

HA-1453

1877

Waters & Wetherill Shop  
116 S. Main St.  
Bel Air  
Private

This is an excellent example of the front gable Victorian, this time with a shop on the ground floor. It was built by Elizabeth A. Waters and Rebecca H. Wetherill to house their dressmaking establishment. They had previously had a shop across the street in the Jarrett Buildings, 109-115 S. Main.

INVENTORY FORM FOR STATE HISTORIC SITES SURVEY

**1 NAME**

HISTORIC

Waters & Wetherill Shop

AND/OR COMMON

Bel Air Income Tax & Accounting Service

**2 LOCATION**

STREET & NUMBER

116 S. Main Street

1st

CITY, TOWN

Bel Air

\_\_\_ VICINITY OF

CONGRESSIONAL DISTRICT

Harford

STATE

Maryland

COUNTY

**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

Greater Bel Air Investments Ltd.

Telephone #:

STREET & NUMBER

1810 Bel Air Road, Suite 203

CITY, TOWN

Fallston

\_\_\_ VICINITY OF

STATE, zip code  
Maryland 21047

**5 LOCATION OF LEGAL DESCRIPTION**

COURTHOUSE,  
REGISTRY OF DEEDS, ETC. Harford County Courthouse

Liber #: 979

Folio #: 575

STREET & NUMBER

Main Street

CITY, TOWN

Bel Air

STATE  
Maryland

**6 REPRESENTATION IN EXISTING SURVEYS**

TITLE

DATE

\_\_\_ FEDERAL \_\_\_ STATE \_\_\_ COUNTY \_\_\_ LOCAL

DEPOSITORY FOR  
SURVEY RECORDS

CITY, TOWN

STATE

**7 DESCRIPTION**

<b>CONDITION</b>		<b>CHECK ONE</b>	<b>CHECK ONE</b>
<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 two story shiplap-sided house and shop is at 116 S. Main Street in the Town of Bel Air, Harford County, Maryland. The building has a three bay front block with a gable roof running north and south broken by an ornamental gable in front (east). The narrower back building is four bays long. It gives the building a T-shape and has a flat roof that slopes slightly to the north. The second story of the front block has an overhang to the north sheltering a narrow walkway to the back of the lot. The original front building had a hipped-roofed porch. This has been enclosed in plate glass to provide a show window. This little house is typical of many built in Bel Air after the Civil War. It has a round-headed 2/2 double-hung sash window in the front gable. The house is unusual in having a plain cornice just under the roof overhang, and the head of this window butts into it. The three second story windows on the front (east) elevation are also 2/2 with wooden louvered shutters, but the remaining windows in the rear (west) elevation are 6/6, as are those in the two story ell. The single story shed addition to the rear of the ell has casement windows, most of them six pane. The front entrance is in the north bay of the first story of the east elevation. It, like the plate glass windows, is modern and aluminum framed. An entrance to the second story apartment is in the south elevation of the ell, up a flight of wooden steps rising parallel to the wall plane. The landing rests on two plane square posts and similar posts carry a flimsy shed roof over it. A third entrance, this one to the shed addition, is in the west elevation of that addition, north of a pair of six pane casements.

A single story rectangular projecting bay with a shed roof is in the east bay of the south elevation of the ell.

The first floor interior is the office of the Bel Air Income Tax and Accounting Service, but it contains remnants of the former shop. About two-thirds of the way back there is a short flight of two steps. This higher portion has a pair of Doric columns supporting a small cornice: an unusual classical grace note to the shop.

**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      1877

BUILDER/ARCHITECT

STATEMENT OF SIGNIFICANCE

This small house and shop is fairly typical of the houses built in Bel Air in the 1870's and 1880's. Many remain on Broadway, in the Hays Addition, and scattered elsewhere. This is one of two left on Main Street (the other is the Strawberry Basket on North Main). It was built by Miss Elizabeth A. Waters and Miss Rebecca H. Wetherill in 1877 on land rented from Joseph Bateman. They had previously had a shop across the street in the Jarrett Bldgs. next to the Norris Store. In 1872 they called themselves Mantua Makers (dress or cloak makers). In 1879 Joseph Bateman and his wife Margaret (by that time living in Baltimore City) agreed to sell to the ladies for \$1800, \$100 cash down (34/295). The Batemans conveyed the next year (39/450). In 1884 Waters and Wetherill added the back ell. They continued to have a dressmaking shop there until 1899 when they sold the business to Miss Agnes Grover and Mrs. Anna Grover of Baltimore City.

In 1908 Miss Waters sold the property (122/285) to Miss Wetherill, Wetherill to assume the \$1350 mortgage to Robert Archer (1900, 101/365). In 1913 Miss Wetherill sold to Sarah E. Appleton (139/498). Appleton defaulted on a \$2400 mortgage (1913, 141/350) to Robert Archer in 1919 and the property was sold to Annie M. Esley (166/42). In 1933 a pair of straw transactions with J. Glasgow Archer, Jr. left the property in the hands of Annie Esley and Annie Sheridan (227/174, 173). Miss Sheridan left it to Murray MacNabb and his wife Carrie. Mrs. MacNabb sold it to Nicholas Mangione in 1973 (925/511), and he, in turn, sold it and two other parcels to Greater Bel Air Investments, Ltd., in 1975 (979/575).

CONTINUE ON SEPARATE SHEET IF NECESSARY

**9 MAJOR BIBLIOGRAPHICAL REFERENCES**

Harford Democrat  
Sanborn Map, 1904

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**10 GEOGRAPHICAL DATA**

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

VERBAL BOUNDARY DESCRIPTION

This property occupies parcel #843 in the Town of Bel Air,  
21' x 190'

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

27 August 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-1453

NEGATIVE FILE NUMBER:

UTM REFERENCES:  
 Zone/Easting/Northing

U.S.G.S. QUAD. MAP:

PRESENT FORMAL NAME:  
 Bel Air Accounting Service

ORIGINAL FORMAL NAME:  
 Waters & Wetherill Shop

PRESENT USE: Offices & residence

ORIGINAL USE: Shop & Residence

ARCHITECT/ENGINEER:

BUILDER/CONTRACTOR:

PHYSICAL CONDITION OF STRUCTURE:  
 Excellent ( ) Good ( )  
 Fair (X) Poor: ( )

THEME: Architecture

STYLE: Vernacular

DATE BUILT:  
 1877

COUNTY: Harford

TOWN: Bel Air

LOCATION: 116 S. Main  
 Bel Air, Maryland 21014

COMMON NAME:

FUNCTIONAL TYPE: private residence

OWNER: Greater Bel Air Investments Ltd.  
 ADDRESS: 1810 Bel Air Rd., Suite 203  
 Fallston, Md. 21047

ACCESSIBILITY TO PUBLIC:  
 Yes ( ) No ( ) Restricted (X)

LEVEL OF SIGNIFICANCE:  
 Local (X) State ( ) National ( )

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 (X)  
 Novelty ( ) Stucco ( ) Sheet Metal ( ) Aluminum (X) Asphalt Shingle (X)  
 Brick Veneer ( ) Stone Veneer ( ) sides back bldg.  
 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: enclosed

Appendages: Porches (X) Towers ( ) Cupolas ( ) Dormers ( ) Chimneys ( ) Sheds (X) Ells (X)  
 Wings ( ) Other:

Roof Style: Gable (X) Hip ( ) Shed ( ) Flat ( ) Mansard ( ) Gambrel ( ) Jerkinhead ( )  
 Saw Tooth ( ) With Monitor ( ) With Ballcast ( ) With Parapet ( ) With False Front ( )  
 Other:

Number of Stories: 2½

Number of Bays: 3

Approximate Dimensions: 25' x 75'

Entrance Location: S. Main

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

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

ADDITIONAL ARCHITECTURAL OR STRUCTURAL DESCRIPTION:

1. Front gable: round headed 2/2 window; 2nd story front 2/2  
 1st story front glass enclosed hip roof porch S 2 bays.  
 entrance recessed N bay - 2nd story overhangs passage  
 to rear  
 louver shutters front 2nd story  
 3 bay back bldg., flat roof windows 6/6 (also rear of Main block) wooden single  
 run stair to entrance bet w  
 western 2 bays, shed addit. to rear of that (single story)  
 interior ground floor - 2/3 way back 2 steps up, 2  
 Doric columns

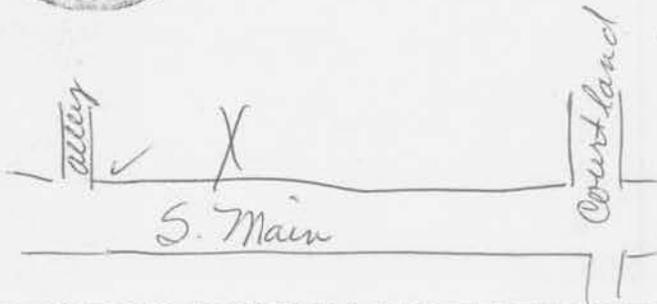
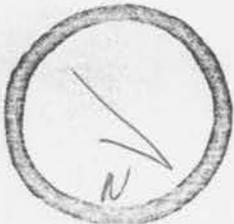
RELATED STRUCTURES: (Describe)

STATEMENT OF SIGNIFICANCE:

Waters & Wetherill Store 1877 - 1899  
 Miss Agnes Grover - 1899  
 & Mrs. Anna Baker

REFERENCES:

MAP: (Indicate North In Circle)



SURROUNDING ENVIRONMENT:

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

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RECORDED BY:  
 Town of Bel Air

ORGANIZATION:  
 15 August 1979

DATE RECORDED:

TITLE: 116 S. MAIN

979/575            20 August 1975  
Nicholas Mangione  
                  to  
Greater Bel Air Investments, Ltd.  
3 parcels        #2 is 116 S. Main

925/511            4 May 1973  
Carrie L. Mac Nabb, widow  
                  to  
Nicholas Mangione  
21 x 190

432/595            6 April 1955  
Clayton W. Bordley, Inc.  
                  to  
Murray Mac Nabb & Carrie, wife

432/593            6 April 1955  
Murray Mac Nabb & Carrie, wife  
                  to  
Clayton W. Bordley, Inc.  
the Mac Nabbs inherited the property  
from Annie E. Sheridan

227/173            1 September 1933  
J. Glasgow Archer, Jr.  
                  to  
Annie M. Esley and Annie Sheridan

227/174            1 September 1933  
Annie M. Esley  
                  to  
J. Glasgow Archer, Jr.

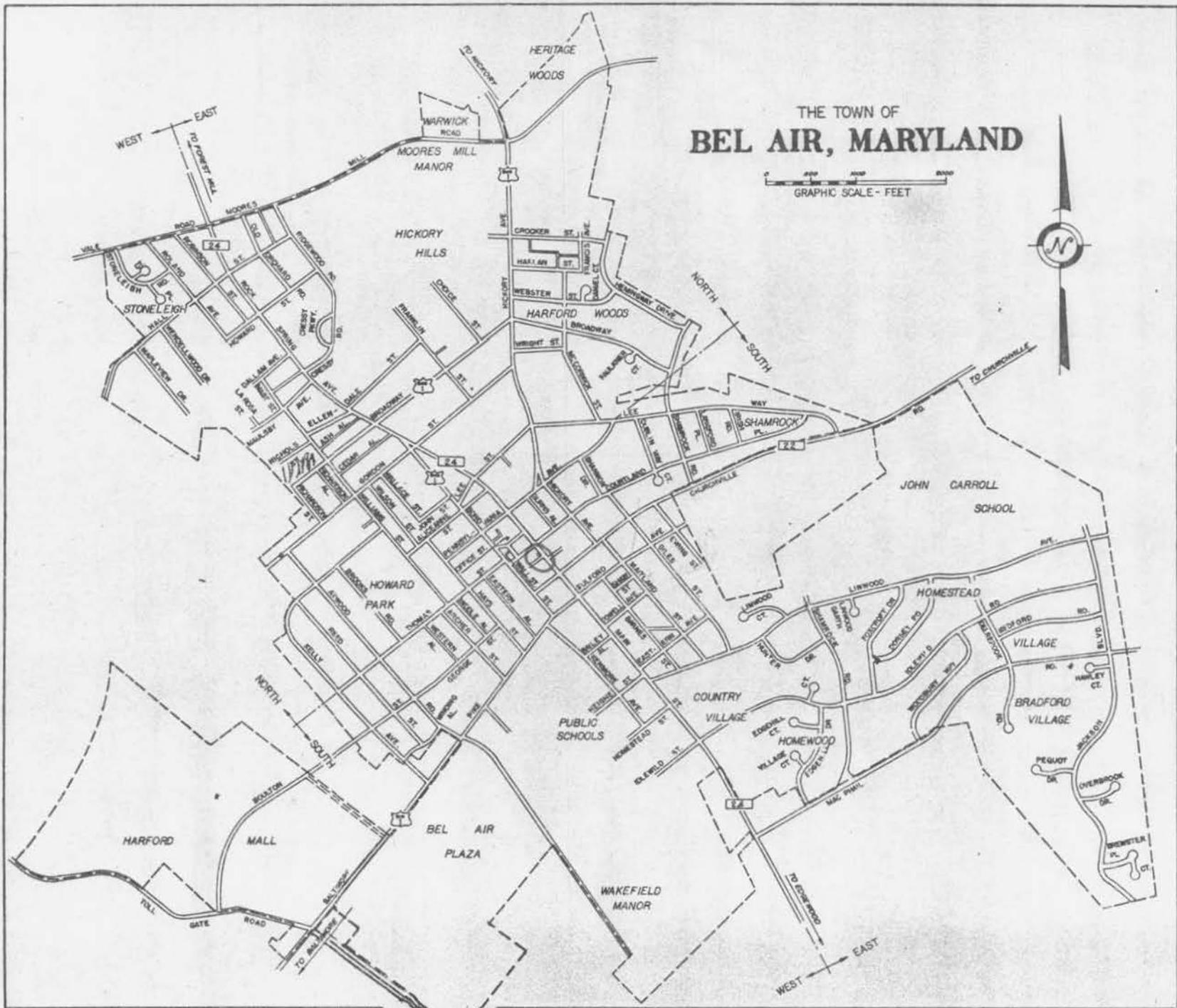
166/42            1 November 1919  
James J. Archer, attorney, & John L. G. Lee &  
Caroline, wife  
                  to  
Annie M. Esley  
defaulted mortgage 1913, 141/350 from  
Sarah E. Appleton to Robert Archer  
sold to John L. G. Lee     \$2400  
Lee sold it to Esley

139/498            21 May 1913  
Rebecca H. Wetherill  
                  to  
Sarah E. Appleton

122/285            4 January 1908  
Elizabeth A. Waters  
                  to  
Rebecca H. Wetherill  
Wetherill to assume \$1350 mortgage  
to Robert Archer (1900 101/365)

39/450            15 January 1880  
Joseph E. Bateman  
                  to  
Waters & Wetherill

34/295            10 October 1879  
Joseph E. Bateman & Margaret, wife, of  
Baltimore City  
                  to  
Waters & Wetherill  
agreement to sell for \$1800    \$100 cash



THE TOWN OF  
**BEL AIR, MARYLAND**

GRAPHIC SCALE - FEET



HA-1453  
Wetherill-Waters Shop House  
116 S. Main



**BEL AIR INCOME TAX &  
ACCOUNTING SERVICE**

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HAT BAR - ACC

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Waters-Wetherill Shop, 115 S. Main, Bel Air  
e. elev

M. Larew, 1979



LA- 1453

Waters - Wetherell Shop, 115 S. Main, Bel Air  
w. elev  
M. Larew, 1979



44-1453 Waters - Wetherill Shop, 115 S. Main, Bel Air  
W. + S. elev.  
M. Larew, 1979



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**BEL AIR INCOME TAX &  
ACCOUNTING SERVICE**

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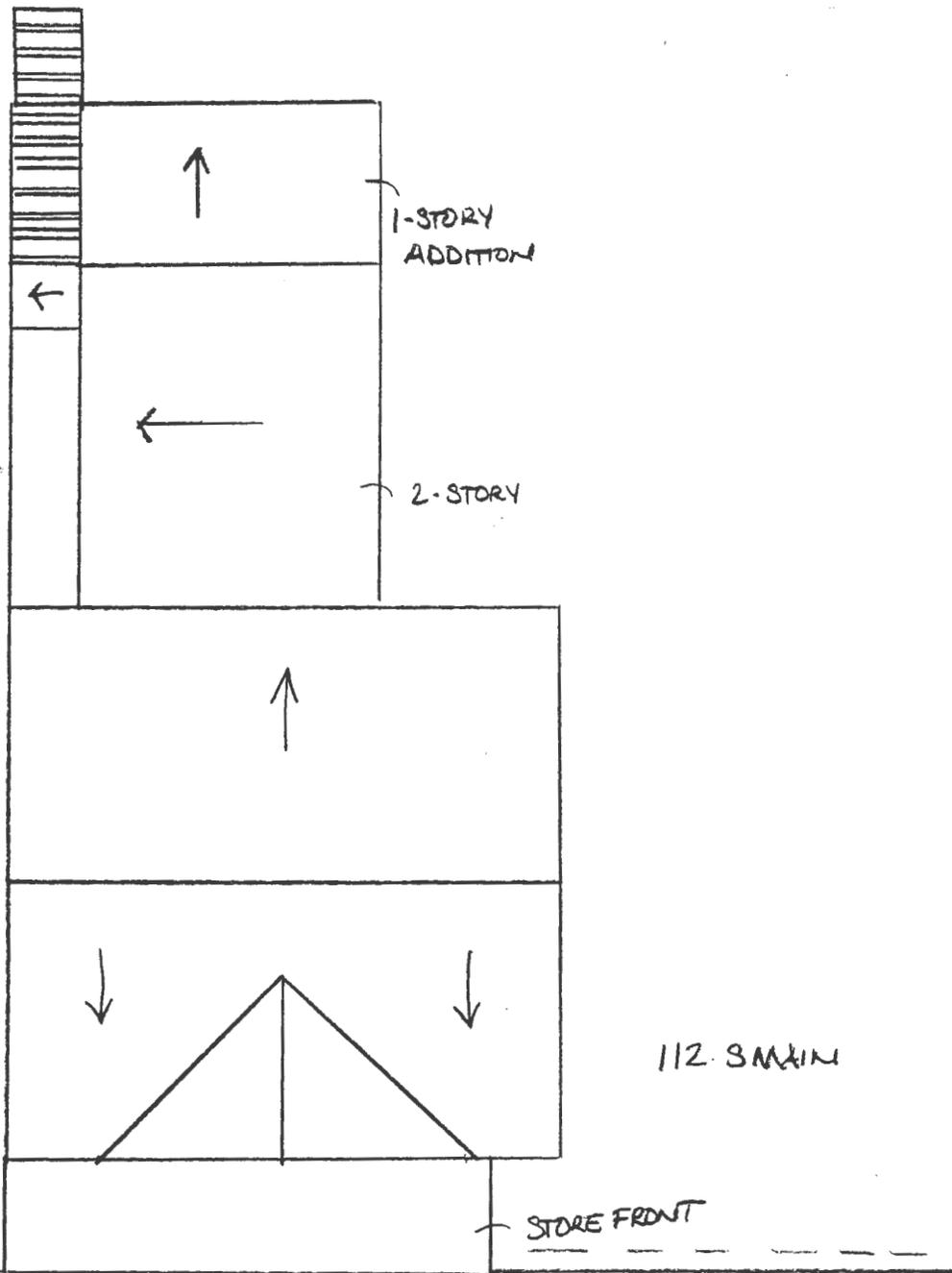
RESOURCE SKETCH MAP

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WATERS & WETHERILL SHOP

BEL AIR

HARFORD COUNTY



118 S. MAIN ST

112.3 MAIN

STORE FRONT

SOUTH MAIN ST.



NOT DRAWN TO SCALE

TRACERIES 2005



HA-1453

Waters and Wetherill shop

116 South Main Street

Harford County, MD

EHT Traverics, Inc.

312885

MD 11183

East elevation

Photo 1 of 3



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WATERS & WETHERILL SHOP

116 SOUTH MAIN STREET

HARFORD COUNTY, MD

EHT TRACERIES, INC.

3/2005

MD SHDO

NE CORNER

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HA-1453  
WATERS & WEATHERILL SHOP  
116 SOUTH MAIN STREET  
HARFORD COUNTY, MD  
ENT TRACERIES, INC.

3/2005

MD SHOP

Southeast corner

Photo 3 of 3