

HA-1406

1879

Ady-Cole House  
30 E. Gordon Street  
Bel Air  
private

This house is a typical small house of the period with only classical porch columns for decoration. It has been extended over the years. Particularly interesting is a light and airy living room - dining room added to the rear of the house.

INVENTORY FORM FOR STATE HISTORIC SITES SURVEY

**1 NAME**

HISTORIC  
Ady-Cole House  
AND/OR COMMON  
Yesua House

**2 LOCATION**

STREET & NUMBER  
30 E. Gordon Street 1st  
CITY, TOWN CONGRESSIONAL DISTRICT  
Bel Air VICINITY OF  
STATE COUNTY  
Maryland 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 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  
Dean Yesua Telephone #: 836-7912  
STREET & NUMBER  
30 E. Gordon Street  
CITY, TOWN STATE, zip code  
Bel Air VICINITY OF Maryland 21014

**5 LOCATION OF LEGAL DESCRIPTION**

COURTHOUSE, REGISTRY OF DEEDS, ETC. Harford County Courthouse  
STREET & NUMBER  
Main Street  
CITY, TOWN STATE  
Bel Air Maryland

Liber #: 1086  
Folio #: 472

**6 REPRESENTATION IN EXISTING SURVEYS**

TITLE  
DATE  
DEPOSITORY FOR SURVEY RECORDS  
CITY, TOWN STATE  
FEDERAL STATE COUNTY LOCAL

# 7 DESCRIPTION

72-106

<b>CONDITION</b>		<b>CHECK ONE</b>	<b>CHECK ONE</b>
<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		

DESCRIBE THE PRESENT AND ORIGINAL (IF KNOWN) PHYSICAL APPEARANCE

This small two story, two bay house is at 30 E. Gordon Street in the Town of Bel Air, Harford County, Maryland. The house is now aluminum sided and has a gable roof. The windows, including most recent, are 6/6 double-hung sash except for a 2/2 in each gable (east and west). A plain chimney stands forthrightly in the center of the roof ridge. A two bay back building with its own gable roof at right angles to the first gives the house a T shape. A single story shed-roofed addition was built to the back building by James Simons. An outside chimney rises just at the north end of the back building with the chimney breast lapping over onto the addition. A pair of sheds on the west elevation of the back building and the addition provide a furnace room and laundry room.

The front (south) porch has a hipped roof carried on slender doric columns. The western two-thirds of it have been screened. The entrance is in the east bay of the south elevation, a 6 pane over 2 panel door.

The interior first floor is divided into three rooms: an entrance hall (east) and kitchen (west) equally large in the main block, and a large livingroom - diningroom in the back building and addition. A closed string, dog-leg staircase rises along the east wall of the hall. It has turned balusters and a turned newel post with block and "cannon ball" finial. This is probably an early 20th century staircase; the hall was probably originally the parlor and the staircase was probably enclosed.

A modern brick fireplace bridges the join between the back building and the addition on the east side. The windows and built-in shelves painted white give this livingroom - diningroom a light and airy look, at once modern and traditional.

The second story has three bedrooms and bath.

The woodwork throughout is plain.

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**8 SIGNIFICANCE**

PERIOD		AREAS OF SIGNIFICANCE -- CHECK AND JUSTIFY BELOW			
<input type="checkbox"/> 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 checked="" 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      1879

BUILDER/ARCHITECT

STATEMENT OF SIGNIFICANCE

This small house was, when it was built, the simplest kind of workingman's housing. Because the style was pleasantly simple, the house has retained both integrity and charm. The appropriate addition to the rear has made it a roomy and charming cottage and proves that the simplest house, if wisely and lovingly cared for, can have a long and happy life.

This house is the only remaining of three houses Samuel Ady built on a lot 180 ft. on Gordon Street in 1879. He bought the lot for \$401 from Stevenson Williams (38/499). He may have lived in one of the houses. His widow, Cassandra Ady, sold this one to John Cole for \$700 in 1889 (61/368). Cole held the house until 1903 when he sold it to Jeremiah Quirk (108/211). The Quirks sold it six months later to Harry S. Carver (1903, 109/454) for \$750. Carver held a great deal of investment property around Town. He sold it to William W. Coale in 1919 for \$2300 (162/323). The jump in price is unaccounted for, even by the admitted shortage of housing in Bel Air during and after World War I. Coale sold it one year later to Blanche E. Trundle for \$4200 (169/114). Short of discovery of gold on the premises, the near doubling of the price of this house cannot be accounted for.

Blanche Trundle died on Christmas Day in 1945. Her heirs sold the little house to James and Alice Simmons in 1947 (311/34). James Simmons died June 19, 1974, and his wife Alice followed him less than a month later, on July 9. Mrs. Simmons' personal representative (in old terms, her administratrix) sold it to Lewes and Barbara Cole in October for \$13,500 (1974, 960/1084). Mrs. Cole sold it to her daughter and son-in-law, Dean and Suzanne Yesua, the present owners.

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**9 MAJOR BIBLIOGRAPHICAL REFERENCES**

Harford Democrat

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**10 GEOGRAPHICAL DATA**

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VERBAL BOUNDARY DESCRIPTION

This property occupies parcel #550 in the Town of Bel Air

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

STATE	COUNTY
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**11 FORM PREPARED BY**

NAME / TITLE

Marilynn Larew, Architectural Historian

21 November 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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RETURN TO: Maryland Historical Trust  
 The Shaw House, 21 State Circle  
 Annapolis, Maryland 21401  
 (301) 267-1438

TITLE: 30 E. Gordon Street

1086/472 August 1979  
Barbara Cole  
to  
Dean Yesua & Suzanne

1049/657 12 December 1977  
Lewis F. Cole, Jr., & Barbara T.  
to  
Barbara T. Cole

960/1084 18 October 1974  
Georgia E. Howard, personal representative  
of Alice H. Simmons  
to  
Lewis F. Cole, Jr. & Barbara  
James R. Simmons died June 19, 1974  
Alice H. Simmons died July 9, 1974  
\$13,500

311/34 28 November 1947  
William B. Trundle, divorced, and  
Martha Alberta Lloyd & Ray  
to  
James R. Simmons & Alice  
land of Blanche E. Trundle, died December 25, 1945

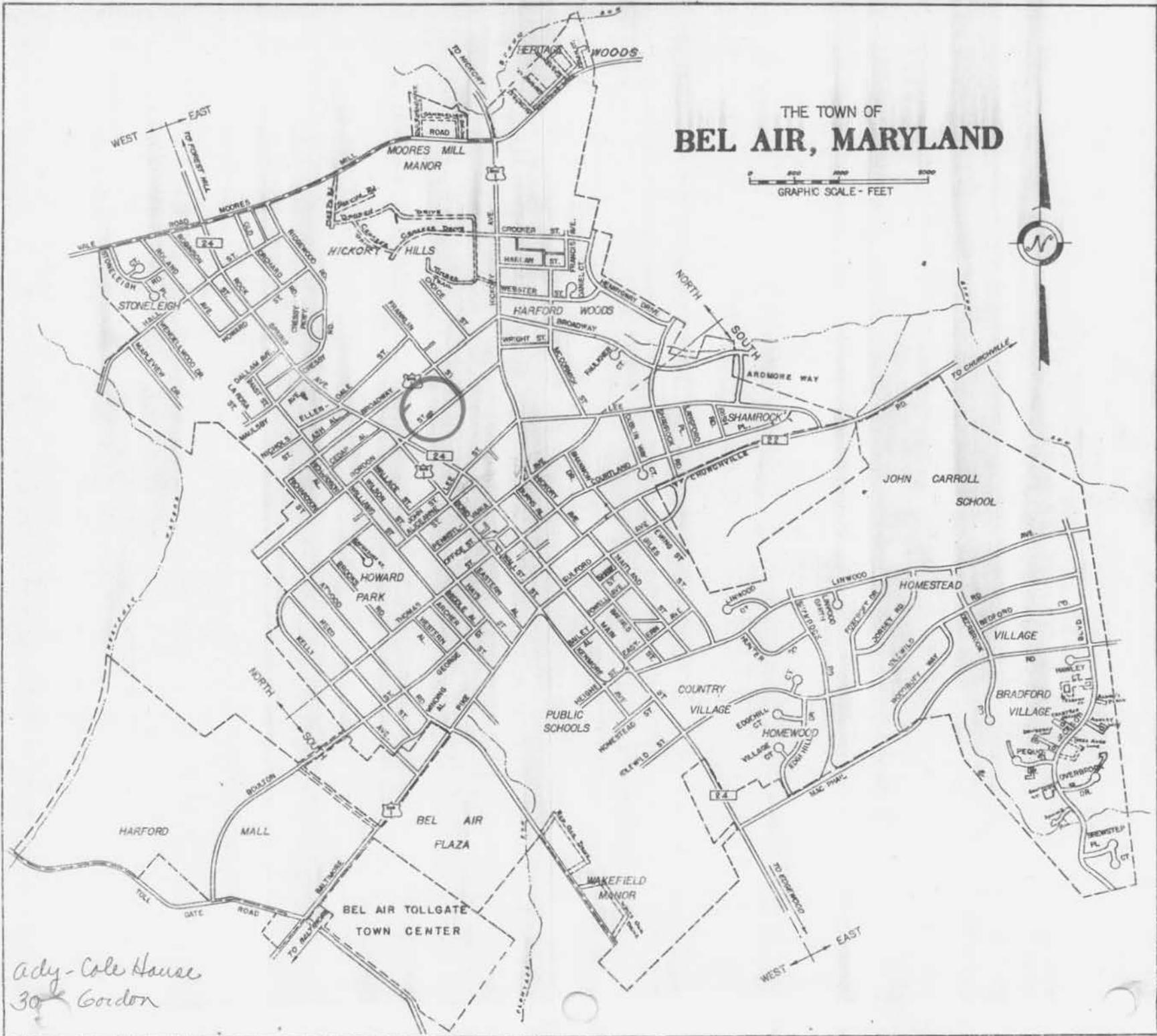
169/114 25 March 1920  
William W. Coale & Mary  
to  
Blanche E. Trundle  
\$4200

162/323 3 March 1919  
Harry S. Carver & Maary  
to  
William W. Coale & Mary  
\$2300

109/454	18 September 1903 Annie Quirk & Jeremiah to Harry S. Carver \$750
109/20	2 March 1903 Jeremiah Quirk to Annie Quirk, wife
108/211	9 February 1903 John Cole to Jeremiah Quirk
73/68	20 February 1892 William Young to John Cole
73/68	12 February 1892 John Cole to William Young
61/368	2 February 1889 Cassandra Ady, administratrix of Samuel Ady to John Cole \$700
38/499	15 April 1879 S. A. Williams, Trustee to Samuel M. Ady \$401 the larger lot, 180 ft. on Gordon

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GRAPHIC SCALE - FEET



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Ady-Cole House  
30 Gordon



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Ady-Cole House, 30 E. Gordon, Bel Air

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M. Larew, 1979



HA-1406 Ady - Cole House, 30 E. Gordon, Biloxi  
w + s elev  
M. Larew, 1979



HA-1406

Ady-Cole House, 30 E. Gordon, Bel Air  
N. elev.

M. Larew, 1979



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Ady-Cole House, 30 E. Gordon, Bel Air  
e elev looking S.

M. Larus, 1979