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1912

General Reckord House
57 E. Broadway
Bel Air
private

Broadway is a textbook of Bel Air building styles from the unadorned cottage through the front gable Victorian to several classical revival styles of the early 20th century. This house is built in the style that Bel Air would expand after World War I: the two story square house with a single dormer at each cardinal point, and the still fashionable L-shaped veranda, the whole looking solid, reliable and comfortable. It was built by Milton Atchison Reckord of the Reckord Flour Mills family. He served with distinction in both World Wars and was Adjutant of the Maryland National Guard for many years.

MARYLAND HISTORICAL TRUST

INVENTORY FORM FOR STATE HISTORIC SITES SURVEY

1 NAME

HISTORIC
General Reckord House
AND/OR COMMON

2 LOCATION

STREET & NUMBER
57 E. Broadway 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	PUBLIC ACQUISITION	ACCESSIBLE	<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 dentist

4 OWNER OF PROPERTY

NAME
Ralph N. Cortezi Telephone #:
STREET & NUMBER
1901 Springview Court
CITY, TOWN
Fallston VICINITY OF STATE, zip code
Maryland 21014

5 LOCATION OF LEGAL DESCRIPTION

COURTHOUSE, REGISTRY OF DEEDS, ETC.
Harford County Courthouse Liber #: 1073
Folio #: 414
STREET & NUMBER
Main Street
CITY, TOWN
Bel Air STATE
Maryland

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		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	1979	

DESCRIBE THE PRESENT AND ORIGINAL (IF KNOWN) PHYSICAL APPEARANCE

This spacious pre-World War I home is at 57 East Broadway in the Town of Bel Air, Harford County, Maryland. It has recently been remodeled by James Greene, a Fallston contractor and cabinetmaker. The two and a half-story structure, recently sided in aluminum, has four hip roofed dormers, one on each side, and a spacious veranda with a hipped roof extends across the front (north) elevation and half-way down the side (east). The windows of the slated dormers are 6/1 double-hung sash in plain surrounds. The windows of the main block are 1/1, in pairs, flanked by shutters. The porch was once carried on fluted Doric columns. The recent changes saw the porch rebuilt with one-way glass but retaining the same relation of solid to void. The columns were halved and engaged to the new porch supports. Dr. Cortezi has his examination chairs in the porch with cabinets providing free-standing room dividers. Thus the patient sits in a spacious area looking out at Broadway through the inside plants and outside shrubbery. It is a very elegant arrangement.

A new outside staircase of plastered cement block rises parallel to the west elevation. Mr. Greene built both the 6 panel door and the fluted pilaster and architrave classical surround. The rear (south) elevation has a first story porch in the west end. The sleeping porch above is carried on a fluted (aluminum) column. The porch previously had a cast iron railing. The main entrance into Dr. Cortezi's offices is from this porch in the west wall. The entry, a broken pediment on an architrave supported by fluted pilasters, was also built by Mr. Greene. The door has glass above and panels below. East of the projecting porch is a ramp for handicapped patients which leads to a special entry in the rear (south) elevation.

The interior of the first story has been completely gutted and remodeled. The working area is elegant and spacious since the room dividers do not reach to the ceiling. Mr. Greene built all of the cabinets, too.

The only change to the second story has been the elimination of the staircase from the inside of the west wall. The entry in the west elevation gives on to the dog-leg portion of the run. The four bedrooms and two baths will be rented as two suites of two rooms and bath. The plain mitered woodwork is original as is the remainder of the balustrade.

The remodeling of the house into offices is an excellent example of imaginative adaptive reuse.

CONTINUE ON SEPARATE SHEET IF NECESSARY

9 MAJOR BIBLIOGRAPHICAL REFERENCES

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10 GEOGRAPHICAL DATA

ACREAGE OF NOMINATED PROPERTY _____

VERBAL BOUNDARY DESCRIPTION

This property occupies parcel #541 in the Town of Bel Air,
120' 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

9 May 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.

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The Shaw House, 21 State Circle
Annapolis, Maryland 21401
(301) 267-1438

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 21 STATE CIRCLE
 SHAW HOUSE
 ANNAPOLIS, MARYLAND 21401

HISTORIC SITES SURVEY FIELD SHEET
 Individual Structure Survey Form

SURVEY NUMBER: HA-1364

NEGATIVE FILE NUMBER:

UTM REFERENCES:
 Zone/Easting/Northing

U.S.G.S. QUAD. MAP:

PRESENT FORMAL NAME:
Mr. Cortez's office

ORIGINAL FORMAL NAME:
General Rickard House

PRESENT USE: *Dental Office*

ORIGINAL USE: *private residence*

ARCHITECT/ENGINEER:

BUILDER/CONTRACTOR:

PHYSICAL CONDITION OF STRUCTURE:
 Excellent () Good ()
 Fair () Poor: ()

THEME: *architecture*

STYLE: *vernacular*

DATE BUILT:
1912

COUNTY: *Harford*

TOWN: *Beltan*

LOCATION:
57 E. Broadway

COMMON NAME: *Dr. Cortez's office*
Gen Rickard's House

FUNCTIONAL TYPE: *private residence*

OWNER: *Ralph W. Cortez M.D.*
 ADDRESS: *1901 Springview Court*
Fallston, Md

ACCESSIBILITY TO PUBLIC:
 Yes () No () Restricted ()

LEVEL OF SIGNIFICANCE:
 Local () State () National ()

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: Porches () Towers () Cupolas () Dormers () Chimneys () Sheds () Ells ()
 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 1/2*

Number of Bays: *2*

Approximate Dimensions: *45' x 50'*

Entrance Location: *Broadway*

THREAT TO STRUCTURE:
 No Threat () Zoning () Roads ()
 Development () Deterioration ()
 Alteration () Other:

LOCAL ATTITUDES:
 Positive () Negative ()
 Mixed () Other:

ADDITIONAL ARCHITECTURAL OR STRUCTURAL DESCRIPTION: interior 1st floor gutted. 2nd floor 4 br 2 bath and sm. room over back porch moulded w/w org - tipped dome 6/1 in plain surrounds - slated 2nd fl 1/2 in pairs shutters / porch enc - columns used as pilasters on rebuilt porch 4 bays 1 way glass new outside stair to 2nd floor (plastered cement block) 6 panel door (top 2 glass) in fluted pilaster w. entrance in back porch new front~~ed~~ piece doorway (made by sm. 6 w/w)

RELATED STRUCTURES: (Describe)

2 Car garage

STATEMENT OF SIGNIFICANCE:

Home of ~~Admiral~~^{Gen.} Reckord - WW I + II + Adjutant of Md. Natl Guard.

REFERENCES:

MAP: (Indicate North in Circle)



E. Broadway

Franklin

SURROUNDING ENVIRONMENT:

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

Mr. Larew

RECORDED BY:

Town of Bel Air

ORGANIZATION:

11 June 79

DATE RECORDED:

TITLE: 57 BROADWAY

1073/414 5 September 1978
Mary Frances Chance
 to
Ralph N. Cortezi
Mrs. Chance is the former Mrs. Welte.

986/999 25 November 1975
John D. Welte
 to
Mary Frances Welte (his wife)
120 x 200
subject to mortgage 1970 855/457

855/455 21 September 1970
Elizabeth C. Higinbothom by her attorney
Edward D. Higinbothom
 to
John D. Welte and Mary Frances, wife
120 x 200

193/209 25 May 1925
F. Lee Hughes, unmarried
 to
Dulaney C. Higinbothom and Elizabeth C., wife
\$7,750
120 x 200

173/493 3 August 1921
John A. Robinson & Berthenia Pue Crocker
 to
Dr. F. Lee Hughes
\$7,200

173/194 10 May 1921
Nannie Kinsey Pue, widow
 to
John A. Robinson
to assume mortgages

150/257 29 November 1915
M. Atcheson Reckord & Bessie, wife
 to
Nannie Kinsey Pue heretofore residing at
Marlington, W. Va.
\$5,800

139/33

9 July 1912
O. Jane Munnikhuysen, Mary H. Munnikhuysen,
Fannie M. Munnikhuysen, Elizabeth D.
Munnikhuysen, and Edith M. Munnikhuysen
to
M. Atchinson Reckord
\$500 (?)

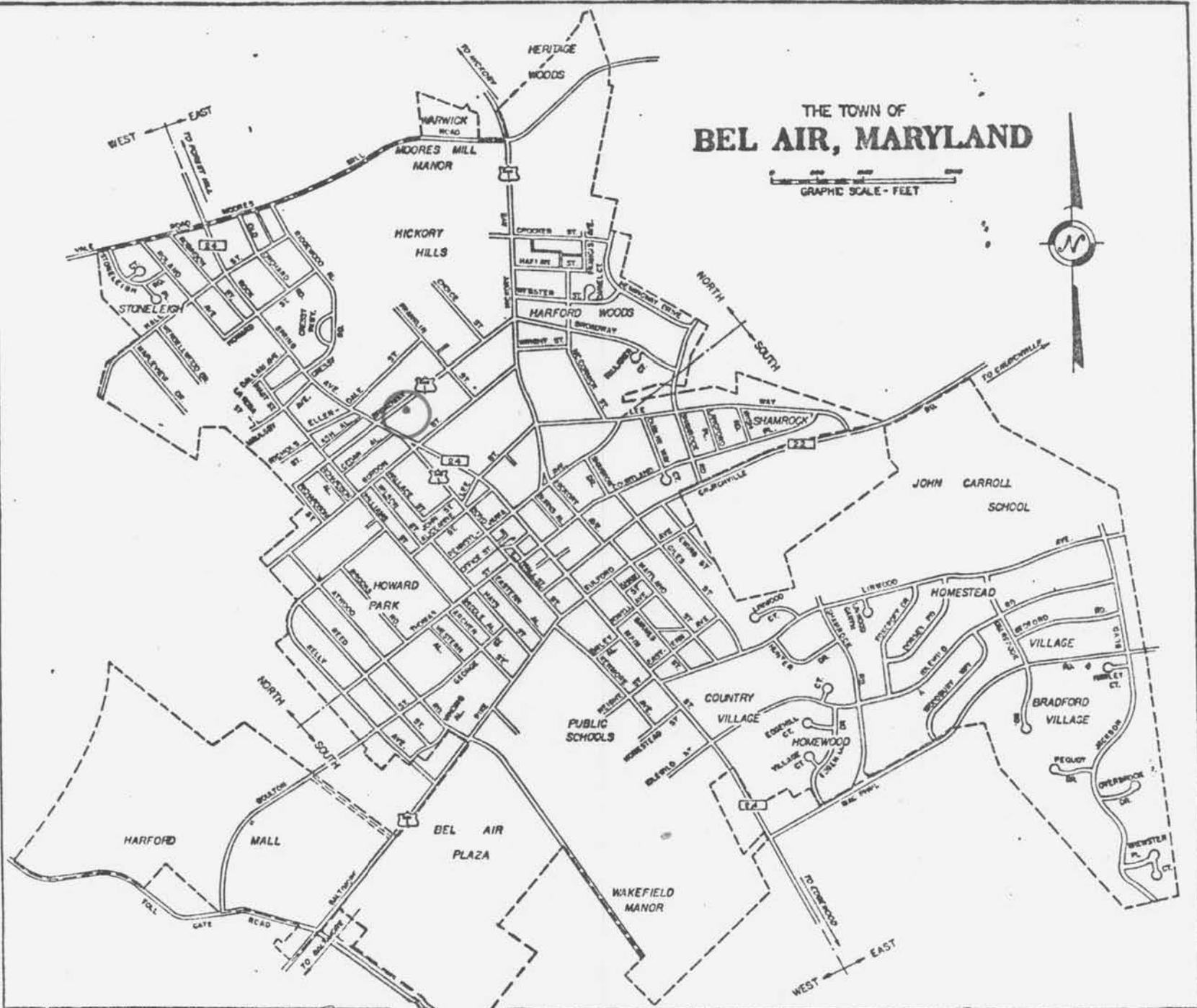
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7 March 1903
George L. Van Bibber, Trustee
to
the above Misses Munnikhuysen
Van Bibber was trustee for the sale of the
remaining lands of the heirs of Dr. Munnikhuysen
after an equity case (1898, equity 55/15)

The Munnikhuysen ladies bought various
parcels of land including the 120 x 210 lot
the total price was \$7080.00

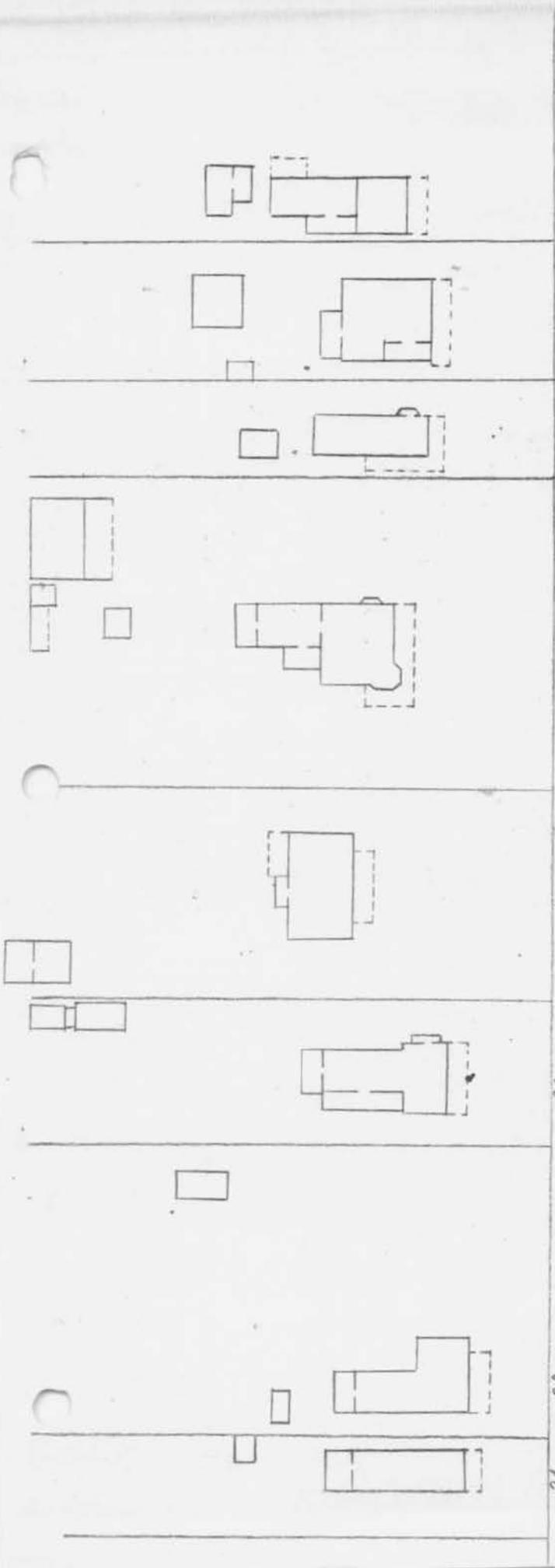
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GRAPHIC SCALE - FEET



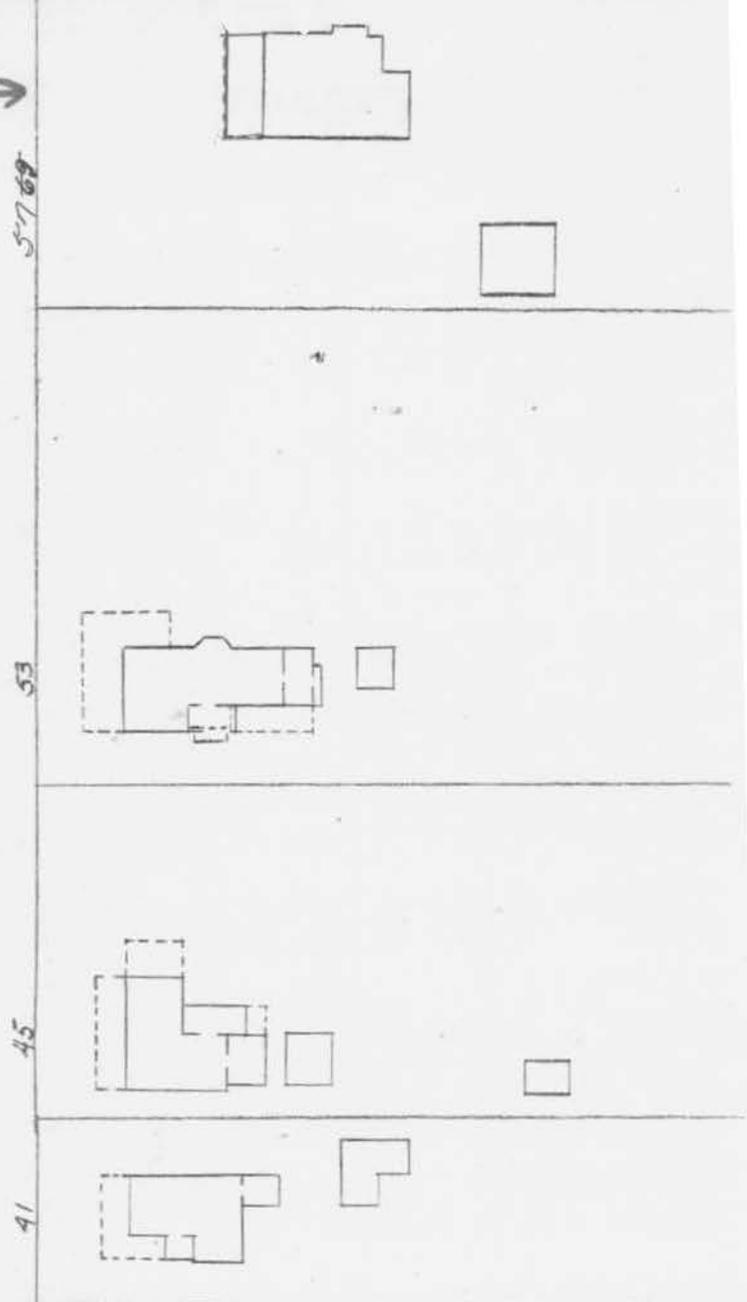
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Bel Air



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General Rickard House
57 1/2 Broadway
Bellevue
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1930 Sanborn Map



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General Reckoid House, 57 E. Broadway,
Bel air
s + e elev

M. Larew, 1979



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General Reckford a House, 57 E. Broadway,
Bel Air

N + W elevs

M. Lucas, 1979



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General Record's, 517 E. Broadway
Bel Air
w/s elevs, showing entrance
M. Larow, 1979