

HA-1382

1902

Charles Carver-McComas House  
220 E. Broadway  
Bel Air  
private

This is the only remaining five bay front gable Victorian in Bel Air. It is also quite late for that style. By 1902 most houses were being built with at least Queen Anne decoration, but this house is firmly in the older tradition: front gable with round-headed window, hip-roofed front porch with scroll brackets, two story hexagonal bay window on the side. The five bay center hall plan is unusual, and the two story back porch is not common, either.

INVENTORY FORM FOR STATE HISTORIC SITES SURVEY

**1 NAME**

HISTORIC  
Charles T. Carver House  
AND/OR COMMON  
Mrs. Herbert L. Mc Comas House

**2 LOCATION**

STREET & NUMBER  
220 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 type="checkbox"/> OCCUPIED	<input type="checkbox"/> AGRICULTURE <input type="checkbox"/> MUSEUM
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> BUILDING(S)	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> PRIVATE	<input checked="" 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  
Mrs. Edna Mc Comas Telephone #: 838-7248  
STREET & NUMBER  
220 E. Broadway  
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 21014

Liber #: 104  
Folio #: 124

**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 type="checkbox"/> EXCELLENT	<input type="checkbox"/> DETERIORATED	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> UNALTERED	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> ORIGINAL SITE
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> GOOD	<input type="checkbox"/> RUINS	<input type="checkbox"/> ALTERED	<input type="checkbox"/> MOVED DATE _____
<input type="checkbox"/> FAIR	<input type="checkbox"/> UNEXPOSED		

DESCRIBE THE PRESENT AND ORIGINAL (IF KNOWN) PHYSICAL APPEARANCE

This two and a half story clapboard house is at 220 E. Broadway in the Town of Bel Air, Harford County, Maryland. It represents a doubling of the typical Broadway house of the last quarter of the 19th century and shows little mark of the classical Revival. It is five bays wide with a center hall plan. It is typical in other ways, however. It has a gable roof in a tile pattern sheet metal. Its front (south) gable holds a round-headed 2/2 double hung sash window. The east and west gable windows are flat-headed 2/2. All other windows are 2/2 except for those in the first story front (south) which are 2/4 and reach to the floor. All major windows have wooden louvered shutters. The entrance, in the middle bay of the south elevation, is different from neighboring 19th century houses. It has a three pane transom (the end panes are small) over three pane over panel side lights. The door is glass over panel. A typical, unadorned, two story hexagonal bay window occupies the most southerly bay on the west elevation.

Both front (south) and rear (north) elevations have porches. The front porch is one story with a hipped roof, stock turned posts, scroll brackets, and a plain balustrade which descends the front steps to square newels. There is an entrance to the porch on the east side. It has a gate which is a continuation of the balustrade. The back porch is two story with a shed roof, plain square posts and a plain balustrade.

Four chimneys break the T-shaped gable roof, two on either side of the front gable and two in the back. On the west side of the back (south) one rises outside in the middle of the gable. The other one rises outside in the middle of the kitchen portion. They have corbelled caps save for the front east chimney which has a brick wind screen.

The interior was unavailable because the owner is in a nursing home, but the center hall plan is observable because of the position of the front door and the chimney placement in the front block.

CONTINUE ON SEPARATE SHEET IF NECESSARY

**8 SIGNIFICANCE**

PERIOD	AREAS OF SIGNIFICANCE -- CHECK AND JUSTIFY BELOW			
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 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		

SPECIFIC DATES      1902                                      BUILDER/ARCHITECT

STATEMENT OF SIGNIFICANCE

This early 20th century Broadway house is an expanded version of the typical Broadway house. It has a gable roof, 2 story bay window on the side, and a front gable with a round headed 2/2 window, but it is five bays wide with a center hall plan rather than three bays wide with a side hall plan. It has in effect been doubled.

The house was built in 1902 by Charles T. Carver on land he bought from the heirs of Dr. Munnikhuysen for \$320 (104/124). Mr. Carver died in 1939 and left the property to his widow Irene and his daughter Emma (Mrs. Herbert L. Mc Comas) (will 20/306). Mrs. Carver died in 1952 and left her share to her daughter (will 22/412). Mrs. Mc Comas maintains the house but is in a nursing home.

**9 MAJOR BIBLIOGRAPHICAL REFERENCES**

CONTINUE ON SEPARATE SHEET IF NECESSARY

**10 GEOGRAPHICAL DATA**

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

## VERBAL BOUNDARY DESCRIPTION

This property occupies parcel #332 in the Town of Bel Air,  
66' x 156.3'

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

STATE \_\_\_\_\_ COUNTY \_\_\_\_\_

STATE \_\_\_\_\_ COUNTY \_\_\_\_\_

**11 FORM PREPARED BY**

NAME / TITLE

M. Larew, Architectural Historian

4 September 1979

ORGANIZATION

DATE

Town of Bel Air

838-8700

STREET &amp; NUMBER

TELEPHONE

39 Hickory Avenue

CITY OR TOWN

STATE

Bel Air

Maryland 21014

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

TITLE: Mc COMAS - CARVER HOUSE

104/124

17 March 1902  
O. Jane Munnikhuysen, et al  
to  
Charles T. Carver  
\$320

Carver died in 1939 leaving the house to his widow, Irene, and his daughter, Mrs. Herbert L. Mc Comas (will 20/306). Mrs. Carver died in 1952 and left her share to Mrs. Mc Comas (Emma) (will 22/412).

MARYLAND HISTORICAL TRUST  
21 STATE CIRCLE  
SHAW HOUSE  
ANNAPOLIS, MARYLAND 21401

HISTORIC SITES SURVEY FIELD SHEET  
Individual Structure Survey Form

SURVEY NUMBER: HA-1382

NEGATIVE FILE NUMBER:

UTM REFERENCES:  
Zone/Easting/Northing

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

PRESENT FORMAL NAME:  
Herbert Mc Comas House

ORIGINAL FORMAL NAME:  
Charles T. Carver House

PRESENT USE: private residence  
ORIGINAL USE: private residence

ARCHITECT/ENGINEER:

BUILDER/CONTRACTOR:

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

THEME: Architecture

STYLE: Vernacular

DATE BUILT:  
1902

COUNTY: Harford  
TOWN: Bel Air  
LOCATION: 220 E. Broadway  
Bel Air, Maryland 21014

COMMON NAME:  
Herbert Mc Comas House

FUNCTIONAL TYPE: Private residence

OWNER: Mrs. Edna Mc Comas 838-7248  
ADDRESS: 220 E. Broadway  
Bel Air, Maryland 21014

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

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

GENERAL DESCRIPTION:

Structural System

1. Foundation: Stone ( ) Brick (X) 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 (X) 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 (X)  
Built Up ( ) Rolled ( ) Tile (X) Other:
6. Engineering Structure:
7. Other: wind screen

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 Balustrade ( ) With Parapet ( ) With False Front ( )  
Other:

Number of Stories: 2-1/2

Number of Bays: 5

Approximate Dimensions: 38' x 38'

Entrance Location: E. Broadway

TREAT TO BE DONE:  
No. Threat (X) Vandalism ( ) Repairs ( )  
Development ( ) Deterioration ( )  
Alteration ( ) Other:

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

ADDITIONAL ARCHITECTURAL OR STRUCTURAL DESCRIPTION:

front gable round 2/2 side 2/2 flat, others 2/2 ex 1st floor  
shutters 2/4  
hex. bay, w elev.  
porch=hipped, turned stock posts, scroll brackets, plain  
balustrade down to sq. newels  
door 3 pane transom , 3 pane over panel side lights  
glass over panel door  
back 2 story shed roof porch, plain sq. posts

RELATED STRUCTURES: (Describe)

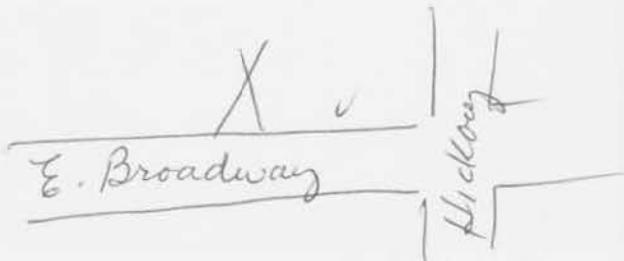
barn boards batten, tin roof gable

STATEMENT OF SIGNIFICANCE:

early 20th century house - in the same family since 1902

REFERENCES:

MAP: (Indicate North In Circle)



SURROUNDING ENVIRONMENT:

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

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RECORDED BY:

Town of Bel Air

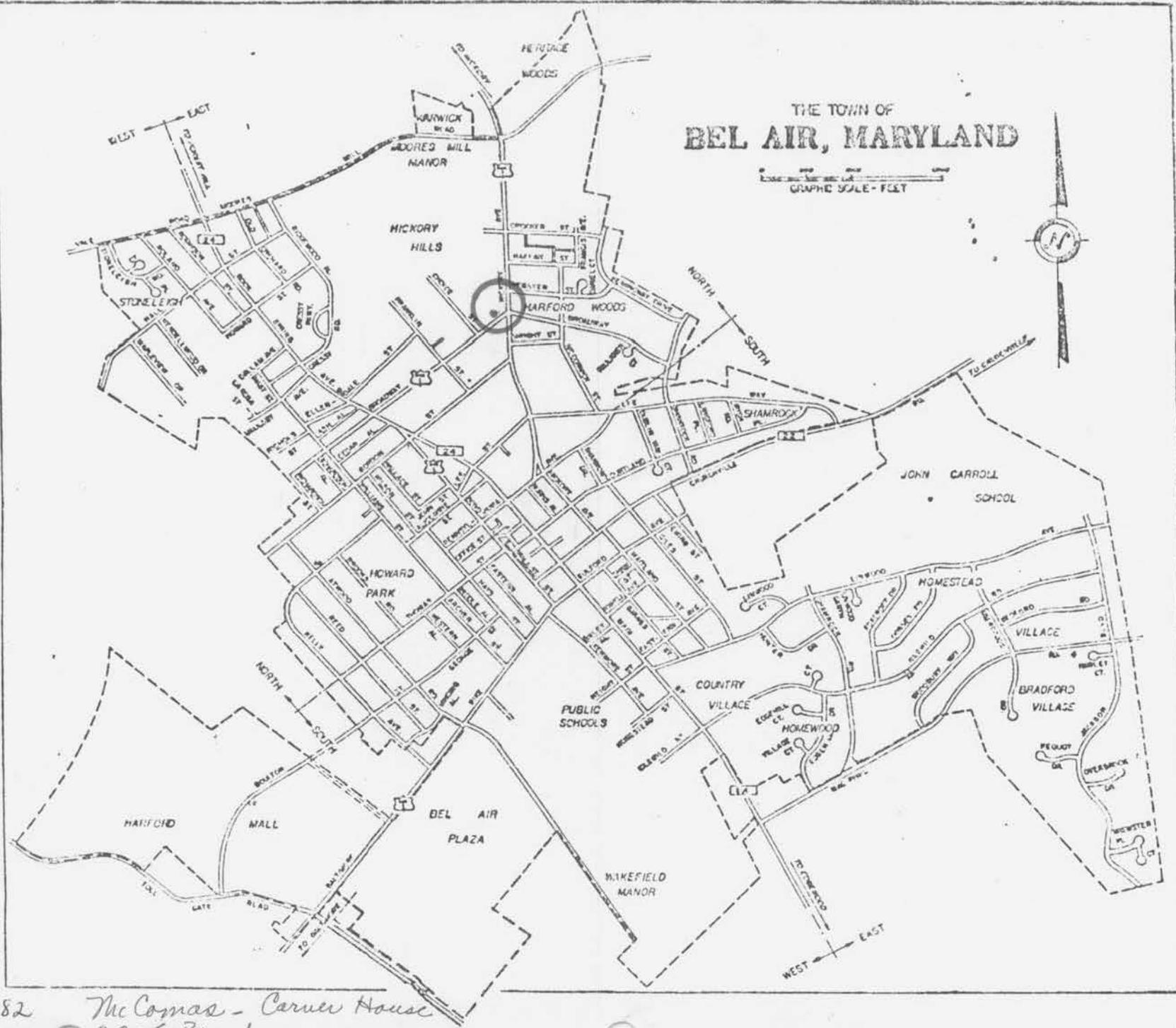
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25 August 1979

DATE RECORDED:

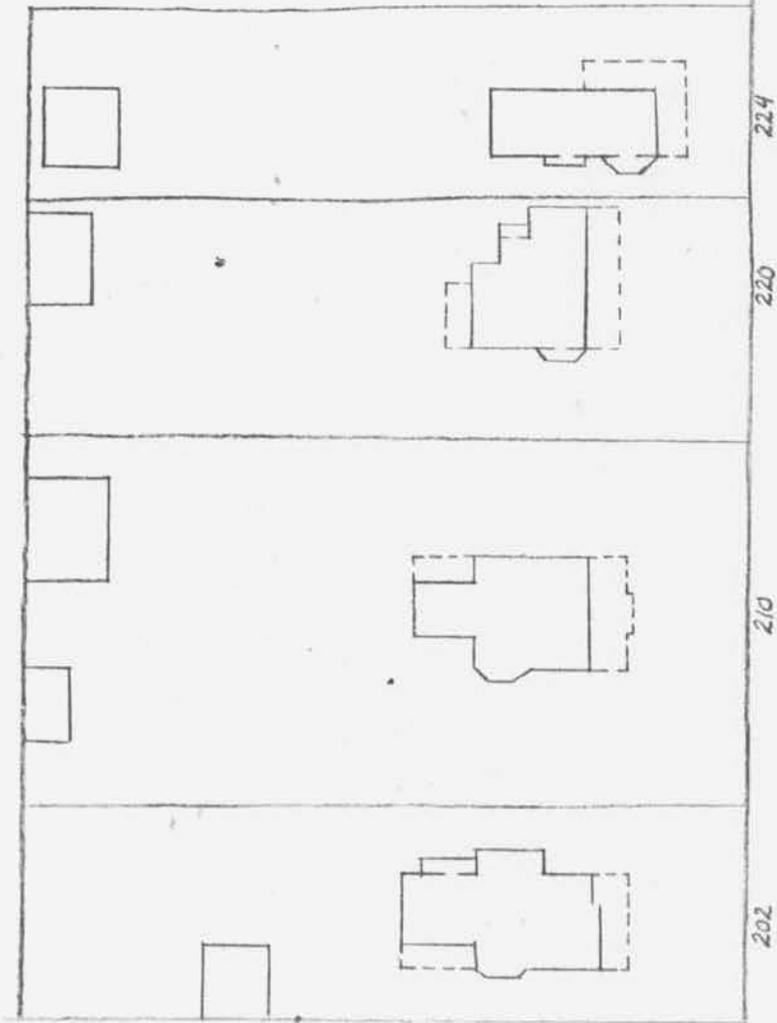
THE TOWN OF  
**BEL AIR, MARYLAND**

GRAPHIC SCALE - FEET



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The Comas - Carver House  
220 E. Broadway



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Charles T. Carver - Mc Comas House  
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1930 Sanborn Map

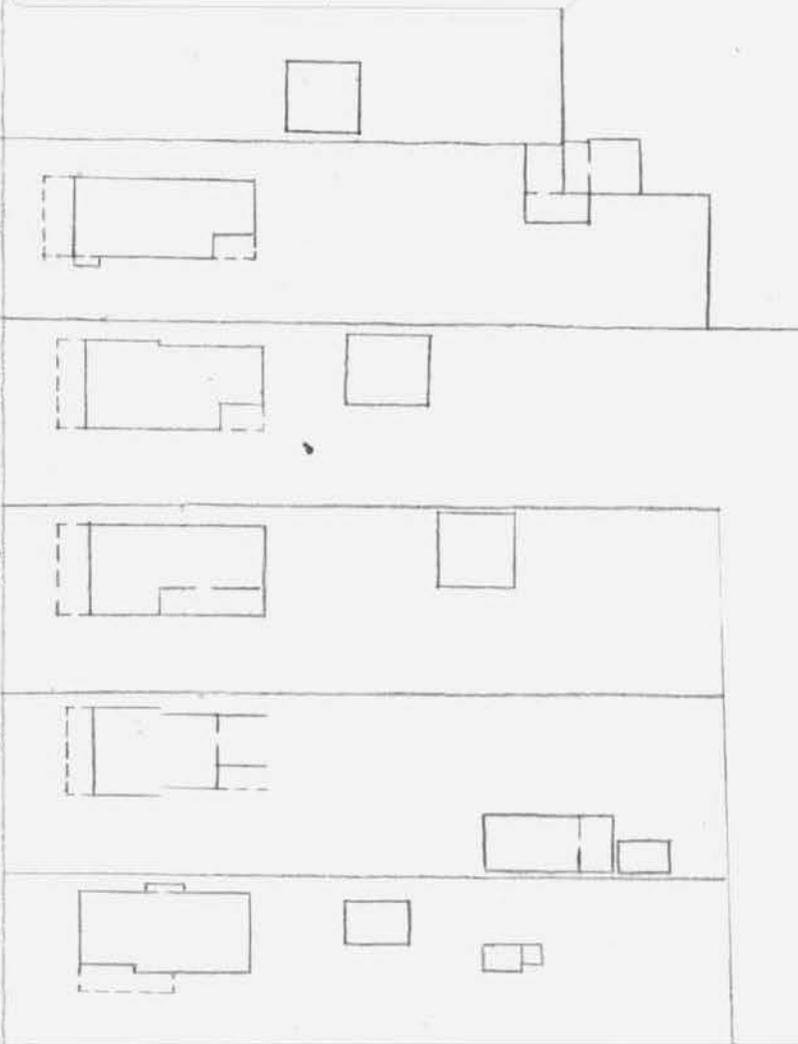
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Carver - McCormac House, 220 E. Broadway,  
Belair

n. elev

M. Lauer, 1979



HA. 1382

Charles Carver - Mc Coman House  
220 E. Broadway, Bel Air  
w & e elev  
M. Lacroix, 1979



HA- 1382

Carver - McComas House, 220 E. Broadway  
Bel Air

S. W. W.

M. Lucas, 1979