

HA-1478

c. 1884

Dean-McComas House
545 Rock Spring
Bel Air
private

With its dormers and handsome neo-classical front porch, this house has a colonial revival look. Actually it is the oldest house on the west side of Rock Spring. Around 1884 James Dean bought this lot and one on either side. After he built this house, he sold off portions of the lot. The dormers, front porch and the outside end chimney on the south elevation are all 20th century additions.

MARYLAND HISTORICAL TRUST

INVENTORY FORM FOR STATE HISTORIC SITES SURVEY

1 NAME

HISTORIC

James Dean House

AND/OR COMMON

Emory McComas House

2 LOCATION

STREET & NUMBER

545 Rock Spring

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

Mrs. Helen St. Coeur

Telephone #:

STREET & NUMBER

545 Rock Spring

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 #: 896

Folio #: 344

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

57-473

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 checked="" 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 three bay, L-shaped frame house is at 545 Rock Spring Avenue in the Town of Bel Air, Harford County, Maryland. It is shiplap sided and has a slate gable roof. An outside end chimney on the south elevation may be 20th century. Outside end chimneys are uncommon in Town. The neo-classical front porch is probably 20th century (see #8). It has a rolled tin hip roof carried on slender doric columns and a gable topped projecting center bay. The slender balusters form a railing which extends to the projecting bay. A pair of slate-sided, shed-roofed dormers break the front (west) roof-line over the north and south bays. They each have a pair of casement windows. The windows in the front elevation are pairs of 1/1 except for a single one in the center bay over the entrance. Other windows are single 1/1. The south elevation is blind save for a four pane casement west of the chimney. The north elevation of the main block has a flat roofed hexagonal bay window in it. East of that is a two bay back building with a chimney in the east end.

Major windows have wooden louvered shutters; each of the double windows on the second story front (west) has a pair of shutters, which causes the center shutters to project.

CONTINUE ON SEPARATE SHEET IF NECESSARY

9 MAJOR BIBLIOGRAPHICAL REFERENCES

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10 GEOGRAPHICAL DATA

ACREAGE OF NOMINATED PROPERTY _____

VERBAL BOUNDARY DESCRIPTION

This property occupies parcel #173 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

Marilynn Larew, Architectural Historian

11 December 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.

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

TITLE: 545 Rock Spring

896/344 1 May 1972
Donald M. Coomes & Mary
 to
Elizabeth St. Coeur

672/596 8 April 1965
Mary B. McComas, widow
 to
Donald M. Coomes & Mary

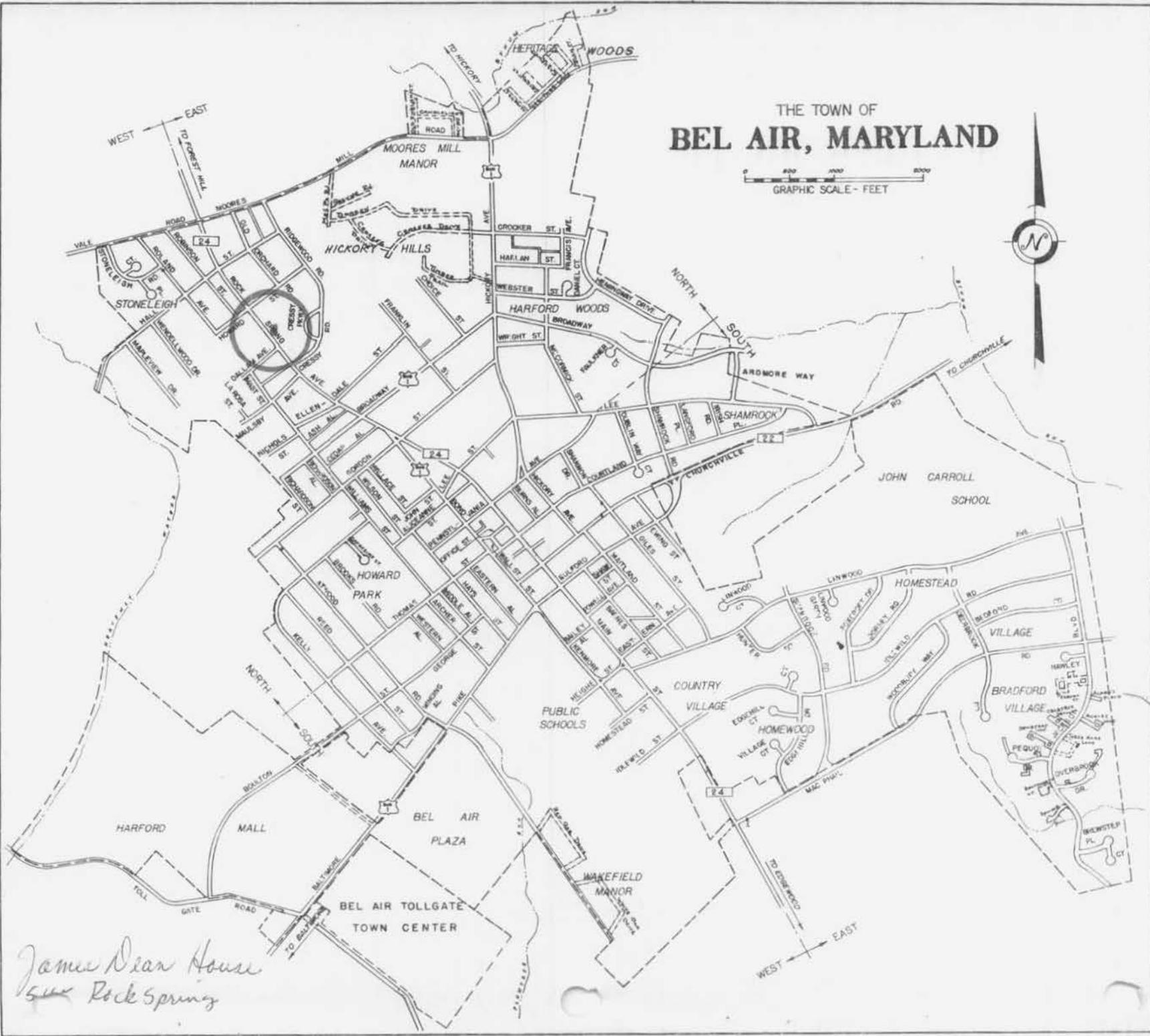
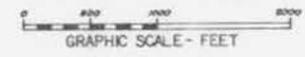
269/380 3 December 1941
Charles J. Kunkel & Charles H.
McComas
 to
Mary B. McComas
equity case Mary McComas vs Charles
McComas
\$12,000 three parcels - this is #2

142/316 24 November 1913
J. Edwin Webster, trustee
 to
Emory A. McComas
\$2000
Webster was trustee in Julia W.
Hanway vs. Elizabeth H. Poe et al
"premises lately occupied by Julia Hanway"

104/143 24 March 1902
Hannah A. Dean
 to
Julia W. Hanway (Mrs. Edward)
\$1400
land left to Hannah by James Dean

50/400 12 July 1884
George Daugherty & Stevenson Archer
 to
James Dean
\$2500
a larger parcel. Dean sold off parcels
to the north and south of his house

THE TOWN OF
BEL AIR, MARYLAND



HA-1478

*James Dean House
near Rock Spring*



Center:

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Dean-McComas House, 545 Rock Spring, Bel Air
w+seller
M. Larew, 1979



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Dean - McComas House, 545 Rock Spring, Bel Air
n + w elev
M. Larrow, 1979