HA-1353

Kennedy-Weber House
134 S. Bond Street
Bel Air
Private

This would be the plainest kind of workingman's housing were it not for the bold scroll brackets to the porch posts. The house was built by blacksmith Jacob Kennedy.
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INVENTORY FORM FOR STATE HISTORIC SITES SURVEY

1 NAME
HISTORIC
Jacob C. Kennedy House
AND/OR COMMON
Weber House

2 LOCATION
STREET & NUMBER
134 S. Bond
CITY, TOWN
Bel Air
STATE
Maryland

3 CLASSIFICATION
CATEGORY
X DISTRICT
BUILDING(S)
X BUILDING(S)
STRUCTURE
SITE
OBJECT

OWNERSHIP
PUBLIC
PRIVATE
PRIVATE
PUBLIC ACQUISITION
IN PROCESS
BEING CONSIDERED

STATUS
X OCCUPIED
UNOCCUPIED
WORK IN PROGRESS
ACCESSIBLE
YES: RESTRICTED
NO

PRESENT USE
AGRICULTURE
MUSEUM
COMMERCIAL
PARK
EDUCATIONAL
PRIVATE RESIDENCE
ENTERTAINMENT
RELIGIOUS
GOVERNMENT
SCIENTIFIC
INDUSTRIAL
TRANSPORTATION
MILITARY
OTHER

4 OWNER OF PROPERTY
NAME
George N. Weber
STREET & NUMBER
708 Linwood Avenue
CITY, TOWN
Bel Air
STATE, ZIP CODE
Maryland 21014

5 LOCATION OF LEGAL DESCRIPTION
COURTHOUSE
Harford County Courthouse
REGISTRY OF DEEDS, ETC.
Main Street
CITY, TOWN
Bel Air
STATE
Maryland

6 REPRESENTATION IN EXISTING SURVEYS
TITLE
DATE
FEDERAL
STATE
COUNTY
LOCAL

DEPOSITORY FOR SURVEY RECORDS
CITY, TOWN
STATE
This two and a half story, three bay aluminum sided house is at 134 S. Bond Street in the Town of Bel Air, Harford County, Maryland. While it resembles many Bel Air houses built between 1870 and 1900 in layout, it lacks the ubiquitous front gable. The three bay by two bay gable roofed Main block has two corbel capped inside end chimneys. The ell (actually a T) is also unusual in that it springs from the middle of the west elevation of the main block, rather than the side two bays as is more common in Town. The two bay ell has a shed roof sloping to the south and an enclosed porch on the south side. A third corbel capped chimney is in the middle of the west elevation of the ell. The north elevation of the main block is blind save for a pair of four pane casements in the gable. The south elevation has the casements in the gable and two windows on each level. The windows of the house are 6/6 double-hung sash. The entrance is in the middle bay of the front (east) elevation. This is also uncommon; the entrance in a side bay is more common. The glass over panel door is topped by a two-pane transom.

The front porch has a hip roof carried on chamfered posts with scroll brackets.
### SIGNIFICANCE

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### STATEMENT OF SIGNIFICANCE

This plain house, adorned only by the scroll brackets on the front porch posts, was built in 1877 by blacksmith Jacob Kennedy on land he purchased for $400 from Jessie Frazier. Kennedy's smithy was two doors south on Bond. A picture of the smithy before 1904 is on page IV-3 in the Bel Air Centennial Book. This house and the smithy appear on the 1878 map. On the 1904 insurance map the smithy, where the boot maker's shop is today, has a different shape than it did in the picture.

This house is essentially a one family owned house, for the current owner is descended from Jacob Kennedy through Kennedy's daughter, Lydia A. Weber.

The house has had its side porch enclosed since 1930. The house, while roomy for 1877, is plain for the home of a master craftsman.

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9 MAJOR BIBLIOGRAPHICAL REFERENCES

1878 Map
1904, 1930 Sanborn Map
Bel Air Centennial Book

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10 GEOGRAPHICAL DATA

ACREAGE OF NOMINATED PROPERTY

VERBAL BOUNDARY DESCRIPTION

This property occupies parcel #1220 in the Town of Bel Air, 41' x 300'

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

STATE COUNTY

8 STATE COUNTY

11 FORM PREPARED BY

NAME / TITLE
Marilynn Larew, Architectural Historian

ORGANIZATION
Town of Bel Air

STREET & NUMBER
39 Hickory Avenue

CITY OR TOWN
Bel Air

STATE
Maryland

DATE
25 October 1979

TELEPHONE
838-8700

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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RETURN TO: Maryland Historical Trust
The Shaw House, 21 State Circle
Annapolis, Maryland 21401
(301) 267-1438
## Historic Sites Survey Field Sheet

**Individual Structure Survey Form**

**County:** Harford  
**Town:** Bel Air  
**Location:** 134 S. Bond

**Common Name:** Weber House  
**Function Type:** Private Residence  
**Owner:** George N. Weber  
**Address:** 708 Linwood Avenue  
**Bel Air**

**Accessibility to Public:** Yes( ) No( ) Restricted( )

**Level of Significance:** Local( ) State( ) National( )

**Survey Number:** HA-1353

**Present Formal Name:** Weber House  
**Original Formal Name:** Kennedy House  
**Present Use:** Private Residence  
**Original Use:** Same

**Architect/Engineer:**

**Builder/Contractor:**

**Theme:** Architecture  
**Style:** Vernacular

**Date Built:** 1877

### 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( ) 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( ) Sheet Metal( ) Built Up( ) Rolled( ) Tile( ) Other):
6. **Engineering Structure:**
7. **Other:**

**Appendages:** (Porch( ) Towers( ) Cupolas( ) Dormers( ) Chimneys( ) Sheds( ) Eills( ) Wings( ) Other):

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

**Number of Stories:** 2½  
**Number of Bays:** 3  
**Approximate Dimensions:** 25' x 35'

**Threat to Structure:**

No Threat( ) Zoning( ) Roads( ) Development( ) Deterioration( ) Alteration( ) Other:

**Local Attitudes:**

Positive( ) Negative( ) Mixed( ) Other:
ADDITIONAL ARCHITECTURAL OR STRUCTURAL DESCRIPTION:

windows 6/6
entrance: middle bay front (e) elev transom over glass & panel door
porch - hip roof on chamfered posts scroll brackets
N elev blind ex 2 4 pane casements in gable
enclosed 1 story porch(s)
2 bay shed roof (to S) ell 3 corbell capped chimneys

RELATED STRUCTURES: (Describe)

STATEMENT OF SIGNIFICANCE:

middle class house 1870-75

REFERENCES:

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:
22 October 1979
DATE RECORDED:
TITLE: 134 S. Bond Street

343/80  
25 May 1950  
William C. Weber & Louise  
to  
George Nelson Weber & Antonette  
41.3' x 303'  
Lydia A. Weber died 13 November 1949

230/95  
15 March 1934  
J. Glasgow Archer, Jr.  
to  
Lydia A. Weber & William Weber, her son

230/94  
15 March 1934  
Howard W. Kennedy, widower, & Lydia A.  
Weber & Harry  
to  
J. Glasgow Archer, Jr.  
grantors are heirs of Jacob C. Kennedy,  
who died 14 May 1933

35/15  
3 April 1877  
Jessie Frazier of Wayne Co. N.Y.  
to  
Jacob C. Kennedy  
$400
SA 1353

Jacob C. Kennedy Hause, 134 S. Bond, Belair
211 & 212
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