

HA-1427

1871

Dean Furniture Store and Funeral Parlor
13 N. Main Street
Bel Air
private

This three story storefront with the pressed tin facade was built in 1871 for Nathan Dean's furniture store and funeral home. While the pressed tin front is unusual in Bel Air, the combination of cabinet-maker and mortician is not. The company subsequently became Dean & Foster's.

INVENTORY FORM FOR STATE HISTORIC SITES SURVEY

1 NAME

HISTORIC
Dean & Foster Funeral Parlor & Furniture Store
AND/OR COMMON
Bel Air Studios

2 LOCATION

STREET & NUMBER
13 N. Main 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 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
Payson Getz c/o Getz & Getz Telephone #: 838-4135
STREET & NUMBER
26 S. Main 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 #: 762
Folio #: 104

6 REPRESENTATION IN EXISTING SURVEYS

TITLE
DATE
DEPOSITORY FOR SURVEY RECORDS
CITY, TOWN STATE
STATE

FEDERAL STATE COUNTY LOCAL

7 DESCRIPTION

CONDITION		CHECK ONE	CHECK ONE
<input 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 checked="" type="checkbox"/> FAIR	<input type="checkbox"/> UNEXPOSED		

DESCRIBE THE PRESENT AND ORIGINAL (IF KNOWN) PHYSICAL APPEARANCE

This three story store front with pressed tin siding on the front is at 13 N. Main Street in the Town of Bel Air, Harford County, Maryland. The tin siding is in a coursed stone pattern. A high tin cornice tops the structure, and a double string course separates the second and third stories. Windows in the top two stories are 1/1 double-hung sash in plain surrounds. The ground floor facade is of blue art glass with plate glass windows and a recessed aluminum framed door. A blue canvas awning (in bad shape) shades the first story.

The north elevation and the second story of the rear (east) elevation is sided in asphalt shingles. The back building has a gable roof. The second story shows a 6/6 window in the north bay and a single pane casement in the south bay. A single story plastered cement block addition with a roof sloping down to the north is behind the building. This building is three bay, door, window, door.

CONTINUE ON SEPARATE SHEET IF NECESSARY

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 1871 BUILDER/ARCHITECT

STATEMENT OF SIGNIFICANCE

This lot and the next two north were part of Thomas Hays' estate. The larger lot was leased to William and John Hanna in 1866 (18/106). Mrs. Hanna's Boarding House was on the northernmost portion of the lot was leased by the Hannas to Nathan Dean, Jr., and E. Churchman Garrettson (25/193), they to build. They built two stores, to the north Garrettson's single story wallpaper and paint store with a porch that extended into the street, and to the south this building, at that time a two-story building with a very small three story portion in front (west). The building was 75' long. It housed Nathan Dean's Funeral Parlor and Furniture Store, not an unusual combination in an era when coffins were made by cabinet makers.

It is not known when the front building was raised to three stories, but the pressed tin siding, now in bad condition, is a late 19th century building material.

The fee simple of the building passed from the Hays Estate to Mary Farnandis in 1881 (42/486) and from Mary Farnandis to James Farnandis in 1882 (44/339). James Farnandis left the property to Elizabeth F. Mitchell, Sr., in trust for Nicholas Parks and after that to Mitchell (will 12/281). Elizabeth Mitchell, Sr., transferred it to her daughter Elizabeth F. Mitchell, Jr., in 1909 (127/339). In 1913 Miss Mitchell sold it to W. Beatty Harlan for \$3878.80 (139/456). In 1927 N. Howard Dean, who held the lease, bought it for \$1250 (206/155).

The funeral home was run by Edward and Howard Dean, sons of Nathan, until Edward's death in 1922. Then Joseph T. Foster became a partner. The funeral home moved to a new location on Broadway in 1945 where it continues today under the name Joseph T. Foster and Son.

In 1946 N. Howard Dean sold the Main Street property to his daughters, Geneva D. Richardson and Eloine D. Sullivan, retaining a life estate (303/195). Richardson and Sullivan sold it to Tillye Getz and her husband, Louis, in 1951 (366/478). Louis Getz died in 1967, and Mrs. Getz sold an undivided half in the property to Payson Getz that year.

Bel Air Photography Studios occupies the store today.

9 MAJOR BIBLIOGRAPHICAL REFERENCES

CONTINUE ON SEPARATE SHEET IF NECESSARY

10 GEOGRAPHICAL DATA

ACREAGE OF NOMINATED PROPERTY _____

VERBAL BOUNDARY DESCRIPTION

This property occupies parcel #868 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

16 August 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.

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

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

HISTORIC SITES SURVEY FIELD SHEET
 Individual Structure Survey Form

SURVEY NUMBER: HA-1427
NEGATIVE FILE NUMBER:
UTM REFERENCES: Zone/Easting/Northing
U.S.G.S. QUAD. MAP:
PRESENT FORMAL NAME: Bel Air Studios
ORIGINAL FORMAL NAME: Dean Funeral Home & Furniture Store
PRESENT USE: photo studios
ORIGINAL USE: funeral home & furniture store
ARCHITECT/ENGINEER:
BUILDER/CONTRACTOR:
PHYSICAL CONDITION OF STRUCTURE: Excellent () Good () Fair (x) Poor: ()
THEME: architecture
STYLE: vernacular
DATE BUILT: 1871

COUNTY: Harford
TOWN: Bel Air
LOCATION: 13 N. Main
COMMON NAME: Bel Air Studios
FUNCTIONAL TYPE: Commercial
OWNER: Payson Getz c/o Getz & Getz ADDRESS: 26 S. Main Bel Air
ACCESSIBILITY TO PUBLIC: Yes () No () Restricted (x)
LEVEL OF SIGNIFICANCE: Local (x) State () National ()

GENERAL DESCRIPTION:

Structural System

- Foundation: Stone () Brick () Concrete () Concrete Block ()
- Wall Structure
 - Wood Frame: Post and Beam () Balloon ()
 - Wood Bearing Masonry: Brick () Stone () Concrete () Concrete Block ()
 - Iron () D. Steel () E. Other:
- Wall Covering: Clapboard () Board and Batten () Wood Shingle () Shiplap ()
 Novelty () Stucco () Sheet Metal () Aluminum () Asphalt Shingle ()
 Brick Veneer () Stone Veneer () pressed tin Other:
- Roof Structure
 - Truss: Wood () Iron () Steel () Concrete ()
 - Other:
- Roof Covering: Slate () Wood Shingle () Asphalt Shingle () Sheet Metal ()
 Built Up () Rolled () Tile () Other:
- Engineering Structure:
- Other:

Appendages: Porches () Towers () Cupolas () Dormers () Chimneys () Sheds () Ells ()
 Wings () Other:

Roof Style: Gable () Hip () Shed (x) Flat () Mansard () Gambrel () Jerkinhead ()
 Saw Tooth () With Monitor () With Bellcast () With Parapet () With False Front (x)
 Other:

Number of Stories: 3

Number of Bays: 3 Entrance Location: _____

Approximate Dimensions: 20' x 100'

THREAT TO STRUCTURE: No Threat () Zoning () Roads () Development () Deterioration () Alteration () Other:
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LOCAL ATTITUDES: Positive () Negative () Mixed () Other:

ADDITIONAL ARCHITECTURAL OR STRUCTURAL DESCRIPTION:

front: cornice 2nd & third level Pressed tin in coursed stone pattern
windows 1/1

ground floor blue art glass: plate glass windows, recessed entrance
aluminium framed blue canvas awning (bad shape)

up
back 2 bay 6/6 window in N bay; S bay 1 pane casement
down addition cement block (?) plastered

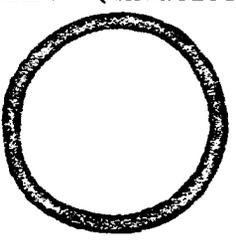
RELATED STRUCTURES: (Describe)

STATEMENT OF SIGNIFICANCE:

Nathan Dean & then Foster & Dean Funeral Parlor & Furniture store

REFERENCES:

MAP: (Indicate North In Circle)



SURROUNDING ENVIRONMENT:

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

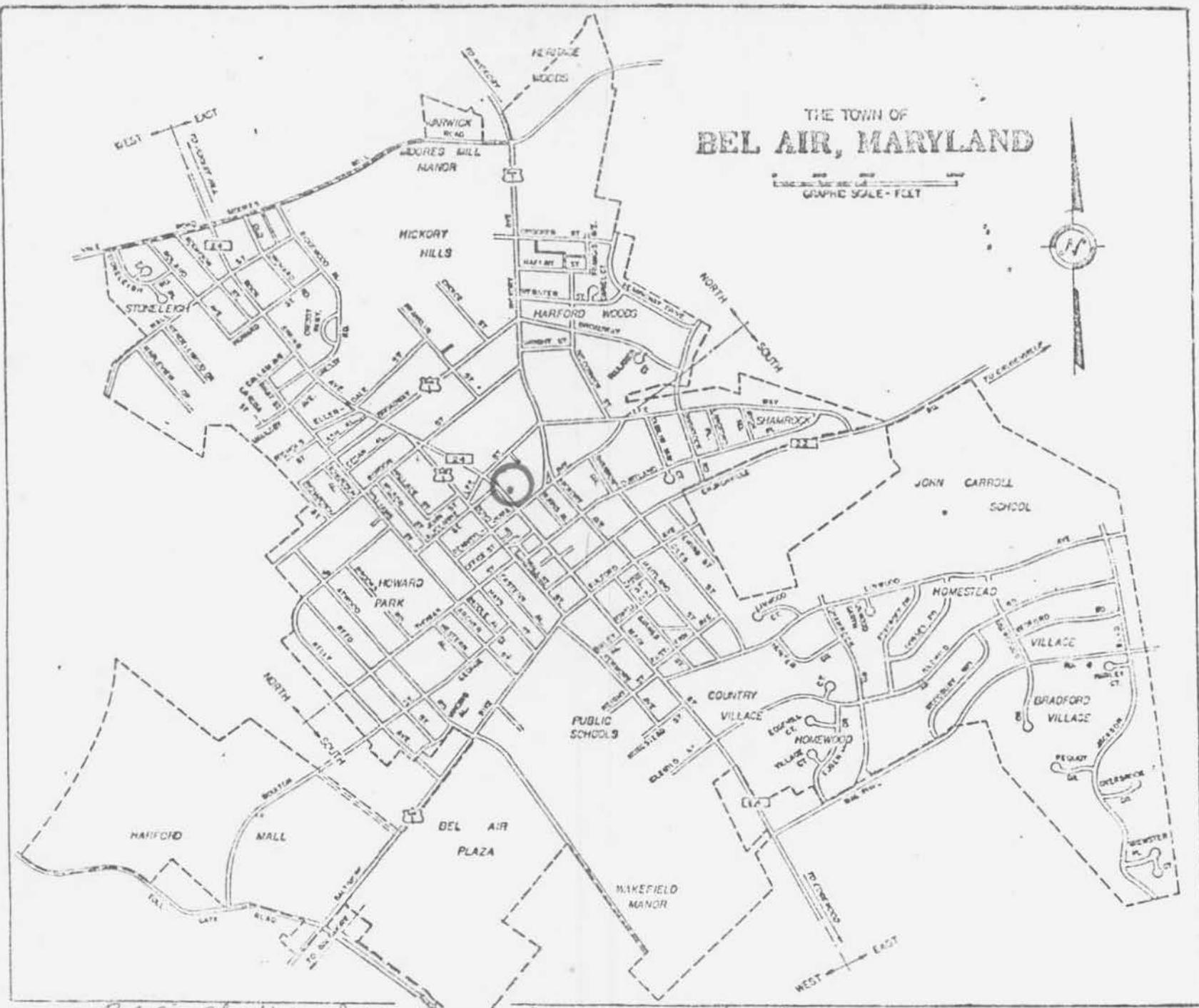
Marilynn Larew

RECORDED BY:
Town of Bel Air

ORGANIZATION:
August 6, 1979

DATE RECORDED:

- 127/339 11 August 1909
Elizabeth F. Mitchell, Sr., widow of Baltimore City
 to
Elizabeth F. Mitchell, Jr. (daughter)
the property was left to her by James
Farnandis (will 12/281) in trust for
Nicholas Parks and after that to herself
absolutely. Parks was dead
- 44/339 10 April 1882
Mary Farnandis
 to
James Farnandis
- 42/486 5 April 1881
Thomas Hays, Trustee
 to
Maryland Farnandis
- lease
- 276/431 1 April 1943
N. Howard Dean, widower
 to
N. Howard Dean, Jr., and Joseph Foster
the Dean & Foster funeral parlor &
furniture store
- 25/193 22 November 1870
John Hanna & William Hanna
 to
Nathan Dean, Jr., & E. Churchman Garrettson
to build
- 18/106 21 August 1866
Thomas Hays, Jr., Trustee
 to
William & John Hanna
lands of Thomas Hays, Sr.



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13 N. Main St.



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Dean Funeral Home - Bellair Photography
13 N. Main, Bellair
c. 1979
M. Larson, 1979



BREAKING AWAY

BE

1921

Dean Funeral home - Bel Air

13 N. Main, Bel Air

w. Md.

M. Larew, 1979

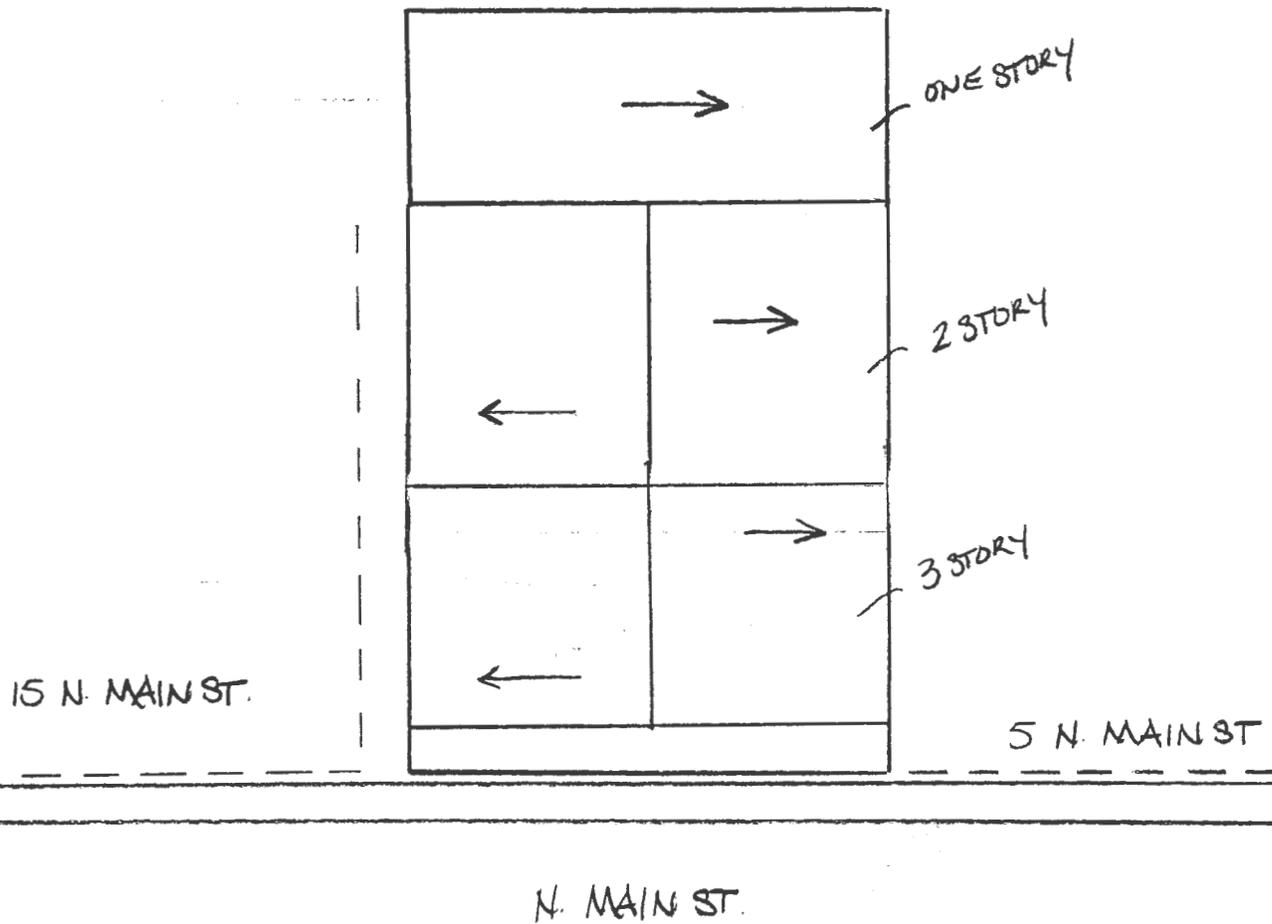
RESOURCE SKETCH MAP

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DEAN'S FOSTER STORE

BEL AIR

HARFORD COUNTY



NOT DRAWN TO SCALE

TRACERIES 2005



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Dean and Foster Store
13 N. Main Street
Harford County, MD
EHT Traceries, Inc.
March 2005
MD SHPO
13 N. Main Street, facade
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