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1889

Acquilla Hall House
216 N. Hickory Avenue
Bel Air
private

This little house would be simply a typical late Victorian tenant house were it not for the sharp little front gable with its square window. The original house was two rooms up and down. The kitchen ell was added later.

An insurance agency now occupies the house.

MARYLAND HISTORICAL TRUST

INVENTORY FORM FOR STATE HISTORIC SITES SURVEY

1 NAME

HISTORIC
Acquilla Hall House
AND/OR COMMON

2 LOCATION

STREET & NUMBER
216 N. Hickory 1st
CITY, TOWN CONGRESSIONAL DISTRICT
Bel Air
STATE VICINITY OF 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 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 |

4 OWNER OF PROPERTY

NAME
Patrick L. Sullivan Telephone #: 838-4700
STREET & NUMBER
Archer Bldg.
CITY, TOWN STATE, zip code
Bel Air VICINITY OF Maryland 21014

5 LOCATION OF LEGAL DESCRIPTION

COURTHOUSE, REGISTRY OF DEEDS, ETC. Harford County Courthouse Liber #: 833 Folio #: 150
STREET & NUMBER
Main Street
CITY, TOWN STATE
Bel Air Maryland

6 REPRESENTATION IN EXISTING SURVEYS

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

NA-118

7 DESCRIPTION

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| CONDITION | | CHECK ONE | CHECK ONE |
| <input type="checkbox"/> EXCELLENT | <input type="checkbox"/> DETERIORATED | <input type="checkbox"/> UNALTERED | <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> ORIGINAL SITE |
| <input checked="" 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 two bay, two and a half story, aluminum sided house is at 216 N. Hickory in the Town of Bel Air, Harford County, Maryland. Its gable roof is awkwardly broken on the front (east) elevation by a small front gable with a single pane square casement near the peak. A single room ell occupies the center in the rear (west) elevation. Beside that on the south elevation of the ell is a two story shed roof single bay addition. Next to that to the west is a single story shed roof addition. These slightly awkward additions are bathrooms. They date to the 1950's. The windows are 1/1 double hung sash, recent replacements. The windows in the main block are flanked by plastic shutters.

The entrance to the first floor office is in the south bay of the front (east) elevation, a glass over panel door. The front porch has a shed roof carried on stock turned posts. The entrance to the second story apartment is in the north elevation of the ell, up a single run of wooden steps, which rise parallel with that wall.

The interior is quite plain: two rooms, in the main block. Both rooms are now offices. Against the north wall of the south chamber is a deep cupboard of tongue and groove which probably occupies the site of the former staircase. The room in the ell is the kitchen. There are no fireplaces. A stove chimney shows in the south wall of the north chamber.

The woodwork throughout is entirely plain-

The upstairs apartment has two rooms, a bath and a kitchen.

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8 SIGNIFICANCE

| PERIOD | | AREAS OF SIGNIFICANCE -- CHECK AND JUSTIFY BELOW | | | | |
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| <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 | | | | |

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| SPECIFIC DATES | Between 1881 & 1889 probably 1889 | BUILDER/ARCHITECT |
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STATEMENT OF SIGNIFICANCE

This small house, originally two rooms down and two rooms up, dates to the 1880's. It was built by Andrew Smallsbeck, probably in 1889. Smallsbeck, although not identified as a carpenter, bought several lots in Town, erected houses and then sold them immediately. He bought one lot from John Dallam in 1881 (43/170) and the other one from Col. Edwin Webster in May 1889 (63/329). He sold the property to Acquilla Hall in July 1889 (63/463) which suggests he had just built the house. The house passed to John Wesley Hall. In 1962 the N. M. Carroll Home for the Aged of the Methodist Church sued John Hall, and the trustee conveyed the property to the Carroll Home in 1963 (609/535), suggesting that the property was in return for institutional care. Two weeks later, the Carroll Home sold the property to Charles Blair (611/460). Blair sold it a couple of months later in March to Ralph and Clive Hendrix (614/188). The Hendrixes sold it to William C. Rhea in November (633/505). That makes four conveyances in 1963. The Rheas sold it to lawyer Patrick L. Sullivan, the present owner, in 1969 (826/387).

The house has the Sheckells Insurance Agency on the first floor and an apartment upstairs.

9 MAJOR BIBLIOGRAPHICAL REFERENCES

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10 GEOGRAPHICAL DATA

ACREAGE OF NOMINATED PROPERTY _____

VERBAL BOUNDARY DESCRIPTION

This property occupies parcel #566 in the Town of Bel Air

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

11 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: 216 N. Hickory

833/150 17 November 1969
Zero, Inc.
 to
Patrick L. Sullivan & Joan

833/147 17 November 1969
Patrick L Sullivan & Joan
 to
Zero, Inc.

826/387 26 September 1969
William C. Rhea & J. Veronica
 to
Patrick L. Sullivan

633/505 4 November 1963
Ralph L. Hendrix & Marjorie &
Clive T. Hendrix & Leona
 to
William C. Rhea & J. Veronica

614/188 11 March 1963
Charles E. Blair & Beulah
 to
Ralph & Marjorie Hendrix &
Clive & Leona Hendrix

611/460 28 January 1963
Trustees of the N. M. Carroll Home for
the Aged of the Washington Annual Conference
of the Methodist Church
 to
Charles E. Blair

609/535 11 January 1963
William J. Gosnell, Trustee
 to
Carroll Home
the property of John Wesley Hall
Gosnell was trustee in Carroll Home vs.
John Hall et al, 1962

63/463

27 July 1889

Andrew Smallsbeck & Annie

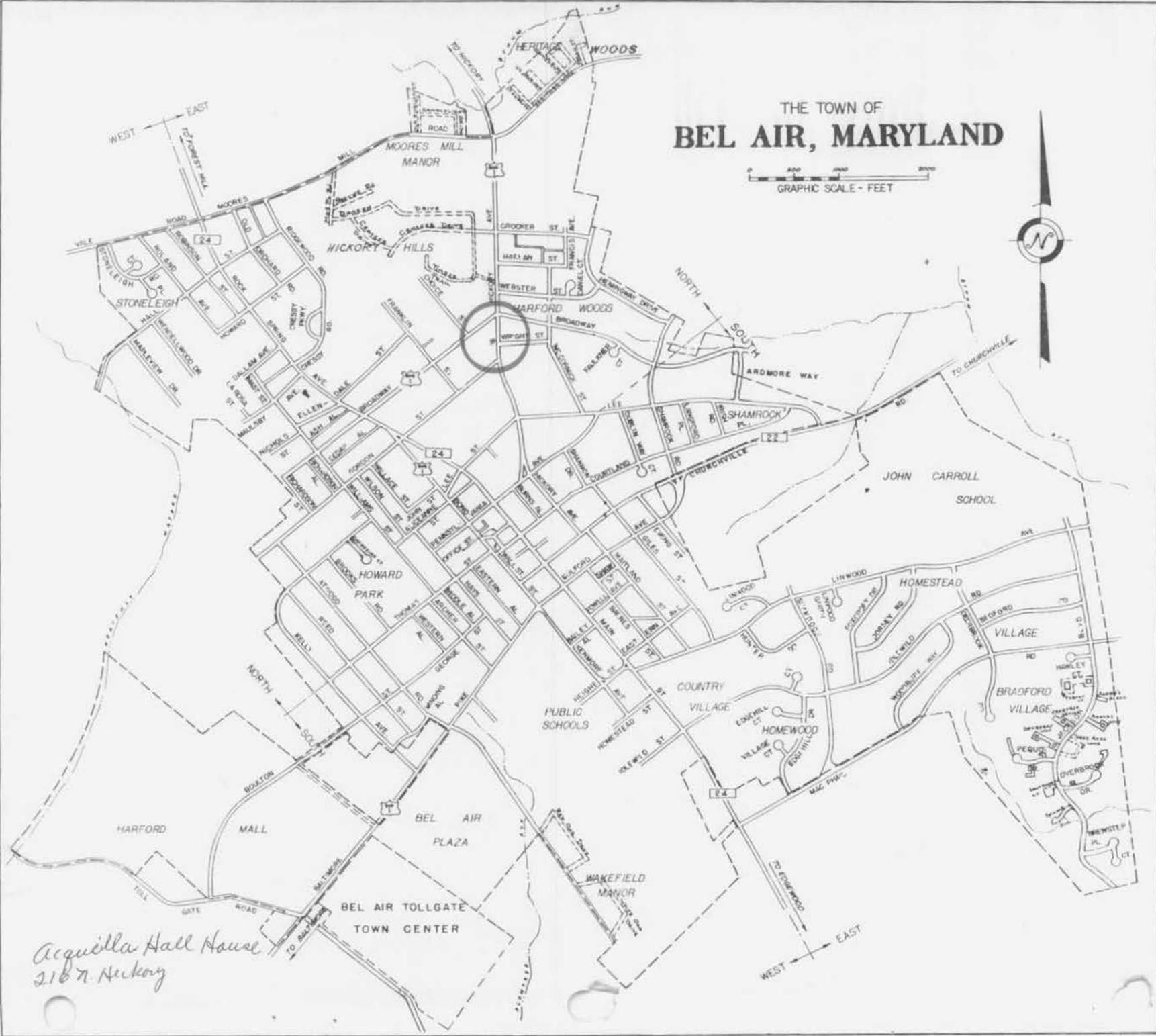
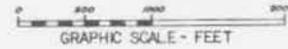
to

Acquilla Hall

two lots

1. Edwin Webster to Smallsbeck, 8 May
1889, 63/329
2. John & Amanda Dallam to Smallsbeck
27 January 1881, 43/170

THE TOWN OF BEL AIR, MARYLAND



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216 N. Hickory*



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M. Larus, 1979



HA-1418 Aquilla Hall House, 216 N. Hickory, Selma
w/s elev
M Larew, 1979