

MARYLAND HISTORICAL TRUST  
DETERMINATION OF ELIGIBILITY FORM

NR Eligible: yes \_\_\_  
no

Property Name: Ayers House #1 Inventory Number: HA-1439

Address: 306 North Main Street City: Bel Air Zip Code: 21014

County: Harford USGS Topographic Map: Bel Air

Owner: Irwin, Eugene, Irwin, Gladys et al Is the property being evaluated a district? \_\_\_ yes

Tax Parcel Number: 268 Tax Map Number: 301 Tax Account ID Number: 013146

Project: MD-924 Bel Air Streetscape Project Agency: SHA

Site visit by MHT staff:  no \_\_\_ yes Name: \_\_\_\_\_ Date: \_\_\_\_\_

Is the property is located within a historic district? \_\_\_ yes  no

If the property is within a district District Inventory Number: \_\_\_\_\_  
NR-listed district \_\_\_ yes Eligible district \_\_\_ yes Name of District: \_\_\_\_\_  
Preparer's Recommendation: Contributing resource \_\_\_ yes \_\_\_ no Non-contributing but eligible in another context \_\_\_ yes

If the property is not within a district (or the property is a district) Preparer's Recommendation: Eligible \_\_\_ yes  no

Criteria: \_\_\_ A \_\_\_ B \_\_\_ C \_\_\_ D Considerations: \_\_\_ A \_\_\_ B \_\_\_ C \_\_\_ D \_\_\_ E \_\_\_ F \_\_\_ G \_\_\_ None

Documentation on the property/district is presented in:  
MIHP Form

Description of Property and Eligibility Determination: *(Use continuation sheet if necessary and attach map and photo)*

The single dwelling located at 306 North Main Street faces northeast and is located on the northern edge of the Bel Air commercial core. The vernacular dwelling was constructed between 1909 and 1920. Two stories in height and three bays wide, the L-shaped house is oriented with its two-bay, gabled end facing the street. The one-bay ell is set one bay back from the front of the house and faces north. Constructed of wood frame, the house is clad in asbestos shingles and the cross gable roof is sheathed in slate. Fenestration in comprised of 1/1 replacement windows. An interior brick chimney pierces the roof of the ell. A one-story wood-frame porch with a shed roof and turned posts covers the main entrance, which is located on the north elevation of the front-gabled section of the house. A one-story gabled addition, once the location of a rear porch, is located on the south portion of the rear (west) elevation.

Platted in 1780, the town of Bel Air originally consisted of forty-two lots, laid out on either side of Main Street. Despite its inland location, Bel Air was selected as the county seat in 1882. The Bel Air Courthouse, constructed in 1888, became the anchor of South Main Street, spurring development along the thoroughfare. Gradually, Main Street became concentrated with commercial buildings and served as the center of commerce for the area. Although cross street names along Main Street have changed over time, the original alignment of Main Street and its intersections remain identical to the late-eighteenth- and early-nineteenth-century town plans. Main Street continues to function as the commercial district of Bel Air.

**MARYLAND HISTORICAL TRUST REVIEW**  
Eligibility recommended \_\_\_ Eligibility not recommended   
Criteria: \_\_\_ A \_\_\_ B \_\_\_ C \_\_\_ D Considerations: \_\_\_ A \_\_\_ B \_\_\_ C \_\_\_ D \_\_\_ E \_\_\_ F \_\_\_ G \_\_\_ None  
MHT Comments  
Reviewer, Office of Preservation Services [Signature] Date 8/2/2005  
Reviewer, NR Program [Signature] Date 8/2/05

The modest L-shaped house was built between 1909 and 1920 on lots #2 and #3 of Richardson's Addition. Sadie Ayers bought the property in 1909 and at that time a house was located on the property at 304 North Main Street (demolished in the 1970s). Ayers had the building at 306 North Main Street constructed, as well as the twin house at 308-310 North Main, soon after purchasing the property. The house at 306 North Main Street is vernacular in form and ornamentation. It is typical of the contemporaneous residential architecture in Bel Air with its modest size and scale, front-gabled roof with steep pitch, and minimal ornamentation. The house is currently used as residential property.

This property has no known association with the events and trends that have made a significant contribution to the broad patterns of our history, thus disqualifying it for eligibility under Criterion A. The property is not associated with any person or group of persons of outstanding importance to the community, state, or nation. Therefore, the building at 306 North Main Street is not eligible under Criterion B. This property neither embodies distinctive characteristics of mid-nineteenth-century commercial buildings nor does it represent the work of a master or possess high artistic value, rather it is a vernacular representation of a common architectural form found throughout Bel Air. It is thus disqualified for eligibility under Criterion C. The building at 306 North Main Street was not evaluated under Criterion D. Therefore, it has been determined that the single dwelling at 306 North Main Street is not eligible for listing in the National Register of Historic Places under Criteria A, B, and C.

Prepared by: EHT TracericsDate Prepared: 3/15/2005

RESOURCE SKETCH MAP

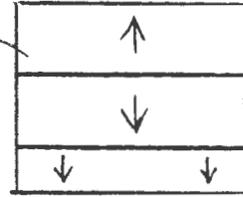
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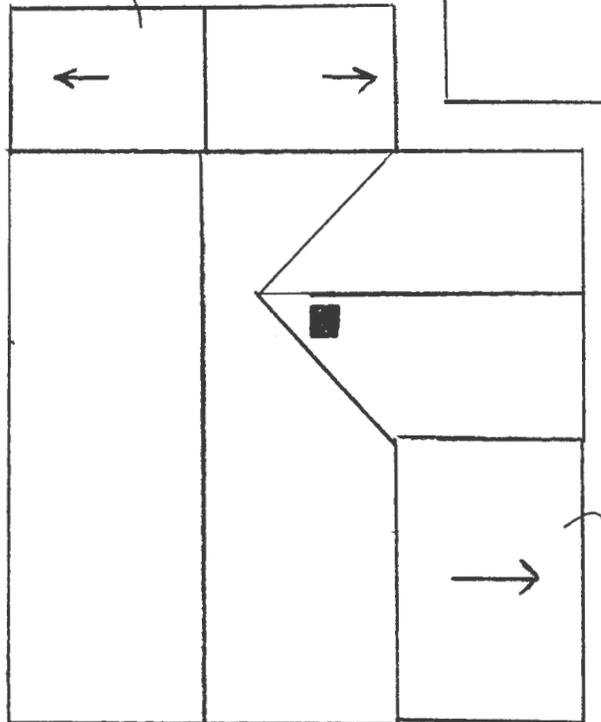
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PREFAB  
SHED



1-STORY ADDITION

TRELLIS



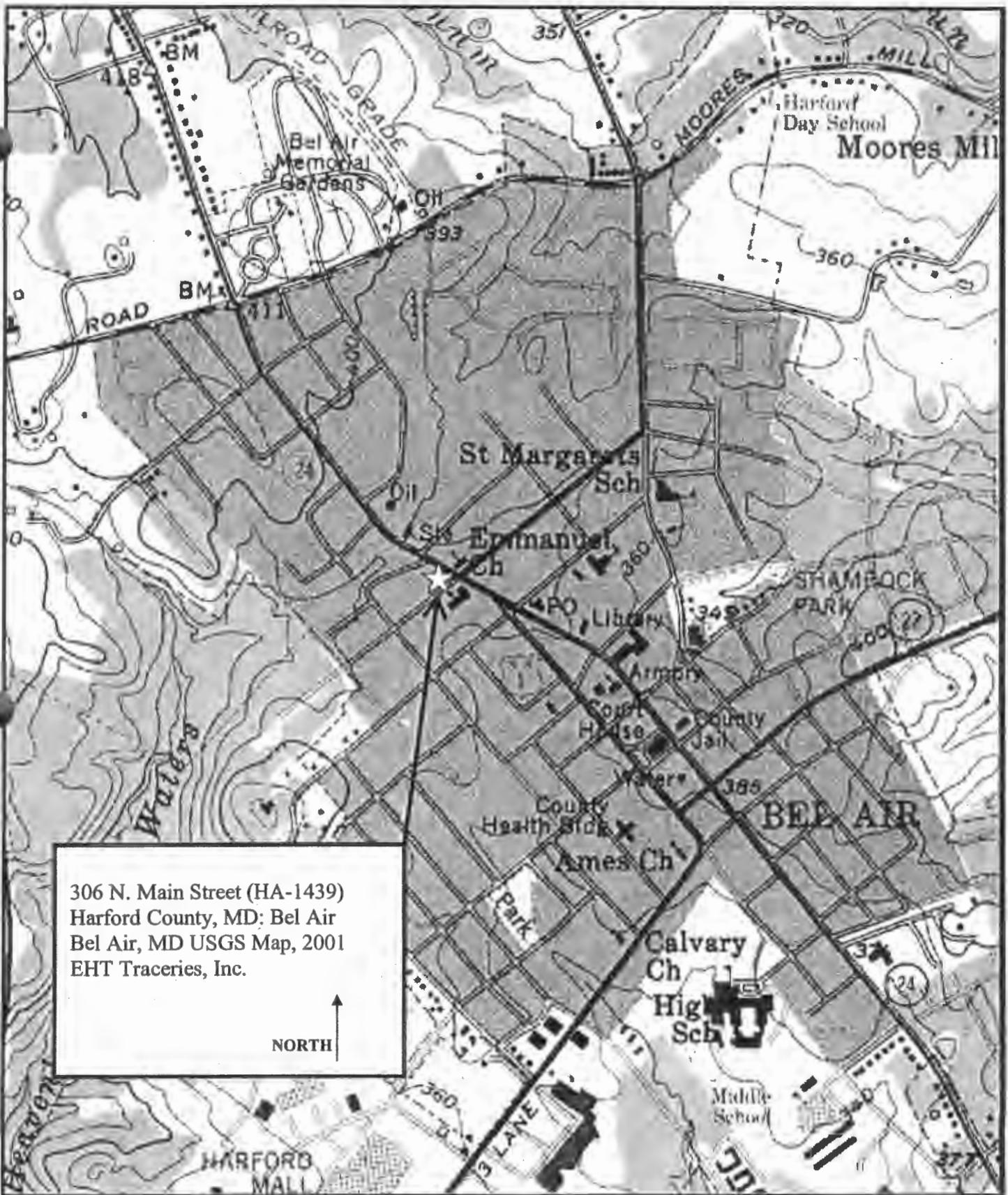
1-STORY  
PORCH



N. MAIN ST.



NOT DRAWN TO SCALE





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Ayres House #1

306 North Main Street

Harford County, MD

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MD SHPO

Front elevation

Photo 1 of 4



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Ayres House #1

306 North Main Street

Harford County, MD

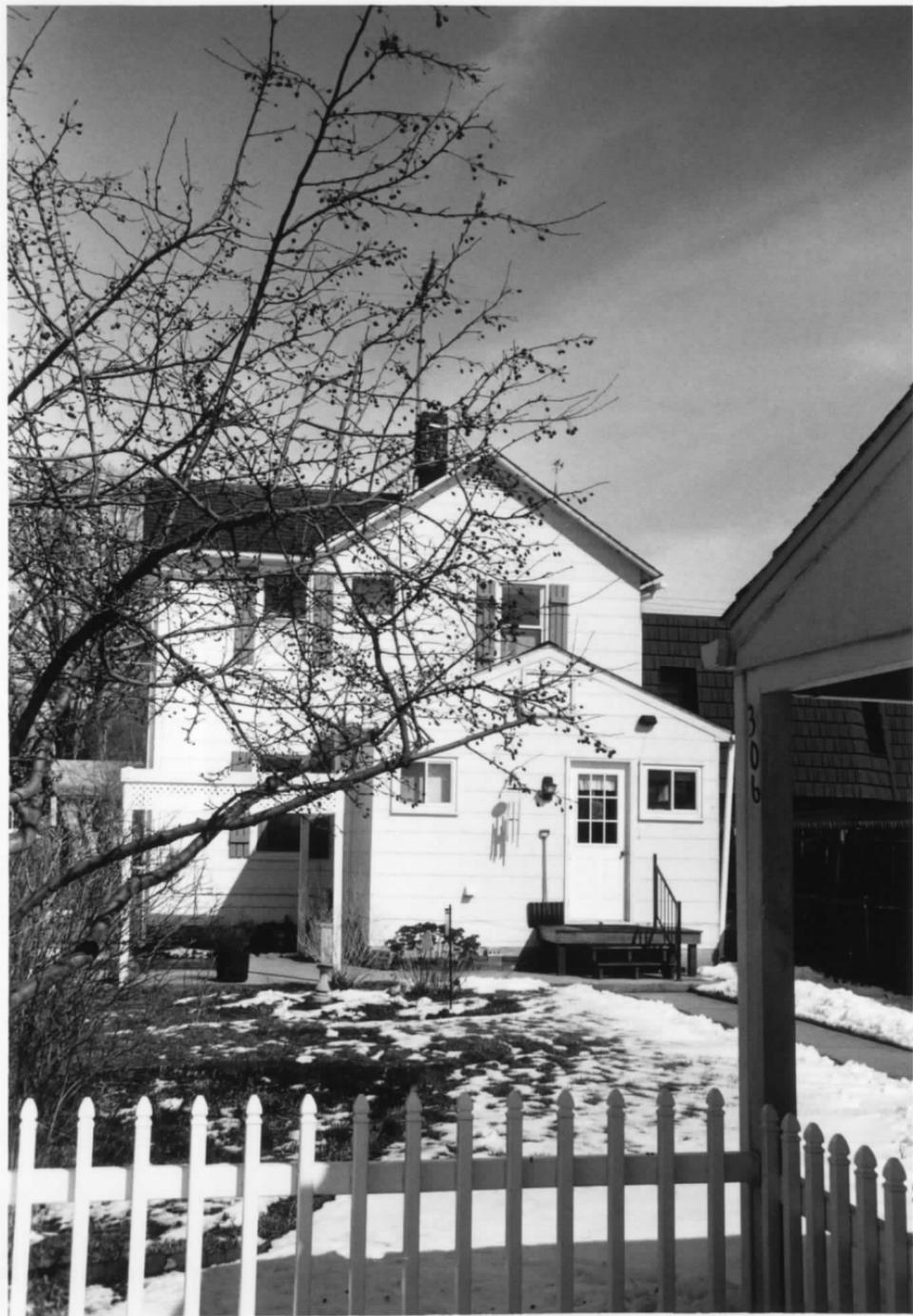
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MD SHPO

Northeast corner

Photo 2 of 4



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Ayres House #1  
306 North Main Street  
Harford County, MD  
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MD SHPS  
Rear elevation  
Photo 3 of 4



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Ayres House #2,

326 North Main Street

Harford County, MD

EHT Traceries, Inc.

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MD SHPS

Southwest corner

Photo 4 of 4

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Between 1909 & 1920

Ayers House #1  
306 N. Main  
Bel Air  
private

This L-shaped Victorian house is a late and plain example of the style. It was built as a tenant house sometime after 1909.

MARYLAND HISTORICAL TRUST

INVENTORY FORM FOR STATE HISTORIC SITES SURVEY

**1 NAME**

HISTORIC  
Ayres House #1  
AND/OR COMMON

**2 LOCATION**

STREET & NUMBER  
306 N. Main 1st  
CITY, TOWN  
Bel Air CONGRESSIONAL DISTRICT  
STATE  
Maryland COUNTY  
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  
Eugene Irwin Telephone #: 838-6083  
STREET & NUMBER  
306 N. Main  
CITY, TOWN  
Bel Air STATE, zip code  
Maryland 21014

**5 LOCATION OF LEGAL DESCRIPTION**

COURTHOUSE, REGISTRY OF DEEDS, ETC. Harford County Courthouse Liber #: 846  
Folio #: 268  
STREET & NUMBER  
Main Street  
CITY, TOWN  
Bel Air STATE  
Maryland

**6 REPRESENTATION IN EXISTING SURVEYS**

TITLE  
DATE  
DEPOSITORY FOR SURVEY RECORDS  
CITY, TOWN STATE

rk-1737

# 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 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 story, L-shaped, asphalt sided house is at 306 N. Main in the Town of Bel Air, Harford County, Maryland. A very simple house, the structure has a gable roof with its gable end facing the street on the south and the ell, set back one bay with its gable roof at right angles to the other. Altogether, the house is three bays wide. A shed roofed porch carried on stock turned posts runs along the north elevation of the main block until it ends in the ell. The entrance is in the north elevation of the main block just east of where the ell meets it.

The windows are varied and suggest purchase from a builder's salvage lot. The front (east) windows are 2/2 double-hung sash. The south elevation has a 2/2, a 3/1, and a 6/6. The north window (2nd story) of the west elevation is a casement.

In 1930 there was a back porch on the main block. Today it has been replaced by a gable roof addition.

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NA 103?

# 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	
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<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 Between 1909 and 1920 BUILDER/ARCHITECT

## STATEMENT OF SIGNIFICANCE

This small L-shaped house was built between 1909 and 1920 on lots #2 and 3 of Richardson's Addition, land Sadie Ayres bought from William Heuer (127/168, 1909). When she bought it there was one house on it, #304, recently demolished. By the 1920 Tax assessment there were three houses on it, #304, #306, and #308-310. It is not possible to say whether this one or #308-310 is older, although by looks alone, this one may be the newer. Robert and Sadie Ayres sold this one to Joseph L. Carroll in 1921 (173/84), and Carroll sold it for \$3800 to Russell Ewing in 1926 (195/482). The executor of Mrs. Ewing's estate sold it to Benton Gross in 1944 for \$3300 (282/121). In 1946 Gross sold it to Donald G. Smith (294/242), and Donald Smith sold it to Helen C. Smith in 1950 (346/350). Mrs. Smith sold it to the present owner, Eugene Irwin in 1970 (846/268).

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**9 MAJOR BIBLIOGRAPHICAL REFERENCES**

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**10 GEOGRAPHICAL DATA**

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

VERBAL BOUNDARY DESCRIPTION

This property occupies parcel #268 in the Town of Bel Air, 39' x 135.75'

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

1 November 1979

ORGANIZATION

Town of Bel Air

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	SURVEY NUMBER: HA-1439
HISTORIC SITES SURVEY FIELD SHEET Individual Structure Survey Form	NEGATIVE FILE NUMBER:
	UTM REFERENCES: Zone/Easting/Northing
	U.S.G.S. QUAD. MAP:
	PRESENT FORMAL NAME: Irwin House
COUNTY: Harford	ORIGINAL FORMAL NAME: Ayres House
TOWN: Bel Air	PRESENT USE:
LOCATION: 306 N. Main	ORIGINAL USE: rental unit
	ARCHITECT/ENGINEER:
COTION NAME:	BUILDER/CONTRACTOR:
FUNCTIONAL TYPE: private residence	PHYSICAL CONDITION OF STRUCTURE: Excellent( ) Good(X) Fair( ) Poor( )
OWNER: Eugene Irwin ADDRESS: 306 N. Main Bel Air, Md.	THEME: Architecture
ACCESSIBILITY TO PUBLIC: Yes( ) No( ) Restricted(X)	STYLE: Vernacular
LEVEL OF SIGNIFICANCE: Local(X) State( ) National( )	DATE BUILT: between 1909 & 1920
GENERAL DESCRIPTION:	
Structural System	
1. Foundation: Stone(X)Brick( )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( )Board and Batten( )Wood Shingle( )Shiplap( )	
Novelty( )Stucco( )Sheet Metal( )Aluminum( )Asphalt Shingle(X)	
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(X)Sheet Metal( )	
Built Up( )Rolled( )Tile( )Other:	
6. Engineering Structure:	
7. Other:	
Appendages: Porches(x)Towers( )Cupolas( )Dormers( )Chimneys( )Sheds( )Ells(x)	
Wings( ) Other:	
Roof Style: Gable( )Hip( )Shed( )Flat( )Mansard( )Gambrel( )Jerkinhead( )	
Saw Tooth( )With Monitor( )With Bellcast( )With Parapet( )With False Front( )	
Other:	
Number of Stories: 2	Entrance Location: N. Main
Number of Bays: 3	
Approximate Dimensions: 25' x 30'	
THREAT TO STRUCTURE: No Threat( )Zoning( )Roads( ) Development(x)Deterioration( ) Alteration( )Other:	LOCAL ATTITUDES: Positive( )Negative( ) Mixed( ) Other:

ADDITIONAL ARCHITECTURAL OR STRUCTURAL DESCRIPTION:

L-shaped long portion ( e & w) to S  
 front porch on N elevation of long portion  
 windows in front 2/2; S side 2/2, 3/1, 6/6  
 single story gable ell to back in place of back porch

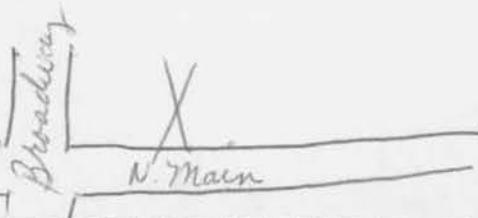
RELATED STRUCTURES: (Describe)

STATEMENT OF SIGNIFICANCE:

rental unit between 1909 & 1920

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:

Marilynn Larew

RECORDED BY:  
 Town of Bel Air

ORGANIZATION:  
 24 October 1979

DATE RECORDED:

TITLE: 306 N. Main

846/268                   8 June 1970  
Helen C. Smith widow  
                  to  
Eugene Irwin & Gladys

346/359                   25 August 1950  
Donald G. Smith & Geraldine  
                  to  
Helen C. Smith

294/242                   11 March 1946  
Benton H. Gross & Lucile  
                  to  
Donald G. Smith

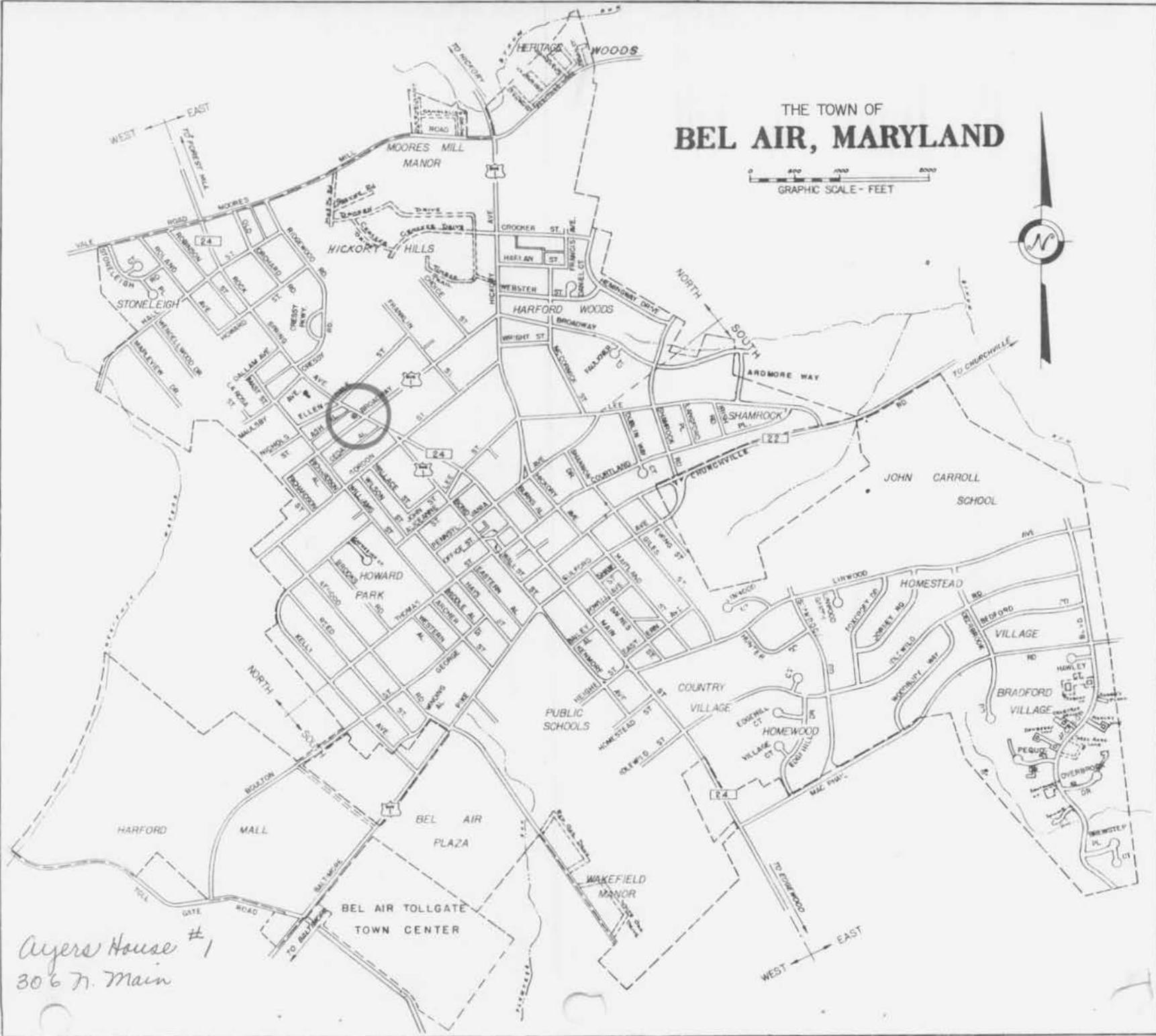
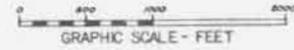
282/121                   21 February 1944  
Alfred H. Wilson, executor  
                  to  
Benton H. Gross  
property of Carrie D. Ewing  
\$3300

195/482                   1 March 1926  
Joseph L. Carroll & Margaret  
                  to  
S. Russell Ewing & Carrie

173/84                    21 April 1921  
J. Robert Ayres & Sadie  
                  to  
Joseph L. Carroll & Margaret

127/168                   13 July 1909  
William W. Heuer et al  
                  to  
Sadie J. Ayres

THE TOWN OF  
**BEL AIR, MARYLAND**



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Ayers House #1  
306 N. Main



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Cypress House #1, 306 N. Main, Bellair  
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Cypress House #1, 306 N. Main, Bel Air  
ex male

M. Lucas, 1979