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Bellevue
Ballenger Creek Area
Private

C. 1865

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George Smith also organized Citizen's National Bank, the Hygeia Ice Company and the Maryland Hedge and Wire Fence Company.

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A two story brick addition extends to the rear of the main block on the west side.

INVENTORY FORM FOR STATE HISTORIC SITES SURVEY

1 NAME

HISTORIC Bellevue

AND/OR COMMON

2 LOCATION

STREET & NUMBER

West Side Ballenger Creek Pike

CITY, TOWN

CONGRESSIONAL DISTRICT

X VICINITY OF Frederick

STATE

COUNTY

3 CLASSIFICATION

CATEGORY	OWNERSHIP	STATUS	PRESENT USE	
<input type="checkbox"/> DISTRICT	<input type="checkbox"/> PUBLIC	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> OCCUPIED	<input type="checkbox"/> AGRICULTURE	<input type="checkbox"/> MUSEUM
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> BUILDING(S)	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> PRIVATE	<input type="checkbox"/> UNOCCUPIED	<input type="checkbox"/> COMMERCIAL	<input type="checkbox"/> PARK
<input type="checkbox"/> STRUCTURE	<input type="checkbox"/> BOTH	<input type="checkbox"/> WORK IN PROGRESS	<input type="checkbox"/> EDUCATIONAL	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> PRIVATE RESIDENCE
<input type="checkbox"/> SITE	PUBLIC ACQUISITION	ACCESSIBLE	<input type="checkbox"/> ENTERTAINMENT	<input type="checkbox"/> RELIGIOUS
<input type="checkbox"/> OBJECT	<input type="checkbox"/> IN PROCESS	<input type="checkbox"/> YES: RESTRICTED	<input type="checkbox"/> GOVERNMENT	<input type="checkbox"/> SCIENTIFIC
	<input type="checkbox"/> BEING CONSIDERED	<input type="checkbox"/> YES: UNRESTRICTED	<input type="checkbox"/> INDUSTRIAL	<input type="checkbox"/> TRANSPORTATION
		<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> NO	<input type="checkbox"/> MILITARY	<input type="checkbox"/> OTHER

4 OWNER OF PROPERTY

NAME International Investments Inc.

Telephone #:

STREET & NUMBER

CITY, TOWN

STATE, zip code

VICINITY OF

5 LOCATION OF LEGAL DESCRIPTION

COURTHOUSE, REGISTRY OF DEEDS, ETC. Frederick County Courthouse

Liber #: 724

Folio #: 632

STREET & NUMBER

North Court Street

CITY, TOWN

STATE

Frederick

Maryland

6 REPRESENTATION IN EXISTING SURVEYS

TITLE

DATE

FEDERAL STATE COUNTY LOCAL

DEPOSITORY FOR SURVEY RECORDS

CITY, TOWN

STATE

7 DESCRIPTION

CONDITION		CHECK ONE	CHECK ONE
<input type="checkbox"/> EXCELLENT	<input type="checkbox"/> DETERIORATED	<input type="checkbox"/> UNALTERED	<input type="checkbox"/> ORIGINAL SITE
<input type="checkbox"/> GOOD	<input type="checkbox"/> RUINS	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> ALTERED	<input type="checkbox"/> MOVED DATE _____
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> FAIR	<input type="checkbox"/> UNEXPOSED		

DESCRIBE THE PRESENT AND ORIGINAL (IF KNOWN) PHYSICAL APPEARANCE

Bellevue is a large ell shaped whitewashed two and one-half story gable roofed residence located on a hill facing east from the west side of Ballenger Creek Pike. This unusual nineteenth century residence is five bays wide. The main entrance, a four panel door with recessed paneling, hood and seven light transom is recessed from the main block of the building. An identical door is located on the second level. The entire area between the second and fourth bays on both levels is recessed from the main block of the building.

The area is porticoed with a decorative frame porch with two large columns extending to the roof line and supporting a false gable with double hung 6/6 window.

Occupying the remaining bays on both the first and second levels are double hung 6/6 windows with wood lintels which have flower motifs in each corner.

A two story shed roofed brick addition with a two story open porch extends to the rear of the residence. It appears from markings and floor joists extending from the rear wall that the two story porch once extended across part of the rear of the building.

The entire building is built on a stuccoed low random stone foundation. A cellar entrance is located in the southeast corner of the building. A flank gable slate roof is attached to the building by a three stepped brick cornice.

A large whitewashed brick chimney is located flush with each gable. A single brick chimney is also located in the center of the building.

A frame bank barn and wagon shed is also located on the premises.

8 SIGNIFICANCE

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PERIOD		AREAS OF SIGNIFICANCE -- CHECK AND JUSTIFY BELOW			
<input type="checkbox"/> PREHISTORIC	<input type="checkbox"/> ARCHEOLOGY-PREHISTORIC	<input type="checkbox"/> COMMUNITY PLANNING	<input type="checkbox"/> LANDSCAPE ARCHITECTURE	<input type="checkbox"/> RELIGION	
<input type="checkbox"/> 1400-1499	<input type="checkbox"/> ARCHEOLOGY-HISTORIC	<input type="checkbox"/> CONSERVATION	<input type="checkbox"/> LAW	<input type="checkbox"/> SCIENCE	
<input type="checkbox"/> 1500-1599	<input type="checkbox"/> AGRICULTURE	<input type="checkbox"/> ECONOMICS	<input type="checkbox"/> LITERATURE	<input type="checkbox"/> SCULPTURE	
<input type="checkbox"/> 1600-1699	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> ARCHITECTURE	<input type="checkbox"/> EDUCATION	<input type="checkbox"/> MILITARY	<input type="checkbox"/> SOCIAL/HUMANITARIAN	
<input type="checkbox"/> 1700-1799	<input type="checkbox"/> ART	<input type="checkbox"/> ENGINEERING	<input type="checkbox"/> MUSIC	<input type="checkbox"/> THEATER	
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> 1800-1899	<input type="checkbox"/> COMMERCE	<input type="checkbox"/> EXPLORATION/SETTLEMENT	<input type="checkbox"/> PHILOSOPHY	<input type="checkbox"/> TRANSPORTATION	
<input type="checkbox"/> 1900-	<input type="checkbox"/> COMMUNICATIONS	<input type="checkbox"/> INDUSTRY	<input type="checkbox"/> POLITICS/GOVERNMENT	<input type="checkbox"/> OTHER (SPECIFY)	
		<input type="checkbox"/> INVENTION			

SPECIFIC DATES

BUILDER/ARCHITECT

STATEMENT OF SIGNIFICANCE

Bellevue is important to Adamstown area of Frederick County not only as an unusual Victorian brick residence but also as the home of George William Smith, a very prominent citizen in the development of the area in the nineteenth century.

Smith was a descendant of the John Schmid family which immigrated to Frederick County from Germany in the 1730's.¹

Among his life activities were the installation of the Frederick and Middletown Street Railroad which crossed Braddock Mountain, organized Citizens's National Bank, the Hygia Ice Company and headed the Maryland Hedge and Wire Fence Company.

George William Smith promoted Braddock Heights as a summer resort and as president of the Braddock Heights Improvement Company he built many of the buildings in the resort.²

He acquired the land where Bellevue is located from several different parcels during the 1860's but the largest acreage was 105 acres purchased February 24, 1865 for \$6,835 from the estate of Casper Mantz.³

Although the rear section of the house was probably already built, it is most likely that Smith built the larger front brick part of the building with two story recessed portico porch and lived there until his death.

¹T. J. C. Williams, History of Frederick County, Maryland, p. 703.

²Ibid., p. 704

³Frederick County Land Records, Liber JWLC 2; Folio 363.

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9 MAJOR BIBLIOGRAPHICAL REFERENCES

Williams, T. J. C., The History of Frederick County, Maryland, p. 703.

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10 GEOGRAPHICAL DATA

ACREAGE OF NOMINATED PROPERTY _____

VERBAL BOUNDARY DESCRIPTION

LIST ALL STATES AND COUNTIES FOR PROPERTIES OVERLAPPING STATE OR COUNTY BOUNDARIES

STATE	COUNTY
STATE	COUNTY

11 FORM PREPARED BY

NAME / TITLE

Cherilyn Widell, Sites Analyst

ORGANIZATION

Frederick County Office of Historic Preservation

DATE

8/1/78

STREET & NUMBER

12 East Church St., Winchester Hall

TELEPHONE

663-8300 ext. 266

CITY OR TOWN

Frederick

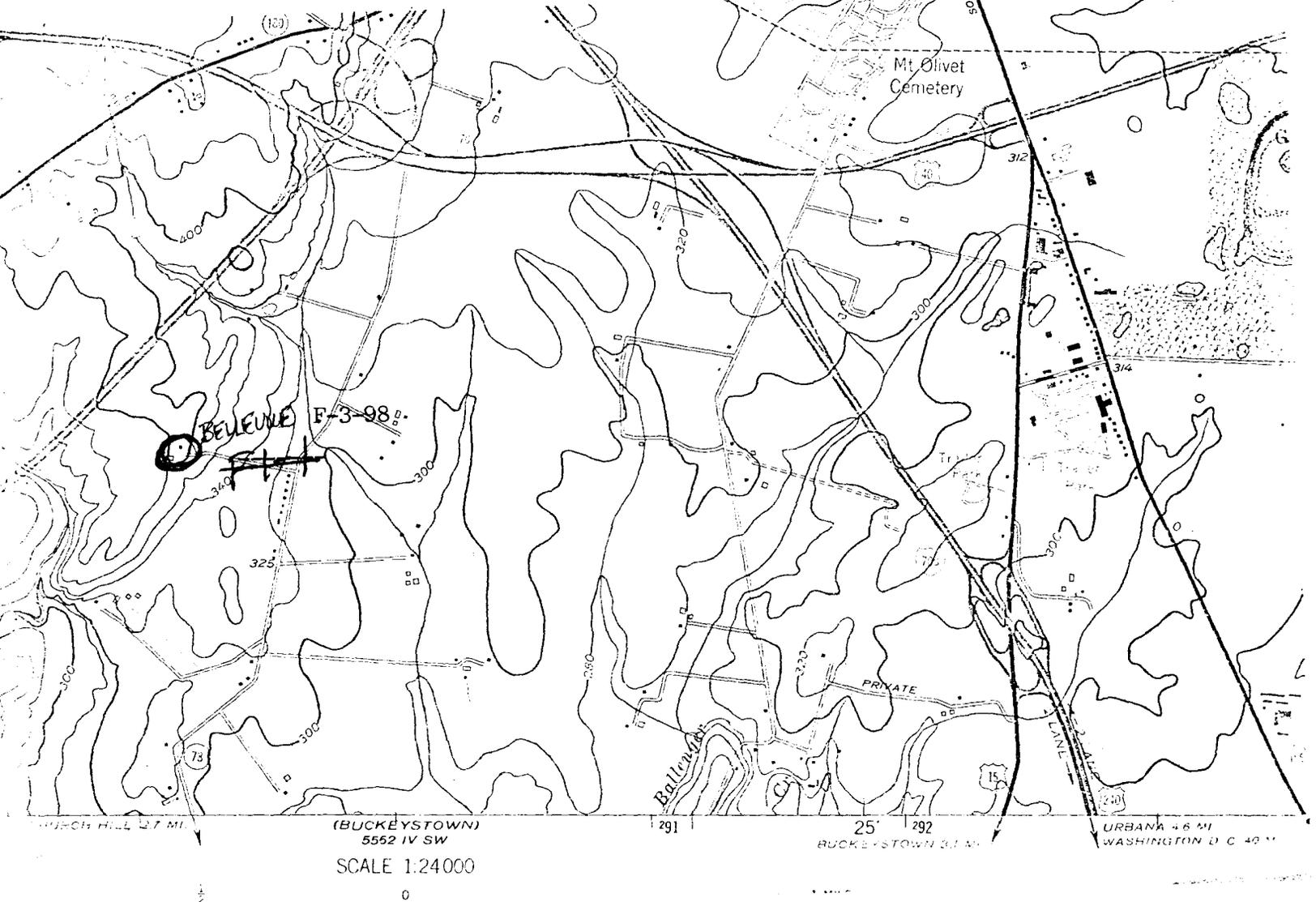
STATE

Maryland 21701

The Maryland Historic Sites Inventory 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.

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 Annapolis, Maryland 21401
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FREDERICK
QUADRANGLE



BELLEUE
W/S BAUENGER CREEK PIKE
EAST ELEVATION

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BELLEUE

W/S BALLENGER CREEK PIKE

SOUTH ELEVATION

CEW 5/78

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BELLEVUE
W/S BALLENGER CREEK PIKE
NORTH ELEVATION

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BELLEVUE

N/S BAHENGER CREEK PIKE

WEST ELEVATION

CEW

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3/78 F-398



BELLEUE

CEW 5/78

W/S BALLENGER CREEK PIKE

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DOOR DETAIL

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