

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

Property Name: _____ Inventory Number: ~~NR0042~~ CH-979

Address: Twinberry Road, Charles County - in the vicinity of Bel Alton

Owner: Chapel Point Farms Inc

Tax Parcel Number: 242 Tax Map Number: 55

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)*

These two barns are located on the east side of Twinberry Road. One barn is two stories in height and has a salt-box, side gable roof. The barn is clad with vertical wood siding and covered by a standing seam metal roof. The other barn has collapsed. The wood frame remains with some vertical wood siding still extant. The side gable, standing seam metal roof has fallen from the framing. Both barns are surrounded by overgrown vegetation.

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.

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_____ Reviewer, Office of Preservation Services	_____ Date
_____ Reviewer, NR Program	_____ Date

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. La Plata station still stands at the intersection of the rail line with Charles Street.

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 1900, these barns are not eligible for the National Register. While this farm complex is an earlier example of the 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.

POPE'S CREEK QUAD

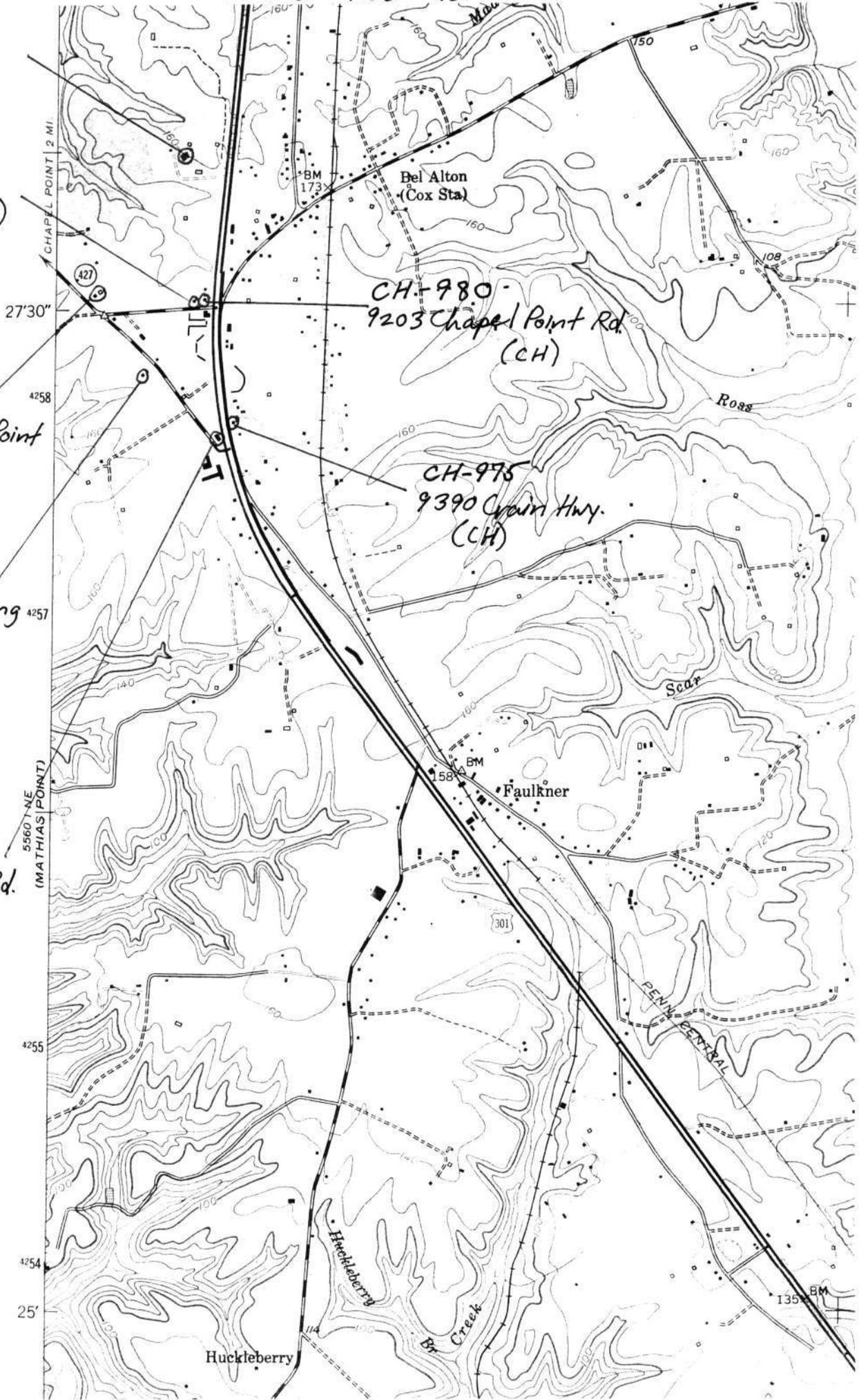
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Twinberry Rd.
(Charles County)

CH-981
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Point Rd. (CH)

CH-978
9230 chapel Point
Rd. (CH)

CH-960
9345 Irving
Rd. (CH)

CH-961
9410 Irving Rd.
(CH)



CH-980
9203 Chapel Point Rd.
(CH)

CH-975
9390 Chapel Hwy.
(CH)

Faulkner

Huckleberry

Huckleberry
Br. Creek

PENNSYLVANIA
CENTRAL

Roan

Scot

301

135 BM

BM 173

BM 158

427

27'30"

4258

4257

4255

4254

25'



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View looking northeast
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