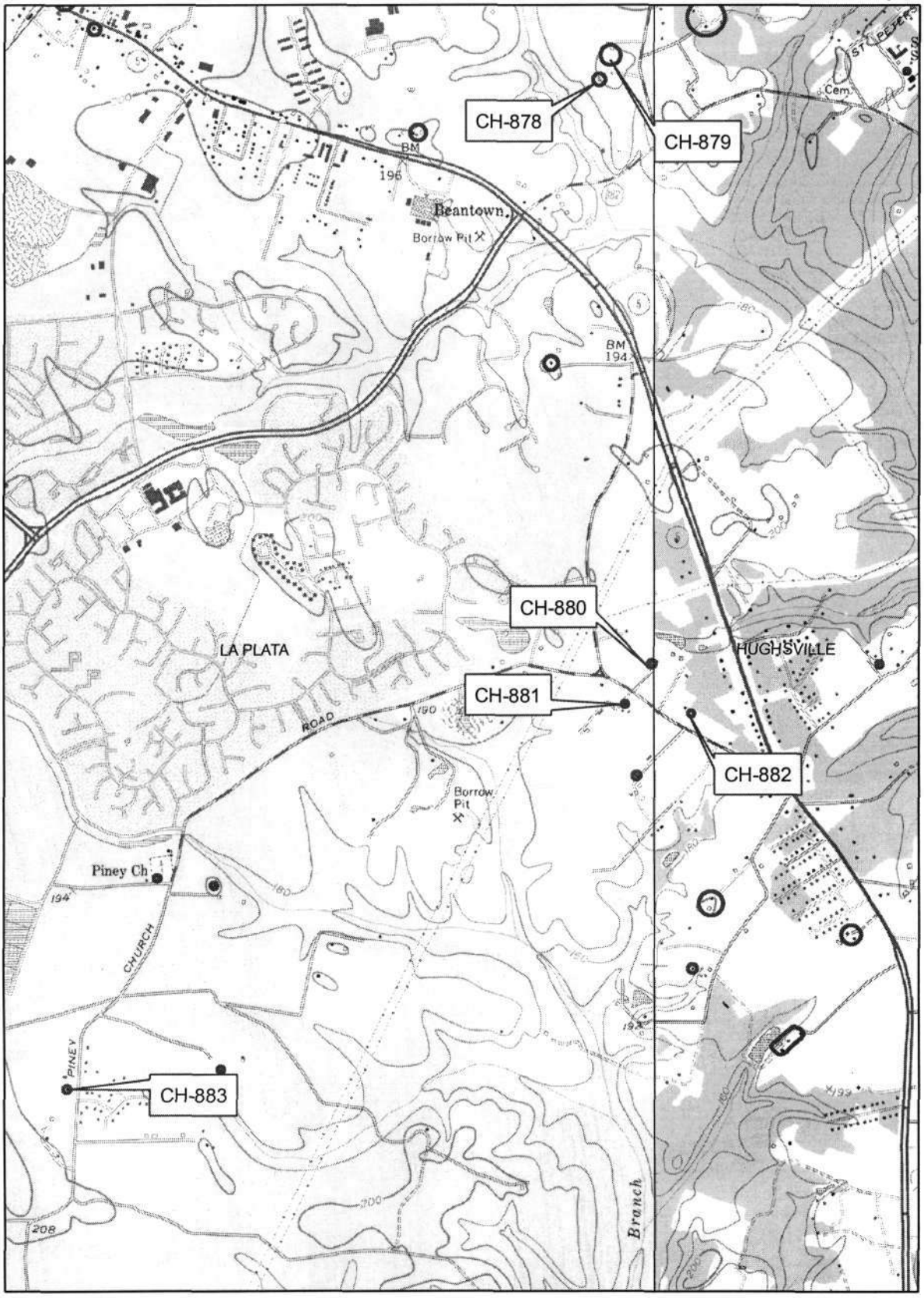
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View of southeast elevation

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