

**MARYLAND HISTORICAL TRUST
DETERMINATION OF ELIGIBILITY FORM**

NR Eligible: yes ___
no X

Property Name: Reckord Mill Complex Inventory Number: HA-1470 / HA-1471
 Address: 424 N. Main St. (432 Rock Spring Ave.) City: Bel Air Zip Code: 21014
 County: Harford USGS Topographic Map: Bel Air
 Owner: BNH LLC Is the property being evaluated as a district? X yes
 Tax Parcel Number: 245 Tax Map Number: 301 Tax Account ID Number: 025934
 Project: MD-924 Bel Air Streetscape Project Agency: SHA
 Site visit by MHT Staff: X no ___ yes Name: _____ Date: _____
 Is the property 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 District Name: _____
 Preparer's Recommendation: Contributing resource ___ yes ___ no Non-contributing but eligible in another context ___

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: existing MIHP forms HA-1470, HA-1471, HA 1472, and HA-1473

Description of Property and Eligibility Determination: *(Use continuation sheet if necessary and attach map and photo)*

Description

The Reckord Mill complex includes a four-story mill building with an attached five-story grain elevator, a three-story office building, a modern one-story retail store, and a modern one-story warehouse. Mansard roofs with patterned slate characterize the mill and office buildings. Fenestration and exterior materials on both of these historic buildings have been altered substantially. All of the buildings on the property are clad in modern siding, and modern standing-seam metal roofs predominate.

Mill (Photographs 1 through 4)

The main block of the mill building measures approximately 40 feet wide by 60 feet deep, and is 4 stories in height. The building's foundation is stone, the walls are clad in modern synthetic siding, and the fourth story is contained under a Mansard roof that has exposed rafter tails. A tall five-story grain elevator with a gabled roof is attached to the western (rear) elevation, and a large one-story shed-roofed garage wing is attached to the southern elevation of the building. Several small appendages

Prepared by: A&HC Date Prepared: March 2005

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Eligibility recommended ___	Eligibility not recommended <u>X</u>
Criteria: ___ A ___ B ___ C ___ D	Considerations: ___ A ___ B ___ C ___ D ___ E ___ F ___ G ___ None
Comments: _____	
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<u>[Signature]</u> Reviewer, Office of Preservation Services	<u>3/2/2005</u> Date
<u>[Signature]</u> Reviewer, NR Program	<u>8/2/05</u> Date

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Continuation Sheet No. 1

are present on the rear of the building. Siding on the mill used to have vertical seams. The building is currently clad in modern synthetic siding with horizontal seams mimicking the appearance of clapboards. The steep slope of the building's Mansard roof is covered in patterned slate on three sides, with metal on the fourth. At one time the mill had three bays in each of the three stories, for a total of nine windows on the eastern façade, plus two gabled dormers. The dormers survive today, but vinyl siding covers all of the window openings on the body of the building.

The southern elevation of the building historically contained five openings on each level, plus four gabled dormers on the steeply pitched Mansard roof. Currently, large a shed roof wing that allows two trucks to pull in and load under cover occupies the first and second levels of this elevation. Windows are present in the first, second, and third bays on the third level. Air handling equipment occupies the fourth bay, and vinyl siding covers the window that formerly existed in the fifth bay. All of the dormers on the southern elevation have been removed, and the roof slate has been replaced by metal.

The northern elevation of the building is the most intact, having windows or doors in four bays on each of the building's three stories, and four gabled dormers penetrating the slate-covered Mansard roof above. No openings are present in the first bay.

The building's entire west side is occupied by a large five-story grain elevator with a gabled roof. The frame building is clad in synthetic siding, and its only opening is a six-over-six window in the gable end. A metal-sided one-story addition with an asymmetrical gabled roof is attached to the western elevation of the grain elevator and connects with the concrete block and synthetic sided garage/loading dock wing on the south side. A tank for molasses is present outside of the building, along with a couple of small modern shed additions.

Office (Photographs 1 and 5 through 7)

The main block of the office building is a three-story frame building with a mansard roof and a stone foundation. It is generally three bays wide and four bays deep, although the fenestration is irregular. The office building has a residential appearance, and is clad in vinyl siding and contains modern six-over-six vinyl windows throughout. A modern one-story wing with a gabled roof has been added to the rear of the main block. This addition is connected to the modern retail store by a modern one-story gable-roofed hyphen.

A narrow one-story porch with a shed roof is present on the façade of the office building. This structure has a concrete deck and is supported by three irregularly spaced wooden posts. The fascia is slightly arched, and the roof is clad in standing-seam metal with snowbirds. This porch is modern, but one-story porches have been present on this building in the past.

Beneath the porch, the façade of the office contains a recessed central bay that reflects the building's use as a store during the second half of the twentieth century. While this recessed area would have contained a commercial storefront entry and windows, a single central six-over-six window is currently present. Historically the building had a central entrance flanked with one window on each side. Above the porch, one window is present in each of the outer bays, and a sign projects from the center.

The southern elevation of the main block of the office building contains openings in each of the four bays at ground level. The first, third, and fourth bays contain window openings, while the second bay contains a hollow steel door topped by a small hipped porch. On the second level a double door is present in the first bay, no opening is present in the second bay, and window openings exist in the third and fourth bays. Shutters are fixed in the closed position in all but one of the window openings on this elevation. The presence of the large doorway reflects the use of the upper story of the building for grain storage through most of the twentieth century.

The office's northern elevation contains window openings in the first, second, and fourth bays on both stories. Modern shutters are fixed closed on the ground-level windows.

The steep slopes of the Mansard roof are covered in patterned slate. The roof has been altered to accommodate a flare at the bottom that sheds snow over the roof's exposed rafters. This lower flare and the upper portion of the roof are covered in modern metal roofing, as is the front porch roof. Two gabled dormers are present on the front and rear elevations, while three gabled dormers are present on the north and south sides of the building. Each dormer contains a modern six-over-six double-hung vinyl sash window.

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One sign advertising the business projects from the center of the office's façade, while another sign is mounted to the northern elevation of the building. Both of these signs are modern.

Although the building was identified only as an office in 1887 and 1904, by 1910 the building was used as an office on the first floor, with grain storage above (Sanborn 1887; 1904; 1910). For a time, the rear portion of the first story served as a brooder room, where chicks were raised until they were ready for sale. Scales for wagons and trucks used to be present on the south side of the building (Sanborn 1910; 1930).

Store (Photographs 1, 8, and 9)

A large modern retail store was constructed on the northeast corner of the mill property in 1996-1997. The one-story frame building is clad in two-tone vinyl siding and has a standing-seam metal roof. The main portion of the building has a clipped gable roof with an off-center cupola having a pyramidal roof. A large rear wing with an asymmetrical clipped gable roof extends from the rear of the main portion of the building, the ridges meeting at the cupola. A round vent topped by a small gable is present on each side of the cupola. A one-story porch extends the full length of the eastern façade. Detailing on this porch is similar to that on the office; it has a concrete deck and an arched fascia supported by simple wood posts. Signs are hung between each pair of posts, and vinyl railings also span these distances. This building occupies land most recently occupied by a filling station, and historically a storehouse or warehouse.

Warehouse (Photographs 1 and 10)

Also in the late 1990s, the mill property was expanded to the west through the acquisition of land owned by Columbia Gas. This expansion allowed for the construction of a large one-story warehouse with a metal-covered gable roof. The warehouse is clad in metal siding, and has a garage door in the northern elevation. A large shed wing is present along the length of the east side of the building, providing a sheltered exterior storage area for lumber, feed, and other items.

Eligibility Determination

Although it played an important role in the history of Bel Air, the Reckord Mill complex is not eligible due to a loss of integrity. Substantial alterations to the property include the demolition of many ancillary buildings, the construction of a modern store and warehouse, and the construction of additions, replacement of historic building materials, and alteration of fenestration on the two surviving historic buildings.

Had it not been for such substantial loss of integrity, the Reckord Mill complex would likely have been eligible under Criterion A for its important association with the area's industrial history. The mill was the first industry in Bel Air, and was the largest gristmill in Harford County. Constructed in 1886 following the completion of the Maryland and Pennsylvania Railroad to the town circa 1883, Bel Air Roller Mills was the town's first industry. The mill facility was located on the north side of the railroad tracks and on the west side of Rock Spring Avenue on a tract of land reserved by the town in Dallam's addition to Bel Air. The gristmill was operated by John H. Reckord from its opening until approximately 1907, at which time his son Milton A. Reckord took over the facility. The mill remained under the ownership of the Reckord Family until 1958, although it had been leased to others prior to that date. For much of the twentieth century the mill specialized in processing grain and producing animal feed. A canning factory was present in 1921, but was not present in 1904 or 1930, suggesting that it was a very short-lived operation. During the mid-twentieth century the facility came to be known as Bel Air Farm Supply, and then in approximately 1995 it became The Mill at Bel Air.

This is not a property that best reflects the accomplishments of any particularly important individuals, and so the property is not significant under Criterion B.

The large, four-story mill building and complementary three-story office building with their stone foundations, frame construction, and Mansard roofs, are unique architectural examples. However, due to a loss of integrity, they can no longer be considered good examples of their type, and so they are not significant under Criterion C.

The Reckord Mill complex has a high potential to contain an archaeological site; however, the significance of the property under Criterion D cannot be evaluated at this time because no testing has been conducted.

**HARFORD COUNTY
HISTORIC SITE SUMMARY SHEET**

SURVEY NO.: HA-1470 / HA-1471

NAME: Reckord Mill Complex

LOCATION: 424 North Main Street (432 Rock Spring Avenue)

DATE: 1886

ACCESS: Private

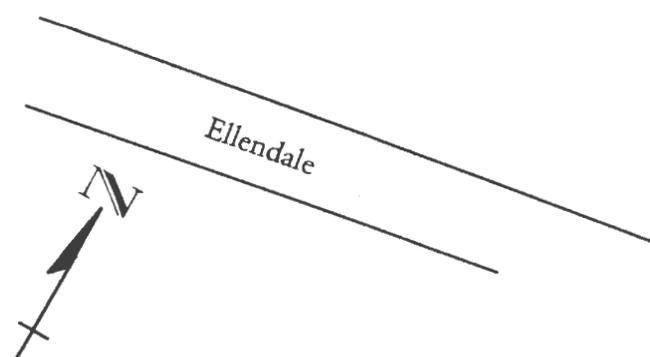
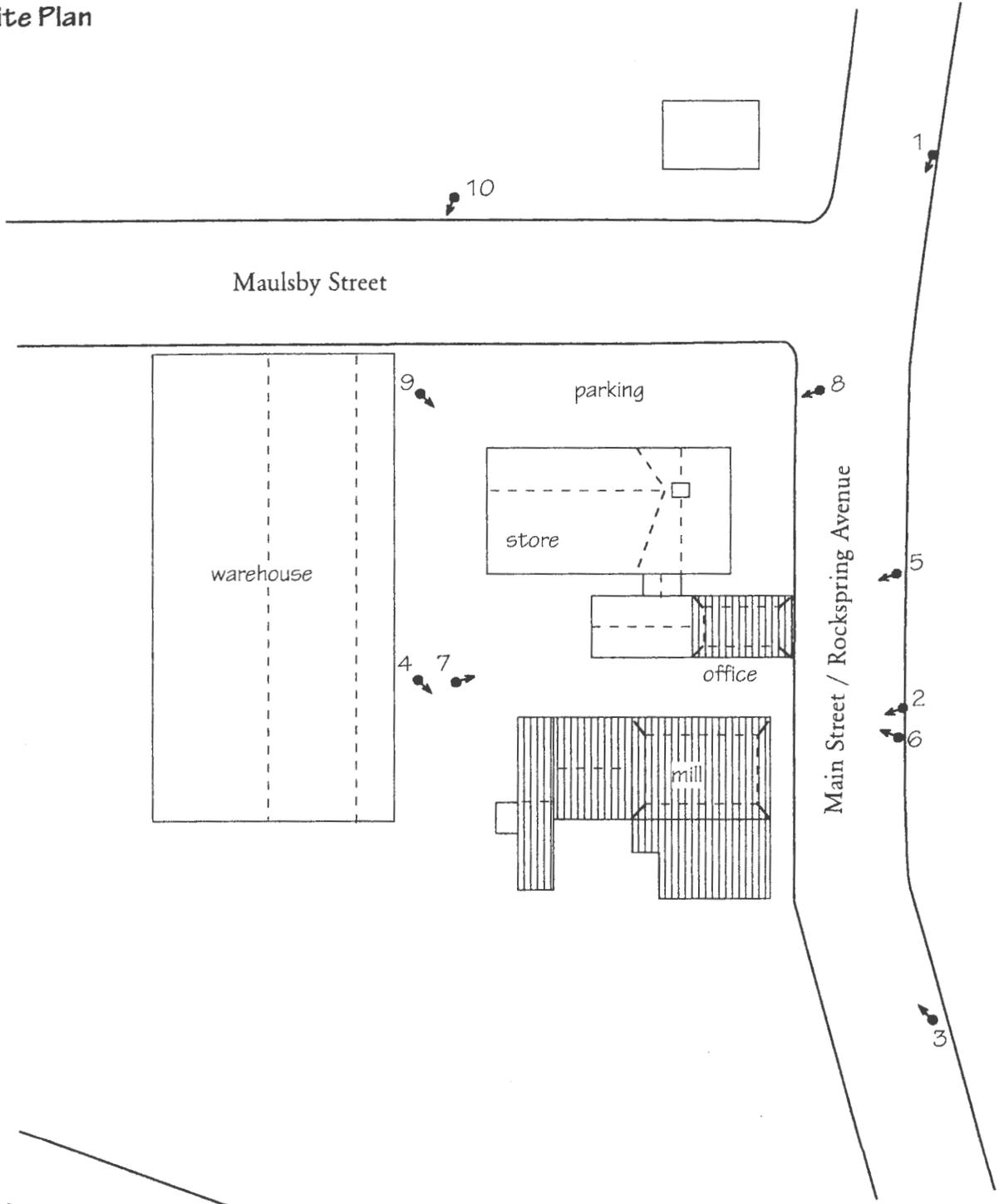
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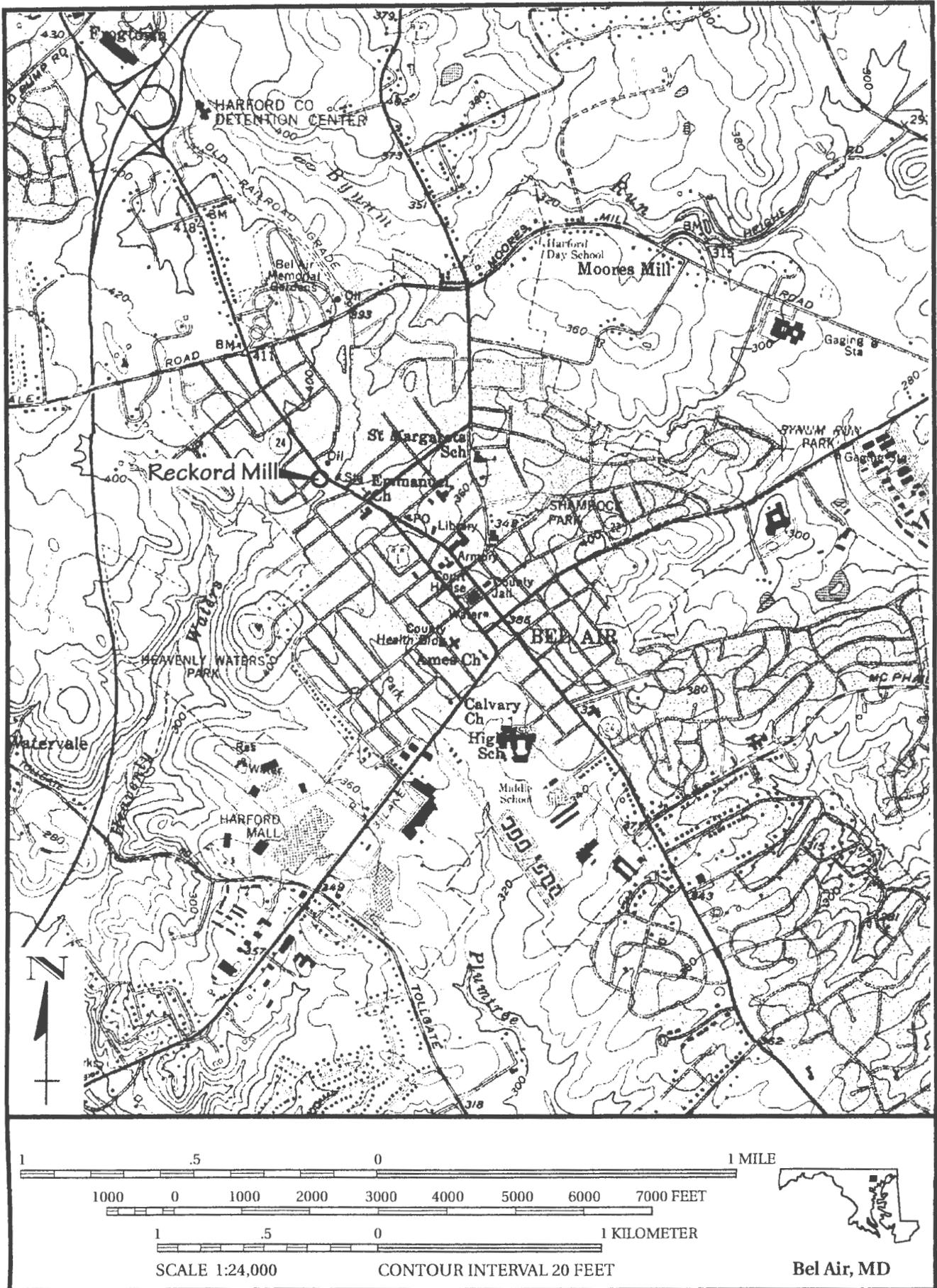
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Reckord Mill Complex (HA-1470 & 1471)
 Bel Air, Harford County, MD
 Site Plan



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 = Recommended Not Eligible
 = Modern or Adjacent Structure

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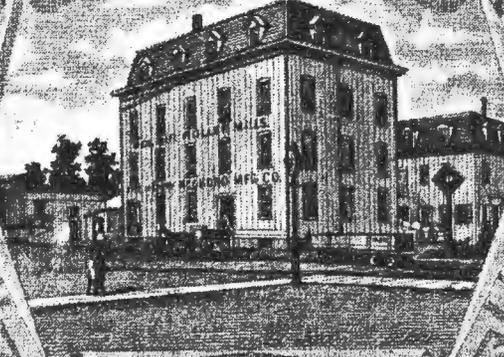


Reckord Mill Complex (HA-1470 & HA-1471), Bel Air, Harford County, Maryland

THE Henry Reekord Manufacturing Co.



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BEL AIR.
MANUFACTURERS OF



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FERTILIZERS, FLOUR, MEAL AND FEED

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Reckord Mill Complex

Bel Air, Harford County, Maryland

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Overview



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Mill - eastern facade & north elevation



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Mill -- eastern facade & south elevation



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Mill-- north and west elevations



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office -- eastern facade & north elevation



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Office -- eastern facade & south elevation



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Reckord Mill Complex

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office -- West (rear) elevation



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Reckord Mill Complex

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Modern retail store, eastern facade & north elevation



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Reckord Mill Complex

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modern retail store, north & west elevations



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Reckord Mill Complex

Bel Air, Harford County, Maryland

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March 2005

MD SHPO

modern warehouse, north & east elevations

HA-1470-1473

1886; 1891

Reckord Mill
432 Rock Spring
Bel Air
private

This mill complex is full of significance both for architectural and economic history in Bel Air. The original Reckord buildings, the four story mill to the south and the three story office to the north, with their fine slate mansard roofs broken by pedimented dormers are in the very fashionable Second Empire (after the reign of French Emperor Napoleon III) style. It is a curious fact that while this style, also known as "General Grant", was most often used for governmental buildings like the Philadelphia City Hall and the Executive Office Building in Washington, Bel Air's only really good examples are industrial. Modern as modern could be, when the Reckords built it, the operation was a merchant flour mill operated by a 60 hp. steam engine. The two story gable roofed warehouse now on the west end of the lot used to be north of the office where the gas station is. It was built in 1891 and was formerly connected to the office at the second story by an elevated walk. It was moved to its present location in 1958. The shed south of it next to where the railroad tracks were is of undetermined date.

Bel Air has always been an administrative and service Town; aside from several carriage works, the Reckord Mill was the only industry in Town from the 19th century to World War II. The premises are occupied today by the Bel Air Farm Supply, and the mill still grinds specialty feeds. Although the steam engine has been replaced much of the old wooden duct work is still in use.

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INVENTORY FORM FOR STATE HISTORIC SITES SURVEY

HA-1470 (mill)
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HA-1471 (office)
1314714611
HA-1472 (shed)
1314724611
HA-1473
1314734611

1 NAME

HISTORIC
Reckord Mill
AND/OR COMMON
Bel Air Farm Supply

2 LOCATION

STREET & NUMBER
432 Rockspring Avenue 1st
CITY, TOWN CONGRESSIONAL DISTRICT
Bel Air VICINITY OF
STATE COUNTY
Maryland Harford

3 CLASSIFICATION

CATEGORY	OWNERSHIP	STATUS	PRESENT USE
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		<input type="checkbox"/> NO	<input type="checkbox"/> MILITARY <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> OTHER: mill

4 OWNER OF PROPERTY

NAME H. Smith Walter Telephone #: 838-6111
STREET & NUMBER
432 Rock Spring Avenue
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 #: 499
Folio #: 323
STREET & NUMBER
Main Street
CITY, TOWN STATE
Bel Air Maryland

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
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DESCRIBE THE PRESENT AND ORIGINAL (IF KNOWN) PHYSICAL APPEARANCE

The Mill complex of the Bel Air Farm Supply Company is at 432 Rock-spring Avenue in the Town of Bel Air, Harford County, Maryland. It consists of four buildings - the Mill and grain elevator, the office, and two warehouses. A filling station is also on the lot but does not contribute to the significance of the site. The Mill and office are Second Empire style; the warehouse is vernacular.

The office building, the north structure, is two stories plus mansard, two bays by four, covered with aluminum siding, with a shed porch supported by square posts on the first story front (east) elevation. The slate mansard roof is broken by dormers with triangular pediments. The dormer windows (and the others) are 6/6 double hung sash with plain surrounds painted plum. There is a wide bracketed overhang between the top floor and the mansard. The first story facade has been paneled in vertical siding. Its three bays are door, window, door. A new (1979) single story two bay by two bay section has been added to the west elevation of this building. It has a gable roof with ridge running east and west and sliding aluminum framed windows. The entrance to the office is in the east bay of this addition. The other three doors, two in the east elevation and one just east of the new door. The addition houses office and counter space. The ground floor of the old section is given over to display counters. The enclosed staircase to the second story is in the southeast corner of the south wall. The other two stories are used for storage; apparently they always were.

The mill is a three story plus mansard aluminum-sided structure with a grain elevator (1½ stories taller) against the west elevation. The elevator has a gable roof with east-west ridge. Behind that is a two story gable-roofed loading dock; it is not sided and shows its vertical boards. To the south is another two story loading shed. Its shed slopes down to the south. The front portion (east) is aluminum-sided, while the back (west) portion is not. This shed is partially on the old railroad right-of-way and was built after the tracks were taken up in 1959.

The windows, roof, and gables of the mill are similar to those of the office, but the street (east) elevation has no windows, and the dormers on the south side have been removed. The grain elevator has no windows save for one in each gable (east and west). The loading dock behind the elevator is open on the north side, has three windows on the west and sliding doors on the south. The south shed (which is attached to the south side of the loading dock so that the sheds form an L around the west and south sides) is open to the east and has five 6 pane windows, a loading door, and another 6 pane window (from east to west).

In the interior of the mill the braces and rafter supports are pegged. The mill now grinds and mixes feed rather than grinding flour. Its steam-powered engine has been replaced by an electric one. Mixers have been added, and some of the chutes have been replaced, but the old layout remains.

8 SIGNIFICANCE

PERIOD	AREAS OF SIGNIFICANCE -- CHECK AND JUSTIFY BELOW				
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SPECIFIC DATES 1886, 1891 (warehouse) BUILDER/ARCHITECT

STATEMENT OF SIGNIFICANCE

The three buildings, formerly Reckord's Mill and now Bel Air Farm Supply, represent what remains of Bel Air's only 19th Century industry. With the exception of this flour mill, Bel Air was a service and administrative town in the 19th century. The office building and Mill also have the only well preserved mansard roofs in Town. The Mill building (the south building) was built in 1886 on land leased from Mary Dallam in Dallam's Addition to Bel Air, (57/339). The mill was open for business early in November of that year. It represents the coming of automation to the Town. The machinery was powered by a 50 horsepower steam engine made by the Taylor Manufacturing Company of Chambersburg, Pa.; it had the capacity to grind 100 barrels of flour in 24 hours, and the entire operation was run by one miller and two assistants, with the grain never being touched between sack and barrel. The mill was 40' x 60'. The grain storage facility to the west of the mill was built later, as was the shed on the south side.

It is possible that the north office building was built at the same time as the mill, but the newspapers made no reference to it. Probably it was built later. Certainly it and the grain storage facility were in place by 1904 because they appear on the insurance map of that year. The single story addition to the back (west) was built this year (1979).

The two story warehouse in the southwestern corner of the lot was formerly on the northeastern corner. It was built in 1891 and by 1904 was connected to the office by an elevated walk. It was moved to its present location in 1958 to make way for the filling station Mr. Walter built on the corner of Maulsby and Rockspring.

Several sheds and warehouses on the property in 1904 no longer exist.

The mill stayed in the Reckord family until 1958 when Milton A. Reckord sold it to H. Smith Walter (499/323). It was managed by others, however, since Milton Reckord was Adjutant of the Maryland National Guard after World War I. Mr. Walter leased the mill in 1953 and purchased it in 1958. Today the mill grinds feed. There is a new electric engine and many of the chutes have been replaced, but the layout is essentially that used nearly 100 years ago.

The exterior of the buildings is also largely unchanged. The dormers on the south side of the mill have been removed. The ground floor facade of the office has been modernized and a porch on the north side has been removed since 1904. The only other change is the aluminum siding which was placed on the mill in 1974 and on the office in 1975.

CONTINUE ON SEPARATE SHEET IF NECESSARY

9 MAJOR BIBLIOGRAPHICAL REFERENCES

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10 GEOGRAPHICAL DATA

ACREAGE OF NOMINATED PROPERTY _____

VERBAL BOUNDARY DESCRIPTION

These buildings occupy parcel #245 in the Town of Bel Air.

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

STATE	COUNTY
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11 FORM PREPARED BY

NAME / TITLE	Marilynn Larew, Architectural Historian	2 August 1979
ORGANIZATION	Town of Bel Air	838-8700
STREET & NUMBER	39 Hickory Avenue	
CITY OR TOWN	Bel Air	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

HA-1470 (mill)
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HA-1473 (warehouse)

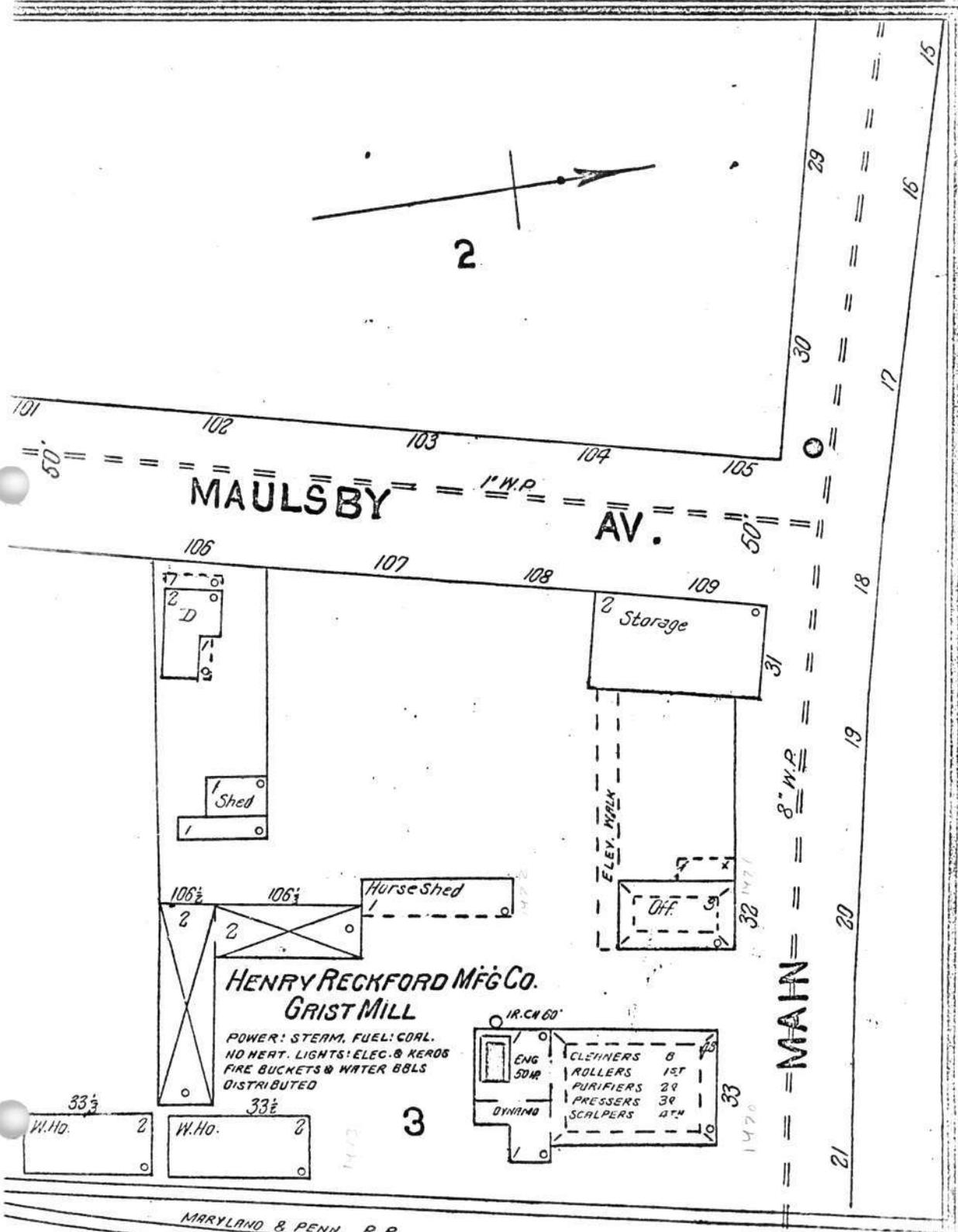
Two warehouses occupy the southeast portion of the lot. The southernmost is a simple $1\frac{1}{2}$ story vertical-sided structure with a gable roof (east-west ridge) and a further shed on the south side. A concrete loading dock with steps down the north side is across the east elevation. The large open door is just north of center. The second warehouse, which is aluminum-sided and two stories, with a slate gable roof (north-south ridge) was moved to its present location in 1953 from the north-east corner of the lot where its ridge ran east and west. The filling station is now on that location. The windows of the 5 bay structure are 6/6 double hung sash. A concrete loading dock crosses the front (east) of this building, too. The loading door is in the second bay from the north. This building is used for feed sack storage. Around back are large storage bins for grain.

This complex has been serving Harford County farmers for nearly 100 years.

HA-1470 (mill)
 HA-1471 (office)
 HA-1472 (shed)
 HA-1473 (warehouse)

1904 Sanborn Map

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MARYLAND HISTORICAL TRUST
21 STATE CIRCLE
SHAW HOUSE
ANNAPOLIS, MARYLAND 21401

HISTORIC SITES SURVEY FIELD SHEET
Individual Structure Survey Form

SURVEY NUMBER: HA-1470 (mill) HA-1473
HA-1471 (office) (warehouse)
HA-1472 (shed)

NEGATIVE FILE NUMBER:

UTM REFERENCES:
Zone/Easting/Northing

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

PRESENT FORMAL NAME:
Bel Air Farm Supply

ORIGINAL FORMAL NAME:
Reckord Manufacturing Co.

PRESENT USE: feed mill & hrdw. Store

ORIGINAL USE: flour mill

ARCHITECT/ENGINEER:

BUILDER/CONTRACTOR:

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

THEME: Architecture

STYLE: second Empire/warehouse -

DATE BUILT: /vernacular
1886; 1891 (warehouse)

COUNTY: Harford
TOWN: Bel Air
LOCATION: 432 Rockspring Avenue
Bel Air, Maryland 21014

COMMON NAME:
Bel Air Farm Supply

FUNCTIONAL TYPE:

OWNER: H. Smith Walter
ADDRESS: 432 Rockspring Ave.
Bel Air, Maryland 21014

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 ()
Novelty () Stucco () Sheet Metal () Aluminum (X) Asphalt Shingle ()
Brick Veneer () Stone Veneer ()
Bonding Pattern: Other:
4. Roof Structure
 - A. Truss: Wood () Iron () Steel () Concrete ()
 - B. Other:
5. Roof Covering: Slate (X) Wood Shingle () Asphalt Shingle () Sheet Metal ()
Built Up () Rolled () Tile () Other:
6. Engineering Structure:
7. Other: mill structure to rear S. bldg.

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

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

Number of Stories: N 2 & mansard; S 3 + mansard

Number of Bays: 2 (office) Entrance Location: between the

Approximate Dimensions: 40 x 85 (mill) two bldgs.

20 x 40 (office)
32 x 60 (warehouse)

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

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

ADDITIONAL ARCHITECTURAL OR STRUCTURAL DESCRIPTION:

HA-1470, 1471,
1472, 1473

bracketed overhang both bldgs. under mansard
windows 6/6 in plain surr
S. bldg S. elev dormers removed/N. bldg 1st story altered
addition to N. bldg.
interior timbers pegged

RELATED STRUCTURES: (Describe)

N. warehouse, 2 story alum side, gable roof ridge line N - S
windows 6/6 plain
S. warehouse vertical siding, gable roof ridge E-W

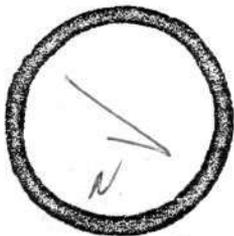
STATEMENT OF SIGNIFICANCE:

back of N. bldg. just this year filling station
Walters started 1953 1958
back bldg. Rogers & Livesey feed store; moved from corner of
Maulsby & Rockspring. c. 1958
grain storage in back portion
machinery new - most chutes new siding '74 mill
'75 ofs
Carl Keen, Mgr. Nancy Keen in office

REFERENCES:

Interview Mr. & Mrs. Carl Keen, 30 July 79

MAP: (Indicate North In Circle)



X 1473 X 1472

X 1470 X 1471

Maulsby

Rockspring

SURROUNDING ENVIRONMENT:

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

M. Larew

RECORDED BY:

Town of Bel Air

ORGANIZATION:

30 July 1979

DATE RECORDED:

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TITLE: RECKORD MILL

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6 March 1958
Milton A. Reckord, widower, of Baltimore
County
to
H. Smith Walter and Alma, wife
two parcels between the old railroad
right of way and Maulsby Street on the
west side of Rockspring Avenue
parcel 1 is lots #1 and 2 in Dallam's
Addition
#2 a piece from the center line of the rail-
road and the south line of lot #1

68/66

Lot #2 of Dallam's Addition the fee
June 3, 1890
Mary C. Dallam
to
Henry Reckord Manufacturing Co.

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Lot #1 of Dallam's Addition fee
June 23, 1894
Mary C. Dallam
to
Reckord Manufacturing Co.
reversion of the lease

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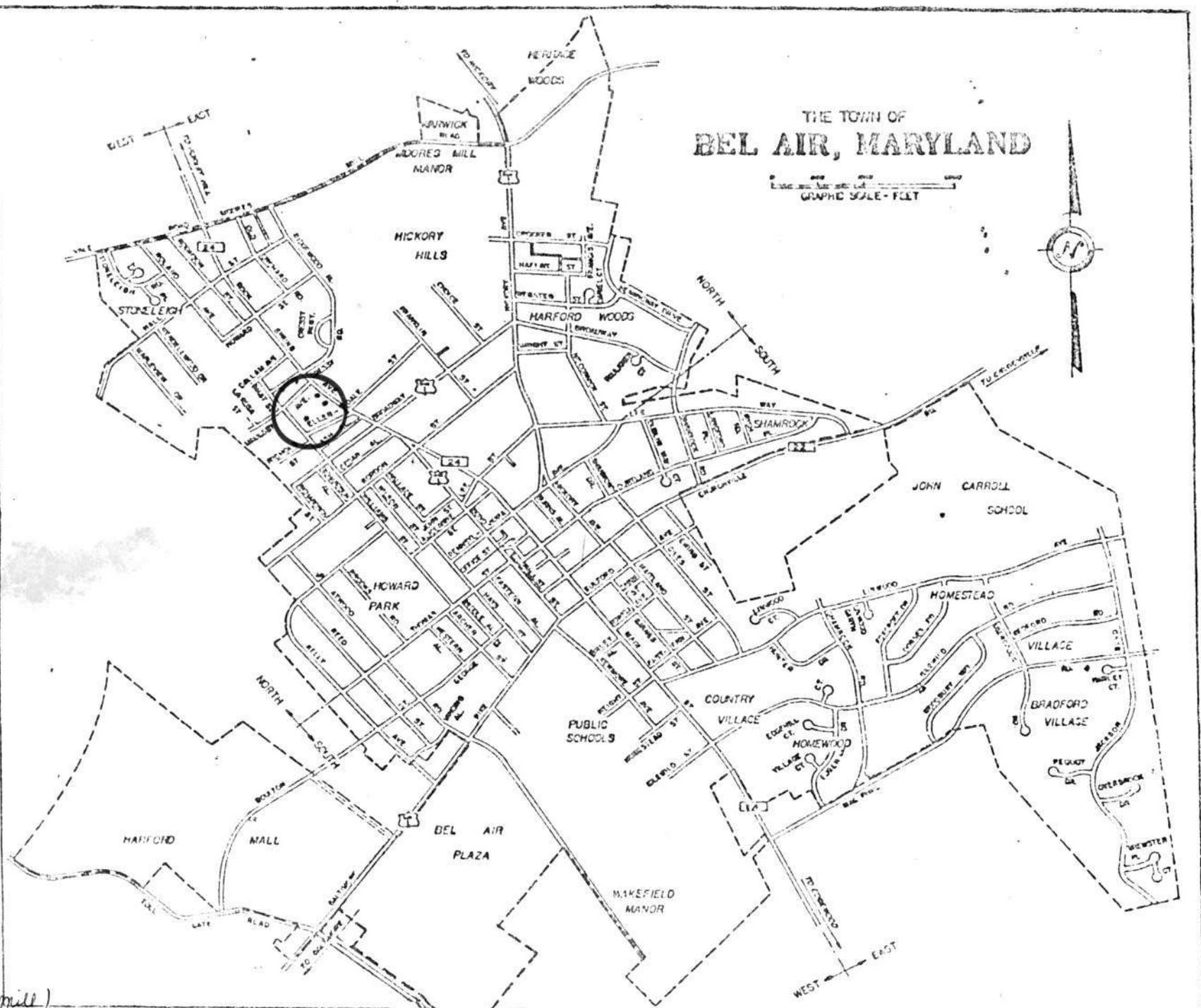
7 September 1886
Mary C. Dallam
to
Henry Reckord and Sons
lease and confirmation of lease of
the property (lot #1) leased to Caleb J.
Moore and J. Wilson Moore

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May 25, 1883
Mary C. Dallam
to
Caleb J. Moore and J. Wilson Moore
The Moores to build in 9 months

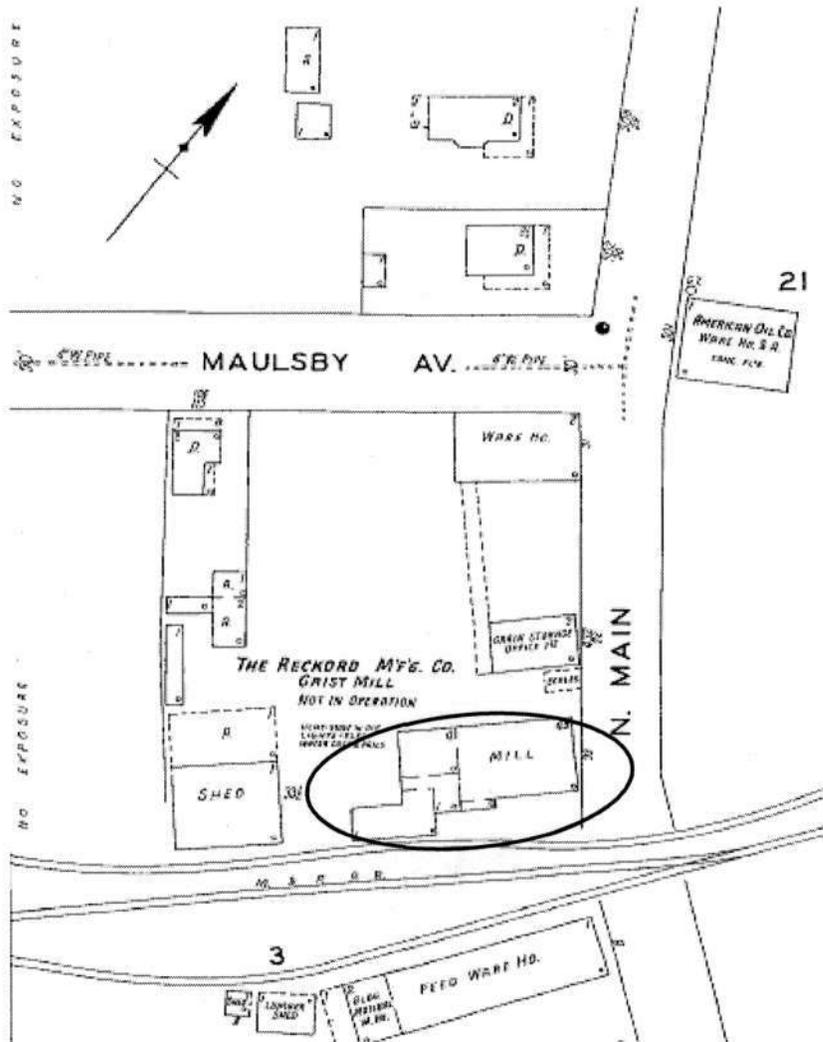
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GRAPHIC SCALE - FEET

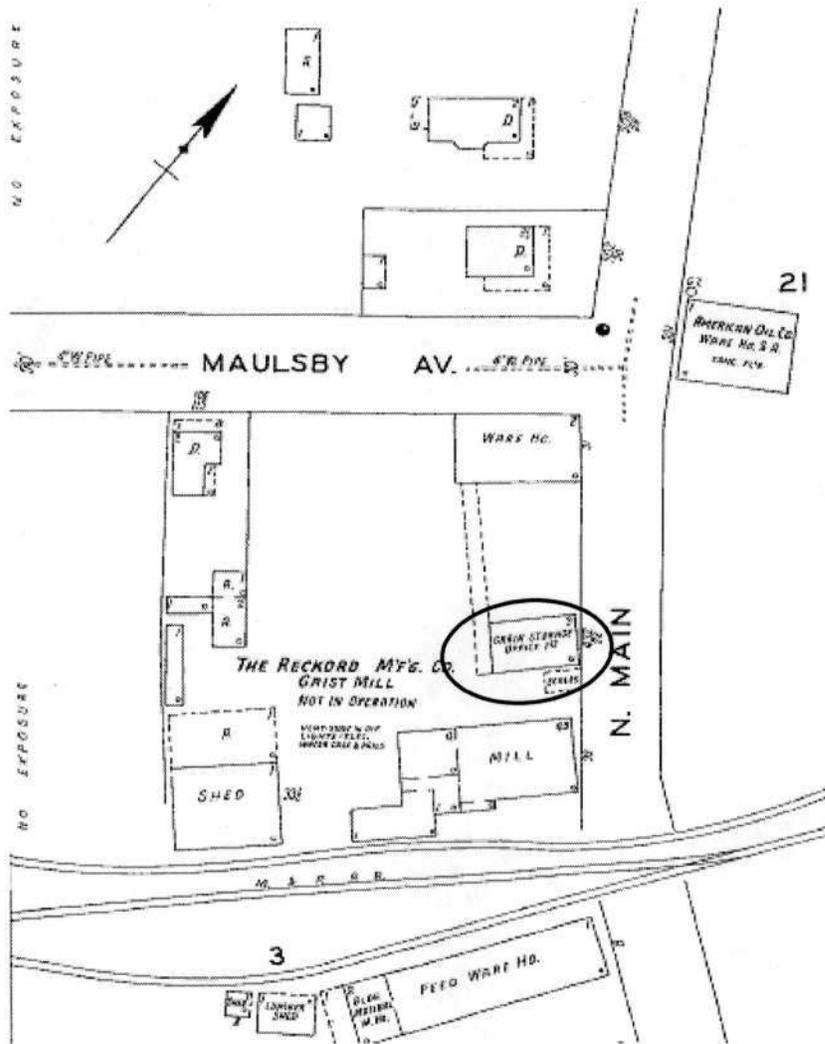


AA-1470 (mill)
AA-1471 (office) Richard's Mill - Bel Air Farm Supply
AA-1472 (shed) 432 Rockspring Ave.
AA-1473 (warehouse)

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432 Rock Spring Ave. (MD 924)
Bel Air
Sanborn Bel Air Aug. 1930
Harford County

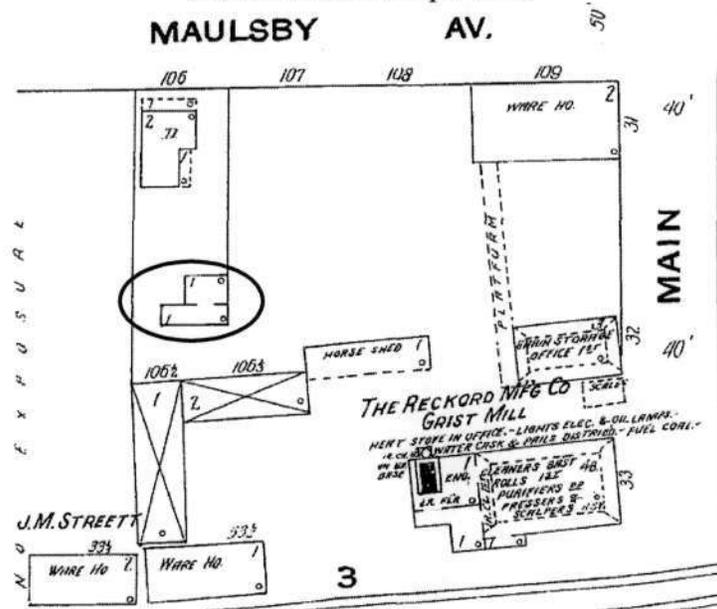


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432 Rock Spring Ave. (MD 924)
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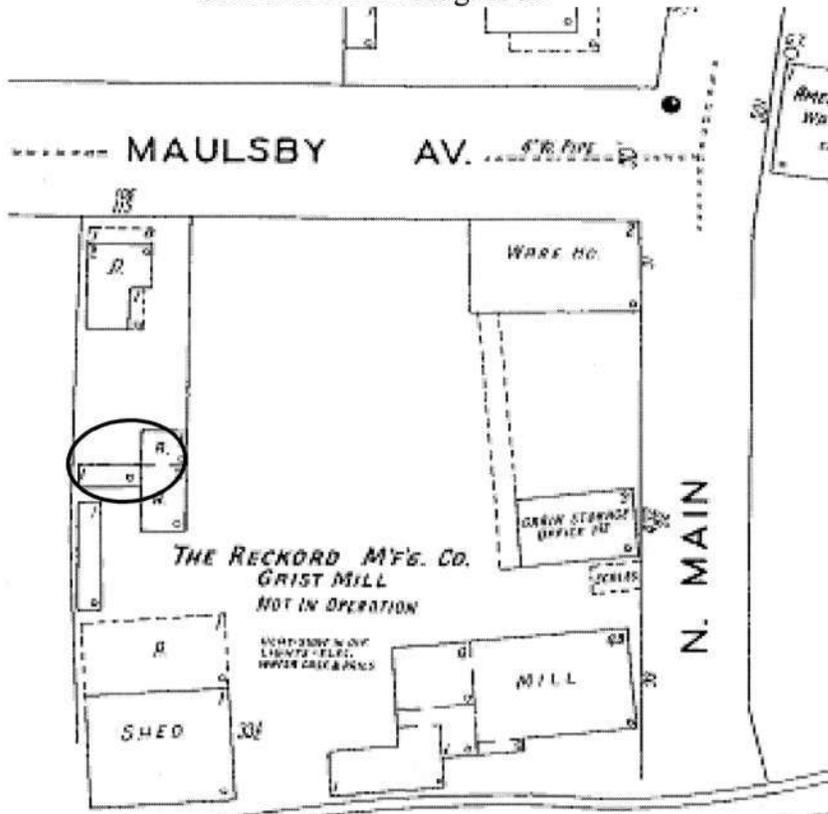


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 Reckord Mill Shed (Bel Air Farm Supply)
 432 Rock Spring Ave. (MD 924)
 Bel Air
 Harford County

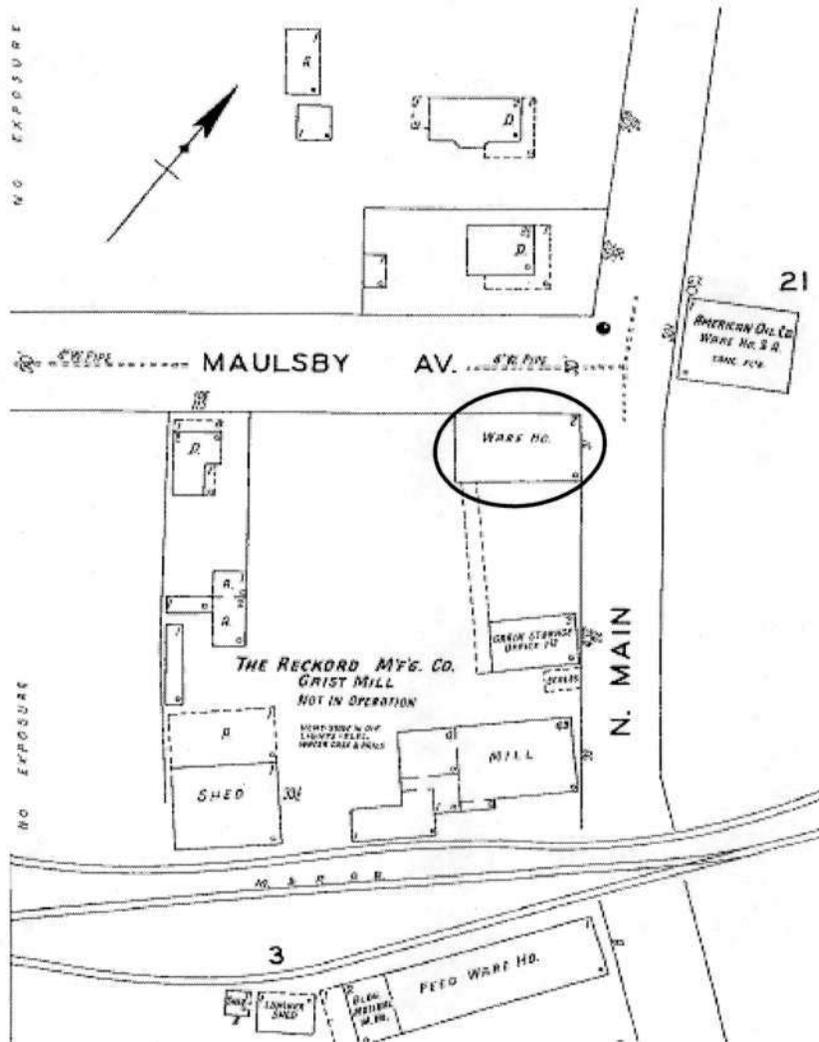
Sanborn Bel Air Apr. 1910



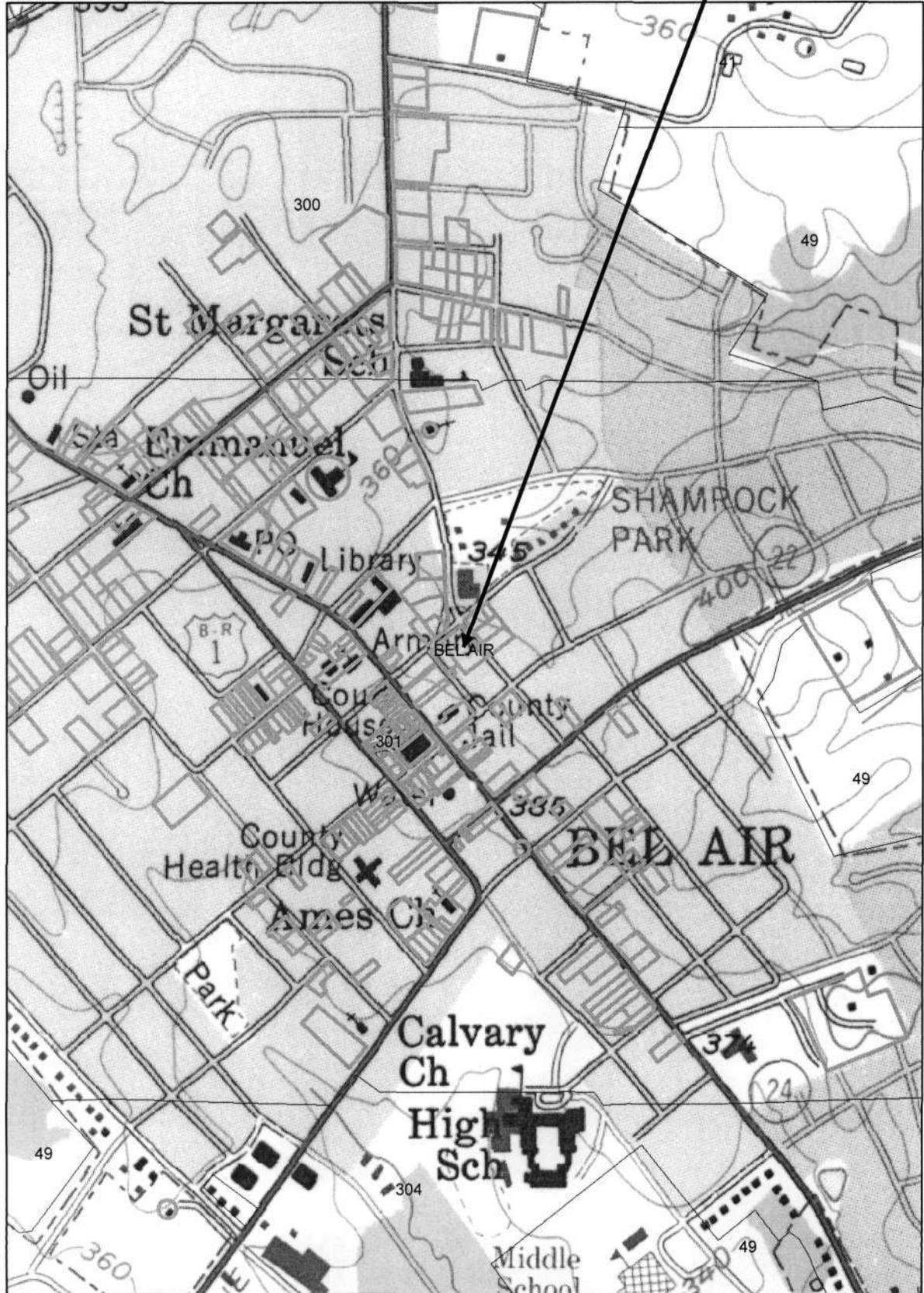
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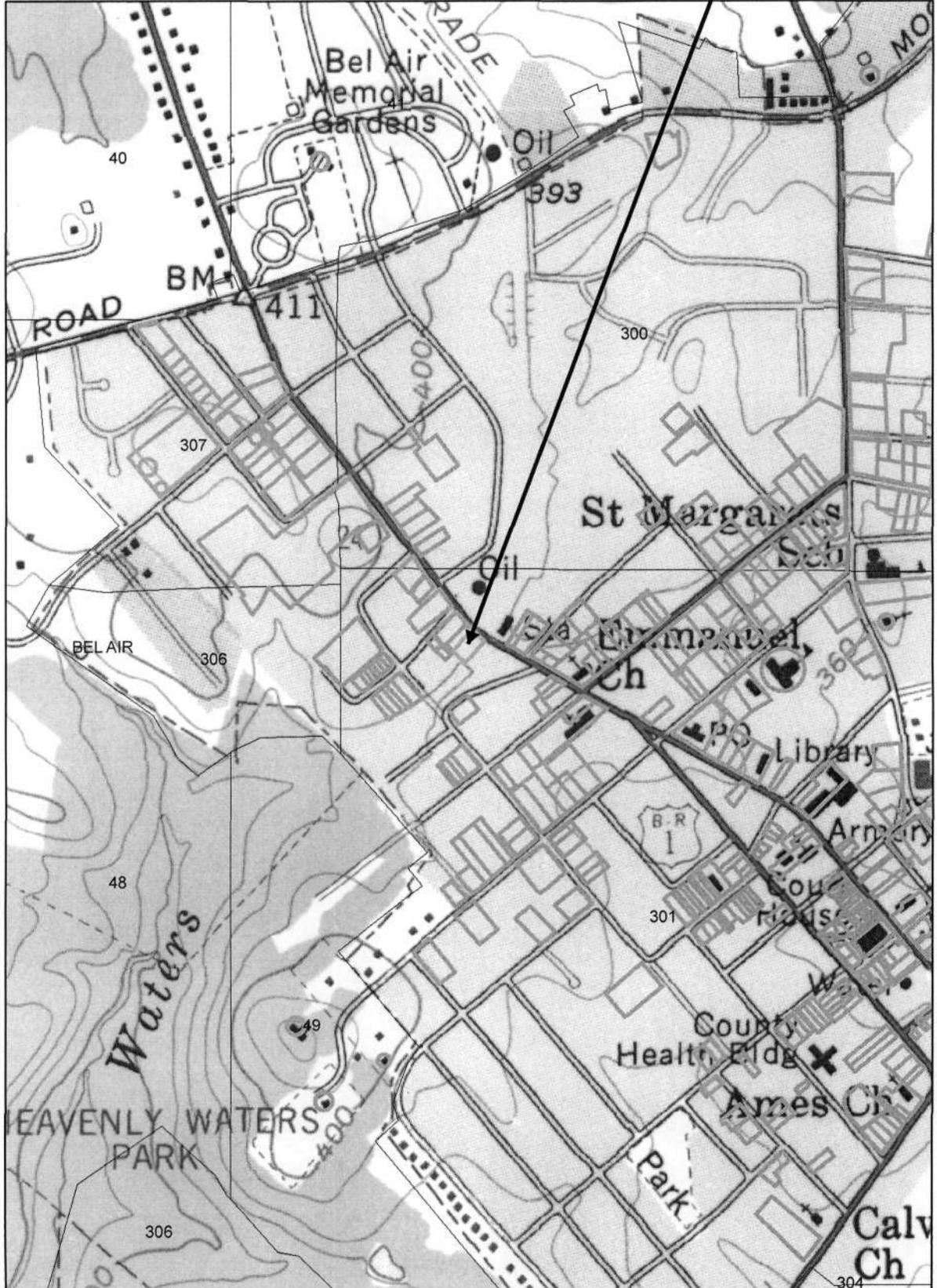
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Reckord Mill Warehouse (Bel Air Farm Supply)
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Bel Air
Sanborn Bel Air Aug. 1930
Harford County



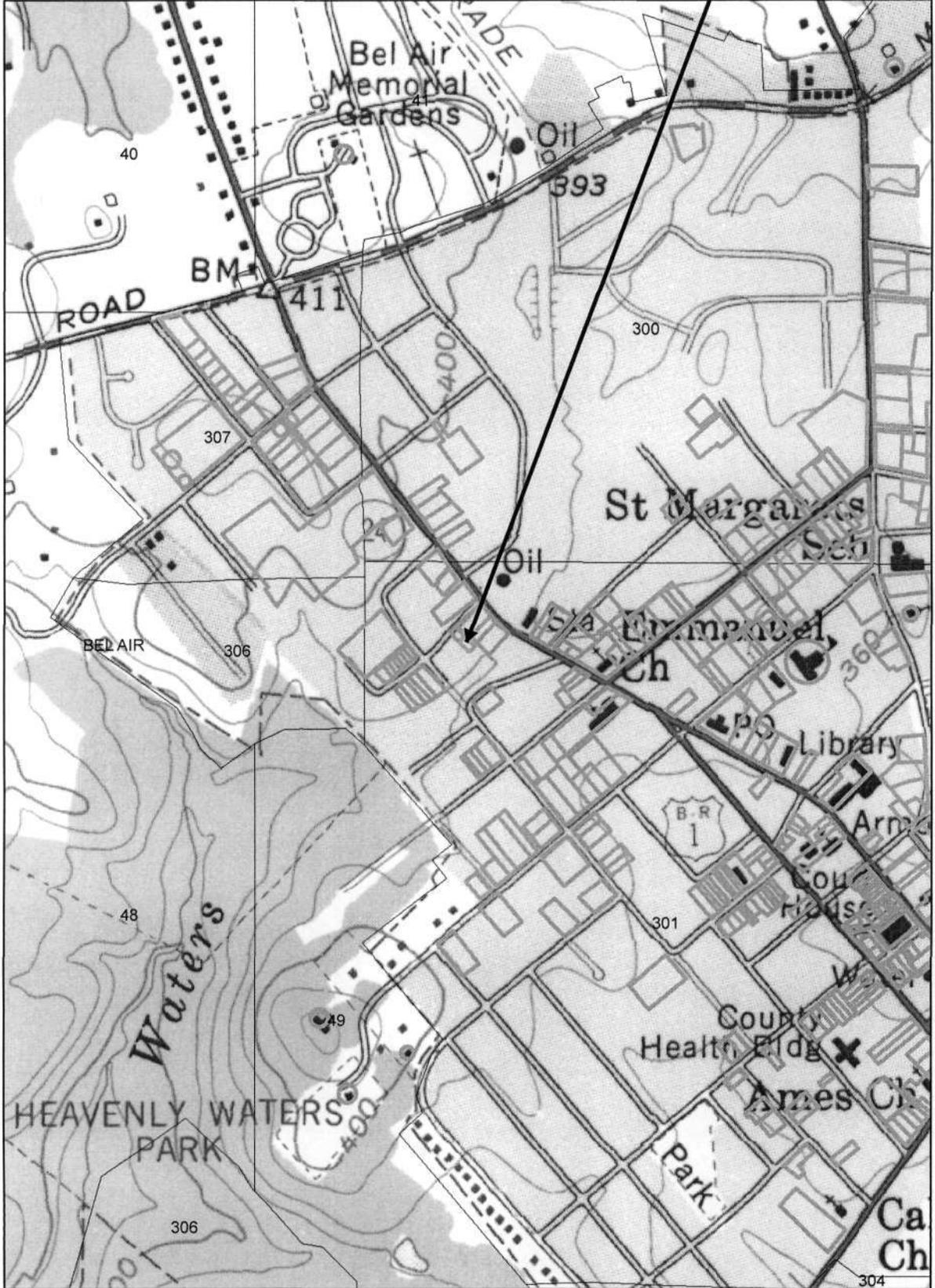
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Bel Air Farm Supply (Reckford Mill)
Rock Springs Avenue
Bel Air
Bel Air Quad
Harford County



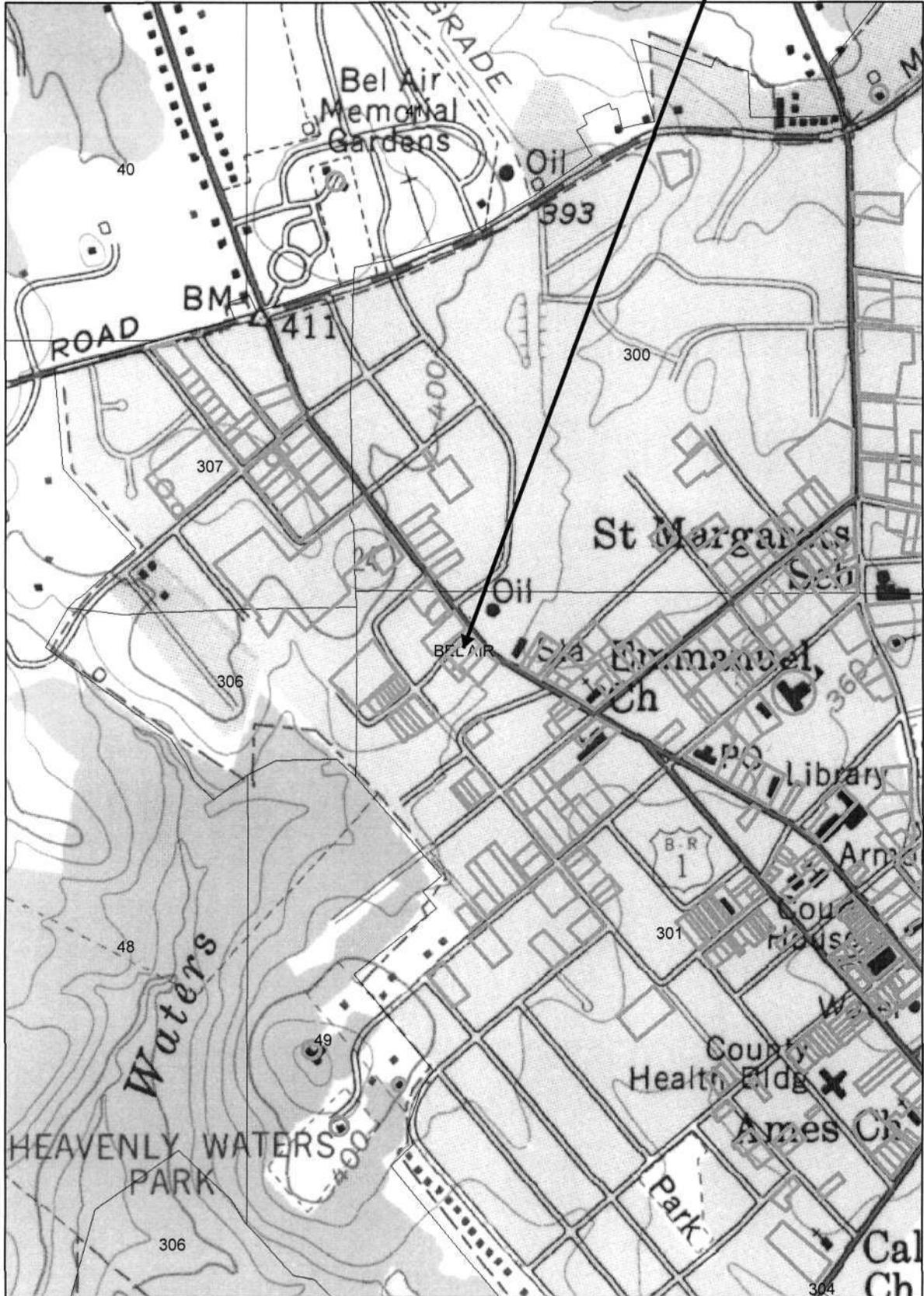
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NA-1471 (office) 432 Rockspring Ave, Bel Air
NA-1472 (shed)
NA-1473 (warehouse) n. elev. of the mill
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HA-1473 (warehouse) L to R Office, n.w. elev
Mill, n. elev

M. Larew, 1979



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HA-1471 (office) 432 Rockspring Lane, Bel Air
HA-1472 (shed) L to R - S. warehouse & portion of N. warehouse
HA-1473 (warehouse)

looking west

M. Larew, 1979



HA-1470 (mill) Reckord Mill - Bel Air Farm Supply
NA-1471 (office) 432 Rockspring Ave, Bel Air
NA-1472 (shed)
NA-1473 (warehouse) front (east) elev. of office
M. Larew, 1979



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NA-1471 (office) 432 Rockspring Ave, Bel Air
NA-1472 (shed)
NA-1473 (warehouse) S. elev of the mill
M. Larew, 1979



44-1470 (mill) Redford Mill - Bel Air Farm Supply
44-1471 (office) 432 Rockspring Ave, Bel Air
44-1472 (shed) front (east) elev. of mill
44-1473 (warehouse) Mr. Larew, 1979



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HA-1472 (shed)
HA-1473 (warehouse) N. warehouse looking west
M. Larew, 1979



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