

MARYLAND HISTORICAL TRUST
DETERMINATION OF ELIGIBILITY FORM

NR Eligible: yes ___
no X

Property Name: Ayres House #2 Inventory Number: HA-1440
Address: 308-310 North Main Street City: Bel Air Zip Code: 21014
County: Harford USGS Topographic Map: Bel Air
Owner: Macrides, Peter & WF Is the property being evaluated a district? ___ yes
Tax Parcel Number: 267 Tax Map Number: 301 Tax Account ID Number: 016277
Project: MD-924 Bel Air Streetscape Project Agency: SHA
Site visit by MHT staff: X no ___ yes Name: _____ Date: _____
Is the property is located within a historic district? ___ yes X 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 X 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 twin house located at 308-310 North Main Street faces east and sits on a level grassy lot on the edge of the commercial district of Bel Air. An alley is located north of the house and a paved parking lot is located behind (west) of the house. This two-and-a-half-story twin house is constructed of wood-frame and sits on a stone foundation. The house is four bays wide, is clad in asbestos siding, and has a cross-gabled roof sheathed in asphalt shingles. Reflecting the Gothic Revival style, the main (east) elevation is divided by steeply-pitched, paired front gables that serve to differentiate the two residences. Fenestration on the first two stories consists of 4/4 windows. The open gables contain rounded-arched 2/2 windows on the front elevation and 1/1 windows on the side elevations. Several of the windows on the north elevation have been replaced with 1/1 vinyl windows. A one-story wood porch with a hipped roof, turned posts, and a balustrade with square balusters lines the front elevation. A balustrade divides the porch, which has wooden stairs leading to each unit. Three brick chimneys pierce the roof including an interior-end chimney on the north and south roof ridges (for each unit) and one interior-end chimney on the rear gable. Each unit also has a wood-frame, shed-roofed, enclosed entrance porch located on the rear (west) elevation. A wood-frame, shed-roof projection is located between the two enclosed porches. A prefabricated shed with a gambrel roof is located on the northern corner of the rear 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

MARYLAND HISTORICAL TRUST REVIEW

Eligibility recommended ___ Eligibility not recommended X

Criteria: ___ A ___ B ___ C ___ D Considerations: ___ A ___ B ___ C ___ D ___ E ___ F ___ G ___ None

MHT Comments

Jim Salzano
Reviewer, Office of Preservation Services

8/2/2005
Date

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Reviewer, NR Program

8/2/05
Date

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.

The twin dwellings at 308-310 North Main Street was constructed between 1909 and 1920 on lot #2 of Richardson's Addition, north of the courthouse and the core of the commercial district. Sadie Ayers purchased both lot #2 and #3 in 1909 and according to tax assessment records, constructed a house on each lot by 1920. Currently, the house is used for commercial purposes.

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 308-310 North Main Street is not eligible under Criterion B. This twin house neither embodies distinctive characteristics of early-twentieth-century dwellings nor does it represent the work of a master or possess high artistic value. Rather, with its modest form and lack of applied architectural ornamentation, it is a vernacular representation of the Gothic Revival style and a common building type represented throughout Bel Air and northern Maryland. Furthermore, the building has several modern alterations and additions including the removal of several original windows and the application of asbestos siding. It is thus disqualified for eligibility under Criterion C. The building at 108-110 North Main Street was not evaluated under Criterion D. Therefore, it has been determined that the twin dwelling at 108-110 North Main Street is not eligible for listing in the National Register of Historic Places under Criteria A, B, and C.

Prepared by: EHT Traceries Date Prepared: 3/15/2005

RESOURCE SKETCH MAP

HA-1440

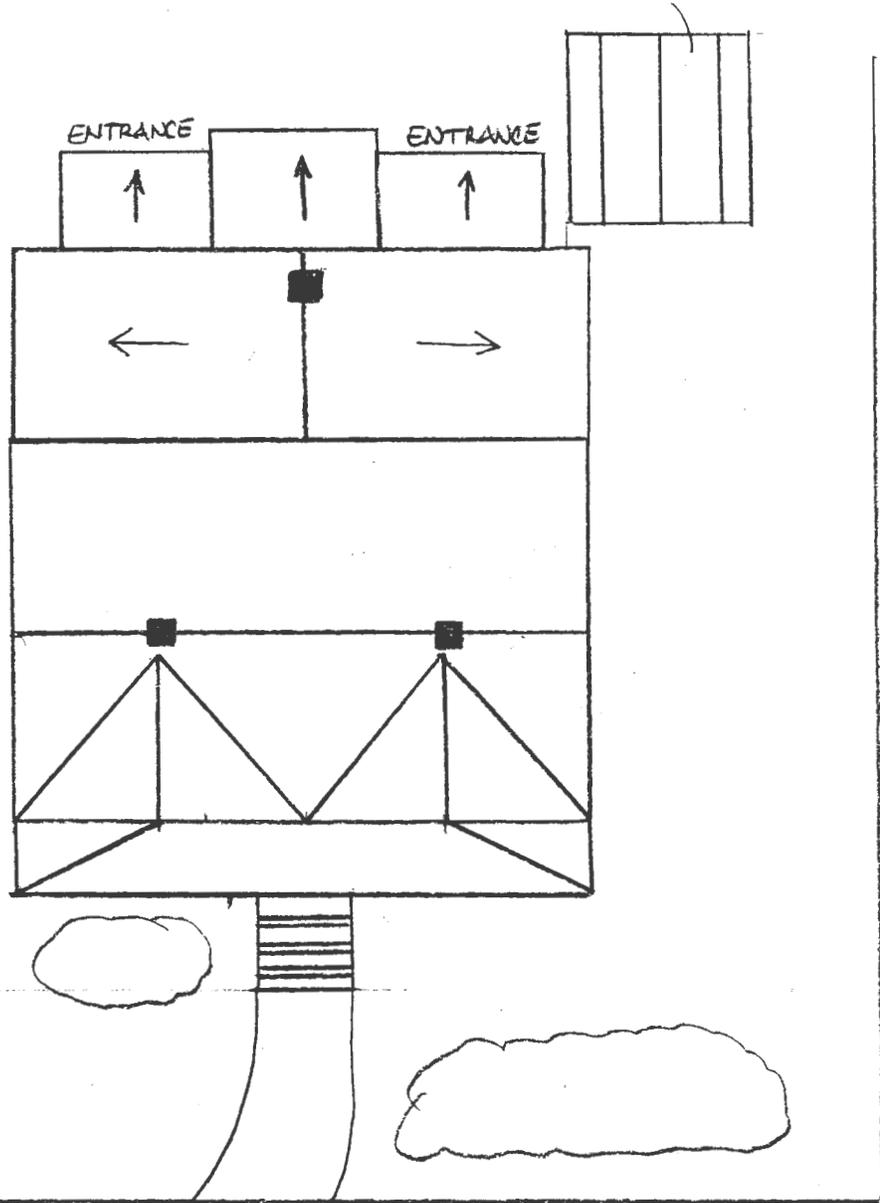
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BEL AIR

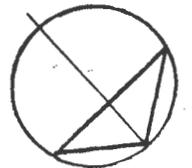
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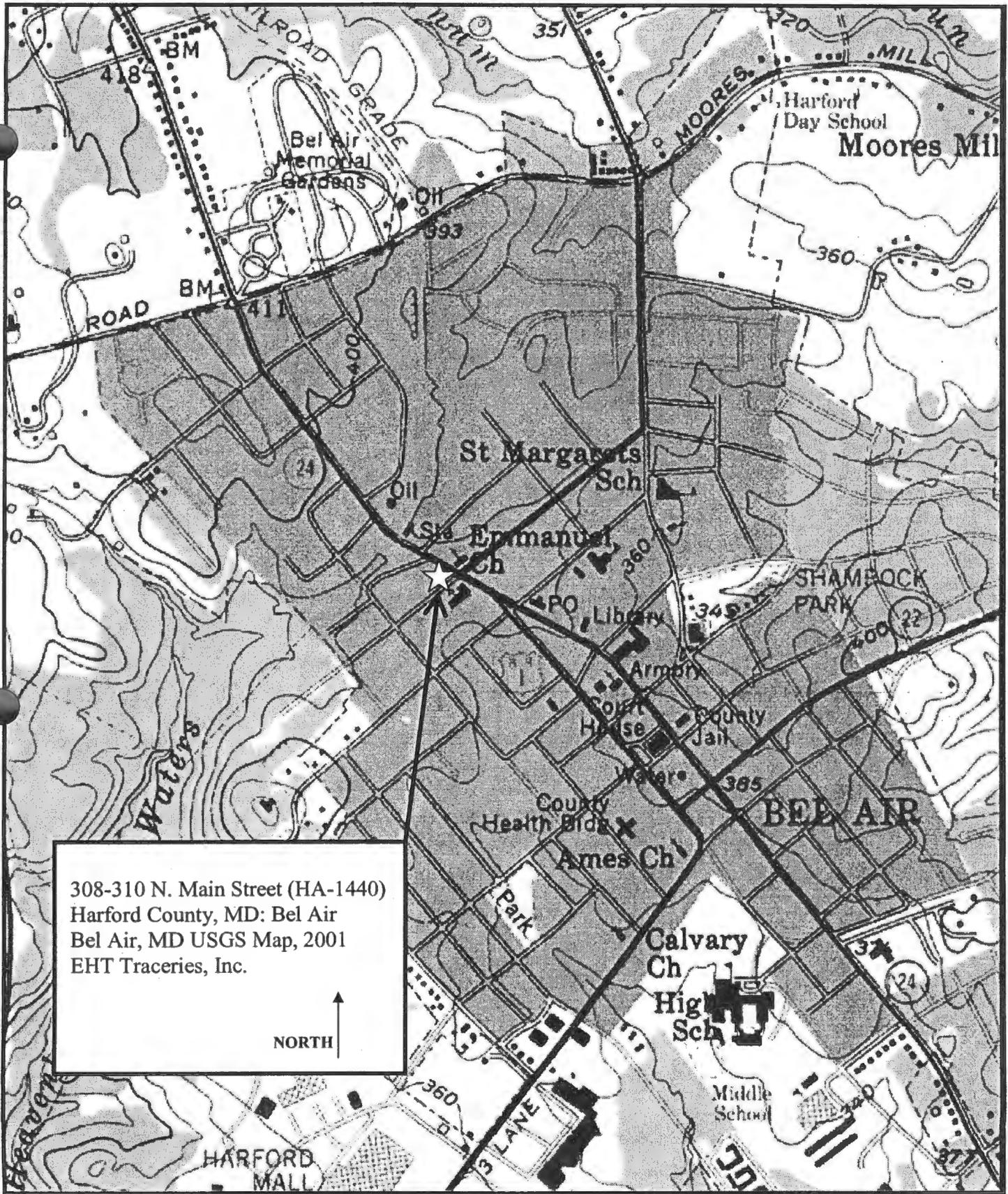
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PREFAB SHED



N. MAIN ST.





308-310 N. Main Street (HA-1440)
Harford County, MD: Bel Air
Bel Air, MD USGS Map, 2001
EHT Tracerics, Inc.





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Ayres House #2

308-310 North Main Street

Harford County, MD

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Front elevation

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Ayres House #2
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MD SHPO
North elevation
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MD SHPO
Rear elevation
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Ayres House #2

308-310 North Main Street

Harford County, MD

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MD SHPO

Southwest corner

Photo 4 of 4

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Between 1909 & 1920

Ayers House #2
308 - 310 N. Main
Bel Air
Private

This late Victorian double tenement was one of two J. Robert Ayres built in this block between 1909 and 1920. It is a combination of two two bay shotgun houses. Both halves now have shops on the first floor.

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INVENTORY FORM FOR STATE HISTORIC SITES SURVEY

1 NAME

HISTORIC
Ayres House #2
AND/OR COMMON

2 LOCATION

STREET & NUMBER
308-310 N. Main 1st
CITY, TOWN
Bel Air VICINITY OF 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 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
Peter Macrides Telephone #: 838-5199
STREET & NUMBER
577 Cressy Road
CITY, TOWN
Bel Air VICINITY OF STATE, zip code
Maryland 21014

5 LOCATION OF LEGAL DESCRIPTION

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

Liber #: 888
Folio #: 394

6 REPRESENTATION IN EXISTING SURVEYS

TITLE
DATE
DEPOSITORY FOR
SURVEY RECORDS
CITY, TOWN STATE
_FEDERAL _STATE _COUNTY _LOCAL

7 DESCRIPTION

HR-1440

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 and a half story, four bay double house is at 308-310 N. Main Street in the Town of Bel Air, Harford County, Maryland. The two bay front building has a gable roof with the ridge running north and south, broken on the front (east) side by two gables, one to each two bay house. There is a round-headed 2/2 double-hung sash window in each front gable. The side (north & south) gables have flat headed 2/2 windows. The one bay by four bay back building has a gable roof at right angles to that of the main block. The other windows are all 2/2.

The hipped roof front (east) porch is carried on stock turned posts and has turned balusters. There is a balustrade separating the two houses. The entrances are in the middle bays of the front (east) elevation. A pair of side doors with an aluminum hood over them occur in the north elevation at the join of the front and back building. Each unit has a small enclosed shed roofed back porch on the west elevation.

Three plain chimneys break the building's roof lines. Each unit has a center chimney in the roof ridge just behind where the front gable meets the roof plane. The third chimney is an inside end one at the ridge of the rear (west) gable.

CONTINUE ON SEPARATE SHEET IF NECESSARY

8 SIGNIFICANCE

PERIOD	AREAS OF SIGNIFICANCE -- CHECK AND JUSTIFY BELOW			
PREHISTORIC	<input type="checkbox"/> ARCHEOLOGY-PREHISTORIC	<input type="checkbox"/> COMMUNITY PLANNING	<input type="checkbox"/> LANDSCAPE ARCHITECTURE	<input type="checkbox"/> RELIGION
1400-1499	<input type="checkbox"/> ARCHEOLOGY-HISTORIC	<input type="checkbox"/> CONSERVATION	<input type="checkbox"/> LAW	<input type="checkbox"/> SCIENCE
1500-1599	<input type="checkbox"/> AGRICULTURE	<input type="checkbox"/> ECONOMICS	<input type="checkbox"/> LITERATURE	<input type="checkbox"/> SCULPTURE
1600-1699	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> ARCHITECTURE	<input type="checkbox"/> EDUCATION	<input type="checkbox"/> MILITARY	<input type="checkbox"/> SOCIAL/HUMANITARIAN
1700-1799	<input type="checkbox"/> ART	<input type="checkbox"/> ENGINEERING	<input type="checkbox"/> MUSIC	<input type="checkbox"/> THEATER
1800-1899	<input type="checkbox"/> COMMERCE	<input type="checkbox"/> EXPLORATION/SETTLEMENT	<input type="checkbox"/> PHILOSOPHY	<input type="checkbox"/> TRANSPORTATION
X 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 double house was built between 1909 and 1920 on lot #2 of Richardson's Addition. Mrs. Ayres purchased both lots #2 and 3 in 1909 from William Heuer and others (127/168). At that time there was one house on the property, 304 N. Main Street. This recently demolished house was the home of John F. Ligan, moved to that site from across the street where the Heuer-Corbin House is today (211 N. Main). By the tax assessment of 1920, there were three houses on the lots, 304, 306 and 308-310 N. Main. The two houses remaining have much in common, both of them simple houses with gable ends to the street. It is not possible to decide which was built first. This one is double and slightly more stylish.

The Ayres sold this one to George T. Werneke in 1932 (223/410). Werneke conveyed it to John M. Stokes in 1936 (242/101), and Stokes sold it to Frank N. Shaw in 1938 (251/403). Shaw sold it to George T. Botts in 1944 (282/284). Botts died in 1966. His daughter Theda Botts Fitzgerald Pagan sold it to the present owner, Peter Macrides, in 1971 (888/394).

The south portion is occupied by Hair Design, Ltd and the Sunshine Water Bed Company; the south portion has the Handy Stamp Company.

9 MAJOR BIBLIOGRAPHICAL REFERENCES

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10 GEOGRAPHICAL DATA

ACREAGE OF NOMINATED PROPERTY _____

VERBAL BOUNDARY DESCRIPTION

This property occupies parcel #267 in the Town of Bel Air, 48.06' x 125.75'

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

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-1440 NEGATIVE FILE NUMBER: UTM REFERENCES: Zone/Easting/Northing U.S.G.S. QUAD. MAP: PRESENT FORMAL NAME:
COUNTY: Harford TOWN: Bel Air	ORIGINAL FORMAL NAME: Ayres House #2
LOCATION: 308-310 N. Main	PRESENT USE: commercial ORIGINAL USE: rental units ARCHITECT/ENGINEER:
COMMON NAME: Hair Design & Handy Stamp Co.	BUILDER/CONTRACTOR:
FUNCTIONAL TYPE: private residence	
OWNER: Peter Macrides ADDRESS: 517 Cressy Road Bel Air, Md.	PHYSICAL CONDITION OF STRUCTURE: Excellent() Good(X) Fair() Poor()
ACCESSIBILITY TO PUBLIC: Yes() No() Restricted(X)	THEME: Architecture STYLE: Vernacular
LEVEL OF SIGNIFICANCE: Local(X) State() National()	DATE BUILT: After 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(X)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(X)Sheds()Ells() Wings() Other: Roof Style: Gable(X)Hip()Shed()Flat()Mansard()Gambrel()Jerkinhead() Saw Tooth()With Monitor()With Bellcast()With Parapet()With False Front() Other: Number of Stories: <u>2½</u> Number of Bays: <u>4</u> Entrance Location: <u>N. Main</u> Approximate Dimensions: <u>27' x 35'</u>	
THREAT TO STRUCTURE: No Threat()Zoning()Roads() Development(X)Deterioration() Alteration()Other:	LOCAL ATTITUDES: Positive()Negative() Mixed() Other:

ADDITIONAL ARCHITECTURAL OR STRUCTURAL DESCRIPTION:

double house, each house has front gable, each house = 2 bay
 front roof ridge goes N-S with front gables
 breaking the line. Back bldg gable roof at right angles to main roof
 Round arched 2/2 window in each front gable. Other windows
 2/2 / hip roof front porch on stock turned posts w turned
 balusters. A balustrade between the two units
 entrances in middle bays. side entrances on N elev at join
 of back & front buildings. Each house has enclosed shed roof back (w) porch

RELATED STRUCTURES: (Describe)

STATEMENT OF SIGNIFICANCE:

double rental unit built after 1909

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

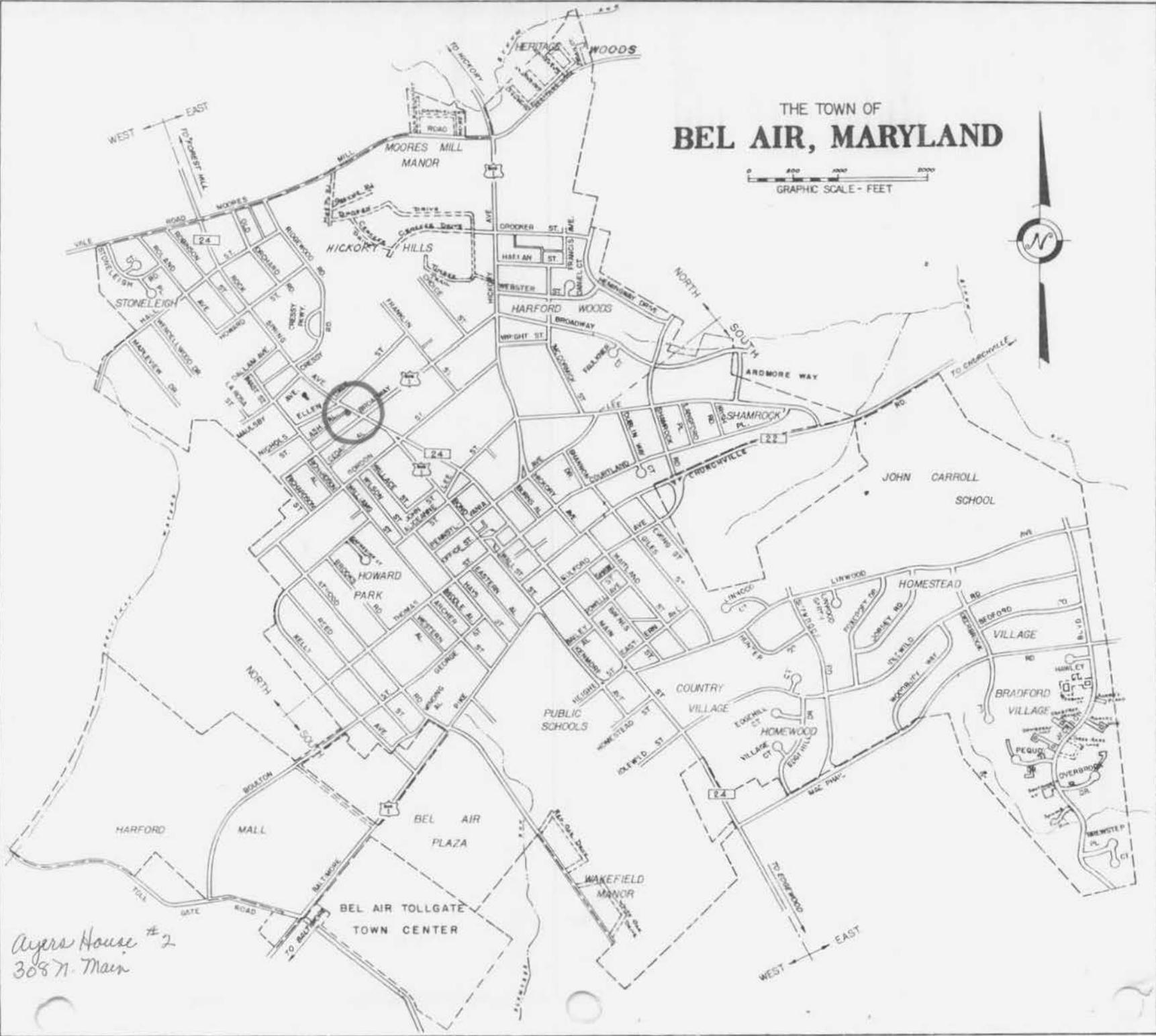
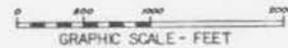
ORGANIZATION:
 24 October 1979

DATE RECORDED:

TITLE: 308-310 N. Main

- 888/394 20 December 1971
Theda Botts Fitzgerald Pagan & Louis F.
Pagan, Jr.
 to
Peter Macrides & Mary
Theda is the daughter of George and Julia Botts
George died 21 October 1966. Julia pre-deceased him.
- 282/284 31 March 1944
Frank Newman Shaw & Elizabeth
 to
George T. Botts & Julia
- 251/403 22 June 1938
John M. Stokes & Ina
 to
Frank N. Shaw & Elizabeth
- 242/101 18 August 1936
George T. Werneke & Lula
 to
John M. Stokes & Ina
- 223.410 22 July 1932
J. Robert Ayres & Sadie
 to
George T. Werneke & Lula
- 127/168 13 July 1909
William W. Heuer & Catherine, A. Henry
Strasbaugh and Robert C. Richardson,
Trustees under the will of Rebecca Woolsey
 to
Sadie J. Ayres
lots #2 & 3, Richardson's Addition

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Ayers House #2
308 N. Main



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Cypress House #2, 308-310 N. Main, Bel Air

St. Charles

M. Lamm, 1979



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August House #2, 305-310 N. Main, Bel Air
n + w elev

M. Larent, 1949