

MARYLAND HISTORICAL TRUST

INVENTORY FORM FOR STATE HISTORIC SITES SURVEY

1 NAME

HISTORIC
Bruns Store
AND/OR COMMON

2 LOCATION

STREET & NUMBER
321 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 type="checkbox"/> OCCUPIED	<input type="checkbox"/> AGRICULTURE <input type="checkbox"/> MUSEUM
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> BUILDING(S)	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> PRIVATE	<input checked="" 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	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 Charles S. Ward Telephone #:
STREET & NUMBER 113 E. Aspenwood Way
CITY, TOWN STATE, zip code
Baltimore VICINITY OF Maryland 21234

5 LOCATION OF LEGAL DESCRIPTION

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

Liber #: 486
Folio #: 140

6 REPRESENTATION IN EXISTING SURVEYS

TITLE
DATE
DEPOSITORY FOR SURVEY RECORDS
CITY, TOWN 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 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 three bay asphalt shingle house with a gable roof is at 321 N. Main in the Town of Bel Air, Harford County, Maryland. It was formerly a store. (For changes over time, see #8) The gable end of the house faces Main Street. The rear (east) gable is blind. The front gable (west) has two narrow, widely spaced 1/1 double-hung sash windows. The rest of the windows are 2/2. The entrance is in the middle bay of the front (west) elevation. A single pane transom and long 6 pane side lights surround the door. A small hood-like gable on two square posts forms a porch in front. There is also a hood over a door in the east bay of the south elevation of the main building. A single story shed addition in back (east) completes the building. There is a shed roof porch on plain posts across the south elevation of the addition.

The main block has a plain capped center chimney; an outside end stove chimney is north of center in the east elevation of the rear addition.

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 1887 BUILDER/ARCHITECT John F. Lingan

STATEMENT OF SIGNIFICANCE

This house was built as a store by Henry B. Bruns in 1887 on land he bought for \$624 from Charles L. Dallam (58/195). The original lot went back along "Avalon Alley" (Ellendale) and included what is today Bel Air Auction Galleries. The Galleries were the Bruns livery stable. The Harford Democrat of July 22, 1887, took note of the opening of the store and "exchange stables" and called Bruns a newcomer. The store, at least, was built by John F. Lingan. It was 20' x 36'. Bruns probably lived over the store. He sold the property to Mathew Peterson in 1896 for \$1800 (87/232). Peterson sold in 1902 to David S. Mitchell for \$530 cash and a \$1000 mortgage (104/487). By 1904 the property had acquired a 15' x 30' single story back building and a 15' x 35' single story warehouse attached to the south elevation of the main building.

Frederick J. Gorrell bought the property in 1905 for \$950 cash and a mortgage of \$800 (117/83). On the 1858 Map a "J. Gorrell" had the blacksmith shop at the flat iron intersection of Main and Bond Streets. Frederick Gorrell lived until after World War II, so this cannot be the same man, but if they are related, Frederick might have run the livery stable. Sometime after 1930, the livery buildings became warehouse and storage belonging to the Beverage Warehouse east on Ellendale. Gorrell bought the double store front next door to the south in 1909 and transferred it to his daughter-in-law in 1912. Both properties remain in the family today in the female line. This property apparently was the residence of Frederick Gorrell. By 1930 it had lost its warehouse and acquired a porch on the north side and one on the south side. By this time the building must have been exclusively residential. Frederick Gorrell was dead by 1946 but his widow retained a life estate in this property (301/32) when transferring it to her son, Harry. She released the life estate in 1957 (486/138) and Harry and Leonora sold the property to Charles Ward and his wife Florence (486/140) the present owners. Mrs. Ward was left the property next door by Leonora Gorrell (Harry's wife) in 1964 (will 35/382). It is currently vacant and for sale.

The building has lost its back building, its north porch, and its front (west) porch has been reduced from three bays to one. This is probably the shape of the original structure.

CONTINUE ON SEPARATE SHEET IF NECESSARY

9 MAJOR BIBLIOGRAPHICAL REFERENCES

Harford Democrat
1904, 1930 Sanborn Maps

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10 GEOGRAPHICAL DATA

ACREAGE OF NOMINATED PROPERTY _____

VERBAL BOUNDARY DESCRIPTION

This property occupies parcel #283 in the Town of Bel Air, 35' x 147'

LIST ALL STATES AND COUNTIES FOR PROPERTIES OVERLAPPING STATE OR COUNTY BOUNDARIES

STATE	COUNTY

11 FORM PREPARED BY

NAME / TITLE

Marilynn Larew, Architectural Historian

31 October 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-1442
	NEGATIVE FILE NUMBER:
	UTM REFERENCES: Zone/Easting/Northing
	U.S.G.S. QUAD. MAP:
	PRESENT FORMAL NAME: House
COUNTY: Harford	ORIGINAL FORMAL NAME: Bruns Store
TOWN: Bel Air	
LOCATION: 321 N. Main	PRESENT USE: rental
	ORIGINAL USE: store & residence
	ARCHITECT/ENGINEER:
COMMON NAME: House	BUILDER/CONTRACTOR: John F. Lingan
FUNCTIONAL TYPE: private residence	
OWNER: Charles S. Ward	PHYSICAL CONDITION OF STRUCTURE:
ADDRESS: 113 E. Aspenwood Way	Excellent() Good()
Baltimore, Maryland 21231	Fair(X) Poor()
ACCESSIBILITY TO PUBLIC:	THEME: Architecture
Yes() No() Restricted(X)	STYLE: Vernacular
LEVEL OF SIGNIFICANCE:	DATE BUILT: 1887
Local(X) State() National()	
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()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>3</u> Entrance Location: <u>N. Main</u> Approximate Dimensions: <u>20' x 36'</u>	
THREAT TO STRUCTURE: No Threat()Zoning(X)Roads() Development(X)Deterioration(X) Alteration()Other:	LOCAL ATTITUDES: Positive()Negative() Mixed() Other:

ADDITIONAL ARCHITECTURAL OR STRUCTURAL DESCRIPTION:

windows 2/2 plain surround
front gable 2 narrow 1/1 window
front porch, middle bay, gable roof on plain post
entrance, middle bay: single pane transom, 6 pane side lights
single story shed addition on back, shed roof porch
on plain posts on back addition south
hood over east bay entrance in s elev. of main bldg.
plain center chimney in main block, outside stove chimney
on e elev. of shed addition

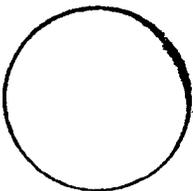
RELATED STRUCTURES: (Describe)

STATEMENT OF SIGNIFICANCE:

Bruns store 1887 now residential

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: 321 N. Main

486/140 30 July 1957
Harry E. Gorrell & Leonora
 to
Charles S. Ward & Florence

486/138 17 July 1957
Ladora Gorrell, widow, of Fayette County, Pa
release of life estate in lands devised
by Frederick Gorrell (will 19/485)

301/32 29 August 1946
Ladora Gorrell, widow
 to
Harry E. Gorrell & Leonora
she retains a life estate

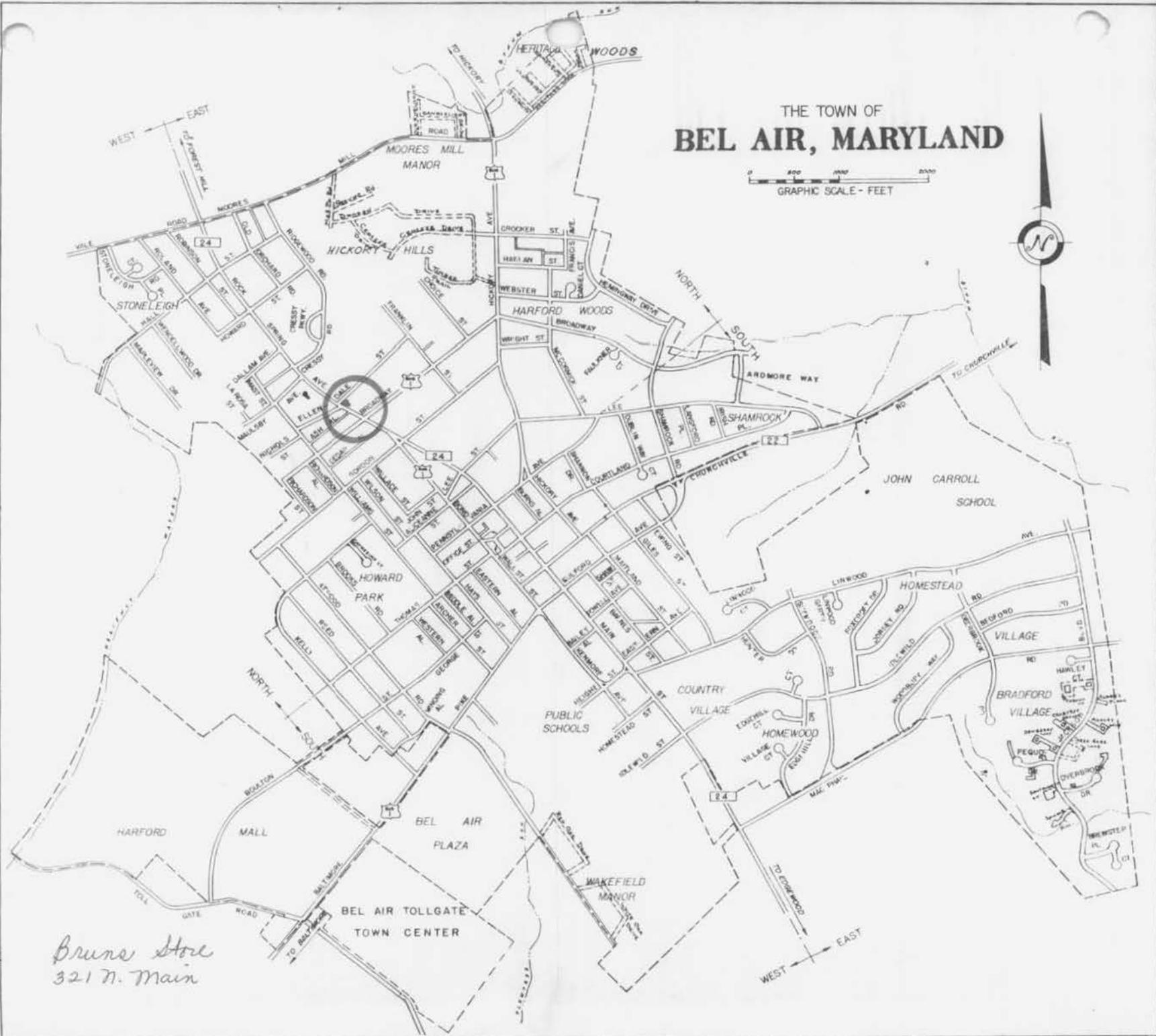
117/83 6 December 1905
David S. Mitchell & Annie
 to
Frederick J. Gorrell
\$950 & mortgage of \$800

104/487 10 October 1902
Mathew H. Peterson & Retta
 to
David S. Mitchell & Annie
\$530 & \$1000 mortgage

87/232 13 February 1896
Henry B. Bruns & Kate
 to
Mathew Peterson
\$1800

58/195 26 March 1887
Charles L. Dallam
 to
Henry B. Bruns
\$624
2 lots: this one and the back lot on
"Avalon Allen" (Ellendale)

THE TOWN OF BEL AIR, MARYLAND



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*Brune Store
321 N. Main*



SALE
BY
CLACK
612 3000

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Bruner Store, 321 N. Main, Bel Air

w + s elev

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NA-1442 Bronze Stone, 351 N. Main, Belair
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