

HA-1454

1871

Wattenscheidt's Jewelry Store
117 S. Main
Bel Air
Private

Now a barber shop, this is a typical Victorian storefront. It has had its facade plastered. The original clapboard shows along the sides. Built to be a jewelry shop, it has also been a dressmaker's shop and a milliner's.

INVENTORY FORM FOR STATE HISTORIC SITES SURVEY

1 NAME

HISTORIC

Wattenscheidt's Jewelry Store

AND/OR COMMON

John's Barber Shop

2 LOCATION

STREET & NUMBER

117 S. Main Street

1st

CITY, TOWN

Bel Air

CONGRESSIONAL DISTRICT

___ VICINITY OF

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 checked="" type="checkbox"/> BUILDING(S)	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> PRIVATE	<input type="checkbox"/> UNOCCUPIED	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> COMMERCIAL
<input type="checkbox"/> STRUCTURE	<input type="checkbox"/> BOTH	<input type="checkbox"/> WORK IN PROGRESS	<input type="checkbox"/> EDUCATIONAL
<input type="checkbox"/> SITE	PUBLIC ACQUISITION	ACCESSIBLE	<input type="checkbox"/> ENTERTAINMENT
<input type="checkbox"/> OBJECT	<input type="checkbox"/> IN PROCESS	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> YES: RESTRICTED	<input type="checkbox"/> GOVERNMENT
	<input type="checkbox"/> BEING CONSIDERED	<input type="checkbox"/> YES: UNRESTRICTED	<input type="checkbox"/> INDUSTRIAL
		<input type="checkbox"/> NO	<input type="checkbox"/> MILITARY
			<input type="checkbox"/> MUSEUM
			<input type="checkbox"/> PARK
			<input type="checkbox"/> PRIVATE RESIDENCE
			<input type="checkbox"/> RELIGIOUS
			<input type="checkbox"/> SCIENTIFIC
			<input type="checkbox"/> TRANSPORTATION
			<input type="checkbox"/> OTHER

4 OWNER OF PROPERTY

NAME

Eugenie M. Finneran & Frances E. Finneran Telephone #: 838-3777

STREET & NUMBER

119 S. Main Street

CITY, TOWN

Bel Air

___ VICINITY OF

STATE, zip code
Maryland 21014

5 LOCATION OF LEGAL DESCRIPTION

COURTHOUSE,
REGISTRY OF DEEDS, ETC.

Harford County Courthouse

Liber #: 352

Folio #: 467

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

BA-159

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 long, narrow shop with living quarters is at 117 South Main Street in the Town of Bel Air, Harford County, Maryland. The two-story, two bay structure, originally frame, is covered in the front portion, with plaster with varicolored pieces of glass in the compound. Light glitters on the surface. John's Barber Shop in the first story has a plate glass show window (south) and an adjacent entry (north) shaded by an aluminum awning. A glass enclosed barber pole uses in the northwest corner of the awning. The two second-story front windows are 2/2 double hung sash set in segmental arched surrounds. The facade is topped by a simple cornice with a dentil band. The front block is five feet wider than the back building. The side (north) elevation shows four bays with 6/6 double hung sash windows with louvered shutters on the second story and three 1/1 windows with solid shutters on the first story. The second bay from the west has an entrance with screened door in the first story. Behind this block is a two story shed roofed post - 1904 addition with two small 3/3 windows in plain surrounds in the first story of the north elevation. The back (east elevation) shows a conventional 6/6 window similarly surrounded. Attached to this addition is a shed-roofed single story porch carried square posts with a solid plank lower half (north) and simple plank bars between the post on the east. This porch ties 117 and 119 together, extending across the back (east) elevation of both buildings. In the southeast corner of 119 it is enclosed.

The two back sections are frame, the first (west) being clapboard, and the second (east) being shiplap. The roof slopes are different in the three sections. The front portion slopes gently toward the back (east); the center section slopes to the side (north). The back section slopes enough to call it a shed.

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 1871

BUILDER/ARCHITECT

STATEMENT OF SIGNIFICANCE

This long, narrow store with living quarters upstairs and behind is a common 19th century store front. It was built in 1871 by August Wattenscheidt and his wife, Wilhelminia Bertha, for August's watchmaking shop and jewelry store. They lived behind. They had a lease from William Oldfield (26/215). His shop had been on Office Street before. Early in 1881 Wattenscheidt retired and sold the lease to Mary (Mrs. James) Farnandis. The shop was occupied by Mrs. P. Boleyn and Miss Markley who were dressmakers. A Susie Markley had had a dressmaking shop on Broadway and Hickory in 1877, and the 1878 map shows the house at that intersection occupied by P. Boleyn. Perhaps they were sisters. Mrs. Boleyn also kept boarders in this building. Mrs. Farnandis bought the fee in 1882 for \$750 (44/337). In 1891 Mrs. J. N. Heuer had a millinery shop there. The 1904 insurance map shows the same use. In 1914 the property was sold after an equity suit. F. Bond Boarman and William W. Bradford bought it (145/224). Boarman and Bradford sold it to Joseph Cohen and his wife in 1919 (166/107) and they sold it less than a year later to John Finneran and his wife, Eugenie, for \$3100 (169/407). The Finnerans had purchased the building next door to the south in 1919. Mrs. Finneran owns it today. It houses John's Barber Shop.

9 MAJOR BIBLIOGRAPHICAL REFERENCES

CONTINUE ON SEPARATE SHEET IF NECESSARY

10 GEOGRAPHICAL DATA

ACREAGE OF NOMINATED PROPERTY _____

VERBAL BOUNDARY DESCRIPTION

This building occupies the northern portion of parcel #887 in the Town of Bel Air. This portion is 18' x 120'.

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

25 April 1979

ORGANIZATION

Town of Bel Air

DATE

STREET & NUMBER

39 Hickory Avenue

TELEPHONE

838-8700

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.

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The Shaw House, 21 State Circle
Annapolis, Maryland 21401
(301) 267-1438

MARYLAND HISTORICAL TRUST
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SHAW HOUSE
ANNAPOLIS, MARYLAND 21401

HISTORIC SITES SURVEY FIELD SHEET
Individual Structure Survey Form

SURVEY NUMBER: HA-1454

NEGATIVE FILE NUMBER:

UTM REFERENCES:
Zone/Easting/Northing

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

PRESENT FORMAL NAME:
John's Barber Shop

ORIGINAL FORMAL NAME:
Watchmanned & Jewelry Store

PRESENT USE: *barber shop*

ORIGINAL USE: *watchmaker's shop*

ARCHITECT/ENGINEER:

BUILDER/CONTRACTOR:

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

THEME: *Architecture*

STYLE: *Vernacular*

DATE BUILT:
1871

COUNTY: *Harford*
TOWN: *Bellaire*
LOCATION: *117 S. Main*
COMMON NAME: *John's Barber Shop*
FUNCTIONAL TYPE: *Commercial*
OWNER: *Engineer M. Fenneran*
ADDRESS: *117 S. Main
Bellaire*
ACCESSIBILITY TO PUBLIC:
Yes () No () Restricted ()
LEVEL OF SIGNIFICANCE:
Local () 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 ()
 Novelty () Stucco () Sheet Metal () Aluminum () Asphalt Shingle ()
Brick Veneer () Stone Veneer () ** plaster w/ broken glass embedded*
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: *awning (metal), barber pole*
Roof Style: Gable () Hip () Shed () Flat () Mansard () Gambrel () Jerkinhead ()
Saw Tooth () With Monitor () With Bellcast () With Parapet () With False Front ()
Other:
Number of Stories: 2
Number of Bays: 2
Approximate Dimensions: 14 x 60
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:

side (W.) windows $\frac{6}{6}$ plain surround louvered shutters 2nd story
 $\frac{1}{1}$ ditto w solid panel shutters 1st story
 facade $\frac{4}{4}$ roundarched 2nd / 1st plate glass 1st
 dentil cornice
 back porch ties the two bldgs. (this + 1st Alges Bldg) together
 plaster with colored glass on front block

RELATED STRUCTURES: (Describe)

STATEMENT OF SIGNIFICANCE:

1871 store front - watchmaker + jeweler

REFERENCES:

MAP: (Indicate North In Circle)



117
1st story
(brick)

S. Main St

Cherwell Rd

SURROUNDING ENVIRONMENT:

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

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 RECORDED BY:
 Town of Bel Air
 ORGANIZATION:
 25 Apr 79
 DATE RECORDED:

TITLE:
WATTENSCHIEDT'S JEWELRY STORE
117 S. MAIN

352/467 22 January 1951
Edward D. Higinbothom
 to
Eugenie M. Finneran and Frances
E. Finneran
117 S. Main

352/464 22 January 1951
Eugenie M. Finneran, widow
 to
Edward D. Higinbothom
117 & 119 S. Main
Straw transaction (119 S. Main was re-
transferred by 352/466)

169/407 30 July 1920
Joseph Cohen and Annie, wife
 to
John Finneran and Eugenie, wife
\$3100

166/107 27 October 1919
F. Bond Boarman, William W. Bradford and
Lavinia, wife
 to
Joseph Cohen and Annie, wife

145/224 6 June 1914
Thomas H. Robinson, trustee
 to
F. Bond Boarman and William W.
Bradford
Robinson was appointed in the equity
case. Annie F. Munnikhuysen and
Bessie D. Farnandis vs. Mary Dorsey
Watts et al. Real estate was ordered
to be sold.

44/337 8 April 1882
William Oldfield and Hannah, wife
 to
Mary E. Farnandis
purchase of fee \$750

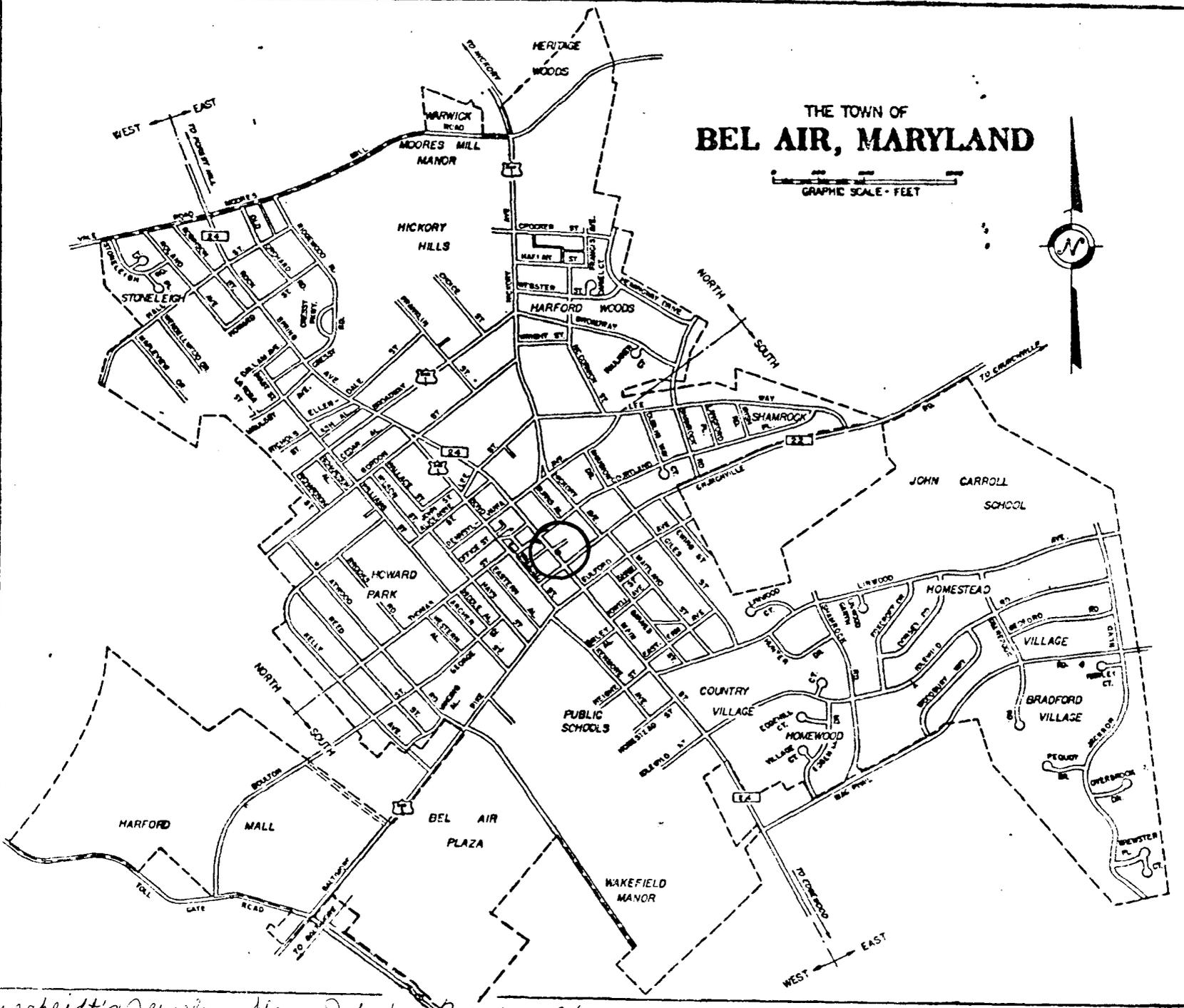
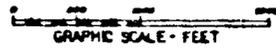
42/82

4 January 1881
August Wattenscheidt and Wilhelminia
Bertha, wife
to
Mary E. Farnandis
lease

26/215

13 June 1871
William Oldfield
to
W. Bertha Wattenscheidt
lease
to build on the lot

THE TOWN OF BEL AIR, MARYLAND



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117 S. Main
Bel Air



4A-1454 Wattenscheidt's Jewelry Store, 1175 Main

Bel air

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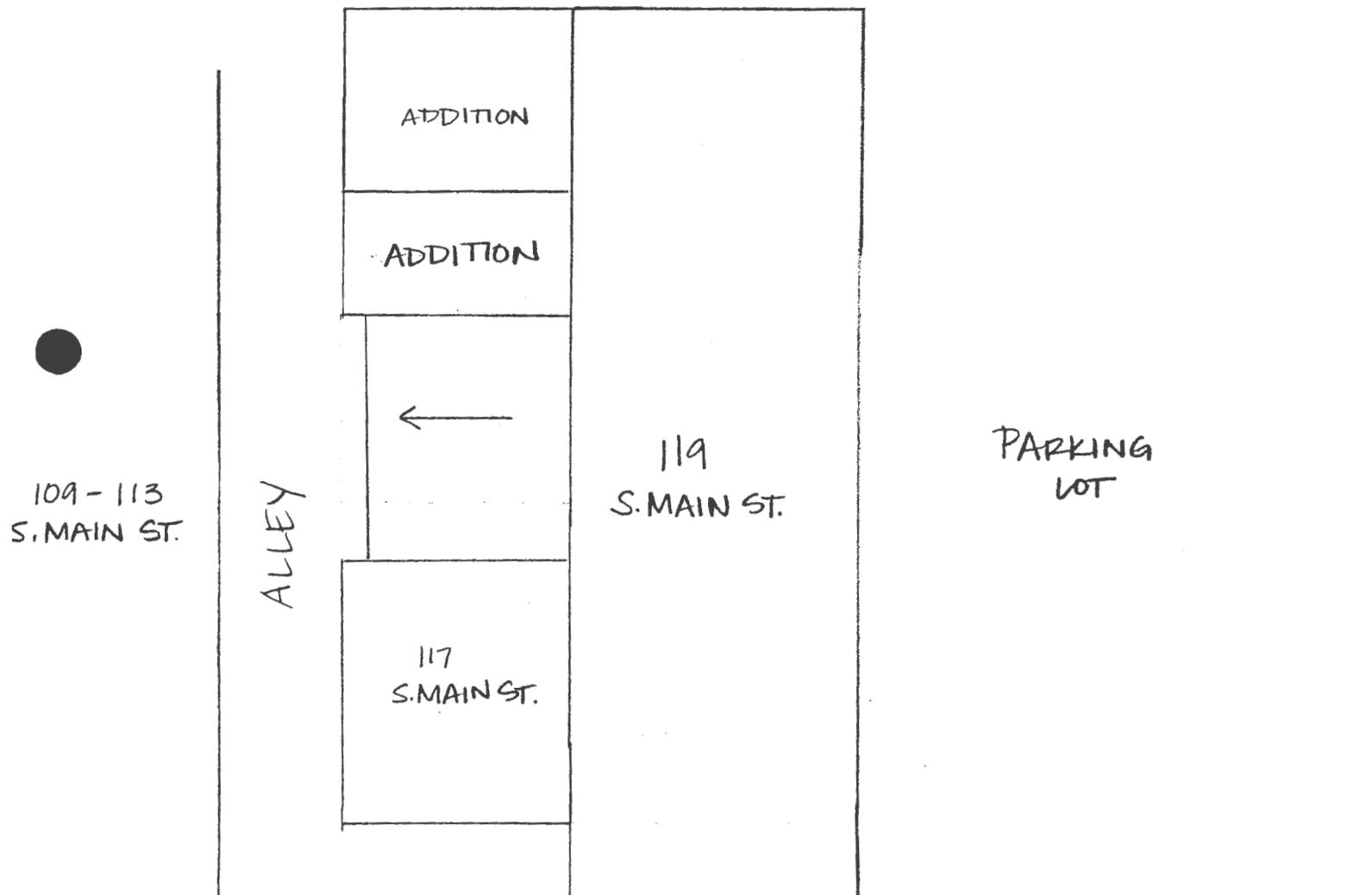
RESOURCE SKETCH MAP

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WATTENSCHIEDT'S JEWELRY STORE

BEL AIR

HARFORD COUNTY



109-113
S. MAIN ST.

ALLEY

ADDITION

ADDITION



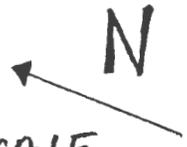
119
S. MAIN ST.

PARKING
LOT

117
S. MAIN ST.

SIDEWALK

S. MAIN STREET



NOT TO SCALE

TRACERIES 2005





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WATTENSCHIEDT'S JEWELRY STORE

117 S. MAIN ST.

HARFORD COUNTY, MD

EHT TRACERIES, INC.

3/2005

MD STPD

WEST ELEVATION

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WATTENSCHIEDT'S JEWELRY STORE

117 S. MAIN ST.

HARFORD COUNTY, MD

ENT. TRACERIES, INC

3/2005

MD SHPO

SOUTHEAST CORNER

photo 2 of 3



PARKING
ONLY

NO MOTORHOMES
PERMITTED

NO MOTORHOMES
PERMITTED

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SOUTHWEST CORNER
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