

**MARYLAND HISTORICAL TRUST  
DETERMINATION OF ELIGIBILITY FORM**

NR Eligible: yes  no

Property Name: Hopkins House Inventory Number: HA-1244

Address: 141 North Main Street City: Bel Air Zip Code: 21014

County: Harford USGS Topographic Map: Bel Air

Owner: B P Associates Is the property being evaluated a district? yes

Tax Parcel Number: 586 Tax Map Number: 301 Tax Account ID Number: 000818

Project: MD-924 Bel Air Streetscape Project Agency: SHA

Site visit by MHT staff:  no  yes Name: Date:

Is the property is located within a historic district? yes  no

If the property is within a district District Inventory Number:

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

Preparer's Recommendation: Contributing resource yes no Non-contributing but eligible in another context yes

If the property is not within a district (or the property is a district) Preparer's Recommendation: Eligible  yes no

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

Documentation on the property/district is presented in MIHP Form

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

Facing southwest on North Main Street, the dwelling at 141 North Main Street is located adjacent to the former Bel Air Post Office, near the intersection at Gordon Road. The building is three stories in height and three bays wide, set on a stone foundation. Built in 1879, the wood-frame building is clad in weatherboard siding, and is topped with a crossed jerkinhead roof of slate shingles. Mirroring the roof design, five jerkinhead dormers pierce the steeply pitched roof. Four brick chimneys—two at the façade and two at the rear elevation—pierce the roof. Two two-story bay windows—one at the façade and the other at the south elevation—add dimension to the layout of the building. Both bay windows are adorned with a denticulated cornice supported by scroll brackets. An open porch connects the main block of the building with an ell at the façade. The flat roof of the porch is finished with chamfered square posts on plinths and corner brackets. A double-leaf wood panel door, located off center on the façade, serves as the main entrance to the building. Sidelights flank the entry opening, which is topped by a three-light transom. Windows at the first story are 2/4 wood sash with fully-functioning paneled and louvered shutters. Windows at the second and third stories are 2/2 wood sash with paneled and louvered shutters. Windows within the dormers are 4/4 wood sash within a semi-circular-arched surround. Other window sashes present are smaller 2/2 and a multi-paned opening, both wood sash. A one-story shed roof vestibule joins the two ells at the rear with the main block of the building. A less formal, secondary entrance holds a half-glass panel door flanked by three-light sidelights and topped with a two-light transom. A one-story shed addition projects off the southernmost ell at the east elevation. A wood panel door

**MARYLAND HISTORICAL TRUST REVIEW**

Eligibility recommended  Eligibility not recommended  
 Criteria:  A  B  C  D Considerations:  A  B  C  D  E  F  G  None  
 MHT Comments

*Jim Harland* ✓  
 Reviewer, Office of Preservation Services

*[Signature]*  
 Reviewer, NR Program

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 Date  
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 Date

with a two-light transom. A one-story shed addition projects off the southernmost ell at the east elevation. A wood panel door and 1/1 vinyl window are located within the modern addition. North of the building is a driveway that leads to the back of the building, an area now used as a parking lot.

Platted in 1780, the town of Bel Air originally consisted of forty-two lots, laid out on either side of Main Street. Despite its inland location, Bel Air was selected as the county seat in 1882. The Bel Air Courthouse, constructed in 1888, became the anchor of South Main Street, spurring development along the thoroughfare. Gradually, Main Street became concentrated with commercial buildings and served as the center of commerce for the area. Although cross street names along Main Street have changed over time, the original alignment of Main Street and its intersections remain identical to the late-eighteenth- and early-nineteenth-century town plans. Main Street continues to function as the commercial district of Bel Air.

Built by one of Bel Air's most wealthy families, the building at 141 N. Main Street is known as the "Hopkins House," named for its original and long-time owners. Built in 1879, members of the Hopkins family owned the house for nearly one hundred years. In 1976, the Maryland Historical Trust became the owners of a preservation easement on the house for its exterior elevations and its interior detailing, including ornate plaster ceiling medallions and elaborate fireplaces. The building now serves as an office.

This property has no known association with the events and trends that have made a significant contribution to the broad patterns of our history, thus disqualifying it for eligibility under Criterion A. The property is not associated with any persons or group of person or group of persons of outstanding importance to the community, state, or nation. Therefore, 141 North Main Street is not eligible under Criterion B. Protected by an easement, the building has undergone minimal alterations. One of the best preserved examples of late-nineteenth-century architecture in Bel Air, the house presents the original materials and workmanship, and clearly conveys its original design. The location and setting of the building along Main Street near the former Bel Air Post Office reflect its association with a prominent Bel Air family. Additionally, the building at 141 North Main Street retains its integrity of feeling, for it continues to serve as an example of the aesthetic and historic sense from the last quarter of the nineteenth century. Because the property at 141 N. Main Street embodies distinctive characteristics of the last quarter of the nineteenth century and possesses high artistic value, it is considered eligible under Criterion C. The building at 141 North Main Street was not evaluated under Criterion D. Therefore, it has been determined that the building at 141 North Main Street is eligible for listing in the National Register of Historic Places under Criterion C.

The recommended National Register boundary for the Hopkins House at 141 N. Main Street is tax parcel # 586 as noted on tax parcel map 301. The National Register Boundary extends to the existing sidewalk on Main Street. Justification for this is that the sidewalk is part of the streetscape of the commercial core rather than the historic context of this property

141 North Main Street (HA-1244)  
Hopkins House  
Bel Air, Maryland  
Surveyed by EHT Tracerics, Inc.  
March 15, 2005

## ADDENDUM

The property at 141 North Main Street was surveyed by staff from EHT Tracerics, Inc. in March 2005 in response to a request made by the Maryland State Highway Administration for purposes relating to the MD-924 Streetscape Project.

### Section 4: Owner

B P Associates  
141 North Main Street  
Bel Air  
Maryland  
Harford County

### Section 7: Description

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### Section 8: Significance

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141 North Main Street (HA-1244)

Hopkins House

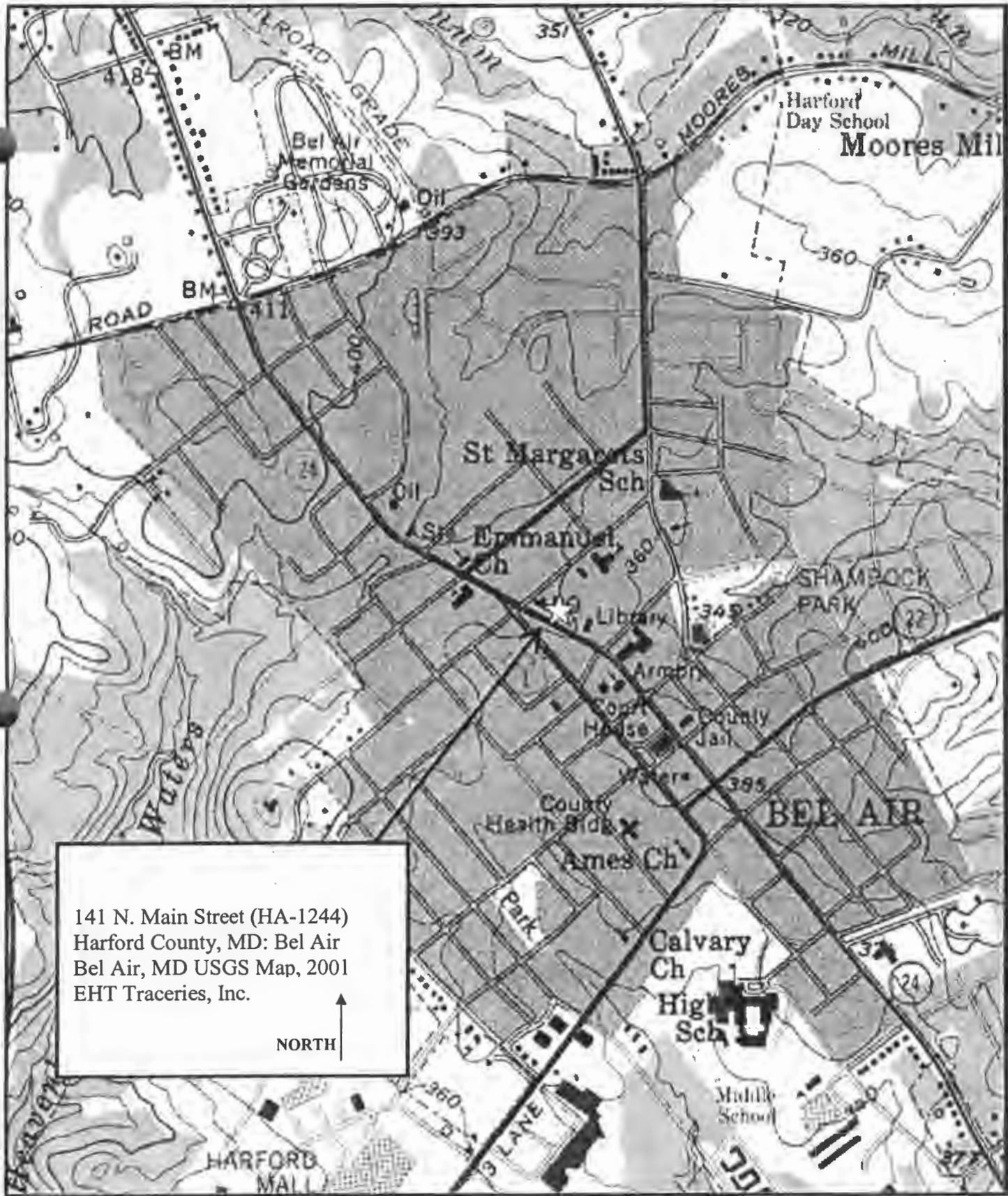
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**Section 10: Geographical Data**

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141 N. Main Street (HA-1244)  
Harford County, MD: Bel Air  
Bel Air, MD USGS Map, 2001  
EHT Tracerics, Inc.



141 N. MAIN ST.

RESOURCE SKETCH MAP

HA-1244

HOPKINS HOUSE

BEL AIR

HARFORD COUNTY

PARKING LOT

POST OFFICE/  
HISTORICAL SOCIETY  
PARKING LOT

POST OFFICE/  
HISTORICAL SOCIETY

DRIVEWAY

ADDITION

FLAT

MODERN BUILDING

PORCH

FLAT

FLAT

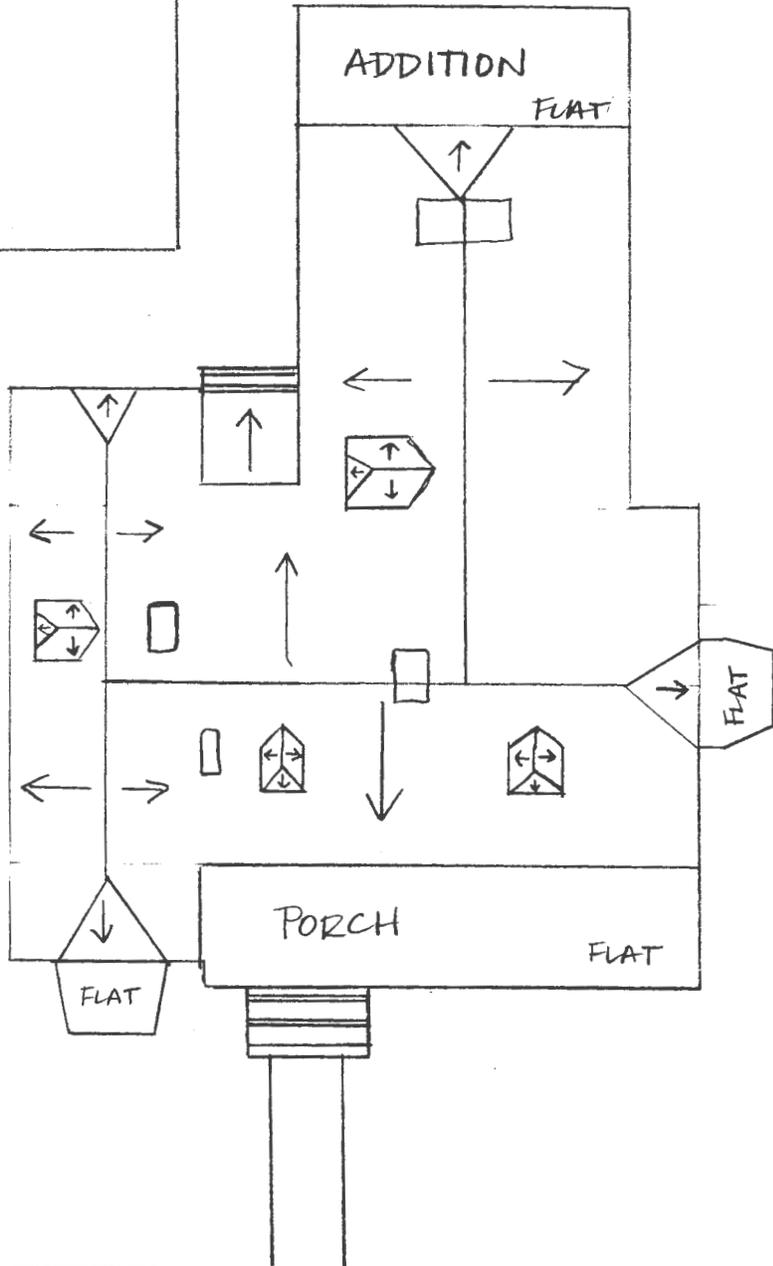
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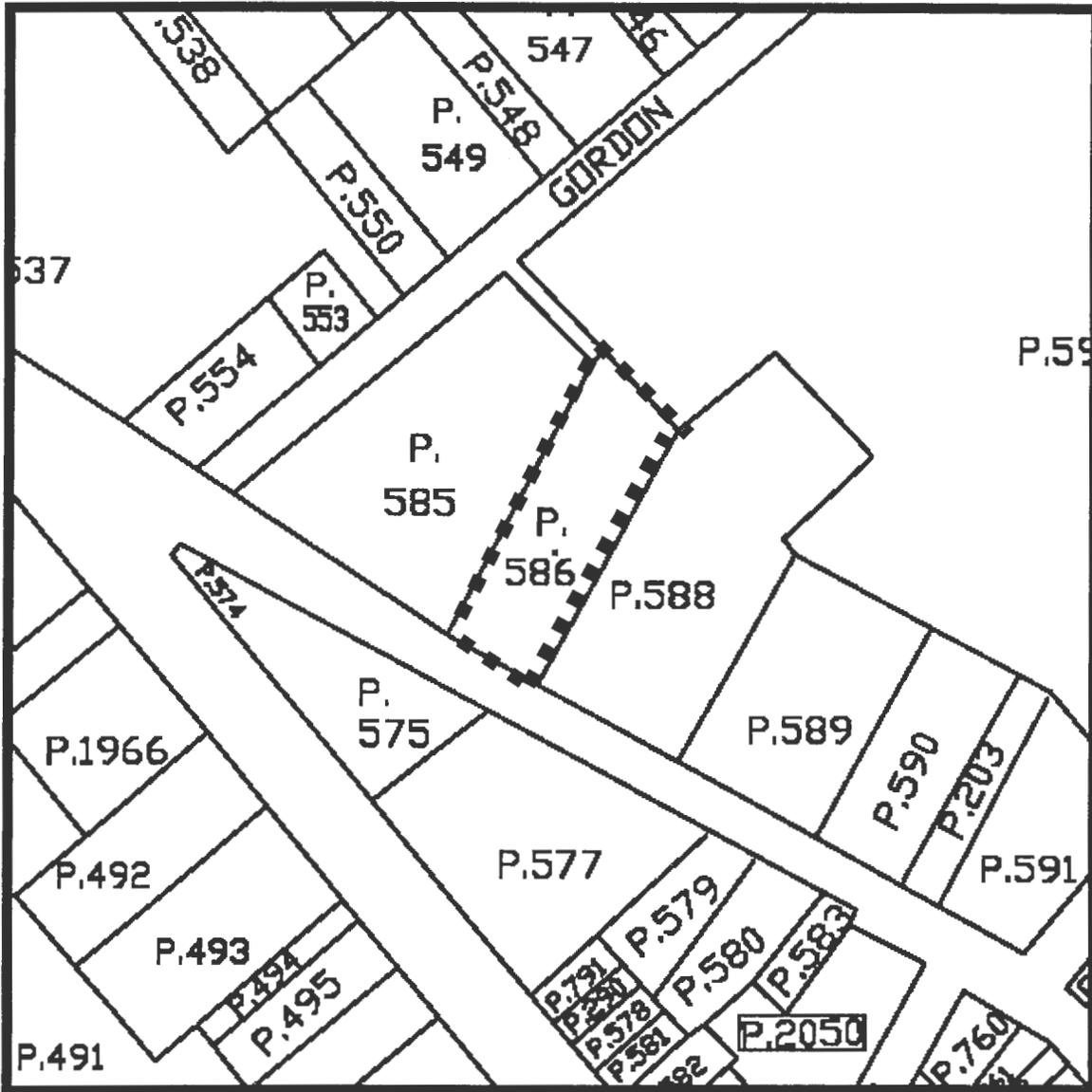
SIDEWALK

N. Main Street



NOT TO SCALE





National Register Eligible Boundary  
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 Harford County, MD: Bel Air

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HA-1244  
HOPKIN'S HOUSE  
141 N. MAIN ST.  
HARFORD COUNTY, MD  
EXH-TRACERIES, INC.  
3/2005  
MD SHPO  
WEST ELEVATION  
Photo 1 of 5



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HOPKINS HOUSE

141 N. MAIN ST.

HARFORD COUNTY, MD

EHT TRACERIES, INC.

3/2005

MD SHPO

SOUTHWEST CORNER

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HOPKINS HOUSE

141 N. MAIN ST.

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MD SHPD

East Elevation

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Hopkins House  
141 N. MAIN ST.  
HALFORD COUNTY, MD  
EHT TRACERIES, INC.  
3/2005  
MD SHPO  
NORTHWEST CORNER  
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Hopkins House  
141 N. MAIN ST.  
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MD 84PO

2ND STORY, Rear (east) elevation

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# Easement.

HA-1244

1879

Hopkins House  
141 N. Main Street  
Bel Air  
Private

Hopkins House is one of the most distinguished and original Victorian Houses in Town. The jerkinhead dormers and gables, the solemn restraint of the two story bay windows, the notable woodwork, plaster medallions and the marble mantles all mark this as the home of a wealthy man of considerable taste. None of Bel Air's Victorian architecture is flashy, but this house, while perhaps the largest of its decade, expresses the solid middle-class worth of the period rather than the vulgar and rambunctious social climbing that marks the Gilded Age elsewhere. Miss Amanda Wylie Hopkins, the last Hopkins owner, donated a preservation easement on the house to the Maryland Historical Trust in 1976. The building now houses offices.

INVENTORY FORM FOR STATE HISTORIC SITES SURVEY

**1 NAME**

HISTORIC  
Hopkins House  
AND/OR COMMON  
Same

**2 LOCATION**

STREET & NUMBER  
141 North Main Street 1st  
CITY, TOWN  
Bel Air VICINITY OF CONGRESSIONAL DISTRICT  
STATE  
Maryland COUNTY  
Harford

**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 checked="" 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 type="checkbox"/> PRIVATE RESIDENCE
<input type="checkbox"/> SITE	<b>PUBLIC ACQUISITION</b>	<b>ACCESSIBLE</b>	<input type="checkbox"/> ENTERTAINMENT <input type="checkbox"/> RELIGIOUS
<input type="checkbox"/> OBJECT	<input type="checkbox"/> IN PROCESS	<input checked="" 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 type="checkbox"/> NO	<input type="checkbox"/> MILITARY <input type="checkbox"/> OTHER

**4 OWNER OF PROPERTY**

NAME  
Poteet & Bonovich Contact: Tatar, Rosenthal Telephone #: 838-3111  
STREET & NUMBER  
141 North Main Street  
CITY, TOWN  
Bel Air VICINITY OF STATE, zip code  
Maryland 21014

**5 LOCATION OF LEGAL DESCRIPTION**

COURTHOUSE  
REGISTRY OF DEEDS, ETC. Harford County Courthouse  
STREET & NUMBER  
Main Street  
CITY, TOWN  
Bel Air STATE  
Maryland

Liber #:  
Folio #:

**6 REPRESENTATION IN EXISTING SURVEYS**

TITLE  
DATE  
\_\_\_\_ FEDERAL \_\_\_\_ STATE \_\_\_\_ COUNTY \_\_\_\_ LOCAL  
DEPOSITORY FOR SURVEY RECORDS  
CITY, TOWN STATE

**7 DESCRIPTION**

2A-1244

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

to offices 1977

**DESCRIBE THE PRESENT AND ORIGINAL (IF KNOWN) PHYSICAL APPEARANCE**

This stately two and a half story clapboard Victorian house with steeply pitched gable roof is at 141 North Main Street, next to the Post Office, in the Town of Bel Air, Harford County, Maryland. The house is J shaped, the hall and dining room in a block running north and south parallel to the street, the service wing to the east of the dining room at right angles to it and the shorter block with the double parlors at right angles to the hall. Each of these blocks has its own gable roof terminating in a jerkinhead. Five jerkinhead dormers pierce the steep roof, two in the west (front) elevation, two in the north elevation facing the Post Office, and one in the north elevation of the service wing. Four chimneys rise from the roof, one with a broad base, a more slender column and a plain cap in the center of the ridge of the dining room block. A pair of slender stacks serve the fireplaces in the double parlors one in front of the main block and one behind. The one in front has an extender to improve the drawing of the chimney. The final chimney is at the peak of the gable just behind the jerkinhead at the rear of the service wing. There are two two-story bay windows, the more elaborate one in the west (front) elevation. This one lights the front of the two parlors. A dentilled cornice runs around the top of the first floor bay. The second story bay is slightly set back. Thick carved brackets support its cornice. A dentil band runs between the brackets. The bay in the south elevation runs through two stories with brackets and dentil trim at the top of the second story. The windows in the east and west elevations of this bay match the windows in the north bay. The north elevation of the south bay is blank, being entirely clapboard, apparently for privacy. The front porch roof is supported by plain square posts raised on bases. Very plain brackets decorate the angles formed by the posts and plain cornice. A deep overhanging roof with exposed rafters links this house to Gothic cottage architecture and the jerkinheads have a definite medieval flavor, but the horizontal lines of the siding balance the verticality of the projecting wings and the end posts, in themselves verging on stick-style. The upward thrust is also emphasized in the front elevation by the two-story bay window capped by the swift but truncated thrust of the jerkinhead gable. This movement is balanced by the horizontal movement of the 1st floor porch and the more quiet movement of the steep slate roof of the upper half-story.

The windows in the first story of the main blocks are double-hung 2/4 sash windows running from floor to ceiling and framed in slender shutters which are louvered in the upper two-thirds and paneled below. In the north elevation the third window in from the northwest corner is false; no window is behind the closed shutter. The second story fenestration is 2/2, double-hung, also framed in wooden shutters, these entirely louvered. There is one

CONTINUE ON SEPARATE SHEET IF NECESSARY

**8 SIGNIFICANCE**

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
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<input checked="" 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                      1879                      BUILDER/ARCHITECT                      JTC Hopkins

STATEMENT OF SIGNIFICANCE

This building is a well preserved and gracious example of the home of a wealthy and prominent Bel Air family in the third quarter of the nineteenth century. It is at present (1979) the only property in Town for which an historic preservation easement for both exterior elevations and interior details has been donated to the Maryland Trust. The building has been converted to office use.

In 1879 on the occasion of his marriage to Amanda Evans Wylie of South Carolina, John Thomas Chew Hopkins decided to build a new house on his Main Street lot, so he bought the lot next to F. W. Baker's house on Broadway from Harvey Jones and moved the house that was on the Main Street lot to that location. The house has been demolished. By October the cellar was being dug. (Harford Democrat, July 18, October 17, 1879) At that rate, it is possible that the house was not under roof that fall.

The house remained in the family and remained unchanged until 1976 when Miss Amanda Wylie Hopkins gave a preservation easement to the Maryland Historical Trust and sold the property to Linager and Smith. It was sold in January, 1979 to Poteet and Bonovich.

**9 MAJOR BIBLIOGRAPHICAL REFERENCES**

Harford Democrat  
 Harford County Land Records

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**10 GEOGRAPHICAL DATA**

ACREAGE OF NOMINATED PROPERTY .45 a+

VERBAL BOUNDARY DESCRIPTION

This property occupies parcel 586 in the Town of Bel Air,  
 79' x 250'

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

STATE	COUNTY
STATE	COUNTY

**11 FORM PREPARED BY**

NAME / TITLE

M. Larew

7 January 1979

ORGANIZATION

Town of Bel Air

DATE

STREET & NUMBER

39 Hickory Avenue

TELEPHONE

838-8700

CITY OR TOWN

Bel Air

STATE

Maryland

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.

The Survey and Inventory are being prepared for information and record purposes only and do not constitute any infringement of individual property rights.

RETURN TO: Maryland Historical Trust  
 The Shaw House, 21 State Circle  
 Annapolis, Maryland 21401  
 (301) 267-1438

2/2 shuttered window in the gable of the north wing front and rear. The two dormer windows are round-arched 2/2, double-hung sash. All other windows are flat-arched. The windows of the service wing are universally 4/4, double-hung sash both in the first and second stories except for those in the one story lean-to addition to the service wing, which are 6/6.

The entry in the middle bay of the front elevation has double paneled doors with original hardware. The horizontal 3 pane transom and the narrow 2 pane side lights are of frosted decorated glass. A carved band topped by a beaded band separates the door from the transom.

The interior woodwork, mantels, and ceiling medallions are still in excellent condition. The first floor public rooms are decorated with restrained elegance. An open string staircase with a fat faceted newel, slender turned and faceted balusters and ornamental brackets, rises in the south side of the center hall; a like back stair with plainer turned balusters occupies the same position in the east (front) end of the service wing. The parlors have matching decorated slate mantels, the front parlor also having a mirrored overmantel. The public rooms and the hall also have cornices and decorative medallions.

The second floor woodwork is simpler but the painted mantels have elaborate moulding and carved or applied decoration. The top half-story rooms are smaller and even less elaborate. A metal, one-person electric elevator rises from the first to the second floor alongside the balustrade of the front staircase.

Altogether the Hopkins House is an elegant example of the type of house built by Bel Air's wealthy residents in the last quarter of the 19th century. While the architecture and interior decoration are well within the Victorian style, the style is carried out in a simple and balanced way without the furious over-ornamentation so prevalent elsewhere during the period.

A two-story back-garage of board and batten with a gable roof occupies the northeast corner of the lot.

MARYLAND HISTORICAL TRUST  
 21 STATE CIRCLE  
 SHAW HOUSE  
 ANNAPOLIS, MARYLAND 21401

HISTORIC SITES SURVEY FIELD SHEET  
 Individual Structure Survey Form

EASEMENT

SURVEY NUMBER: HA-1244
NEGATIVE FILE NUMBER:
UTM REFERENCES: Zone/Easting/Northing
U.S.G.S. QUAD. MAP:
PRESENT FORMAL NAME: Hopkins House
ORIGINAL FORMAL NAME: Same
PRESENT USE: Offices
ORIGINAL USE: private residence
ARCHITECT/ENGINEER:
BUILDER/CONTRACTOR:
PHYSICAL CONDITION OF STRUCTURE: Excellent (x) Good ( ) Fair ( ) Poor: ( )
THEME: Architecture
STYLE: Victorian
DATE BUILT: 1879

COUNTY: Harford
TOWN: Bel Air
LOCATION: 141 North Main Street
COMMON NAME: Hopkins House
FUNCTIONAL TYPE: private residence
OWNER: Poteet & Bonovich Contact: ADDRESS: 141 N. Main St. Tatar, Bel Air, Md. Rosenthal
ACCESSIBILITY TO PUBLIC: Yes ( ) No ( ) Restricted (x)
LEVEL OF SIGNIFICANCE: Local (x) State ( ) National ( )

GENERAL DESCRIPTION:

Structural System

- Foundation: Stone(x) Brick( ) Concrete( ) Concrete Block( )
- Wall Structure
  - Wood Frame: Post and Beam( ) Balloon( )
  - Wood Bearing Masonry: Brick( ) Stone( ) Concrete( ) Concrete Block( )
  - Iron( ) D. Steel( ) E. Other:
- Wall Covering: Clapboard(x) Board and Batten( ) Wood Shingle( ) Shiplap( )  
 Novelty( ) Stucco( ) Sheet Metal( ) Aluminum( ) Asphalt Shingle( )  
 Brick Veneer( ) Stone Veneer( )  
 Bonding Pattern: Other:
- Roof Structure
  - Truss: Wood( ) Iron( ) Steel( ) Concrete( )
  - Other:
- Roof Covering: Slate(x) Wood Shingle( ) Asphalt Shingle( ) Sheet Metal( )  
 Built Up( ) Rolled( ) Tile( ) Other:
- Engineering Structure:
- Other:

Appendages: Porches(x) Towers( ) Cupolas( ) Dormers(x) Chimneys(x) Sheds( ) Ells( )  
 Wings (x) Other: bays jerkinshed dormers

Roof Style: Gable(x) Hip( ) Shed( ) Flat( ) Mansard( ) Gambrel( ) Jerkinhead(x)  
 Saw Tooth( ) With Monitor( ) With Bellcast( ) With Parapet( ) With False Front( )  
 Other:

Number of Stories: 2½  
 Number of Bays: 3  
 Approximate Dimensions: 45' x 55'  
 Entrance Location: Main St.

THREAT TO STRUCTURE: Preservation No Threat(x) Zoning( ) Roads( ) Easement Development( ) Deterioration( ) Alteration ( ) Other:
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LOCAL ATTITUDES: Positive(x) Negative( ) Mixed( ) Other:
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ADDITIONAL ARCHITECTURAL OR STRUCTURAL DESCRIPTION:

false window 1st floor N. elevation - shutters closed: no window electric elevator (single person) Miss Hopkins' heart condition between 1st & 2nd floor in stairwell fireplaces & woodwork retained - 2 new furnaces 1 in cellar, one in east room in utility wing serves 2nd & 3rd floors. Frosted glass in entry transom & window lights front & rear - original hardware doors & shutters - bay in south elevation on 2 windows in both stories. Third surface (right next to house next door) blank clapboard.

RELATED STRUCTURES: (Describe)

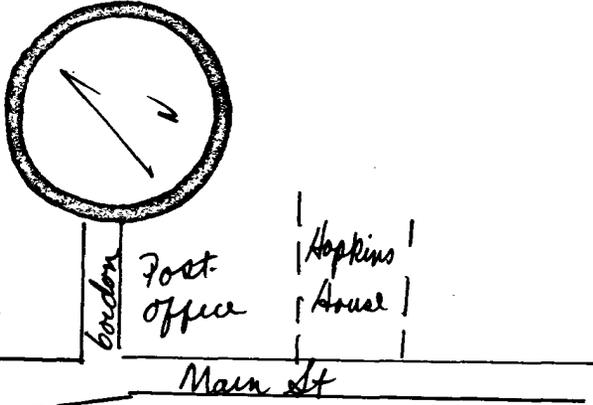
outbuilding: barn-garage - unchanged - used for storage

STATEMENT OF SIGNIFICANCE:

A fine Victorian house, well preserved; until the building was made into offices it was unchanged. Preservation easement protects not only exterior but interior features. Represents home of one of Bel Air's wealthy & prominent citizens, J.T.C. Hopkins, president of 2nd National Bank, lawyer, member of the State Legislature (1870), States Attorney for Harford (1872-1880), Deputy Collector of the Port of Baltimore, Cleveland, 2nd Administration. Apparently stayed in family hands until 1976 (find out who Martha Downes is.)

REFERENCES:

MAP: (Indicate North In Circle)



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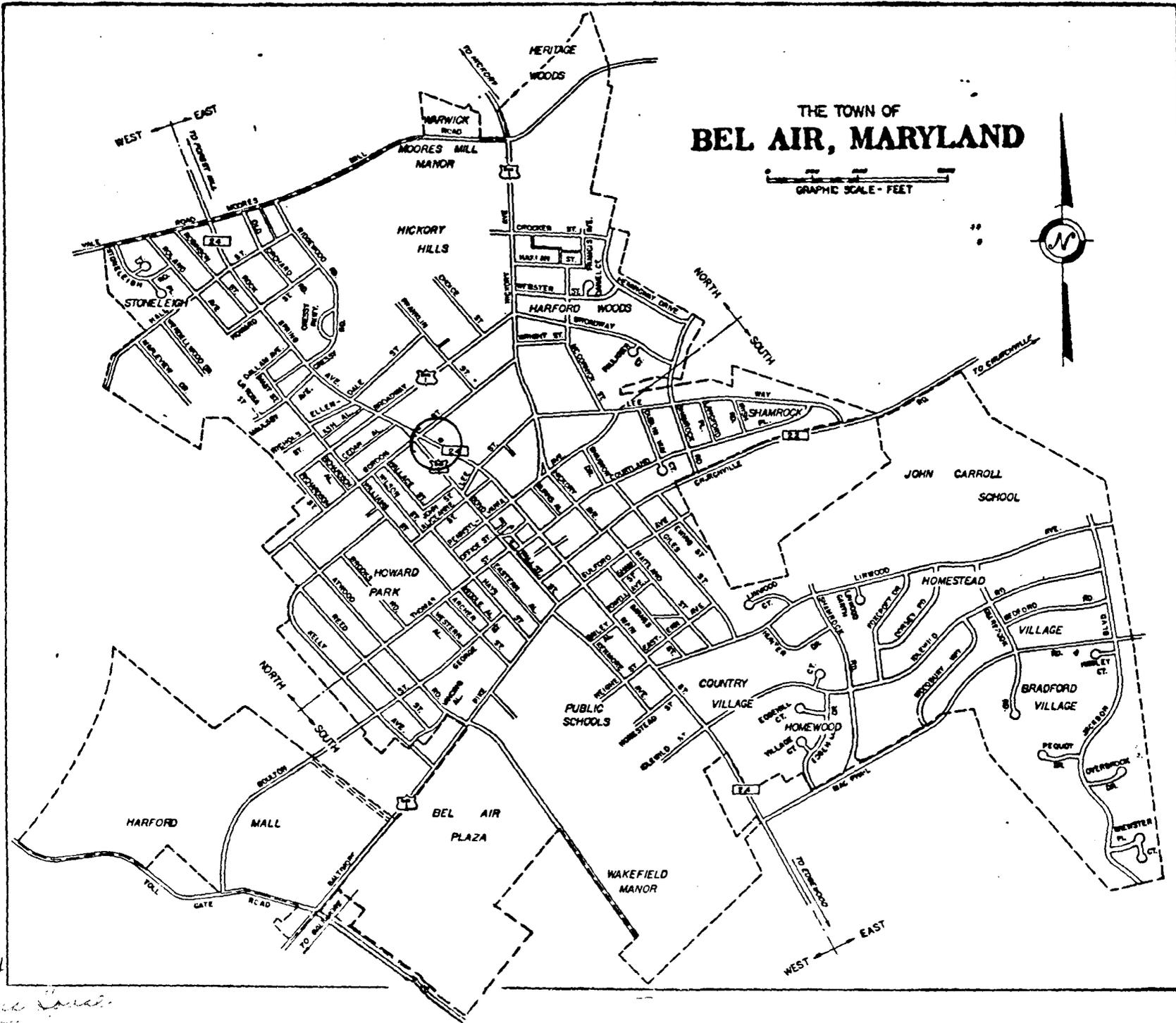
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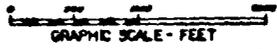
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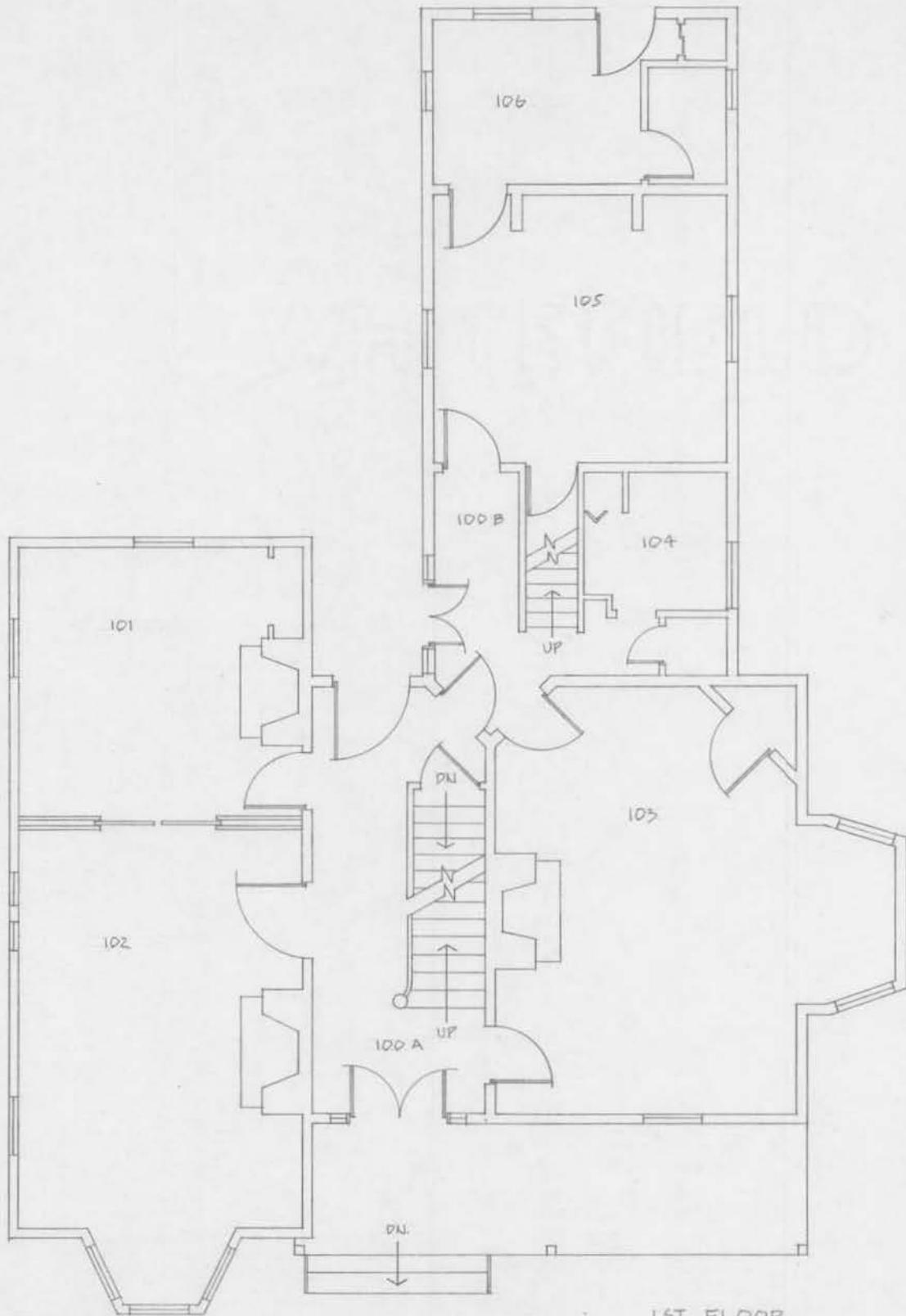
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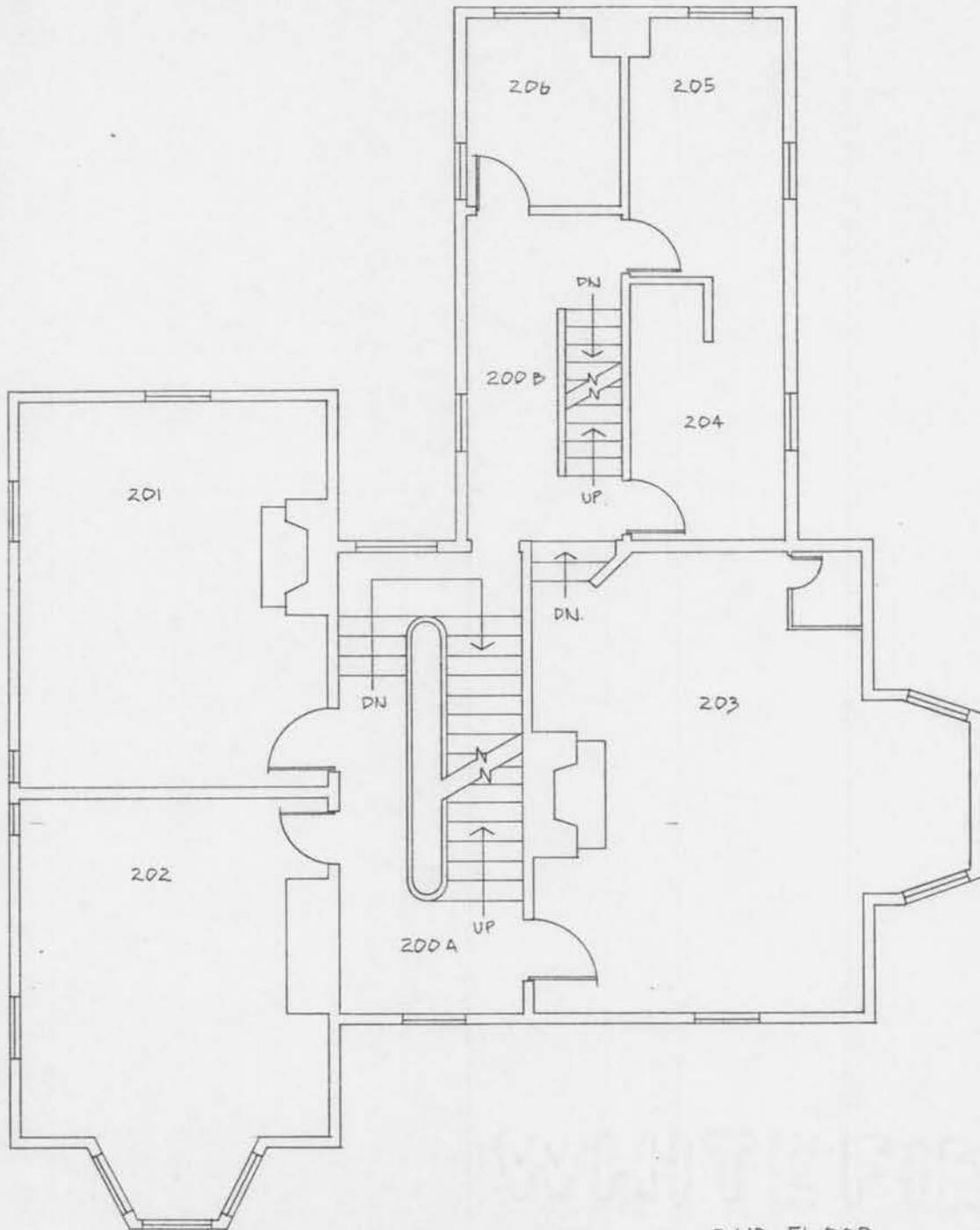
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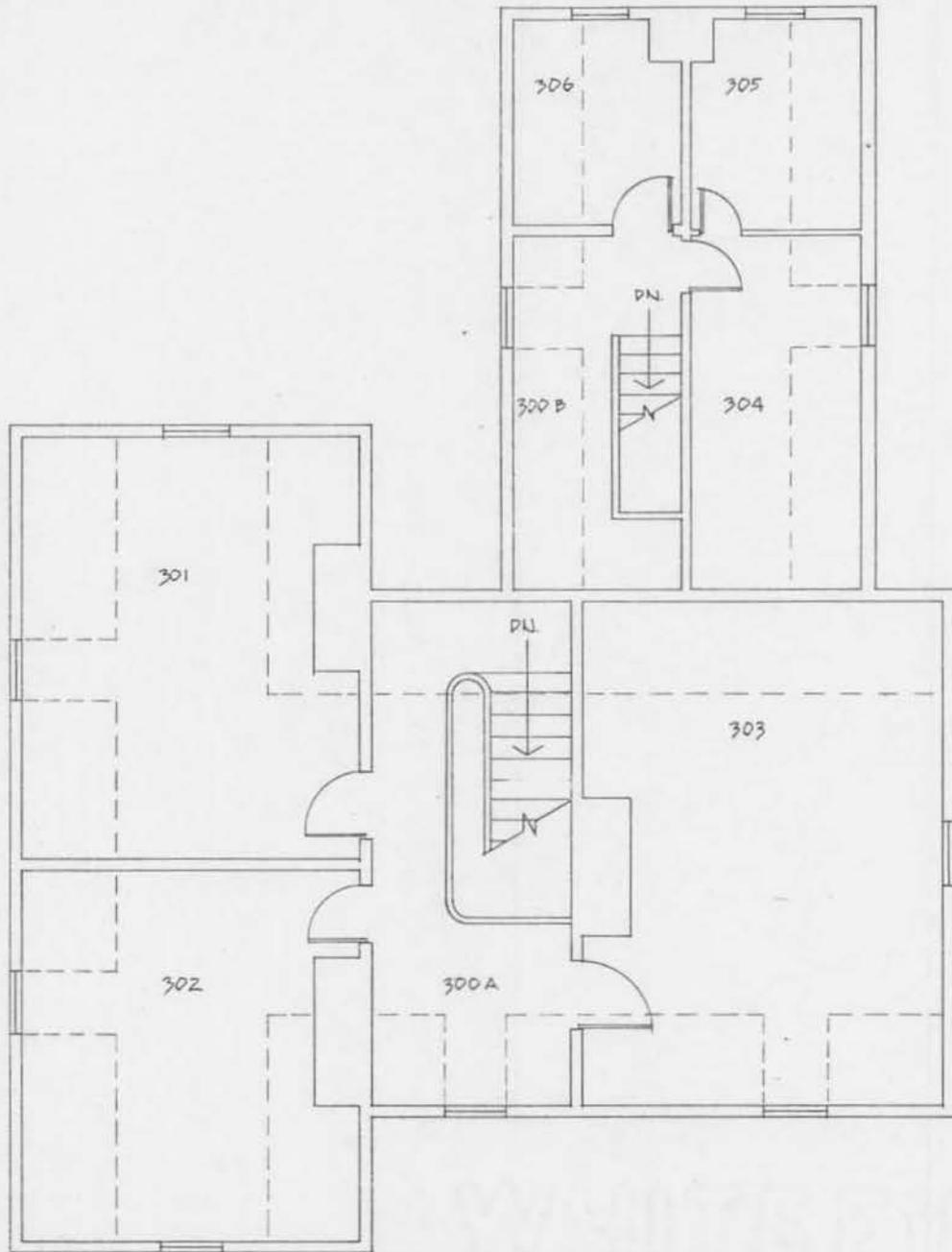
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Front

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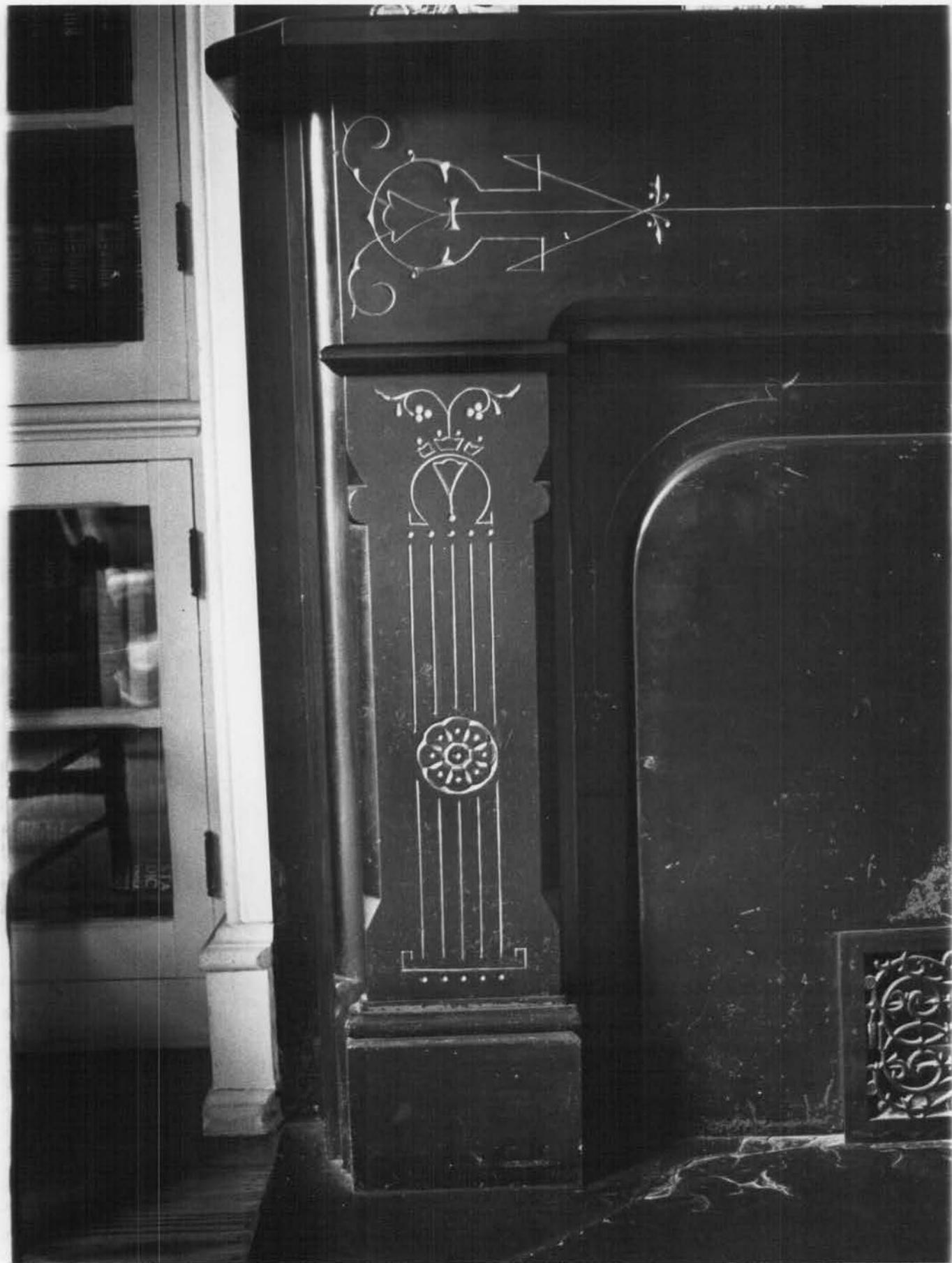
Front Paula as residence

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Grant powder as residence

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lean paula mantle as residence

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near Paula mantle as residence

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Front panel as rendered

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Living room as rendered

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Drawing Rooms as residence

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bedroom window as rendered

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Grant doc hardware

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Redwood mantle as per drawing

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Garage as residence

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