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1911

Keen-Mitchell House
508 Rock Spring
Bel Air
private

This 1911 house is late for a Victorian design. It has a cruciform gable roof and a basically rectangular shape, broken only by the two story bay window on the south. Like its neighbor the Bradford-Hanna-Doxen house, it has a two story front bay window bisected by the front porch.

INVENTORY FORM FOR STATE HISTORIC SITES SURVEY

1 NAME

HISTORIC
Keen-Mitchell House
AND/OR COMMON
Cochran House

2 LOCATION

STREET & NUMBER
508 Rock Spring Road 1st
CITY, TOWN CONGRESSIONAL DISTRICT
Bel Air VICINITY OF
STATE 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 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 checked="" type="checkbox"/> PRIVATE RESIDENCE
<input type="checkbox"/> SITE	PUBLIC ACQUISITION	ACCESSIBLE	<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
Charles L. Cochran Telephone #: 838-3716
STREET & NUMBER
508 Rock Spring Road
CITY, TOWN STATE, zip code
Bel Air VICINITY OF Maryland 21014

5 LOCATION OF LEGAL DESCRIPTION

COURTHOUSE, LIBER #: 282
REGISTRY OF DEEDS, ETC. Harford County Courthouse FOLIO #: 442
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

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CONDITION		CHECK ONE	CHECK ONE
<input type="checkbox"/> EXCELLENT	<input checked="" 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 type="checkbox"/> FAIR	<input type="checkbox"/> UNEXPOSED		

DESCRIBE THE PRESENT AND ORIGINAL (IF KNOWN) PHYSICAL APPEARANCE

This two and a half story, four bay house is at 508 Rock Spring Avenue in the Town of Bel Air, Harford County, Maryland. The house is shabby now, sided in asphalt tile. It has a cruciform gable roof. The front (east) elevation shows one bay (north) which has the entrance, a large single pane transom over a single pane frosted glass over three panel door. Next to that (south) is a shallow two story hexagonal bay window bisected by the front porch. The porch is L-shaped, reaching across the front and around one bay to the south. Its hip roof is carried on square posts. There is a solid balustrade.

The north elevation is two bays wide with a gable in the middle. The south elevation is similar but has a two-story hexagonal bay window topped by that center gable. The rear elevation is two bays wide with a door between them on the second story. A two bay shed roof addition is on this elevation, the north half enclosed (a pantry) and the south half a porch with solid balustrade below and lath lattice above. All the windows, even those in the gables, are 1/1. Some of them have shutters.

The house has a north side hall alongside the living room and dining room to the south. The kitchen occupies the whole width of the house to the west. The woodwork is molded with "door-bell" corner blocks, and a pair of 5 panel sliding doors separates living room from dining room. A closed-string, dog-leg staircase rises along the north wall of the hall. It has turned balusters and a panelled newel.

There are three bedrooms and a bath on the second floor and two rooms on the attic level.

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9 MAJOR BIBLIOGRAPHICAL REFERENCES

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10 GEOGRAPHICAL DATA

ACREAGE OF NOMINATED PROPERTY _____

VERBAL BOUNDARY DESCRIPTION

This property occupies parcel #168 in the Town of Bel Air.

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

12 December 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.

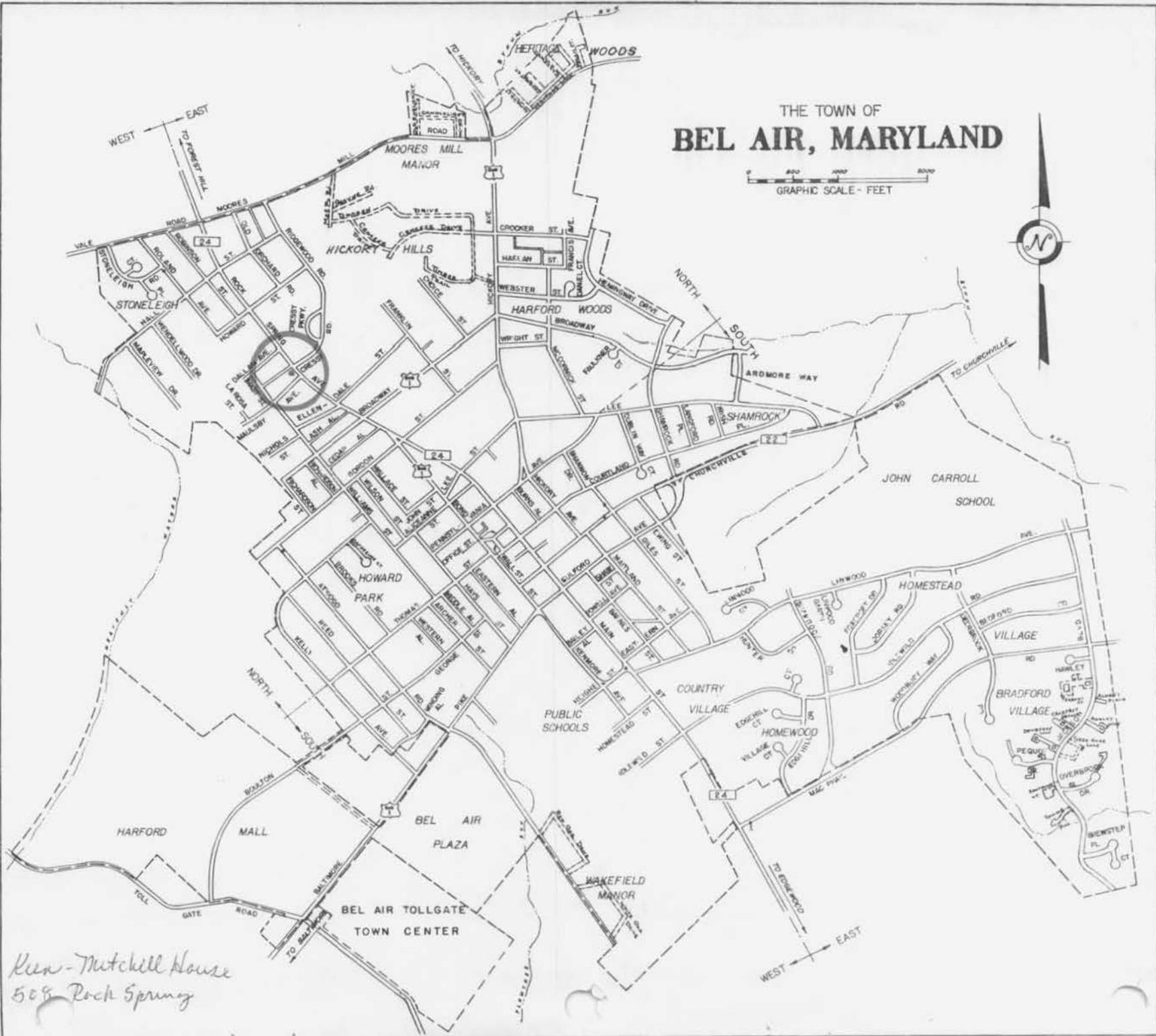
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The Shaw House, 21 State Circle
Annapolis, Maryland 21401
(301) 267-1438

TITLE: 508 Rock Spring

- 282/442 22 April 1944
Anna M. Hays, widow, et al
 to
Charles L. Cochran & Hazel
parts of #7, 8, 9 in Dallam's Addition
Estelle Archer Mitchell died. Will
20/221 left it to grantors.
- 189/55 15 May 1924
N. Nelson Keen & Charlotte of
Montclair, NJ
 to
Estelle Archer Mitchell
- 134/91 1 June 1911
J. H. C. Watts & Mary Dorsey Watts
 to
N. Nelson Keen
- 104/497 18 September 1902
Jacob A. Doxen, trustee
 to
J. H. C. Watts
\$1200 all of #7, 8, 9, 10 in
Dallam's Addition

THE TOWN OF
BEL AIR, MARYLAND



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508 Rock Spring



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Keen - Mitchell House, 50% Rock Spring, Bel Air
n + w elev

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Keen-Mitchell House, 508 Rock Spring, Bel Air
w + s elev

M. Larus, 1979



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Keen-Mitchell, 308 Rock Spring, Bel Air
e elev

M. Harris, 1979