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.
MARYLAND HISTORICAL TRUST

INVENTORY FORM FOR STATE HISTORIC SITES SURVEY

1 NAME

HISTORIC
Peterson House

AND/OR COMMON
Ellis House

2 LOCATION

STREET & NUMBER
209 E. Broadway

CITY. TOWN
Bel Air

STATE
Maryland

3 CLASSIFICATION

CATEGORY
 DISTRICT
 BUILDING(S)
 STRUCTURE
 SITE
 OBJECT

OWNERSHIP
 PUBLIC
 PRIVATE
 BOTH

STATUS
 OCCUPIED
 UNOCCUPIED
 WORK IN PROGRESS
 ACCESSIBLE
 YES. RESTRICTED
 YES. UNRESTRICTED
 NO

PRESENT USE
 AGRICULTURE
 COMMERCIAL
 EDUCATIONAL
 ENTERTAINMENT
 GOVERNMENT
 INDUSTRIAL
 MILITARY
 OTHER

4 OWNER OF PROPERTY

NAME
Paul H. Ellis

STREET & NUMBER
209 E. Broadway

CITY. TOWN
Bel Air

STATE, zip code
Maryland 21014

5 LOCATION OF LEGAL DESCRIPTION

COURTHOUSE
Harford County Courthouse

REGISTRY OF DEEDS, ETC.
Liber #: 888

STREET & NUMBER
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 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.
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, Judith, in 1971 (888/932).
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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HISTORIC SITES SURVEY FIELD SHEET  
Individual Structure Survey Form  

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**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 ( ) 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 (X) Towers ( ) Cupolas ( ) Dormers ( ) Chimneys ( ) Sheds ( ) Elks ( ) 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: 2½  
Number of Bays: 3 x 4  
Approximate Dimensions: 20' x 55'  

Entrance Location: E. Broadway  

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

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

**PRESENT USE:** Private residence  

**PRESENT FORMAL NAME:** Ellis House  

**ORIGINAL FORMAL NAME:** Isaac N. Peterson House  

**DATE BUILT:** 1884  

**UTM REFERENCES:**  
- Zone/Easting/Northing  

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

**REFERENCES:**  
- Historic Sites Survey Field Sheet  
- Zone/Easting/Northing  
- Individual Structure Survey Form  
- U.S.G.S. Quad. Map  
- Present Formal Name  
- Original Formal Name  
- Present Use  
- Original Use  
- Architect/Engineer  
- Builder/Contractor  
- Physical Condition of Structure  
- Accessibility to Public  
- Level of Significance  
- Theme: Architecture  
- Style: Vernacular  

**HISTORIC SITES SURVEY FIELD SHEET**
ADDITIONAL ARCHITECTURAL OR STRUCTURAL DESCRIPTION:

front gable pointed arch 2/2; 2/2 windows ex lst 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:
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<td>Caroline H. Broumel died intestate 22 April 1944 owning the property. Husband J. Wallace (since remarried to Beverly) and two sons sell.</td>
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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, 209 E. Broadway, Bel-Air
E + N elev.
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Peterson - Ellie House, 209 E. Broadway, Bel Air

M. Lanew, 1979