

HA-1431

1870's

Minnick House  
124 N. Main  
Bel Air  
private

The formstone on this house cannot disguise the nice proportions of this three bay house. The front gable with a lunette in it may be a later addition.

MARYLAND HISTORICAL TRUST

INVENTORY FORM FOR STATE HISTORIC SITES SURVEY

**1 NAME**

HISTORIC  
Minnick House  
AND/OR COMMON

**2 LOCATION**

STREET & NUMBER  
124 N. Main 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  
Aristides Chilimidos c/o Agatha McVey Telephone #: 838-8475  
STREET & NUMBER  
205 E. Ring Factory Road  
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 #: 318  
Folio #: 221  
STREET & NUMBER  
Main Street  
CITY, TOWN STATE  
Bel Air Maryland

**6 REPRESENTATION IN EXISTING SURVEYS**

TITLE  
DATE  
DEPOSITORY FOR SURVEY RECORDS  
CITY, TOWN STATE  
STATE

**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 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 two and a half story, formstone-sided house is at 124 N. Main Street in the Town of Bel Air, Harford County, Maryland. The main building is three bays by two with a gable roof. The back building is three bays by one and has a gable roof over the south two bays (built after 1930; in that year that portion was a one story porch) and a shed roof over the north one bay (in 1904 1½ stories; by 1930 raised to two stories). There are two inside end chimneys with corbelled caps and draft protectors. The little front gable has a lunette in it. The other windows are 6/6 double-hung sash in molded surrounds. The main entrance is in the middle bay of the front (east) elevation under a hipped roof front porch carried on what were probably chamfered posts. They, too, have been covered in formstone. The side gables (north and south) have a pair of casement windows, and there is an enclosed single story shed-roof back (west) porch, post-1930.

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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      c. 1870's

BUILDER/ARCHITECT

### STATEMENT OF SIGNIFICANCE

This three bay house, now sandwiched in between commercial establishments on North Main Street, is a typical house of the 1870's. Despite its formstone siding, it retains the characteristics of the type. The front gable is awkwardly shaped and has a lunette rather than the more common round-headed 2/2 window. It may be a later addition. The south ell is a post 1930 addition. The north portion 1-1/3 stories tall in 1904. That portion may be original.

Benjamin Minnick acquired a half acre in this block in 1867 from James Reid for \$2400 (19/95). The lot had improvements, but it is doubtful that this house was one of them. Houses shaped like this were not built in Bel Air in the 1860's. More likely the improvements were some of the small houses (now demolished) on the Bond Street side of the lot. A house does appear on this lot on the 1878 Map, occupied by Dr. S. B. Crane. It is probably this house or some portion it. The Minnick family retained ownership of the house until 1919. This house seems to have been a rental unit, at least until the turn of the 20th century, however. Minnick built 52 East Broadway before 1883 and lived there until he died. His finances were in bad shape when he died in 1900. The home place, and much more, was sold at auction starting in 1901 after the Harford Bank sued the heirs. This piece was sold to Laura T. Newman and Florence Minnick (daughters of Benjamin) in 1902 for \$3500 (104/489). At that time the lot was 114' 10" on Main and 107' on Bond. The Bond Street side of the house had as many as five tenant houses on it and therefore was a good income property. Mrs. Minnick and her daughter Florence may have lived in the Main Street house. Laura Newman (Mrs. William B.) lived in Washington, D.C. In 1919 this property was sold to Felix M. Irwin for \$5500 (164/132) after a suit in which Florence Minnick sued her brother-in-law, William Newman. This probably represents a division of property after Laura's death. Irwin sold it the next year to Letcher W. Joines for \$7000 (1920, 169/231). In 1921 Joines sold it to George W. Johnson (173/251). In 1934 after the death of George Johnson, his widow Ozella sold it to William Miles who assumed the \$2000 mortgage (174/337; 234/44). Five years later it passed to John F. Palm (1939, 257/300). Palm sold it to Ruth Sterbak in 1944 (284/211), and she sold it to Aristides Chilimidos in 1948 (318/221). His estate still holds it.

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**9 MAJOR BIBLIOGRAPHICAL REFERENCES**

1878 Map  
 1904, 1930 Sanborn Map

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**10 GEOGRAPHICAL DATA**

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

VERBAL BOUNDARY DESCRIPTION

This property occupies parcel #579 in the Town of Bel Air, 56.5' on Main Street.

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

3 December 1979

ORGANIZATION

Town of Bel Air

DATE

STREET & NUMBER

39 Hickory Avenue

838-8700

TELEPHONE

CITY OR TOWN

Bel Air

STATE

Maryland

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 The Shaw House, 21 State Circle  
 Annapolis, Maryland 21401  
 (301) 267-1438

TITLE: 124 N. Main Street

318/221                    29 July 1948  
Ruth E. Sterbak & Frank, & Permanent  
Building Association  
                              to  
Aristides Chilimidos

284/211                    10 July 1944  
John F. Palm & Joanna of Baltimore City  
                              to  
Ruth E. Sterbak

257/300                    27 September 1939  
William E. Miles & Gladys  
                              to  
John F. Palm & Joanna

234/44                    10 August 1934  
Ozella D. Johnson, widow  
                              to  
William E. Miles & Gladys  
assumes \$2000 mortgage (174/337)

173/251                    31 May 1921  
Letcher M. Joines & Amy  
                              to  
George W. Johnson & Ozella

169/231                    19 April 1920  
Felix M. Irwin & Mae  
                              to  
Letcher M. Joines & Amy

164/132                    26 May 1919  
Charles H. MacNabb, Trustee  
                              to  
Felix M. Irwin & Mae  
MacNabb was trustee in Florence Minnick  
vs. William B. Newman et al  
\$5500

104/489

24 September 1902  
Jacob Doxen, trustee

to

Laura T. Newman (Mrs. William B.) of  
Washington, D.C. & Florence M. Minnick  
\$3500

Doxen was trustee in Harford National  
Bank (use of Jacob Doxen) vs. Martha C.  
Minnick et al, 1900 114' 10" on Main &  
107' on Bond

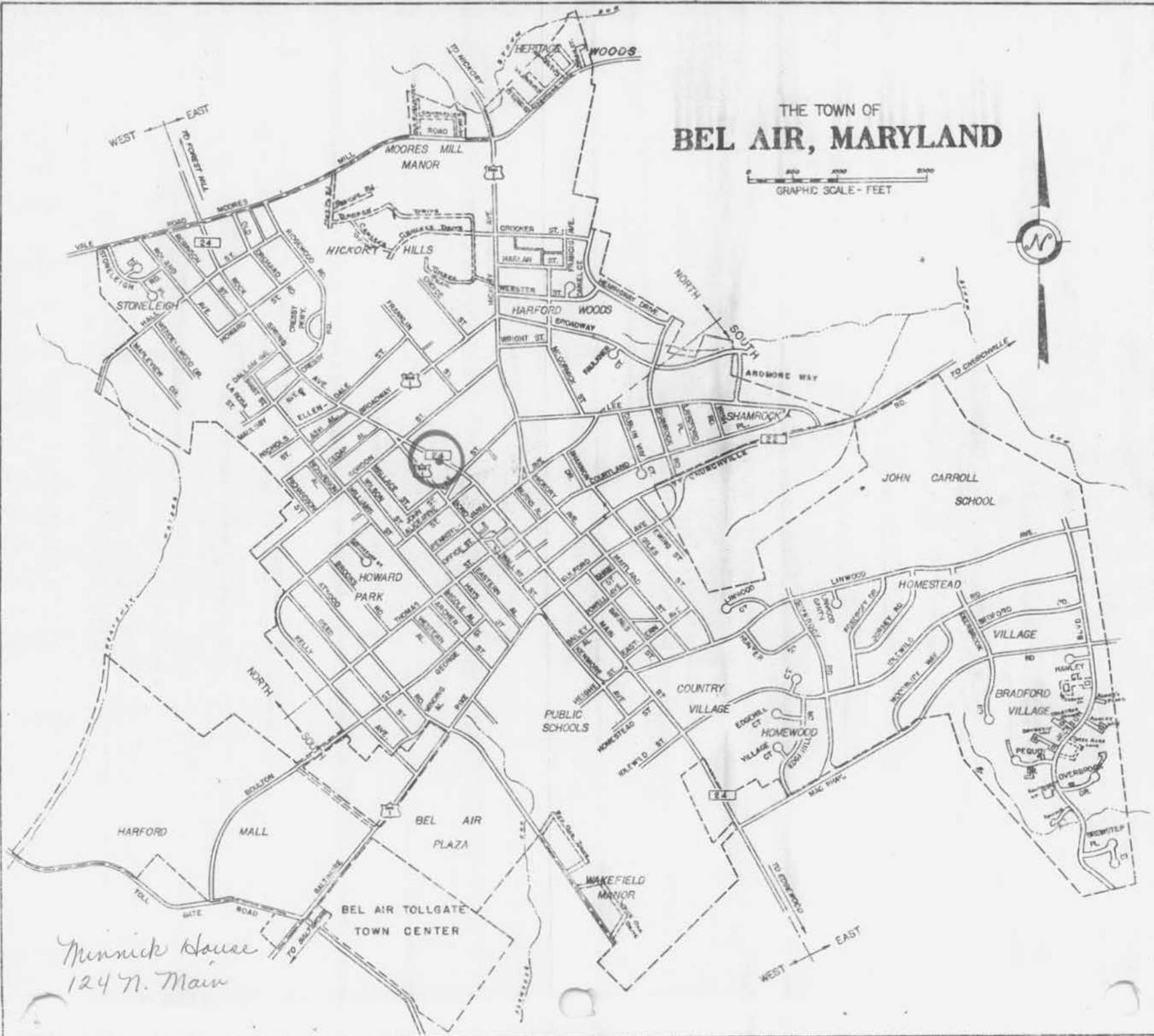
19/95

2 August 1867  
James W. Reid & Mary

to

Benjamin Minnick  
\$2400  $\frac{1}{2}$ a and improvements

# THE TOWN OF BEL AIR, MARYLAND



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M. Larew, 1979



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