

Maryland Historical Trust

Maryland Inventory of Historic Properties Form

Inventory No. BA-2186

1. Name of Property (indicate preferred name)

historic El Ray Farm

other

2. Location

street and number 11428 Belair Road not for publication

city, town Kingsville vicinity

county Baltimore County

3. Owner of Property (give names and mailing addresses of all owners)

name Joyce F. Gravitt & Dean D. Brown

street and number 11428 Belair Road telephone

city, town Kingsville state MD zip code 21087-1305

4. Location of Legal Description

courthouse, registry of deeds, etc. Baltimore County Courthouse tax map and parcel: 63-237

city, town Towson liber 12828 folio 694

5. Primary Location of Additional Data

- Contributing Resource in National Register District
- Contributing Resource in Local Historic District
- Determined Eligible for the National Register/Maryland Register
- Determined Ineligible for the National Register/Maryland Register
- Recorded by HABS/HAER
- Historic Structure Report or Research Report
- Other

6. Classification

Category	Ownership	Current Function	Resource Count
<input type="checkbox"/> district	<input type="checkbox"/> public	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> agriculture	Contributing Noncontributing
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> building(s)	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> private	<input type="checkbox"/> commerce/trade	<u>6</u> <u>1</u> buildings
<input type="checkbox"/> structure	<input type="checkbox"/> both	<input type="checkbox"/> defense	<u>0</u> <u>0</u> sites
<input type="checkbox"/> site		<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> domestic	<u>0</u> <u>0</u> structures
<input type="checkbox"/> object		<input type="checkbox"/> education	<u>0</u> <u>0</u> objects
		<input type="checkbox"/> funerary	<u>6</u> <u>1</u> Total
		<input type="checkbox"/> government	
		<input type="checkbox"/> health care	
		<input type="checkbox"/> industry	
		<input type="checkbox"/> landscape	
		<input type="checkbox"/> recreation/culture	
		<input type="checkbox"/> religion	
		<input type="checkbox"/> social	
		<input type="checkbox"/> transportation	
		<input type="checkbox"/> work in progress	
		<input type="checkbox"/> unknown	
		<input type="checkbox"/> vacant/not in use	
		<input type="checkbox"/> other:	
			Number of Contributing Resources previously listed in the Inventory
			<u>0</u>

7. Description

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Condition

<input type="checkbox"/> excellent	<input type="checkbox"/> deteriorated
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> good	<input type="checkbox"/> ruins
<input type="checkbox"/> fair	<input type="checkbox"/> altered

Prepare both a one paragraph summary and a comprehensive description of the resource and its various elements as it exists today.

El Ray Farm is located at 11428 Bel Air Road near Kingsville in northeastern Baltimore County, Maryland. The farm consists of a stuccoed house, a frame garage, a frame stable with a tenant house attached to it, a Gothic barn banked into the hillside, a CMU shed, and a long frame house that is one story. The stucco house faces east toward Bel Air Road and is set well back from the road at the end of a long drive on the west side of the road. The site generally slopes down toward Bel Air Road on the east and Mt. Vista Road to the south.

The stucco house is a 2 ½-story, three-bay by four-bay structure with stone quoins at the corners, stone quoins and keystones on the first story windows, and random stones set in the stucco wall. The stones are a rubble granite. The house has a slate roof with a cross gable, with ridges running from east to west on the south portion and from north to south on the north portion, with a cross gable dormer on the south that has a lower ridge and appears to have been added. There is a two-story, flat-roofed porch on the east and a one-story wing on the west that has a hip roof. The east elevation, on the first story, has three triple arched openings. The center openings have a jalousie door with side lights and a two-light transom. The end bays have two pair of jalousies each and a two-light transom. The second-story has three pair of two-over-two sash with blinds that have a panel at the top with a pine tree cut out. The windows have stone sills. There is a gable end behind the porch that appears to have a one-light sash.

The south elevation east bay matches the east elevation windows on the first and second stories, as this is the end of that porch. The three center bays read as a single composition. The center has a projecting porch entry with a gable roof, and the west side has a kick to the gable. This porch has a semicircular-arched door with beaded-edge, vertical boards and a four-light sash, and has faux strap hinges. Above the doorway is a small jalousie window with typical blinds, and the same arrangement in the gable. The bay to each side of the center door has paired two-over-two sash like the second story of the east elevation, with blinds, on both the first and second stories. The south elevation of the wing also has paired two-over-two sash.

On the north elevation the east bay matches the east elevation windows of the first and second stories, as this is the opposite end of the east porch. The rest of the north elevation is divided between two bays just west of the porch, beneath the gable end, and two bays to the west of this gable end. The two east bays have a door with six lights over three lying panels to the east on the first story, with a hip roof porch hood on brackets and one jalousie to the west. The second story has a small typical two-over-two sash to the east and a typical two-over-two sash with blinds to the west. The gable end has a small two-over-two with blinds. The two bays to the west, on the first story, have a door to the east that has vertical boards, faux strap hinges, and an enclosed area with a door to the basement set just east of this door. To the west of it are paired two-over-two sash with blinds. The second story has glass block in the opening, with a smaller opening above it that also has glass block. West of this opening is a typical two-over-two sash with blinds. The west elevation of the wing has two typical paired two-over-two sash with blinds. The west elevation of the second story has two typical two-over-two sash with blinds, and exterior chimney in the center, and two jalousies in the gable end.

The garage is located about 30 feet northeast of the house. It has rubble stone on the first story, asbestos shingles on the second, and a gable roof with asphalt. It is a two-story, two-bay by two-bay frame structure. The south elevation has two roll-up garage doors on the first story and two jalousies on the second. The first story of the west elevation has two sixteen-light sash, with the middle eight lights being casements. The second story has a one-over-one sash to the north and small jalousies to the south. There is a small vent in the gable end. The east elevation, on the first story, has a south bay that matches the south bay of the west elevation. The north bay has a door with four lights over two panels. The second story south bay has a jalousie window and the north bay has a six-panel door. There is a new wood deck and stairway giving access to this door. On the north elevation the first story has two typical sixteen-light sashes. The second story has a small one-over-one sash to the east and a large one-over-one sash to the west. There is an interior chimney of rock-faced concrete blocks to the east.

The combination tenant house/stable is located about 80 feet east of the garage. The tenant house is one story and three bays by

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three bays, with a parged foundation, asbestos shingle siding, a hip roof with asphalt shingles, and an exterior rock-faced concrete block chimney on the west. The stable is connected to the north side. The south elevation has a center entrance door with three lying lights above an unknown number of panels. There is a one-over-one sash to each side of the door. The west elevation has three one-over-one sash. The east elevation has two one-over-one sash and a door set north of center, with two lights over an unknown number of panels. The stable is ten bays by one bay, is frame with vertical-board siding, and has a gable roof with a north-south ridge and V-seam metal. The south bay and the seven north bays are enclosed while the other two bays are open on the east side. The east wall is set back from the eave line, with wood posts and braces under the eave. The seven north bays have vertical-board Dutch doors on T-hinges on the east elevation and the south bay has a new six-panel door and a new nine-over-nine sash. The north elevation has no openings. The west elevation has nine two-light sash, and the south bay has a nine-over-nine sash.

The barn is located about 40 feet east of the stable, has a rubble stone lower story that is banked into the hill on the west, and has a Gothic roof profile on the upper story with a north-south ridge, V-seam metal, and three vents on the ridge. The west elevation has a vertical-board section in the center beneath a pent roof, with two wagon doors hung on rollers. The south elevation lower story has a pair of doors on rollers in the center, with a vertical-board Dutch door to each side. The upper story has beaded-edge, vertical-board siding with one door in the center and two vents near the ridge. There is ghosting in the paint that reads "EL RAY FARM." The east elevation has CMUs on the lower story with four six-over-six sash and two Dutch doors, in the east-east-center and west-west-center bays. The north end of the barn matches the south end on the upper story.

Several feet north of the barn is a large CMU shed with a gable roof, V-seam metal, an east-west ridge, one vent on the ridge, and a roll-up garage door on the north elevation. There is a shorter CMU shed attached to the east end of this building, with the same roof and two vents on the ridge. The north elevation of this shed has seven four-light steel sashes. The south elevation matches the north.

There is another house on the property which is a one-story structure with a CMU foundation, asbestos-shingle siding, and a gable roof with V-seam metal and an east-west ridge. The west half of the building has a lower roof than the east. There are three bays to the east half and four bays to the west half, but the openings have been altered and the building has little significance.

8. Significance

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Period	Areas of Significance	Check and justify below			
<input type="checkbox"/> 1600-1699	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> agriculture	<input type="checkbox"/> economics	<input type="checkbox"/> health/medicine	<input type="checkbox"/> performing arts	
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	<input type="checkbox"/> communications	<input type="checkbox"/> exploration/ settlement	<input type="checkbox"/> literature	<input type="checkbox"/> social history	
	<input type="checkbox"/> community planning		<input type="checkbox"/> maritime industry	<input type="checkbox"/> transportation	
	<input type="checkbox"/> conservation		<input type="checkbox"/> military	<input type="checkbox"/> other:	

Specific dates

Architect/Builder unknown

Construction dates c. 1927

Evaluation for:

National Register

Maryland Register

not evaluated

Prepare a one-paragraph summary statement of significance addressing applicable criteria, followed by a narrative discussion of the history of the resource and its context. (For compliance reports, complete evaluation on a DOE Form - see manual.)

In the nineteenth century the Quinlan family owned El Ray Farm, and it is known as the site from which slaves Joshua Anderson and Basil White escaped at Christmas, 1852. Their owner, Leonard Quinlan, advertised that they had run away and petitioned the court to recover them under the Fugitive Slave Act. The farm passed out of the Quinlan family in 1927 when George and Catherine Biddison purchased it. It was, and had been for some time, 76 acres. According to the present owner, the house burned and was rebuilt about 1926. Whether the fire prompted the sale of the property, or occurred while it was vacant, is not known, and nothing could be found to corroborate the story. However, the stucco treatment, two-story porch on the east with arched bays, and the entrance bay added to the south elevation are all features characteristic of 1920s houses. These are added to a stone shell of a house, making it appear that at least part of the earlier building survived and was reused. Whether this was done out of frugality, or because of a connection with the past, is not known, but the physical evidence suggests that the local history is accurate. Several outbuildings also seem to date from this period, including the two-story garage and the stable with a tenant house attached. The Biddison's were residents of Baltimore City when they bought the property, and when they sold it in 1938, so it is not known whether they farmed it or leased it to a tenant farmer, or used it primarily as a summer retreat. A newspaper article in 1932 noted that a "Wild West Rodeo Outfit" consisting of 40 people, 40 horses, and 30 cattle, was wintering on the old Lee Quinlan farm on Bel Air Road, south of Kingsville. (1)

Ella and Ray Bryson purchased the farm from the Biddisons, and they named it El Ray Farm after themselves. According to the owner, a storm in the early 1950s took off the top of the barn, and the existing "Gothic" barn was built on the old stone foundation to replace it. Thus, only the foundation likely survives from all the structures that were here when the Quinlans owned the farm. The barn is typical of the prefabricated twentieth century barns, built of laminated wood trusses that leave the entire interior of the upper story open. The whole upper story is, in essence, a roof, and is in a lancet profile like a Gothic window; hence the derivation of its common name. Several other CMU farm buildings probably were built at the same time as the barn. The farm retains most of its agricultural buildings, and thus, still conveys the sense of an early- to mid-twentieth century small farm. Ray Bryson died in 1958, but Ella retained the farm up to her death. At that time, 1971, Michael and Yvonne Hole purchased it. It is said that he was a jockey and part owner of the Bel Air racetrack, and he developed much of the land before committing suicide. Yvonne Hole, it is said, never lived here. (2)

Endnotes:

1.) □ Maryland State Archives, "Beneath the Underground: The Flight to Freedom," www.mdslavery.net. I am indebted to Kimberley Abe for bringing this to my attention. Baltimore County Land Records, WPC 350-524; WPC 640-510. Interview with Dean Brown, 23 June 2004. Towson (Maryland) Jeffersonian, 18 November 1932. I am indebted to John McGrain for sharing this with me.

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2.) Baltimore County Land Records, CWB Jr., 1040-124; OTG 5216-244. Interview with Dean Brown, 23 June 2004.

9. Major Bibliographical References

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See continuation sheet.

10. Geographical Data

Acreage of surveyed property 12.151 acres
Acreage of historical setting 76 acres
Quadrangle name White Marsh Quadrangle scale 1:24,000

Verbal boundary description and justification

The boundary includes the entire remaining parcel, which was subdivided and developed, leaving numerous outbuildings surrounding the house.

11. Form Prepared By

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organization		street and number	610 Regester Avenue
		telephone	410-377-4953
city or town	Baltimore	state	MD
		zip code	21212

The Maryland Inventory of Historic Properties was officially created by an Act of the Maryland Legislature to be found in the Annotated Code of Maryland, Article 41, Section 181 KA, 1974 supplement.

The survey and inventory are being prepared for information and record purposes only and not constitute any infringement of individual property rights.

return to: Maryland Historical Trust
DHCD/DHCP
100 Community Place
Crownsville MD 21032
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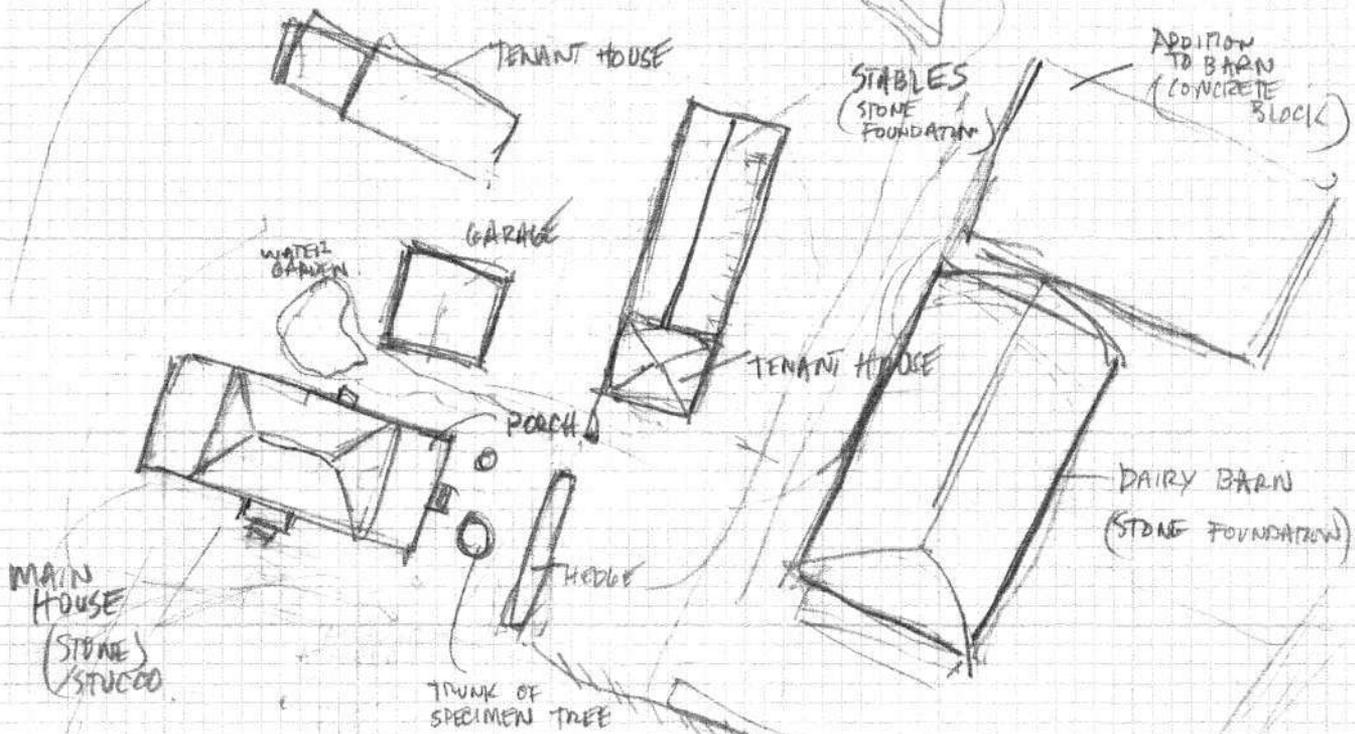
See footnotes

BA-2186 El Ray Farm

Site Plan

↑ NEW HOUSE

K.A.
7104



MAIN HOUSE
(STONE/STUCCO)

TRUNK OF SPECIMEN TREE

STABLES
(STONE FOUNDATION)

ADDITION TO BARN
(CONCRETE BLOCK)

DAIRY BARN
(STONE FOUNDATION)

PRIVACY

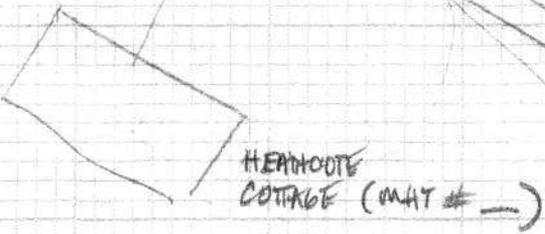
MHT #

STONE
School house
NO MHT #

MT VISTA ROAD

BELLAIR ROAD

HEADQUARTERS
COTTAGE (MHT # -)



USGS Quad: White Marsh
Scale: 1:24,000



27'30"

BA-0243
DAY-DEANS KING HOUSE
11750 BELAIR ROAD
BALTIMORE
BALTIMORE COUNTY

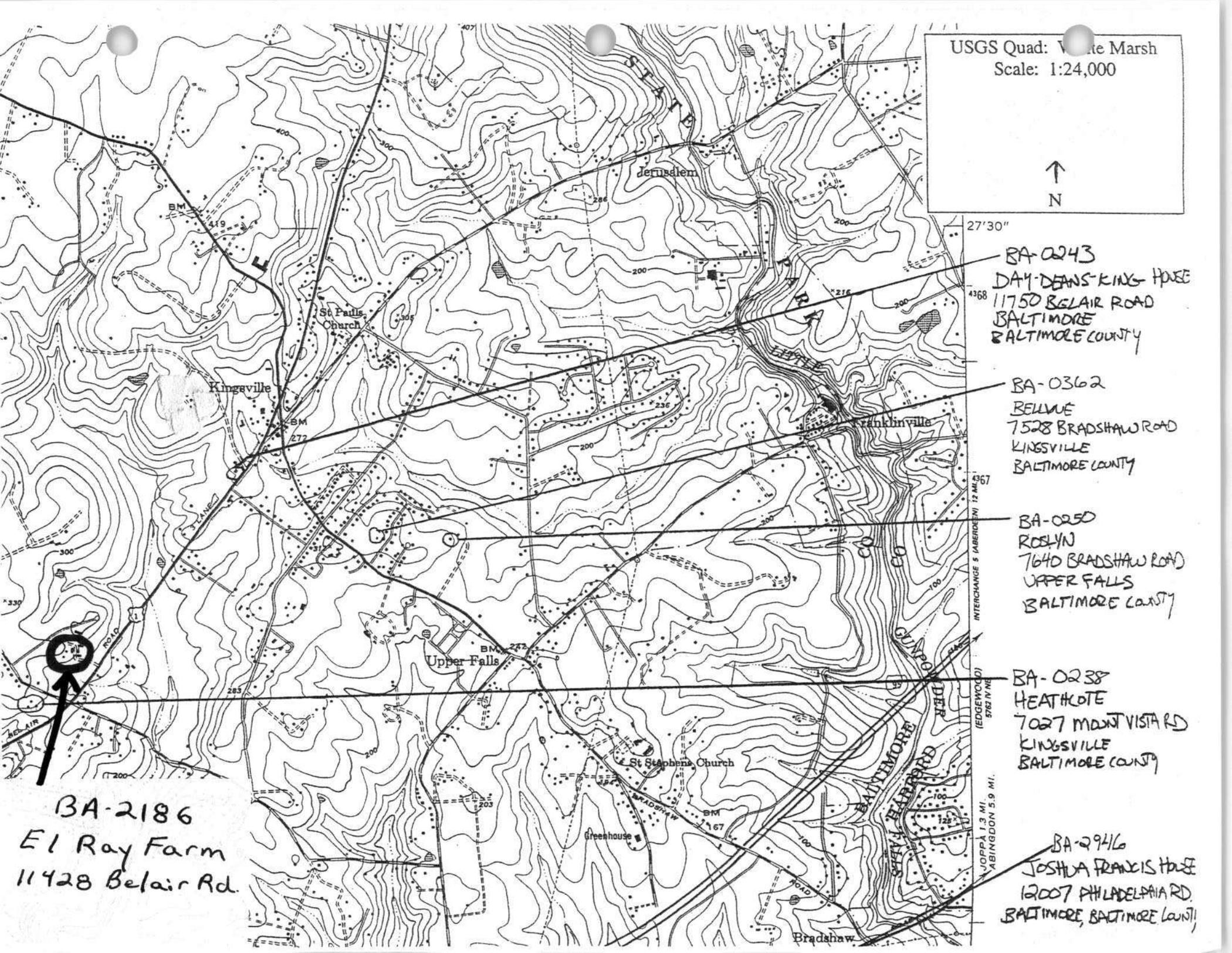
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KINGSVILLE
BALTIMORE COUNTY

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ROSLYN
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UPPER FALLS
BALTIMORE COUNTY

BA-0238
HEATHCOTE
7027 MOUNT VISTA RD
KINGSVILLE
BALTIMORE COUNTY

BA-2946
JOSHUA FRANCIS HOUSE
12007 PHILADELPHIA RD.
BALTIMORE, BALTIMORE COUNTY

BA-2186
El Ray Farm
11428 Belair Rd.



INTERCHANGE 5 (ABERDEEN) 12 M 5.1

(EDGEWOOD)
5782 N.W.

JOPPA 1.3 MI.
ABINGDON 5.9 MI.

Jerusalem

St Pauls Church

Kingville

Rankinville

Upper Falls

St Stephens Church

Greenhouse

Bradshaw



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El Ray Farm

11428 Belair Rd

Balto. Co., MD

Ken Short

June 2004

MD SHPO

House-Seleu.

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El Ray Farm

11428 Belair Rd

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June 2004

MD SHPO

House - E & N. elevs

2/8

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El Ray Farm

11428 Belair Rd

Balto. Co., MD

Ken Short

June 2004

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House - NW c. 1850

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El Ray Farm

11428 Belair Rd

Balto, Co, MD

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June 2004

MD SHPO

Garage - W & S. elevs

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El Ray Farm

11428 Belair Rd

Balto. Co, MD

Ken Short

June 2004

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Stable & tenant ho - w & S elevs

5/8

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El Ray Farm

11428 Belair Rd

Balto. Co., MD

Ken Short

June 2004

MD SHPO

Stable - E & N elevs

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El Ray Farm

11428 Belair Rd

Balto. Co, MD

Ken Short

June 2004

MD SHPO

Barn. W&S elev

7/8

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El Ray Farm

11428 Belair Rd

Balto. Co., MD

Ken Short

June 2004

MD SHPO

Barn interior

8/8

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MARYLAND HISTORICAL TRUST
~~SHORT FORM FOR INELIGIBLE PROPERTIES~~

NR Eligible: yes _____
no

Property Name: Quinlan Farm BA-2186
~~DOE-BA-0005~~
Address: 11428 Belair Road City: Kingsville Zip Code: 21087-1305
County: Baltimore County USGS Topographic Map: White Marsh
Project: US 1 at Mount Vista Road Agency: FHWA/SHA

Is the property located within a historic district? yes no

If the property is within a district

District Inventory Number: _____

Name of District: _____ NR-listed district yes Eligible district yes

Preparer's Recommendation: Not a contributing resource

If the property is not within a district

Preparer's Recommendation: Not eligible

Documentation on the property/district is presented in:

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

The Quinlan Farm appears on historic maps for northeastern Baltimore County, including the J.C. Sidney Map of 1853 and the Hopkins Atlas of 1877. However, the original house was altered in 1926 by the addition of a 2-story structure across the front of the eastern façade. It is a 2-1/2 story stucco building with random stone quoins set at the four corners. The building is 3-bays wide, and in the first floor, the windows and doors all have arched openings. These have been filled in with louvered windows in the "Florida" room style. The roof on the original main pile has a side gable building covered in slate. There are several outbuildings, including a garage, a barn and a tenant house. Although this is a working farm, it has become isolated in a well-developed suburban enclave of Baltimore County. As such, it is not eligible for inclusion in the National Register of Historic Places under Criteria A (farming) or C (architecture). Despite the association with the Quinlan Family, research does not indicate that the farm has significance under Criterion B. No research was conducted under Criterion D.

Prepared by: Anne E. Bruder

Date Prepared: 11/29/2002

MARYLAND HISTORICAL TRUST REVIEW

Eligibility not recommended

MHT Comments

Andrew Lewis ✓
Reviewer, Office of Preservation Services

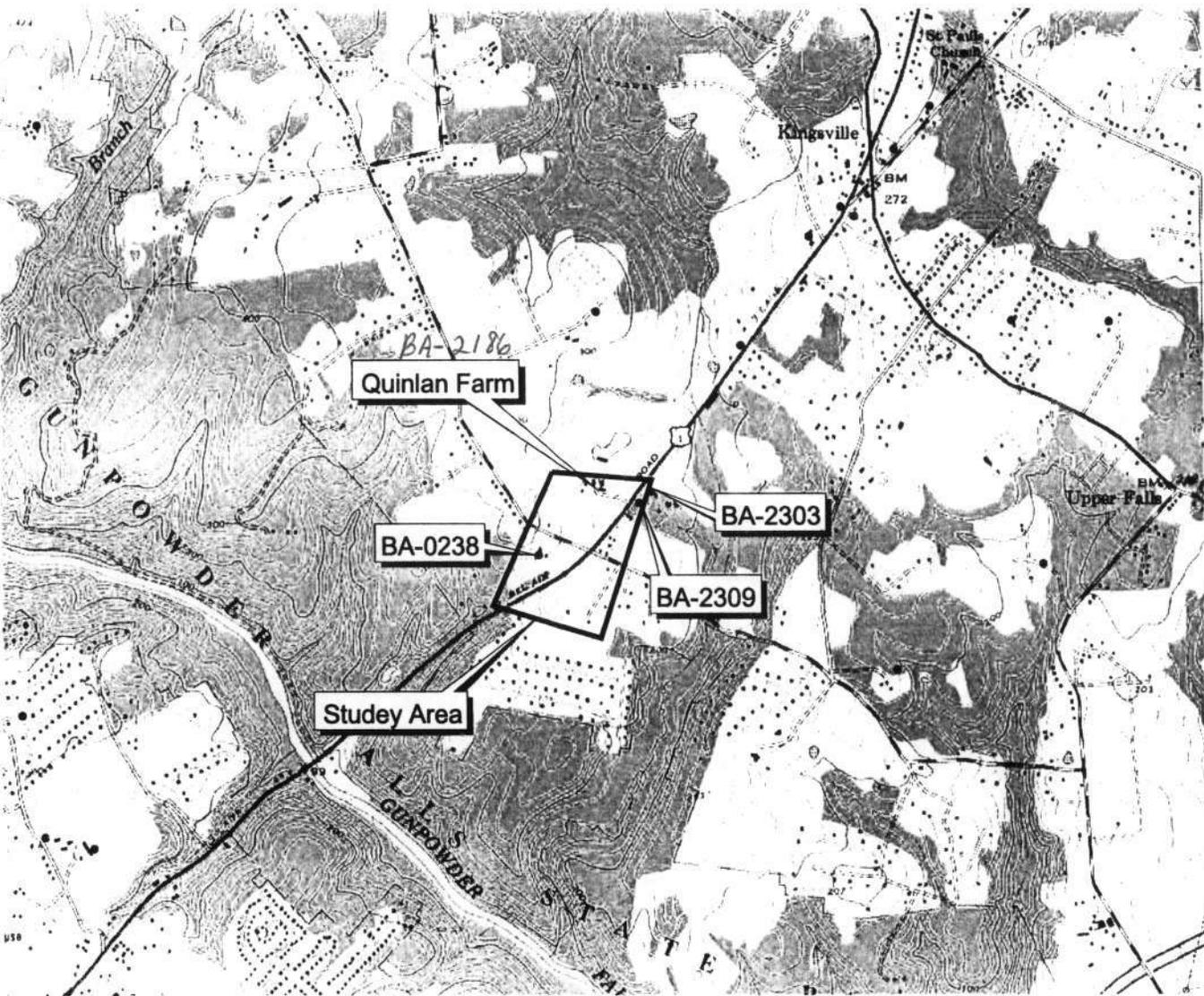
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Reviewer, NR Program

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Date

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White Marsh USGS Quad with Historic Resources and Study Area



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	USGS Topo Quad Index
Water	
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DOE Short Form: Quinlan Farm House
Photograph of House looking south and east
Photographer: Anne E. Bruder
Photo Date: November 1, 2002

