

HA-1476

1917

McComas House
522 Rock Spring
Bel Air
private

This house is a good example of Bel Air's way of tasting a new style. It has a gabled Victorian shape, but the decoration - the dormers and front and side porches - are neo-classical. The porch is similar to that of the James Dean house across the street. One may have inspired the other or they may both have taken their inspiration from the McAbee house, 210 E. Broadway.

The house was built by M. Stanley McComas, one of the original McComas brothers, in 1917.

MARYLAND HISTORICAL TRUST

INVENTORY FORM FOR STATE HISTORIC SITES SURVEY

1 NAME

HISTORIC

McComas House

AND/OR COMMON

2 LOCATION

STREET & NUMBER

522 Rockspring

1st

CITY, TOWN

Bel Air

CONGRESSIONAL DISTRICT

___ VICINITY OF

STATE

Maryland

COUNTY

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

Danny R. Jenkins

Telephone #:

STREET & NUMBER

522 Rockspring

CITY, TOWN

Bel Air

STATE, zip code

Maryland 21014

___ VICINITY OF

5 LOCATION OF LEGAL DESCRIPTION

COURTHOUSE,
REGISTRY OF DEEDS, ETC.

Harford County Courthouse

Liber #: 1086

Folio #: 802

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

AK-73

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 two and a half story, three bay house is at 522 Rock Spring Avenue in the Town of Bel Air, Harford County, Maryland. It is shiplap sided and L-shaped. The gable roof crosses so as to have a gable with a cornice return on each elevation. The front (east) elevation has a slightly projecting south bay with one window in the gable and a pair of windows in the second story. This bay occupies half of the front. The other half is divided into two bays with a hip-roofed, slate sided dormer in the middle of the roof slope. The entrance is on the north side of the projecting bay (first story). Across the front is a neo-classical porch with a hip-roof and pedimented projecting center bay. The roof is carried on slender doric columns connected by a balustrade. A single story addition has been added to the south elevation.

The north elevation of the main block is two bays wide with a rectangular single story bay window in the first story. The north elevation of the back building has two gable-roofed dormers in the roof slope. A side porch, hip-roofed on doric columns and with a side balustrade occupies the middle of three bays.

All the windows are 1/1.

The house has a more or less conventional Victorian shape with neo-classical detailing.

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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 1917 BUILDER/ARCHITECT

STATEMENT OF SIGNIFICANCE

This frame house is a combination of late Victorian shape and neo-classical details showing the way that Bel Air's citizens tried out the detail of a new style before committing themselves wholeheartedly. The next step would be the tall box with a dormer at each of the cardinal points and with neo-classical porches.

This house was built in 1917 by Stanley McComas, a partner in McComas Brothers Lumber and Building Supplies. He bought this lot and the house and lot next door (#516) from his brother Emory McComas (155/33). He lived in #516 while building this house. McComas died in 1937; in 1938 his widow Sarah McComas bought this house from the estate (253/194). In 1944 she sold it to William McComas, their son (284/108). This year (1979) his widow, now Leanna Kelly, sold it to the present owner, Danny R. Jenkins for \$70,000 (1086/802).

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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 #164 in the Town of Bel Air.

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

STATE	COUNTY

11 FORM PREPARED BY

NAME / TITLE

M. Larew, Architectural Historian

12 December 1979

ORGANIZATION

DATE

Town of Bel Air

838-8700

STREET & NUMBER

TELEPHONE

39 Hickory Avenue

CITY OR TOWN

STATE

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.

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RETURN TO: Maryland Historical Trust
 The Shaw House, 21 State Circle
 Annapolis, Maryland 21401
 (301) 267-1438

TITLE: 522 Rock Spring

1086/802 16 February 1979
Leeanne K. Kelly, formerly Leeanna
McComas
 to
Danny R. Jenkins & Peggy
\$70,000

339/343 16 February 1950
Janet E. Pyle
 to
William A. McComas & Leeanna

339/341 16 February 1950
William A. McComas & Leeanna
 to
Janet E. Pyle

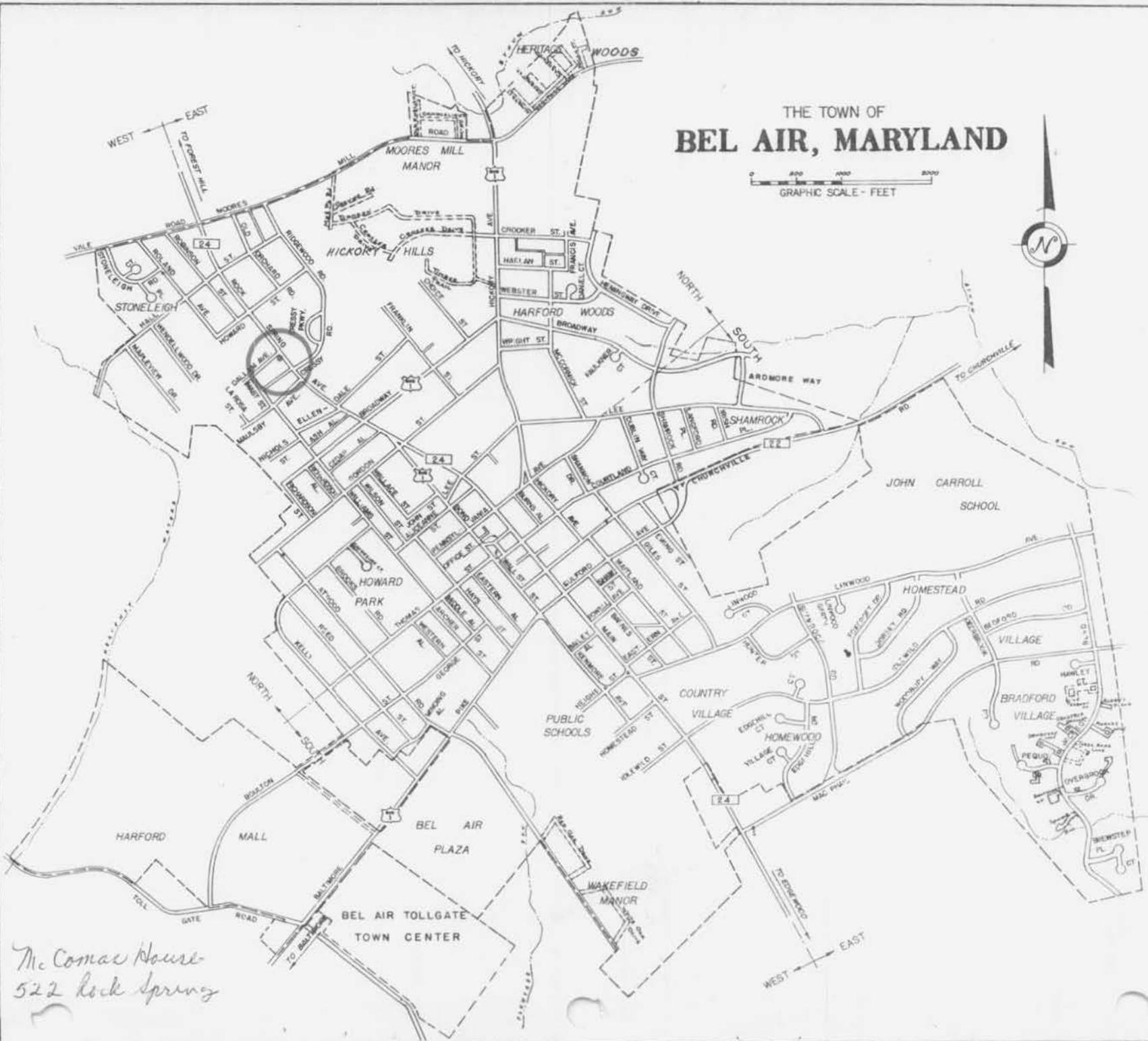
284/108 19 May 1944
Sarah E. McComas, widow
 to
William A. McComas

253/194 20 September 1938
M. Stanley McComas, et al
 to
Sarah E. McComas, widow of M. Stanley
McComas, Sr.
3 parcels this is #3

155/33 18 December 1916
Emory A. McComas
 to
M. Stanley McComas

145/226 2 June 1914
Hanna E. McComas
 to
Emory A. McComas

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