# CH-927

# 2290 Mattawoman Beantown 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.

All material is property of the Maryland Historical Trust.

***Last Updated: 10-11-2011***

**MARYLAND HISTORICAL TRUST**
**NR-ELIGIBILITY REVIEW FORM**

Property Name: _____ Inventory Number: ~~[illegible]~~ CH-927

Address: 2290 Mattawoman Beantown Road, Charles County - in the vicinity of Waldorf

Owner: Greenwell, Joseph K et al

Tax Parcel Number: 3 Tax Map Number: 9

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 single family dwelling located on the east side of Mattawoman Beantown Road, near Pinefield Road, is one-and-one-half stories in height and has a front gable roof. The wood frame house has a one-story, full-width porch that has been enclosed with glass. The original half-hipped, standing seam metal roof of the porch is still extant above the half-hipped metal awning that presently serves the porch. An interior, brick chimney with a corbeled cap rises above the center of the roof. The house is clad in horizontal siding.

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.

Prepared by EHT Traceries, Inc.

**MARYLAND HISTORICAL TRUST REVIEW**

**Eligibility recommended** __ **Eligibility not recommended** X

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

_____

_____

_____ 10/20/99

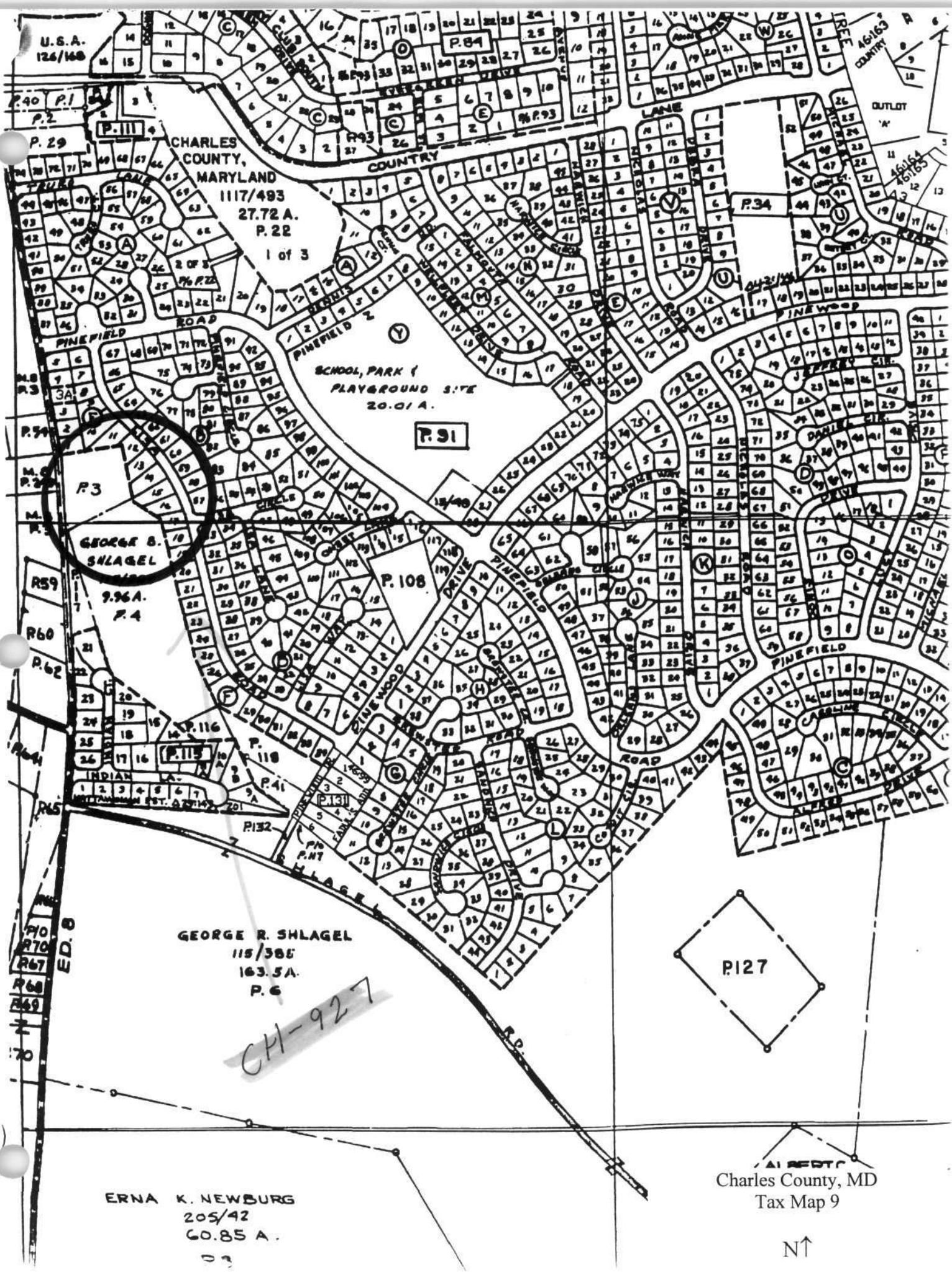
**Reviewer, Office of Preservation Services** **Date**

_____ _____

**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. Waldorf became an important interchange on the Crain Highway between the rest of Southern Maryland and Washington, D.C. and expanded in the 1920s both commercially and residentially. In 1922 in anticipation of the Crain Highway, J. Spence Howard surveyed and subdivided the village of Waldorf, which came to include such amenities as a hotel, a general store, several small shops, a two-room school, restaurants and entertainment establishments equipped with slot machines.

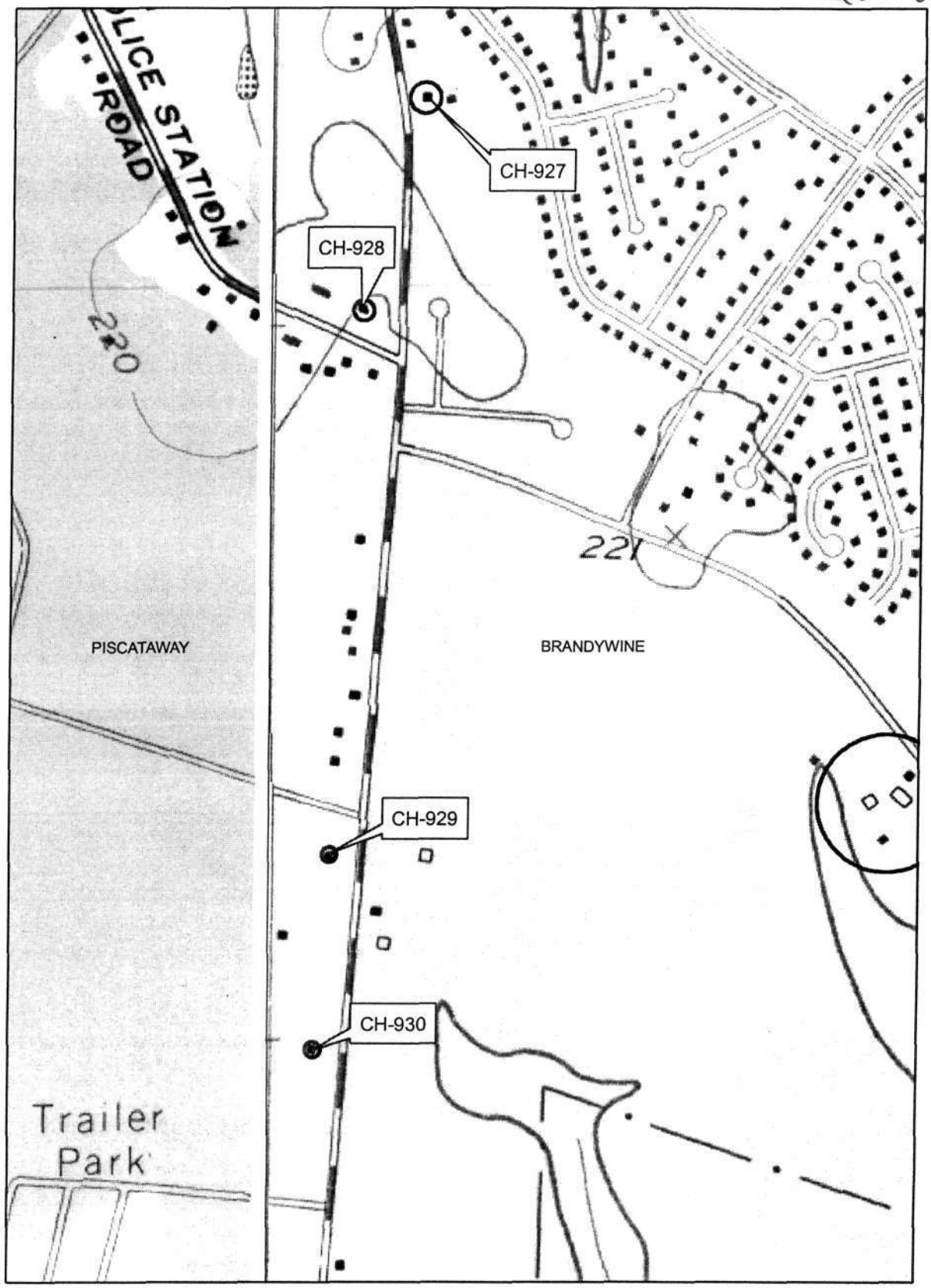
Built circa 1920, this vernacular dwelling is not eligible for the National Register. While it is typical of the residential development surrounding Waldorf, this resource lacks significance related to events, persons, or architecture. Criterion D, information potential, was not assessed for this study.




Charles County, MD
Tax Map 9

N↑

CH-927
Brandywine
Quad





~~E-0008~~ CH-927
Mattawoman Beantown Road near Pinefield Road
Charles County, MD
Tracerles
June 1999
MD SHPO
View looking east
1 of 1