

HA-1352

Between 1868 & 1875

Bauer-Duff House  
108 S. Bond Street  
Bel Air  
Private

This tidy little house is typical of the few houses built between the end of the Civil War and the advent of the all-conquering front gable house: a simple three bay house with a gable roof and one room in the main block. This one has stood the test of time well.

MARYLAND HISTORICAL TRUST

INVENTORY FORM FOR STATE HISTORIC SITES SURVEY

**1 NAME**

HISTORIC  
Bauer House  
AND/OR COMMON  
Duff House

**2 LOCATION**

STREET & NUMBER  
108 S. Bond 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 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	<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  
Edward Duff et al c/o Dorothy Duff Telephone #: none  
STREET & NUMBER  
2 N. Atwood Road  
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 #: 379  
Folio #: 366

**6 REPRESENTATION IN EXISTING SURVEYS**

TITLE  
DATE  
DEPOSITORY FOR SURVEY RECORDS  
CITY, TOWN STATE  
\_FEDERAL \_STATE \_COUNTY \_LOCAL

**7 DESCRIPTION**

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**CONDITION** EXCELLENT GOOD FAIR DETERIORATED RUINS UNEXPOSED**CHECK ONE** UNALTERED ALTERED**CHECK ONE** ORIGINAL SITE MOVED DATE \_\_\_\_\_

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

This small two story aluminum-sided house is at 108 S. Bond Street in the Town of Bel Air, Harford County, Maryland. Its three bay front building has a two bay ell or back building with a gable roof at right angles to the north-south axis of the front building's gable roof. The windows are 6/6 double-hung sash flanked by shutters (except for the four close-set windows in the south elevation of the ell. The entrance is in the center bay of the front (east) elevation. The front porch has a tin shed roof on plain square posts.

This simple little house was recently sided in aluminum and sparkles as it enters its second century.

CONTINUE ON SEPARATE SHEET IF NECESSARY

**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 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		

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SPECIFIC DATES    **Between 1868 & 1875**                      BUILDER/ARCHITECT

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STATEMENT OF SIGNIFICANCE

This small house, well kept but unadorned except for shutters, is built on land Preston Gilbert leased from the estate of Thomas Hays in 1868 (20/404). Gilbert assigned the least to saddle-maker John Bauer in 1870 (24/381) and conveyed him the fee simple in 1875 (32/235). Gilbert may have built the house but it is more likely it was built between 1870 and 1875 by John Bauer. It appears on the 1878 Map. Bauer's shop was on the west side of Main Street south of Courtland in 1865. Bauer defaulted on his mortgage (1880, 41/392) in 1908 and his daughter Lena bought the property (125/275). Lena was living in Washington, D.C., in 1920 when she sold the property to the present owner, Edward Duff (171/234). Mrs. Duff has since died, and the property is held by Mr. Duff and his daughters.

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**9 MAJOR BIBLIOGRAPHICAL REFERENCES**

1878 Map  
Harford Democrat

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**10 GEOGRAPHICAL DATA**

ACREAGE OF NOMINATED PROPERTY \_\_\_\_\_

VERBAL BOUNDARY DESCRIPTION

This property occupies parcel #1212 in the Town of Bel Air, 40' x 200'

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

STATE COUNTY

STATE COUNTY

**11 FORM PREPARED BY**

NAME / TITLE

Marilynn Larew, Architectural Historian

19 October 1979

ORGANIZATION

Town of Bel Air

DATE

838-8700

STREET & NUMBER

39 Hickory Avenue

TELEPHONE

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

MARYLAND HISTORICAL TRUST 21 STATE CIRCLE SHAW HOUSE ANNAPOLIS, MARYLAND 21401  HISTORIC SITES SURVEY FIELD SHEET Individual Structure Survey Form	SURVEY NUMBER: HA-1352
	NEGATIVE FILE NUMBER:
	UTM REFERENCES: Zone/Easting/Northing
	U.S.G.S. QUAD. MAP:
	PRESENT FORMAL NAME: Duff House
COUNTY: Harford	ORIGINAL FORMAL NAME: Bauer House
TOWN: Bel Air	
LOCATION: 108 S. Bond Street	PRESENT USE: private residence
	ORIGINAL USE: same
	ARCHITECT/ENGINEER:
COMMON NAME: Duff House	BUILDER/CONTRACTOR:
FUNCTIONAL TYPE: private residence	PHYSICAL CONDITION OF STRUCTURE: Excellent( ) Good(X) Fair( ) Poor( )
OWNER: Edward Duff c/o Dorothy Duff ADDRESS: 2 N. Atwood Bel Air	THEME: Architecture
ACCESSIBILITY TO PUBLIC: Yes( ) No( ) Restricted(X)	STYLE: Vernacular
LEVEL OF SIGNIFICANCE: Local(X) State( ) National( )	DATE BUILT: Between 1868 & 1875
GENERAL DESCRIPTION: Structural System 1. Foundation: Stone( )Brick( )Concrete( )Concrete Block( ) 2. Wall Structure A. Wood Frame: Post and Beam( )Balloon( ) B. Wood Bearing Masonry: Brick( )Stone( )Concrete( )Concrete Block( ) C. Iron( ) D. Steel( ) E. Other: 3. Wall Covering: Clapboard( )Board and Batten( )Wood Shingle( )Shiplap( ) Novelty( )Stucco( )Sheet Metal( )Aluminum(X)Asphalt Shingle( ) Brick Veneer( )Stone Veneer( ) Bonding Pattern: Other: 4. Roof Structure A. Truss: Wood( )Iron( )Steel( )Concrete( ) B. Other: 5. Roof Covering: Slate( )Wood Shingle( )Asphalt Shingle(X)Sheet Metal( ) Built Up( )Rolled( )Tile( )Other: 6. Engineering Structure: 7. Other: Appendages: Porches(X)Towers( )Cupolas( )Dormers( )Chimneys(X)Sheds( )Ells(X) Wings( ) Other: Roof Style: Gable( )Hip( )Shed( )Flat( )Mansard( )Gambrel( )Jerkinhead( ) Saw Tooth( )With Monitor( )With Bellcast( )With Parapet( )With False Front( ) Other: Number of Stories: 2 Number of Bays: 3 Approximate Dimensions: 25' x 25' Entrance Location: South Bond	
THREAT TO STRUCTURE: No Threat( )Zoning( )Roads( ) Development(X)Deterioration( ) Alteration( )Other:	LOCAL ATTITUDES: Positive( )Negative( ) Mixed( ) Other:

ADDITIONAL ARCHITECTURAL OR STRUCTURAL DESCRIPTION:

windows 6/6 shutters  
entrance center bay front (e) elev  
shed roof porch (tin) w/ plain posts

RELATED STRUCTURES: (Describe)

STATEMENT OF SIGNIFICANCE:

Bauer House on 1878 Map

REFERENCES:

MAP: (Indicate North in Circle)



*X - Bel Air Times ✓ Thomas*  
*J. Bond*  
*1 1/2 court land*

SURROUNDING ENVIRONMENT:

Open Lane( )Woodland( )Scattered Buildings( )  
Moderately Built Up( )Densely Built Up( )  
Residential(X)Commercial(X)  
Agricultural( )Industrial( )  
Roadside Strip Development( )  
Other:

Marilynn Larew

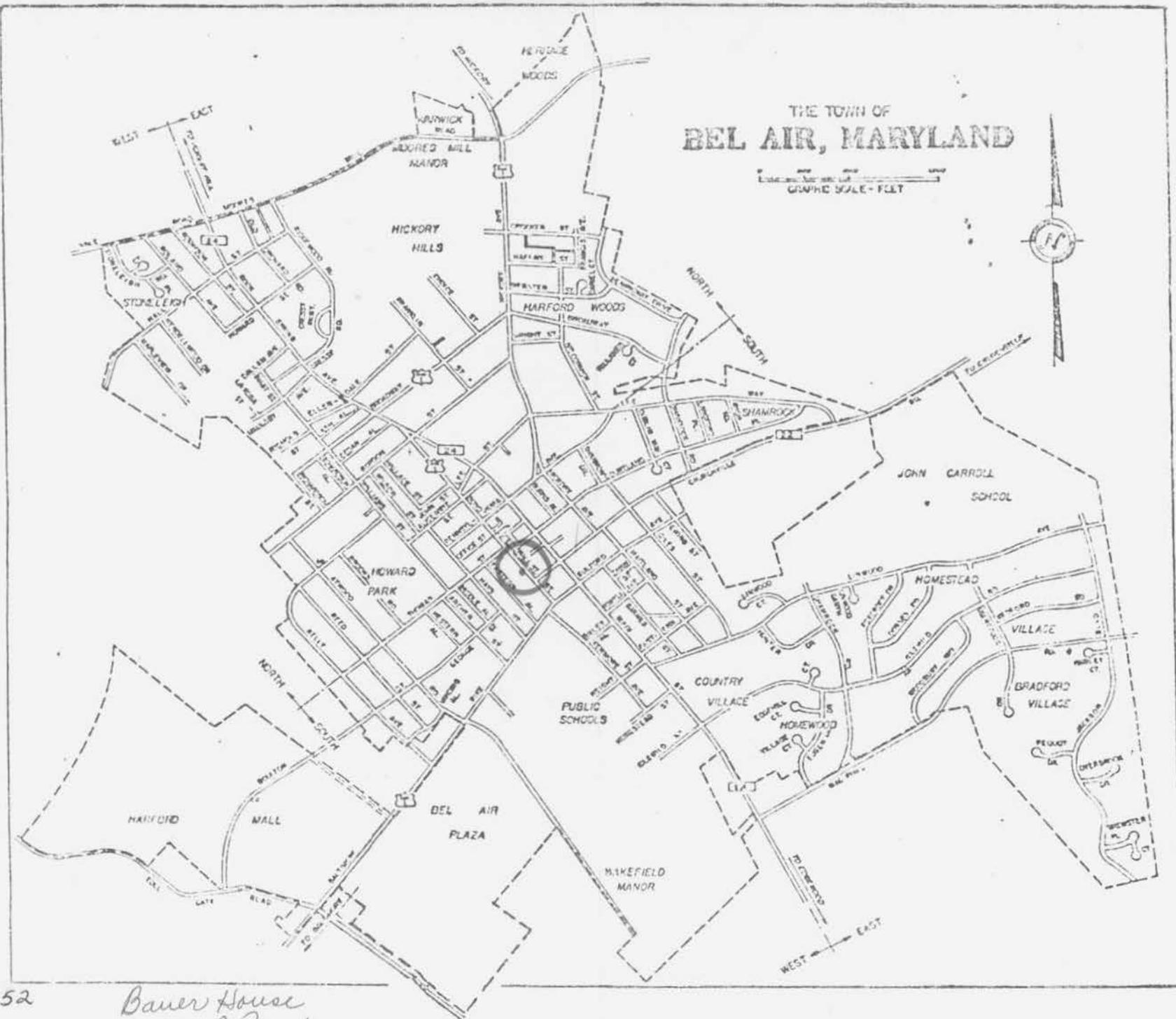
RECORDED BY:  
Town of Bel Air

ORGANIZATION:  
12 October 1979

DATE RECORDED:

TITLE: 108 S. Bond Street

- 379/366                    26 August 1952  
Edward D. Higinbothom  
                              to  
Edward Duff, Dorothy Duff and Mildred  
Campbell
- 379/364                    26 August 1952  
Edward Duff, widower  
                              to  
Edward D. Higinbothom  
straw  
Olive R. Duff dead
- 171/234                    30 October 1920  
Lena J. Bauer of Washington, D.C.  
                              to  
Edward Duff and Olive
- 125/275                    2 December 1908  
S. A. Williams, attorney  
                              to  
Lena J. Bauer  
Miss Bauer bought the property after her  
father John Bauer defaulted on his mortgage  
(1880, 41/392). She paid \$1200.  
  
Bauer bought the assignment of lease from  
Preston Gilbert in 1870 (24/381) and the  
fee simple from him in 1875 (32/235). Gilbert  
leased the property from the estate of Thomas  
Hays in 1868 (20/404) and acquired the fee  
simple in 1875 after the equity case of Mary  
Sappington vs Thomas A. Hays et al regarding the  
property left to Thomas Hays's daughters  
which reverted to the heirs of Elizabeth Jacobs.  
The property was sold for partition.



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Bauer House  
108 S. Bond



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Bauer-Duff House, 108 S. Bond, Bell  
S. + E. side

M. Lauer, 1979