

HA-1452

before 1869

Stagmer's Hotel
100 S. Main
Bel Air
Private

This three story building was one of the five inns within a block of the courthouse. It is much changed from its hotel days when it had a two story porch on the front. Allen J. Prigg built it on the site of Robinson's store soon after the Civil War. The name Stagmer comes from an owner in the 1880's, William Stagmer, who raised the then two story building to three. In 1893 it became a carriage manufactory under the name of Enterprise Carriage Company. That may be a startling bit of adaptive re-use, but it shows how flexible these old buildings were. Today the top floors have been returned to domestic use as apartments. The ground floor (and the basement) has shops and offices.

MARYLAND HISTORICAL TRUST

INVENTORY FORM FOR STATE HISTORIC SITES SURVEY

1 NAME

HISTORIC

Stagmer's Hotel

AND/OR COMMON

2 LOCATION

STREET & NUMBER

100 S. Main

1st

CITY, TOWN

CONGRESSIONAL DISTRICT

Bel Air

___ VICINITY OF

STATE

COUNTY

Maryland

Harford

3 CLASSIFICATION

CATEGORY

___DISTRICT

BUILDING(S)

___STRUCTURE

___SITE

___OBJECT

OWNERSHIP

___PUBLIC

PRIVATE

___BOTH

PUBLIC ACQUISITION

___IN PROCESS

___BEING CONSIDERED

STATUS

OCCUPIED

___UNOCCUPIED

___WORK IN PROGRESS

ACCESSIBLE

YES: RESTRICTED

___YES: UNRESTRICTED

___NO

PRESENT USE

___AGRICULTURE

COMMERCIAL

___EDUCATIONAL

___ENTERTAINMENT

___GOVERNMENT

___INDUSTRIAL

___MILITARY

___MUSEUM

___PARK

PRIVATE RESIDENCE

___RELIGIOUS

___SCIENTIFIC

___TRANSPORTATION

___OTHER

4 OWNER OF PROPERTY

NAME

lease Carollee Getz et al c/o Getz & Getz

Telephone #: 838-4135

STREET & NUMBER

26 S. Main

CITY, TOWN

STATE, zip code

Bel Air

___ VICINITY OF

Maryland 21014

5 LOCATION OF LEGAL DESCRIPTION

COURTHOUSE,

REGISTRY OF DEEDS, ETC.

Liber #: 832

Folio #: 1

STREET & NUMBER

CITY, TOWN

STATE

6 REPRESENTATION IN EXISTING SURVEYS

TITLE

DATE

___FEDERAL ___STATE ___COUNTY ___LOCAL

DEPOSITORY FOR
SURVEY RECORDS

CITY, TOWN

STATE

NA-1152

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 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 three story plastered building, formerly a hotel and then a carriage works, is at the southwest corner of Main and Courtland Streets in the Town of Bel Air, Harford County, Maryland. An old photograph published in Bel Air's Centennial Book shows Stagmer's Hotel after William Stagmer added the third story. A flight of six steps leads up to the entrance on Main Street. The stories are irregularly divided. The first story shows four bays - two doors flanked by a window. The Maryland Express Company occupied the northern two bays. Sheltering the entry was a porch with open balustrade carried on square posts. The second story also shows four bays with the third story showing five. The former roof-line is visible between the second and third stories, manifesting itself as an overhang. A plain cornice decorates the edge of the flatroof. The side (north) elevation shows four bays with an entry in the first story and the overhang of the old roof. Then there is a set back of about seven feet and then the building continues for an additional three bays. This three bay addition is probably the new kitchen.

The present configuration has changed only in detail, the fundamental massing remaining the same. The roof-line is the same. The overhang between the second and third stories has disappeared, and a rectangular bay window has been added in the second bay in from the east. This bay window is composed of one window (1/1) in the east and west sides and two similar windows in the north side. A continuation of the first floor cornice line forms the bottom of the structure and narrow rectangular panels of the plaster topped by a cornice forms the top. The rest of the windows in the second and third stories are common 6/6 double hung sash framed in plain surrounds painted white like the roof and first story cornices. The upper stories are apartments.

The most changes have been made to the first story which is given over to stores now - two in the west end of the Courtland Street side and four in the Main Street side, three in the first floor and one in the basement just at the corner.

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 before 1869 BUILDER/ARCHITECT

STATEMENT OF SIGNIFICANCE

This building, now apartments upstairs and stores down, was one of the three hotels on Main Street near the Courthouse in the 19th century. It was built on the site of Robinson's Store on lot #33 of the Town plat of Bel Air. The whole lot was purchased by Herman Stump, Henry Archer, and Stevenson Archer from the Misses Robinson in 1867 (19/217). Prigg built the hotel, then a two story structure at the corner of Main and Courtland Streets. The first mention of Prigg's Hotel occurs in the newspapers for 1869. Prigg ran the hotel until March 1870 when Isaac Dillon, formerly of Pikesville and Abingdon, took over the operation. After about a year James S. Lytle, who had managed Frank Glenn's oyster restaurant in the east end of the Holden Building on Courtland Street (1869), bought the Hotel (1871). In 1872 Lytle added a bowling alley to the hotel's amenities. There was also apparently a restaurant on the premises, not surprising in view of Lytle's previous career. In April 1874 William Stagmer was running the restaurant while Lytle opened a photo gallery at another location. In November 1874 Allen Prigg died and the course of the lease becomes tangled. (See accompanying title.) By this time the Hotel was called "Edgewood House." In 1875 the local option law supposedly prohibited the sale of alcoholic beverages in Bel Air, and the proprietors of local hotels found their business depressed. In September the Edgewood House was sold to Stevenson Archer for \$3000 by R. W. Whaland, trustee for the Prigg heirs. In 1880 Mrs. William Stagmer bought the hotel for \$1050, and it became known as Stagmer's Hotel.

The Stagmers began to improve the property. They turned the bowling alley into a stable and added a back building, probably the west bays in the current building. In 1881 they added a third story, giving the building its present configuration. The work was done by contractor John F. Ligan. The building was now 36' x 56', three stories high. The dining room was extended and a new kitchen was added. The hotel had at least 20 rooms. Darius Prigg and John A. Wann did the painting and Jacob Fordes the plastering.

William Stagmer died in March of 1885, aged 51. He had been in Bel Air since 1874 when he took over Lytle's restaurant. Mrs. Stagmer carried on. By 1891 a Mrs. Green kept the hotel. In October 1894 the Enterprise Carriage Company bought the hotel to turn it into a carriage works. In 1899 the post office was lodged in one corner of the building. At that time the Harford Democrat called the building the "old Prigg, Stagmer, and Burrill hotel" (we must have missed an owner) and said it was "one of the ancient landmarks of the town."

The 1904 Insurance Map shows that the complex extended all the way

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9 MAJOR BIBLIOGRAPHICAL REFERENCES

Harford Union, Harford Democrat, Bel Air Record
Insurance Maps 1904, 1930

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10 GEOGRAPHICAL DATA

ACREAGE OF NOMINATED PROPERTY _____

VERBAL BOUNDARY DESCRIPTION

This property occupies parcel #834 in the Town of Bel Air, 65.31' x 77.31'

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

STATE	COUNTY
STATE	COUNTY

11 FORM PREPARED BY

NAME / TITLE	M. Larew, Architectural Historian	DATE	16 May 1979
ORGANIZATION	Town of Bel Air	TELEPHONE	838-8700
STREET & NUMBER	39 Hickory Avenue	STATE	Maryland
CITY OR TOWN	Bel Air		

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to the Archer Building on Courtland and formed a hollow square and returned to Main Street. The 1930 map shows the square built in and occupied by four stores, three of them in the old hotel, one the single story next south, and a large store going back even with the rear (west) elevation of the hotel. Six apartments in the rear of the old hotel complete the block. That is the present configuration.

The lease is owned by the Getzs. The fee is still in the hands of the Safe Deposit and Trust Company in trust for the heirs of Major Robert Archer, who purchased the fee from Henry Archer.

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HISTORIC SITES SURVEY FIELD SHEET
 Individual Structure Survey Form

SURVEY NUMBER: HA-1452
 NEGATIVE FILE NUMBER:
 UTM REFERENCES:
 Zone/Easting/Northing
 U.S.G.S. QUAD. MAP:
 PRESENT FORMAL NAME:

COUNTY: Harford
 TOWN: Bel Air
 LOCATION: Main + Courtland Sts
 COMMON NAME:
 FUNCTIONAL TYPE: Commercial
 OWNER: Carolee Gutz et al 90 Gutz + Gutz
 ADDRESS: 265 Main Bel Air, Md
 ACCESSIBILITY TO PUBLIC:
 Yes () No () Restricted ()
 LEVEL OF SIGNIFICANCE:
 Local () State () National ()

ORIGINAL FORMAL NAME: Prugg - Stagner Hotel
 PRESENT USE: shops + apt's
 ORIGINAL USE: Hotel
 ARCHITECT/ENGINEER:
 BUILDER/CONTRACTOR:
 PHYSICAL CONDITION OF STRUCTURE:
 Excellent () Good ()
 Fair () Poor: ()
 THEME: Architecture
 STYLE: Vernacular
 DATE BUILT: c. 1868

GENERAL DESCRIPTION:
 Structural System
 1. Foundation: Stone () 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 ()
 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 () Towers () Cupolas () Dormers () Chimneys () Sheds () Ells ()
 Wings () Other: Bay window
 Roof Style: Gable () Hip () Shed () Flat () Mansard () Gambrel () Jerkinhead ()
 Saw Tooth () With Monitor () With Bellcast () With Parapet () With False Front ()
 Other:
 Number of Stories: 3
 Number of Bays: 4
 Approximate Dimensions: 35' x 80'
 Entrance Location: Main St

THREAT TO STRUCTURE:
 No Threat () Zoning () Roads ()
 Development () Deterioration ()
 Alteration () Other:

LOCAL ATTITUDES:
 Positive () Negative ()
 Mixed () Other:

ADDITIONAL ARCHITECTURAL OR STRUCTURAL DESCRIPTION:

windows 2nd + 3rd $\frac{6}{6}$ bay window ($\frac{1}{4}$) on n elev, 2nd bay from e. Shops on ground floor - set back c 7 ft on n w 3 bays

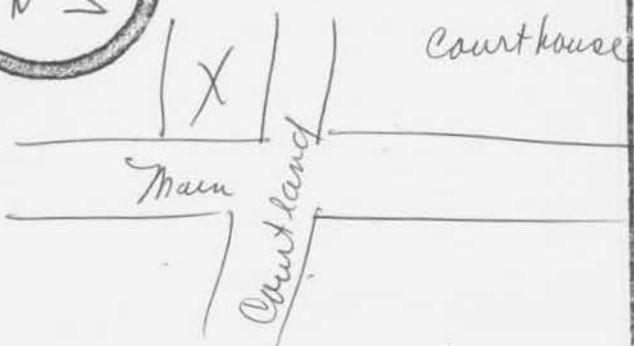
RELATED STRUCTURES: (Describe)

STATEMENT OF SIGNIFICANCE:

Early hotel

REFERENCES:

MAP: (Indicate North In Circle)



SURROUNDING ENVIRONMENT:

- Open Lane() Woodland() Scattered Buildings()
- Moderately Built Up() Densely Built Up()
- Residential() Commercial()
- Agricultural() Industrial()
- Roadside Strip Development()
- Other:

M. Larew

RECORDED BY:
 Town of Bel Air
 ORGANIZATION:
 15 May 1979
 DATE RECORDED:

TITLE:
STAGMER'S HOTEL

The fee to this property is held in trust by the Safe Deposit and Trust Company of Baltimore for the heirs of Robert Archer. Archer inherited the property from Henry Archer who purchased this piece from Herman Stump. He and Stump had purchased the half of the block from Main Street to the alley west of the Holden Building when Stump, Archer, and Stevenson Archer divided the whole lot (#35 in the Town plat) they had purchased from the Misses Robinson in 1867 (19/217).

The lease:

832/1	1 November 1969 The Link, Inc., & Commercial & Savings Bank to Carollee Getz (1/3), Stanley Getz (1/3), Morton & Irene Getz (1/3) 62.33' (Main Street) x 34.40' (Courtland)
302/209	Soloman M. Rosenberg, Aaron I. Rosenberg, & Herman M. Rosenberg to The Link, Inc.
266/332	11 July 1941 Germantown Permanent Building Assoc. #2 to The Rosenbergs
203/209 and 203/211	30 April 1927 Frederick J. Schlosstein, attorney to Germantown Permanent Building Assoc. #2 two parcels default of Joseph Kraft's mortgage (190/16, 188/119)
189/96	5 June 1924 Anthony Battistone & Josephine, wife to Joseph Kraft & Elsie, wife
189/374	and 10 September 1924 Henry T. Crocker & Berthenia, wife to Joseph A. Kraft

169/117 8 January 1920
Bel Air Carriage Works
 to
Joseph S. Archer & Henry Crocker

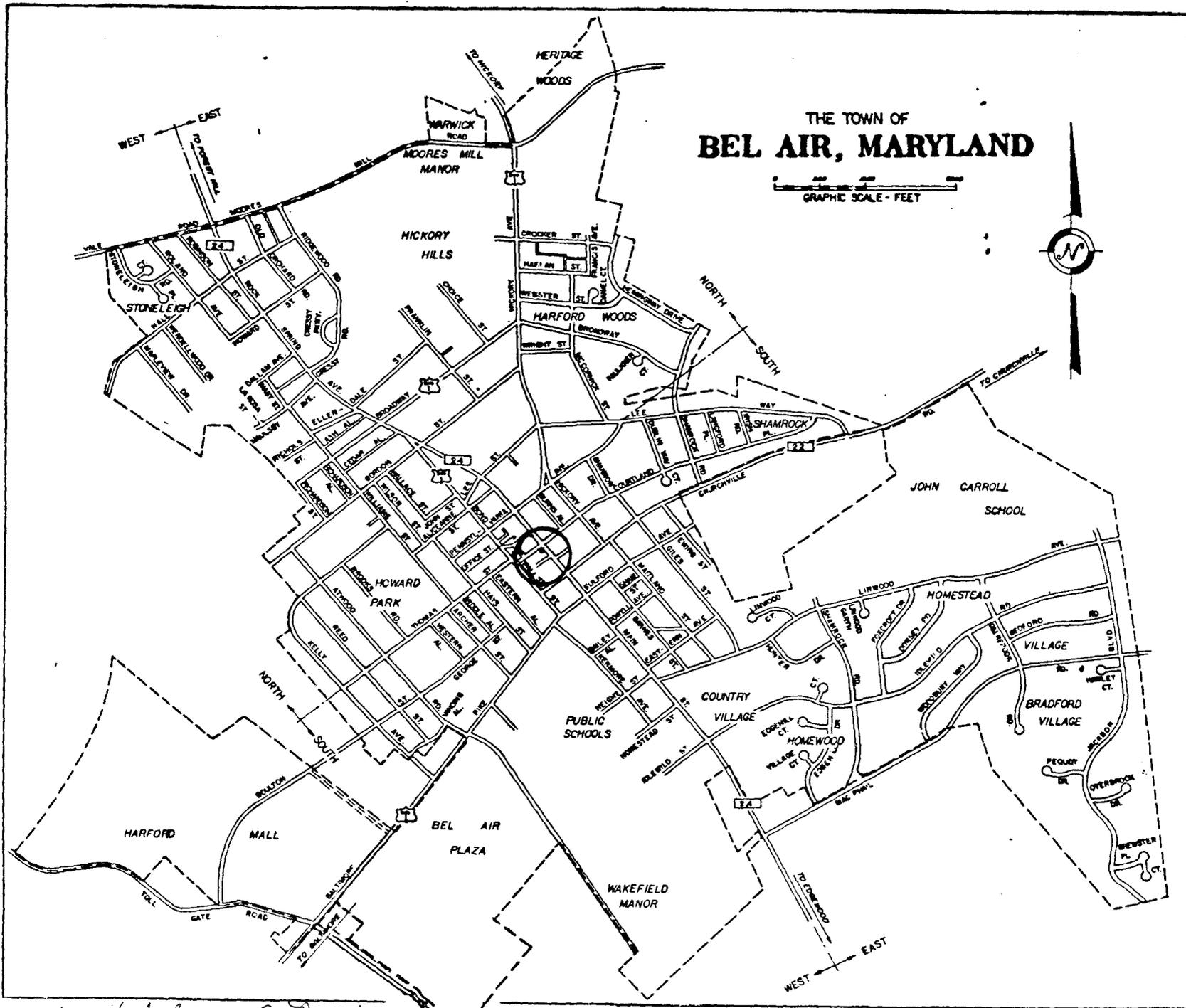
122/332 18 September 1907
Philip Close, attorney, & Richard Dallam
and Josephine Dallam
 to
Bel Air Carriage Works
Mortgage default of the Carriage Works
to Fireside Permanent Bldg. Assoc.
(mortgage 112/494)
Close sold it to the Dallams. They join
to convey.

82/121 20 October 1894
C. Ellsworth Scarff & Amanda, wife
 to
Enterprise Carriage Co.

75/387 20 September 1893
George L. Van Bibber, trustee
 to
Amanda J. Scarff
defaulted mortgage (44/77) William Stagmer
to Gabriel A. McComas

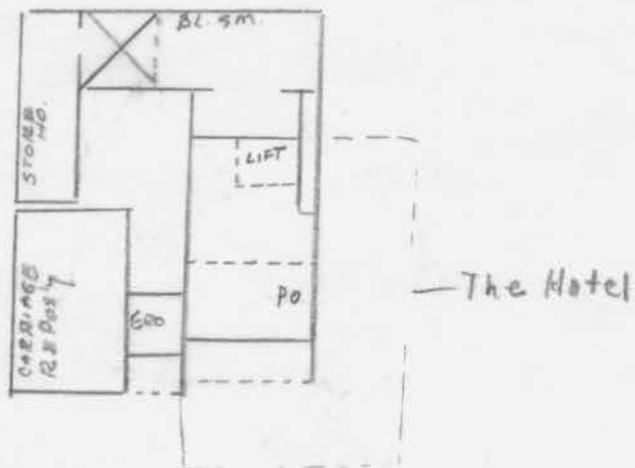
41/26 1 May 1880
Stevenson Archer & William Young, trustees
 to
Sarah Stagmer
Archer and Young were trustees in the
equity case of Ella Hunt vs. Robert W.
Whaland (16 July 1878)

20/415 6 August 1867
Herman Stump for Stump, Archer & Archer
 to
Allen J. Prigg



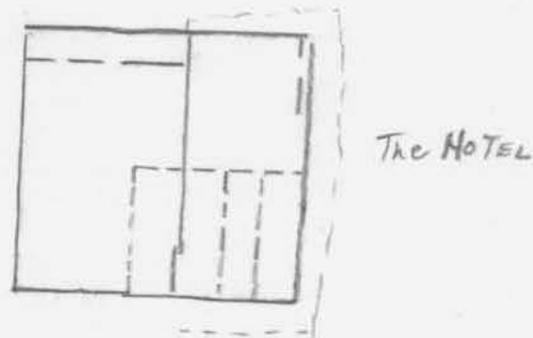
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Stagmer's Hotel, 100 S. Main
Bel Air



CARRIAGE WORKS

1904



SHOPS + APTS

1960

TRACED BY
M. LAREW

STAGMER'S HOTEL
S. MAIN + COURTLAND
BEL AIR

SCALE 1" = 50'





HA-1452

Stagmer's Hotel, 100 S. Main Bel Air
e + n elev
M. Larew, 1979



HA-1452

MAIN St., Bel Air c. 1905-05
S of Court and St. looking S.

L to R (east side) Lumberyard, John's Barber Shop,
John's Barber Shop, First Avenue Bldg.
(west side) Enterprise Carriage Works.

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