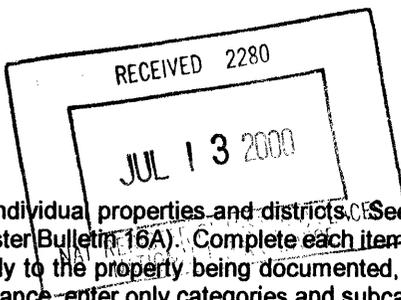


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historic name Chambers, C. Scott, House and Funeral Parlor

other names/site number BE-861

2. Location

street & number 111 North Main Street not for publication N/A

city or town Walton vicinity N/A

state Kentucky code KY county Boone code 015 zip code 41094

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Continuation Sheet

Chambers, C. Scott House and Funeral Home
(Historic Resources of Boone County, Kentucky)

Section Number 7 Page 1

Description

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Chambers, C. Scott House and Funeral Home
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Section Number 8 Page 1

Significance

The c. 1920 C. Scott Chambers House and Funeral Parlor (BE-861) meets National Register Criterion C and is significant for its architectural design, as a locally-distinctive, well-preserved example of the Bungalow style which was popular in America during the second three decades of the twentieth century. With reference to the Boone County MPDF, the property is significant within historic contexts I and V, "Settlement, Growth, and Maturity of Boone County, 1789-1950," and "Domestic Architecture in Boone County, 1789-1950," respectively. The nominated property retains integrity and meets fully the Registration Requirements for Property Type I resources as set forth in Section F of the MPDF.

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The nominated property was built for C. Scott Chambers, a leading Walton businessman and proprietor of his own undertaking establishment. Chambers (1871-1943) was born in Petersburg, Boone County, and moved to Walton in 1900 to establish his highly successful business. Describing Scott Chambers, the 1930 "Historical Edition" of the *Boone County Recorder* wrote, "by industry, courtesy, and kind consideration of his fellow men, he has built up a large patronage not only in his own community but in the adjoining counties as well." Chambers' daughter, Mary Scott Chambers, followed in her father's footsteps. She conducted her first graveside service at the age of thirteen and following her graduation from high school three years later, she entered the Cincinnati College of Embalming, traveling daily from Walton to Cincinnati by train. Following her graduation, she had to wait until she became twenty-one before she could receive her license. When she did become licensed, Mary Scott Chambers became the first woman to be licensed in that profession in the state. The business continued under the management of Mary and her husband, Wallace K. Grubbs, trading as the Chambers-Grubbs Funeral Home. Mary Chambers Grubbs became a respected community leader, reflected in the fact that the highway connecting Interstate 75 with U. S. 25 in Walton is named in her honor.

The house served as Chambers' residence as well as his funeral home. He lived here until his death in 1943. The property ceased to serve as a funeral home in 1936 and was sold out of the family. In 1996, Chambers' grandson acquired the property and it remains in his ownership at the time of writing.

The Chambers House is significant under Criterion C, as an example of the Bungalow style of architectural design. The Bungalow became a leading American house type in American during the years between the World Wars and was the predominant Boone County house type of its era; more than one hundred of the houses were surveyed during the 1993 and 1996 county-wide surveys. Seen in town and country alike, they were constructed in large numbers during the 1920s and 1930s, with a few built as late as the mid-1940s. Boone County's richest and most varied collection of Bungalows is in Walton and includes many distinctive

²Reprinted in **150th Anniversary City of Walton 1840-1990** (Walton, 1990), p. 30.

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Significance, continued

examples, including the Chambers House. Boone County Bungalows are somewhat less avant-garde than those in the immediate Cincinnati suburbs of Covington and Newport. The vast majority of Boone County Bungalows are comparatively modestly-scaled and were built for the middle class. In general, they are simple and straightforward in design and boxlike in form, utilizing readily available building materials. Some Bungalows include subdued stylistic references to the Arts and Crafts movement, such as exposed rafter tails, vertical window muntins, and battered porch support posts.

Three major bungalow subtypes have been identified in Boone County. The predominant bungalow subtype is the semi-bungalow, as described by Clay Lancaster in his study of the house type. The Chambers House is an example of this type. As noted in the MPDF, these buildings are one and one half stories in height and have gently-pitched, lateral-gabled roofs. The facades usually are of three bays, arranged more or less symmetrically, with centered doorways. The Chambers House completely meets this description.

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VERBAL BOUNDARY DESCRIPTION

Being that property described in Boone County, Kentucky Deed Book 610, Page 274 and Property Pax Parcel Map No. W1-9-10, more particularly shown on the attached map prepared by the Boone County Planning Commission.

JUSTIFICATION

The boundaries for this nomination consist only of the building lot occupied by the Chambers House, which has historically been a part of this property and retains its architectural integrity and significance.

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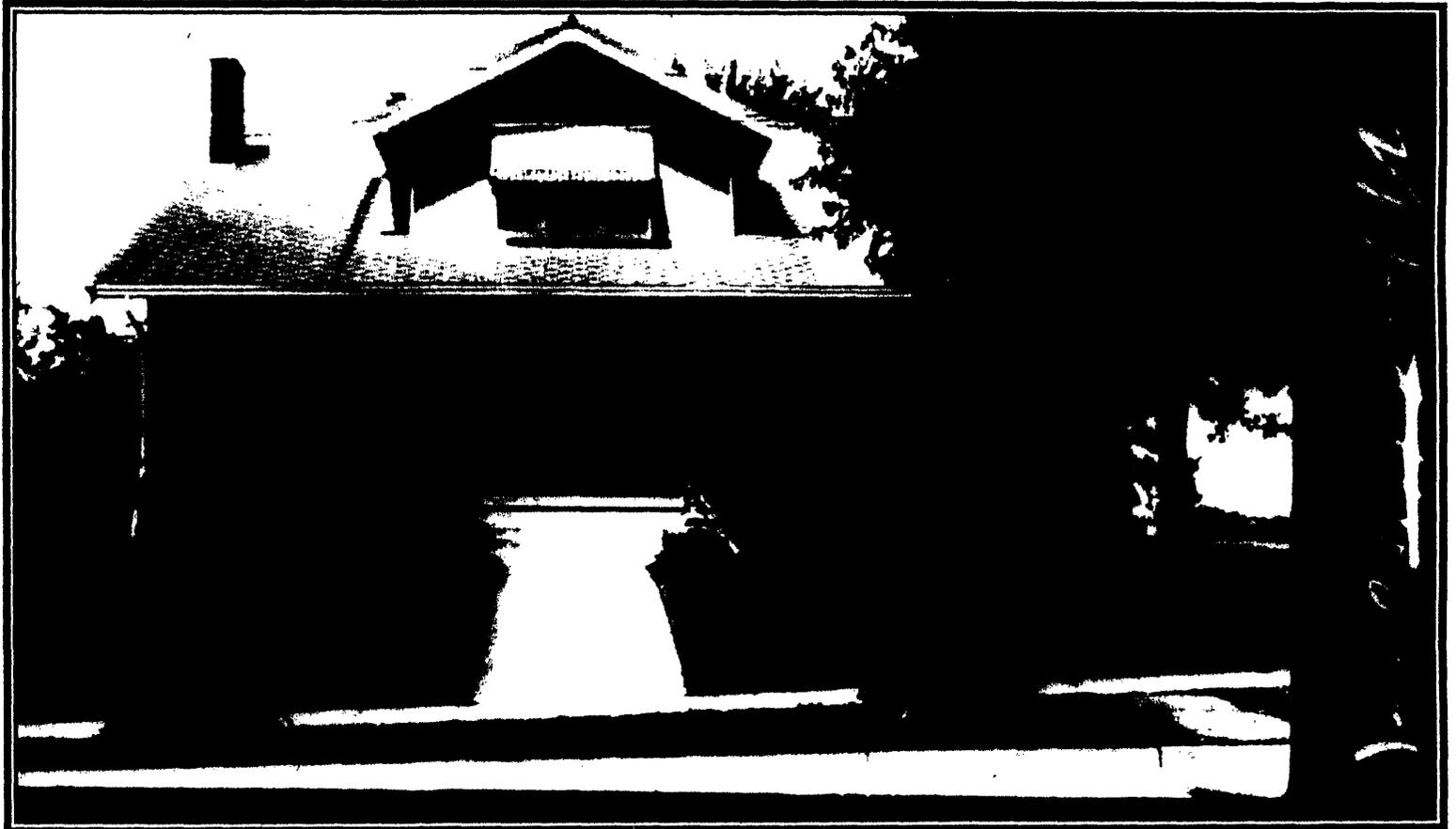
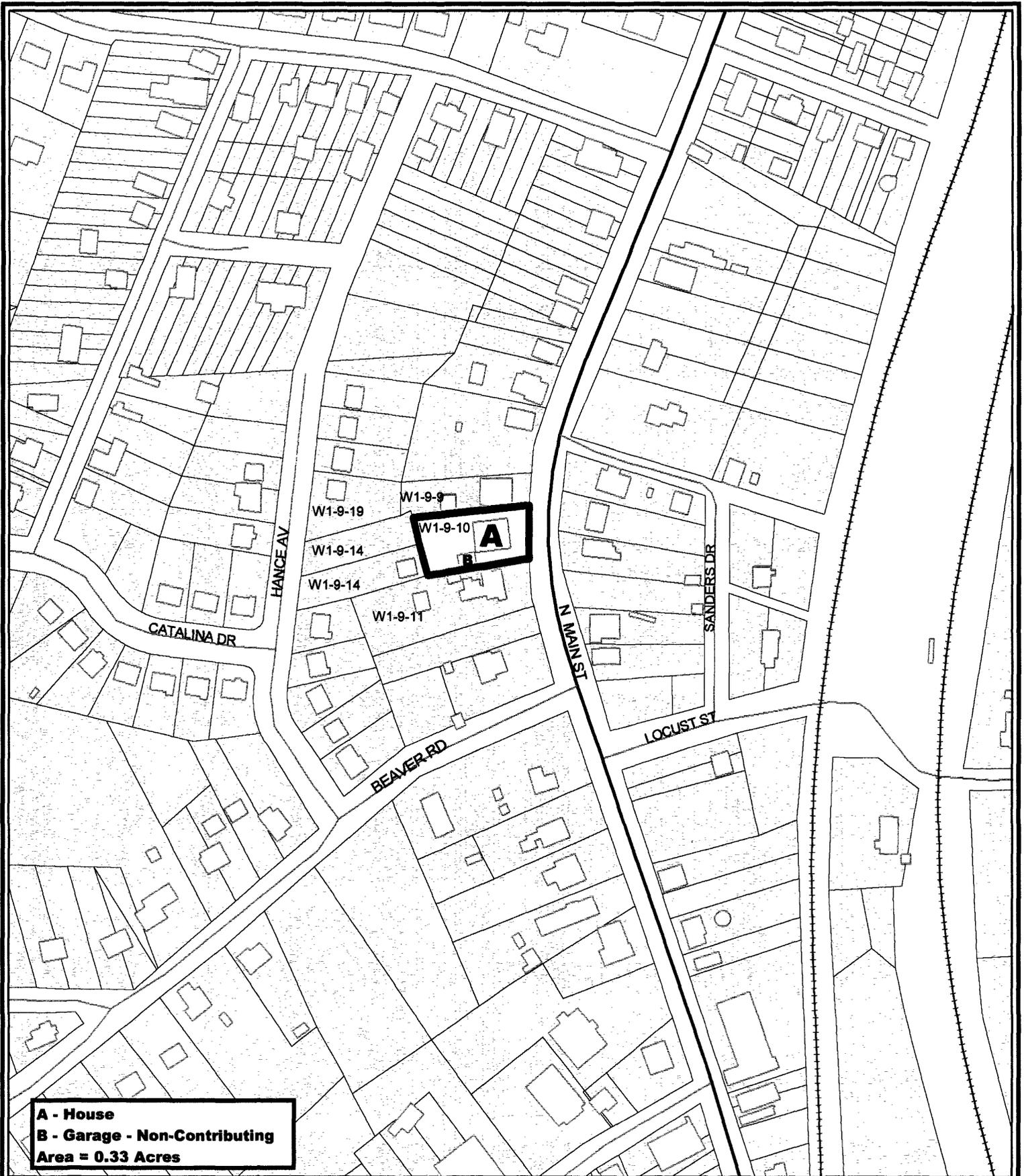


Fig. 1 This c. 1930 view shows the Chambers House and Funeral Home as it existed at that time, and demonstrates the lack of change to the property since its original construction.



A - House
B - Garage - Non-Contributing
Area = 0.33 Acres

Historic Resources of Boone County, KY

C. Scott Chambers

BE - 861

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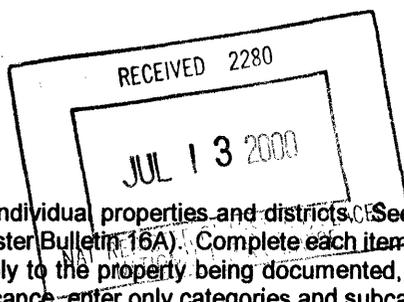


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Historic Resources of Boone County, Kentucky

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Chambers, C. Scott House and Funeral Home
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Section Number 8 Page 1

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The c. 1920 C. Scott Chambers House and Funeral Parlor (BE-861) meets National Register Criterion C and is significant for its architectural design, as a locally-distinctive, well-preserved example of the Bungalow style which was popular in America during the second three decades of the twentieth century. With reference to the Boone County MPDF, the property is significant within historic contexts I and V, "Settlement, Growth, and Maturity of Boone County, 1789-1950," and "Domestic Architecture in Boone County, 1789-1950," respectively. The nominated property retains integrity and meets fully the Registration Requirements for Property Type I resources as set forth in Section F of the MPDF.

Walton was the largest community in Boone County at the time of construction of the Chambers house. Described in a 1914 edition of the *Walton Advertiser* as, "the metropolis of Boone County,"² the settlement initially grew along the Covington-Lexington Turnpike (later U. S. Route 25). The location of the village, along both the Louisville & Nashville and the Cincinnati and Southern Railroads, became a major factor in the early twentieth-century growth of the settlement.

The nominated property was built for C. Scott Chambers, a leading Walton businessman and proprietor of his own undertaking establishment. Chambers (1871-1943) was born in Petersburg, Boone County, and moved to Walton in 1900 to establish his highly successful business. Describing Scott Chambers, the 1930 "Historical Edition" of the *Boone County Recorder* wrote, "by industry, courtesy, and kind consideration of his fellow men, he has built up a large patronage not only in his own community but in the adjoining counties as well." Chambers' daughter, Mary Scott Chambers, followed in her father's footsteps. She conducted her first graveside service at the age of thirteen and following her graduation from high school three years later, she entered the Cincinnati College of Embalming, traveling daily from Walton to Cincinnati by train. Following her graduation, she had to wait until she became twenty-one before she could receive her license. When she did become licensed, Mary Scott Chambers became the first woman to be licensed in that profession in the state. The business continued under the management of Mary and her husband, Wallace K. Grubbs, trading as the Chambers-Grubbs Funeral Home. Mary Chambers Grubbs became a respected community leader, reflected in the fact that the highway connecting Interstate 75 with U. S. 25 in Walton is named in her honor.

The house served as Chambers' residence as well as his funeral home. He lived here until his death in 1943. The property ceased to serve as a funeral home in 1936 and was sold out of the family. In 1996, Chambers' grandson acquired the property and it remains in his ownership at the time of writing.

The Chambers House is significant under Criterion C, as an example of the Bungalow style of architectural design. The Bungalow became a leading American house type in American during the years between the World Wars and was the predominant Boone County house type of its era; more than one hundred of the houses were surveyed during the 1993 and 1996 county-wide surveys. Seen in town and country alike, they were constructed in large numbers during the 1920s and 1930s, with a few built as late as the mid-1940s. Boone County's richest and most varied collection of Bungalows is in Walton and includes many distinctive

²Reprinted in **150th Anniversary City of Walton 1840-1990** (Walton, 1990), p. 30.

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examples, including the Chambers House. Boone County Bungalows are somewhat less avant-garde than those in the immediate Cincinnati suburbs of Covington and Newport. The vast majority of Boone County Bungalows are comparatively modestly-scaled and were built for the middle class. In general, they are simple and straightforward in design and boxlike in form, utilizing readily available building materials. Some Bungalows include subdued stylistic references to the Arts and Crafts movement, such as exposed rafter tails, vertical window muntins, and battered porch support posts.

Three major bungalow subtypes have been identified in Boone County. The predominant bungalow subtype is the semi-bungalow, as described by Clay Lancaster in his study of the house type. The Chambers House is an example of this type. As noted in the MPDF, these buildings are one and one half stories in height and have gently-pitched, lateral-gabled roofs. The facades usually are of three bays, arranged more or less symmetrically, with centered doorways. The Chambers House completely meets this description.

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VERBAL BOUNDARY DESCRIPTION

Being that property described in Boone County, Kentucky Deed Book 610, Page 274 and Property Pax Parcel Map No. W1-9-10, more particularly shown on the attached map prepared by the Boone County Planning Commission.

JUSTIFICATION

The boundaries for this nomination consist only of the building lot occupied by the Chambers House, which has historically been a part of this property and retains its architectural integrity and significance.

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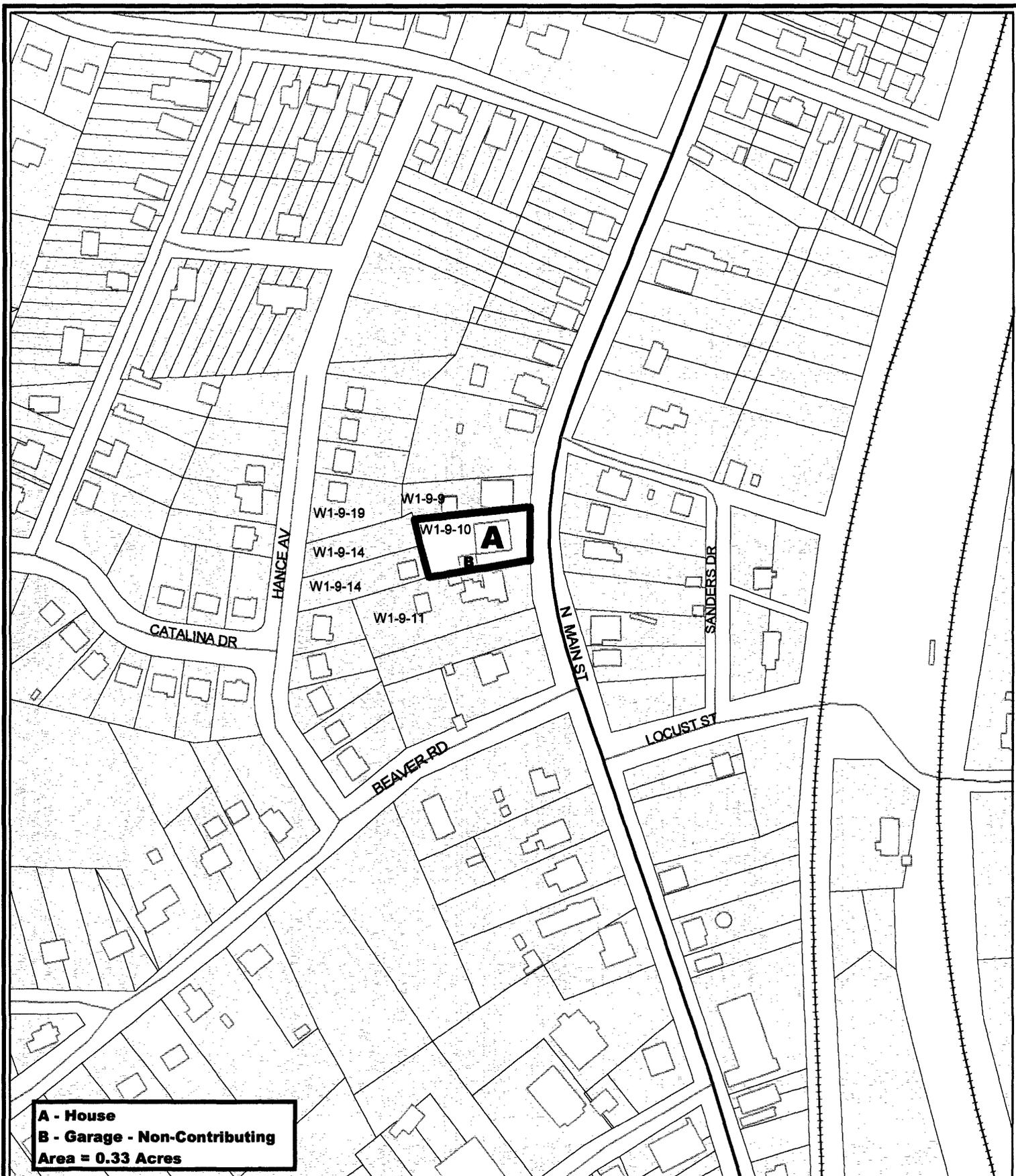
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Fig. 1 This c. 1930 view shows the Chambers House and Funeral Home as it existed at that time, and demonstrates the lack of change to the property since its original construction.



A - House
B - Garage - Non-Contributing
Area = 0.33 Acres

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1 inch equals 200 feet

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