

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

Property Name: _____ Inventory Number: ~~CH-903~~ CH-903

Address: 8840 Billingsley Road, Charles County - in the vicinity of white Plains

Owner: Mistr, William H and Virginia R

Tax Parcel Number: 175 Tax Map Number: 13

Project MD 301 Agency State Highway Administration (SHA)

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

Eligibility recommended Eligibility **not** recommended

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

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

Is district listed?: 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)*

8840 Billingsley Road is a circa 1890 farm complex composed of a single family dwelling and a barn. The I-house is two stories in height and three bays wide. The wood frame house is covered by a side gable roof. A two-story, front gable roof projecting bay is located on the center of the façade (south). The house has been renovated using 20th-century cladding materials. The first-story, clad with a brick facing, is pierced by a central entrance flanked by single, 6/6 double-hung, sash windows. The full-width, one-story, half-hipped roof porch is three bays wide and supported by square, wood columns. The second-story, clad with horizontal siding, is pierced by three, 6/6 double-hung, sash windows. The windows on the façade have all been replaced. An exterior, brick gable wall chimney rises along the west elevation. A one-story side porch, which connects to a rear addition, has been constructed on the east elevation. The porch is enclosed with screening and is covered by a shed roof. The one-and-one-half-story barn, constructed in the first quarter of the 20th century, is a wood frame building with a side gable roof. The barn is clad with vertical wood siding and has a corrugated metal roof. A double-leaf entry is located on the primary elevation (west) and a single-leaf door is located in the center of the south elevation.

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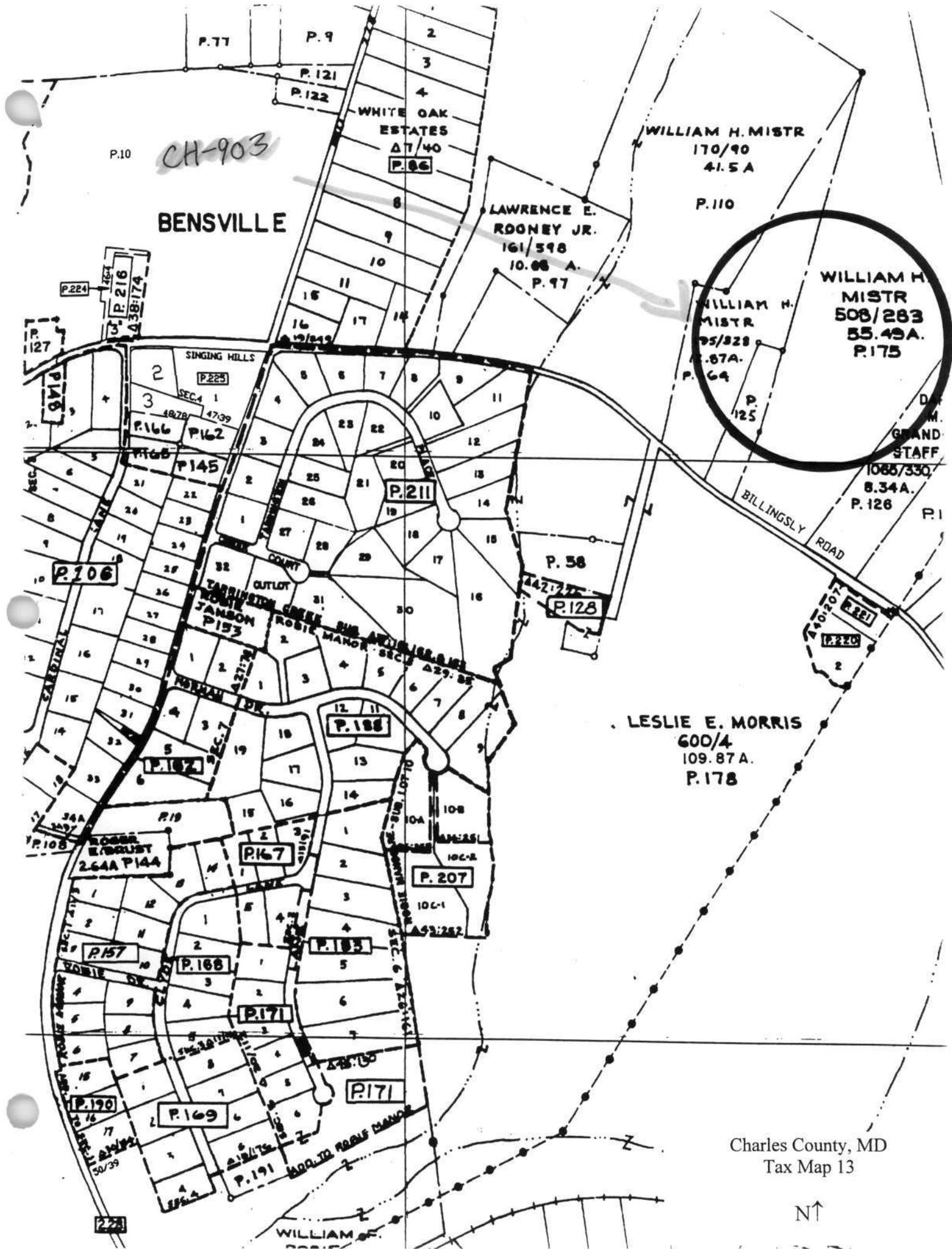
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Most inhabitants of Charles County were engaged in farming at the time of the first settlement. The barn was the principle building erected on a farm which provided space for cows, horses, equipment, and hay, straw or tobacco storage. Throughout the 19th century, barns increased in size or were newly built to include space for smaller animals, such as poultry and pigs, and as a place for the threshing and storage of grain. Their size also increased during the 19th century as the introduction of improved equipment led to more efficient and profitable operations, and, consequently, to increased need for storage facilities. Typically, livestock was housed on the lower level, while the upper level was reserved for the storage of hay and straw, and the threshing and storage of feed grains.

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.

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.

This circa 1890 farm complex is not eligible for the National Register. While this farm complex is an earlier example of the residential and agricultural development surrounding U.S. 301, these resources lack significance related to events, persons, or architecture. Criterion D, information potential, was not assessed for this study.



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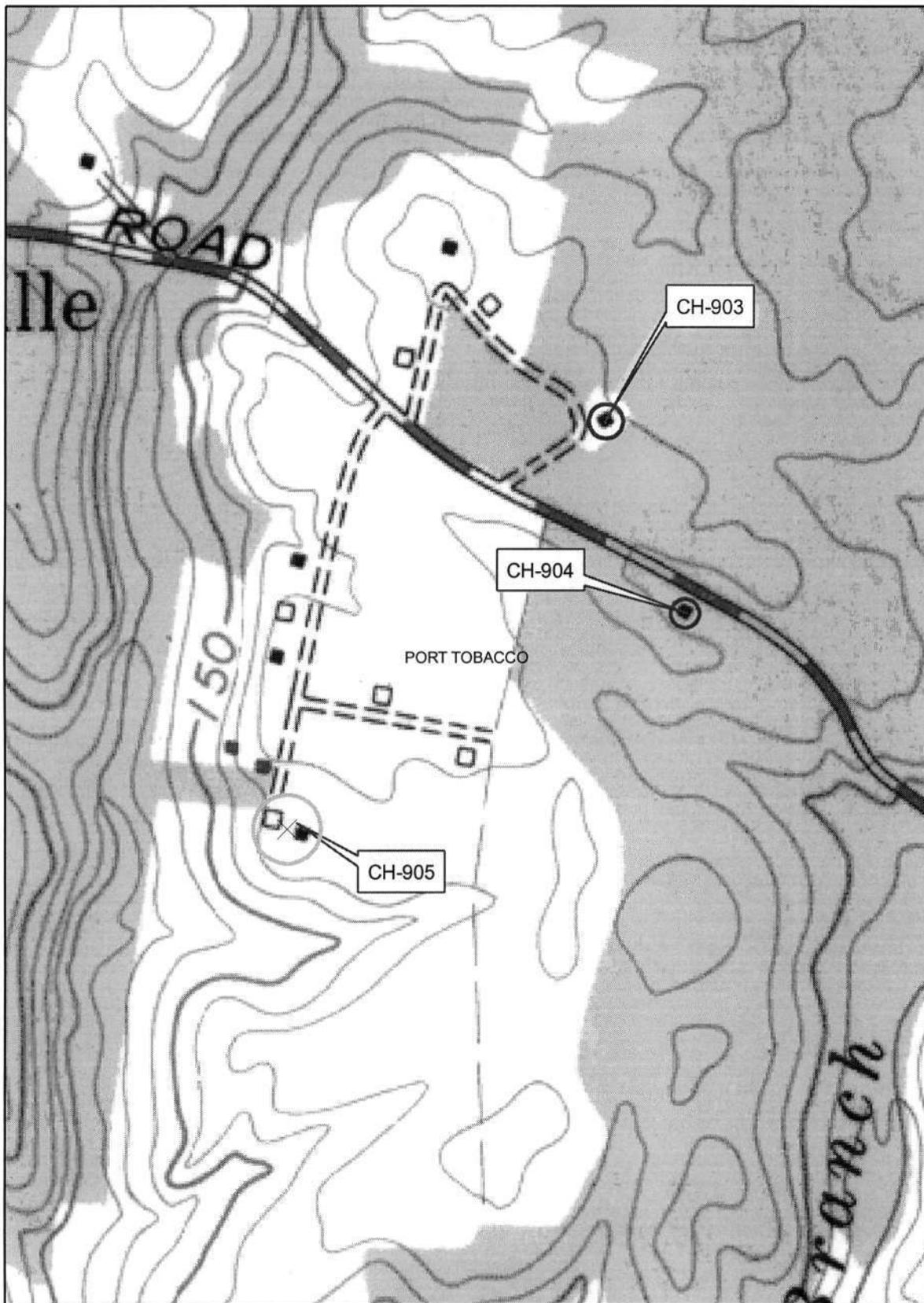
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