

**MARYLAND HISTORICAL TRUST  
DETERMINATION OF ELIGIBILITY FORM**

NR Eligible: yes \_\_\_  
no X

Property Name: McComas Bros. Lumber Inventory Number: HA-1443  
 Address: 411 North Main Street City: Bel Air Zip Code: 21014  
 County: Harford USGS Topographic Map: Bel Air  
 Owner: Getz, Alan et al Is the property being evaluated a district? \_\_\_ yes  
 Tax Parcel Number: 271 Tax Map Number: 301 Tax Account ID Number: 009505  
 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)*  
 Built in 1907, the two-story building at 411 North Main Street is situated at the corner of North Main Street and Ellendale Road, facing southwest. Resting on a stone foundation, the exterior of the three-bay building is sided in vinyl. The building has a gable roof clad in asphalt that is hidden by a parapet. Topped with a cornice, the parapet is characteristic of wood-frame commercial buildings built during the last third of the nineteenth century and early twentieth century. A double-leaf metal and glass door, located centrally at the façade, serves as the main entrance to the building. To either side of the doors are plate glass store windows. Separating the space between the first and second stories on the façade is an ogee-molded cornice. Four 1/1 openings are located at the second story of the façade. Other entrances, both holding metal doors, are located at the north and east (rear) elevations. The fenestration of the west and south elevations is symmetrical, whereas on the north and east elevations are symmetrical. Original window openings have all been replaced with either 1/1, 8/8, 6/6, fixed, or sliding vinyl windows. A fenced concrete patio is situated at the north elevation. Within this area is a one-story shed roof addition. A metal panel door adorned with a fanlight is located at the west elevation of the addition, and serves as a side entrance to the building. At the back of this addition is a metal garage opening. An exterior-end brick chimney is located at the middle of the rear elevation, adjacent to a wooden stair and rear entrance at the second story. Adjacent to the chimney is a one-story shed addition constructed of rusticated concrete block.

<b>MARYLAND HISTORICAL TRUST REVIEW</b>	
Eligibility recommended ___	Eligibility not recommended <u>X</u>
Criteria: ___ A ___ B ___ C ___ D	Considerations: ___ A ___ B ___ C ___ D ___ E ___ F ___ G ___ None
MHT Comments	
<u>Jim Taluma</u> Reviewer, Office of Preservation Services	<u>8/2/2005</u> Date
<u>[Signature]</u> Reviewer, NR Program	<u>8/2/05</u> Date

NR-ELIGIBILITY REVIEW FORM

McComas Bros. Lumber

Inventory Number: HA-1443

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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. The building at 411 North Main Street is located in between Ellendale Road and where the Bel Air railroad station used to be located. Originally a part of the McComas Brothers Lumber and Building Supplies Company, the building is now occupied by the Pleasantville Printing Company.

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 persons or group of person or group of persons of outstanding importance to the community, state, or nation. Therefore, the building at 411 N. Main Street is not eligible under Criterion B. This property neither embodies distinctive characteristics of the early twentieth century nor does it represent the work of a master or possess high artistic value. Additionally, many of the original materials have been lost to modern alterations and the form has been compromised by additions. It is thus disqualified for eligibility under Criterion C. The building at 411 North Main Street was not evaluated under Criterion D. Therefore, it has been determined that the commercial building at 411 North Main Street is not eligible for listing in the National Register of Historic Places under Criteria A, B, or C.

Prepared by: EHT Traceries

Date Prepared: 3/15/2005

RESOURCE SKETCH MAP

HA-1443

MCCOMAS BROS. LUMBER

BEL AIR

HARFORD COUNTY

PARKING LOT

421 N.  
MAIN ST.

DRIVEWAY

PATIO

FLAT

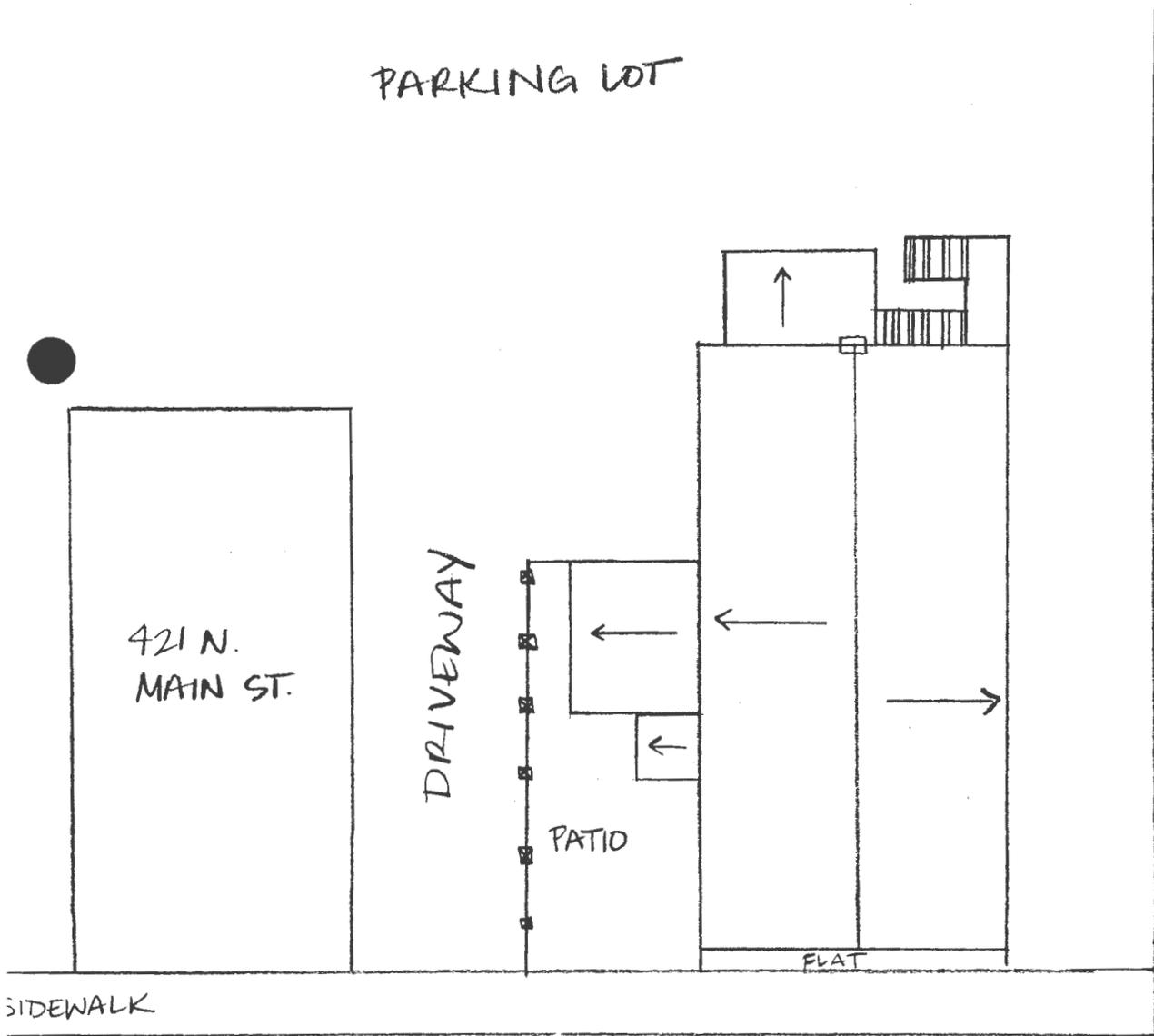
Ellendale

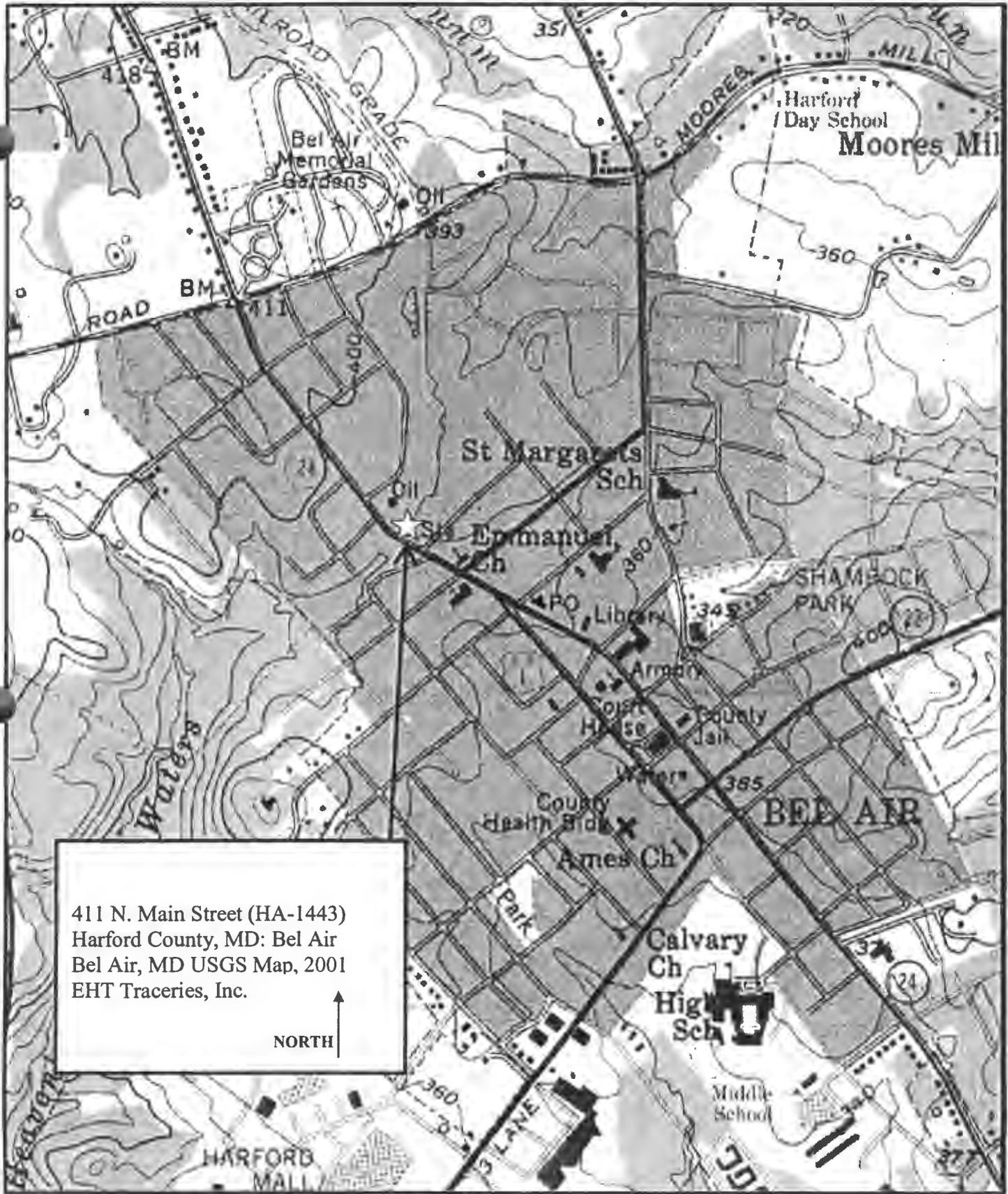
SIDEWALK

N. Main Street



NOT TO SCALE





411 N. Main Street (HA-1443)  
Harford County, MD: Bel Air  
Bel Air, MD USGS Map, 2001  
EHT Tracerics, Inc.

↑  
NORTH



HA-1443  
MCCOMAS BROS. LUMBER  
411 N. MAIN STREET  
HARFORD COUNTY, MD  
EHT TRACERIES, INC.  
3/2005  
MD SHPO  
SOUTHWEST CORNER  
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Ma & Pa  
← Trail

Dr. [unreadable]  
[unreadable]  
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ELLENDALE ST



HA-1443

McCOMAS BROS. LUMBER

411 N. MAIN ST.

HARFORD COUNTY, MD

EHT TRACERIES, INC.

3/2005

MD SHPO

SOUTH ELEVATION

PHOTO 2 of 4



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McCORMACK BROS. LUMBER

411 N. MAIN ST.

HARFORD COUNTY, MD

ENTRANCES, INC

3/2005

MD SHPO

NORTHEAST CORNER

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HA-1443

McCOMAS BROS. LUMBER

411 N. MAIN ST.

HARFORD COUNTY, MD

EHT TRACERIES, INC.

3/2005

MD SHPO

NORTHWEST CORNER

PHOTO 4 of 4

MARYLAND HISTORICAL TRUST

HA-1443 (#411)  
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 HA-1444 (#414)  
 1314443711

INVENTORY FORM FOR STATE HISTORIC SITES SURVEY

**1 NAME**

HISTORIC  
 McComas Bros. Lumber & Building Supplies  
 AND/OR COMMON

**2 LOCATION**

STREET & NUMBER  
 411-414 N. Main Street 1st  
 CITY, TOWN CONGRESSIONAL DISTRICT  
 Bel Air  
 STATE VICINITY OF 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	<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  
 Mrs. William McComas Telephone #: 838-4072  
 STREET & NUMBER  
 538 Rock Spring  
 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 #: 365  
 Folio #: 571  
 STREET & NUMBER  
 Main Street  
 CITY, TOWN STATE  
 Bel Air Maryland

**6 REPRESENTATION IN EXISTING SURVEYS**

TITLE  
 DATE  
 FEDERAL  STATE  COUNTY  LOCAL  
 DEPOSITORY FOR SURVEY RECORDS  
 CITY, TOWN STATE

116-1172  
P. 11-1464

# 7 DESCRIPTION

## CONDITION

- EXCELLENT
- GOOD
- FAIR
- DETERIORATED
- RUINS
- UNEXPOSED

## CHECK ONE

- UNALTERED
- ALTERED

## CHECK ONE

- ORIGINAL SITE
- MOVED DATE \_\_\_\_\_

DESCRIBE THE PRESENT AND ORIGINAL (IF KNOWN) PHYSICAL APPEARANCE

Bel Air Auto Parts. This two story building with four octagonal portholes in the second story of its facade is at 411 N. Main Street in the Town of Bel Air, Harford County, Maryland. The three bay by four bay building has aluminum siding simulating board and batten on the front and shiplap on the other three sides. Its broad gable roof is masked in front by a false front topped by a broad classical molded cornice. Another cornice strip is below that. The portholes have been added since 1965, as has the small shingle pent roof over the two shop windows and the double glass and aluminum doors. Other windows are 6/6. An outside stove chimney rises in the middle of the rear (east) elevation.

Pioneer Cleaners. This building is just north of the one described above. It is also 2 storied with a steeper sloped gable roof with a stepped false front sided in aluminum. Three diamond-shaped windows decorate the facade above the 12 pane show windows and the recessed doorway. The rear bay of this building is slightly taller than the rest of the building.

CONTINUE ON SEPARATE SHEET IF NECESSARY



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# 9 MAJOR BIBLIOGRAPHICAL REFERENCES

1904, 1930 Sanborn Map  
The Aegis, February 25, 1965

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# 10 GEOGRAPHICAL DATA

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

## VERBAL BOUNDARY DESCRIPTION

This property occupies parcel #271 in the Town of Bel Air, 300' on Ellendale.

## 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

838-8700

STREET & NUMBER

39 Hickory Avenue

TELEPHONE

CITY OR TOWN

Bel Air

STATE

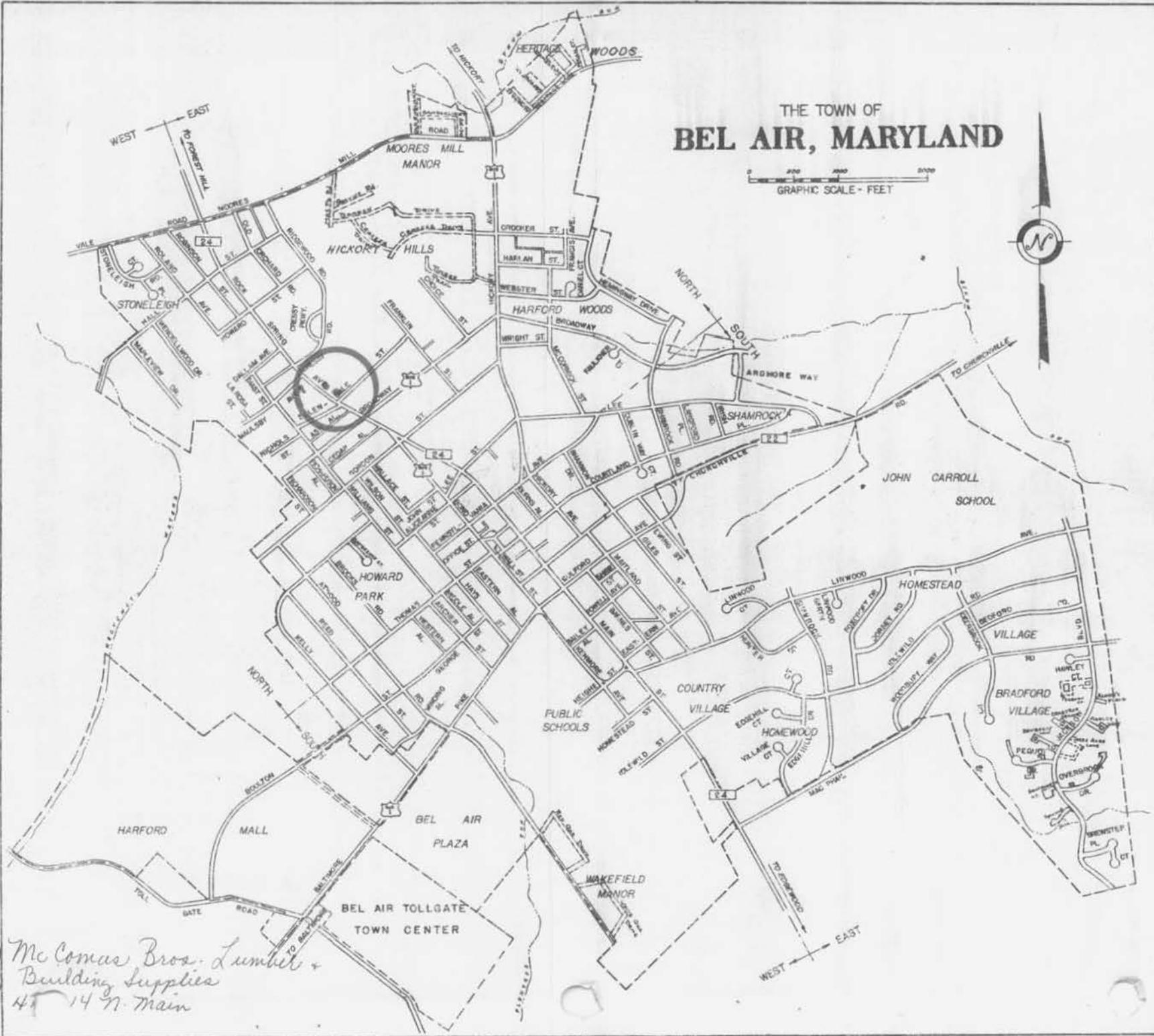
Maryland

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

# THE TOWN OF BEL AIR, MARYLAND



HA-1443(411) *Mc Comas Bros. Lumber & Building Supplies*  
 HA-1444(244) *41 14 N. Main*



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n.w. elev  
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The Comas Tree Lumber #2, 414 N. Main Bel Air  
NW W. C.

M. Larew, 1979



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The Comae Bus Lumber, 411 N. Main, Belton  
S + e elev

M. Larew, 1979