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Ellis House (Peterson House)

Architectural Survey File

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One of a row of front gable Victorian houses, the Peterson-Ellis house asserts its individuality with a pointed-arch 2/2 window in the gable.
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**INVENTORY FORM FOR STATE HISTORIC SITES SURVEY**

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This 2½-story, three bay aluminum-sided house with a gable roof is at 209 E. Broadway in the Town of Bel Air, Harford County, Maryland. It is typical of the houses built at this end of Broadway in the 1870's, being distinguished from its neighbors by the pointed arched 2/2 window in its front gable and by the doric columns supporting its hipped-roof front porch. It also has a single story bay window in the north bay of the west elevation. Its windows are 2/2 except for the 2/4 windows in the first floor front (north). Major windows have wooden louvered shutters. The entrance is in the west bay of the north elevation. The transom is blocked. The door is a 15 pane 20th century one. There is a porch at the back door (south) with a sun deck on top.

CONTINUE ON SEPARATE SHEET IF NECESSARY
This typical Broadway house was built in 1884 on a lot Isaac N. Peterson bought from Charles L. Dallam for $350 (30/499). In 1890 the Petersons lost it to a defaulted mortgage (1888). It was sold at auction to Walzetta Stifler (73/234). Mrs. Stifler and her husband, J. Royston, lived there until 1916 when they sold it to Caroline H. Broumel for $2500 (153/318). Mrs. Broumel died intestate in April 1944. In 1946 her heirs sold the house to Charles and Francis Michael (293/477). In 1953 the Michaels sold it to Fannie C. Michael (401/134) who sold it the following year to George K. Grove (416/359). Three years later the Groves sold it to James and Mary Jean Bell (484/510) who sold it to Edward and Janet Crocker in 1963 (630/532). In 1968 the Crockers sold it to J. James Shipe and Mary Josephine, his wife, (786/341). They sold it to the present owners, Paul H. Ellis and his wife, Judity, in 1971 (888/932).
This property occupies parcel #565 in the Town of Bel Air.

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
| **COUNTY:** | Harford |
| **TOWN:** | Bel Air |
| **LOCATION:** | 209 E. Broadway |
| **COMMON NAME:** | Ellis House |
| **FUNCTIONAL TYPE:** | private residence |
| **OWNER:** | Paul H. Ellis |
| **ADDRESS:** | 209 E. Broadway, Bel Air, Maryland |
| **ACCESSIBILITY TO PUBLIC:** | Restricted (X) |
| **LEVEL OF SIGNIFICANCE:** | Local (X) National ( ) |

**GENERAL DESCRIPTION:**

**Structural System**

1. Foundation: Stone (X) 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 ( ) 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 (X) Towers ( ) Cupolas ( ) Dormers ( ) Chimneys (X) Sheds ( ) Ells ( ) Wings ( ) Other:
- Roof Style: Gable ( ) Hip ( ) Shed ( ) Flat ( ) Mansard ( ) Gambrel ( ) Jerkinhead ( ) Saw Tooth ( ) With Monitor ( ) With Ballcast ( ) With Parapet ( ) With False Front ( ) Other:
- Number of Stories: 2 1/2
- Number of Bays: 3 x 4
- Approximate Dimensions: 20' x 55'

**ENTRANCE LOCATION:** E. Broadway

**THEORY TO STRUCTURE:**
- No Threat (X) Zoning ( ) Roads ( )
- Development ( ) Deterioration ( )
- Alterations ( ) Other:

**LOCAL ATTITUDES:**
- Positive ( ) Negative ( )
- Mixed ( ) Other:
ADDITIONAL ARCHITECTURAL OR STRUCTURAL DESCRIPTION:

front gable pointed arch 2/2; 2/2 windows ex 1st floor
front = 2/4 long shutters; 1 pane transom (blocked) glass
door
porch hip roof doric columns
W elevation 1 story bay window N. bay
porch at back door, sun deck on top

RELATED STRUCTURES: (Describe)

STATEMENT OF SIGNIFICANCE:

Typical Broadway house 1870's & 1880's

REFERENCES:

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

Marilynn Larew
RECORDED BY:
Town of Bel Air
ORGANIZATION:
10 August 1979
DATE RECORDED:
TITLE:
209 Broadway

888/932  28 December 1971
J. James Shipe and Mary Josephine, wife
   to
Paul H. Ellis and Judith, wife

786/341  14 August 1968
Edward Dorsey Crocker and Janet Silver, wife
   to
J. James Shipe and Mary Josephine, wife

630/532  2 October 1963
James F. Bell and Mary Jean, wife
   to
Edward Dorsey Crocker and Janet, wife

484/510  8 July 1957
George K. Grove and Mary M.
   to
James F. Bell and Mary Jean, wife

416/359  15 July 1954
Fannie C. Michael, unmarried, of Baltimore City
   to
George K. Grove

401/134  28 August 1953
Charles W. Michael, Jr., and Frances, wife
   to
Fannie C. Michael

293/477  23 February 1946
J. Wallace Broumel and Beverly, James H.
   Broumel and Sara, and Charles Wallace Broumel
   and Joy
   to
Charles W. Michael, Jr., and Frances
Caroline H. Broumel died intestate 22 April 1944
   owning the property. Husband J. Wallace (since
   remarried to Beverly) and two sons sell.

153/318  11 October 1916
Welzetta Stifler and J. Royston, husband
   to
Caroline H. Broumel
$2500
30 April 1890
A. Preston Gilbert, trustee
to
Welzetta Stifler
Gilbert was trustee in M. Olivia Gilbert vs. Isaac N. Peterson et. al. - a defaulted mortgage (1888) to A. Preston Gilbert

13 October 1884
Charles L. Dallam
to
Isaac N. Peterson
$350
Peterson - Ellis House, 200 E. Broadway, Bel Air
E + N elev.
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Peterson - Ellie House, 209 E. Broadway, Bel Air

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