

HA-1480

Between 1886 & 1890

Wright-Dean House  
604 Rock Spring  
Bel Air  
private

This is another idiosyncratic Victorian house. For one thing it has no front porch. It is possible that one was removed. With the aluminum siding one can not tell. Perhaps the most individual thing about the house is the gable treatment. The pent roof along the gable bottom makes them look like pediments.

The house was built by Col. Edwin Webster. William Hines, the cashier of the Harford National Bank, first rented it and then, in 1890, bought it. It is now divided into three apartments.

ADDENDA (May 1990)

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Paragraph 1

- 1) Add sentence to read, "The house is clad in wide, vinyl clapboards."
- 2) Delete first sentence, Line 9: "All major windows are flanked by shutters."
- 3) Insert the following changes into the description of the door on Line 12: ". . . surrounding a **new, metal** door."
- 4) Second-to-last sentence should be refined to read: "A single story shed addition, **with multi-pane casement windows**, on the north two bays of the rear (west) elevation completes the house."

Add a final paragraph to contain the following sentence: "There is a detached, one-story, tongue-and-groove storage shed to the rear of the house."

INVENTORY FORM FOR STATE HISTORIC SITES SURVEY

**1 NAME**

HISTORIC

Wright - Dean House

AND/OR COMMON

**2 LOCATION**

STREET & NUMBER

604 Rockspring

1st

CITY, TOWN

Bel Air

\_\_\_ VICINITY OF

CONGRESSIONAL DISTRICT

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 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 type="checkbox"/> PRIVATE RESIDENCE
<input type="checkbox"/> SITE	<b>PUBLIC ACQUISITION</b>	<b>ACCESSIBLE</b>	<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 checked="" type="checkbox"/> OTHER Apts.

**4 OWNER OF PROPERTY**

NAME

W. Wylie Hopkins, Jr.

Telephone #: 879-6527

STREET & NUMBER

811 Rockspring

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 #: 437

Folio #: 341

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**

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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 two and a half story, L-shaped house is at 604 Rockspring Avenue in the Town of Bel Air, Harford County, Maryland. It has a steeply sloped slate roof. The front (east) and south gables form pediments with a narrow band of slates at the bottom. The front and rear (east and west) gables have a pair of 1/1 double hung sash windows. The south gable has the ubiquitous round headed 2/2 window. The other windows are 2/2 except for those in the first story front and the one in the east bay of the south elevation which are 2/4. All major windows are flanked by shutters. The main entrance is in the north bay of the east elevation. It is composed of four pane transom with two pane over panel side lights (the top pane of the side lights being frosted) surrounding the original four panel door. The south two story ell has a pair of 2/2 windows in each story topped by its own gable. A single story shed addition on the north two bays of the rear (west) elevation completes the house. Kitchen and bath are in the shed.

The interior is divided into three apartments, one to each floor. The entrance hall is on the north with the open string, single run staircase along the north wall. It has turned balusters and a slender turned newel. The living room of the first floor is to the south of the hall. It has a fireplace in the west wall between the door to the bedroom (s) and the arched opening to the dining room (n). The mantel has a large square opening and gouge work on the engaged colonettes, the frieze, and the brackets supporting the molded shelf.

West of the hall and living room are (s) the bedroom and (n) the dining room with a built in corner cupboard in the northwest corner. West again, in the shed addition are a small bath (s) and the kitchen (n).

The living room of the second floor apartment also has a fireplace. The wooden mantel is composed of panelled colonettes on blocks supporting a plain shelf. The frieze is also panelled. This apartment has living room, bedroom, small front (e) chamber used currently as a dinette, bath, and kitchen.

The attic level has one large room with a small kitchen and bath.

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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
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<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      Between 1886 & 1890 BUILDER/ARCHITECT

STATEMENT OF SIGNIFICANCE

This elegantly spare late Victorian house was built by Col. Edwin H. Webster on land he leased from Mary Dallam in 1886 (56/352). William N. Hines, cashier of the Harford National Bank, rented the house and then bought it in 1890 (67/49). Hines died in 1895 and his widow moved to Baltimore City. In 1898 she sold the house to J. Edgar Dean for \$2,100 (95/73). Dean died in 1922 and left a life estate in the property to Agnes J. Carter with the remainder to his daughter Hazel Dean Wright (will 17/6). Agnes Carter died in 1950. In 1955 the Wrights sold the house to W. Wylie Hopkins, Jr. (437/341). The building is now divided into three apartments, one to each floor. It is up for sale.

**9 MAJOR BIBLIOGRAPHICAL REFERENCES**

Harford Democrat

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**10 GEOGRAPHICAL DATA**

ACREAGE OF NOMINATED PROPERTY \_\_\_\_\_

VERBAL BOUNDARY DESCRIPTION

This property occupies parcel #115 in the Town of Bel Air.  
100' x 200'

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

17 November 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.

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

Webster-Hines-Dean House: Barn/Carriage House Foundation  
604 Rock Spring Avenue  
#HA-1480

Item 7, Description (Continuation Sheet)

The remains of a barn/carriage house are located at the rear of the property near the intersection of Howard Street with the alley between Rock Spring and Roland Avenues.

The foundation remains consist of a grouping of small to medium sized rocks and stones. The floor plan of the barn/carriage house is no longer discernible from these remains.

TITLE: 604 ROCKSPRING

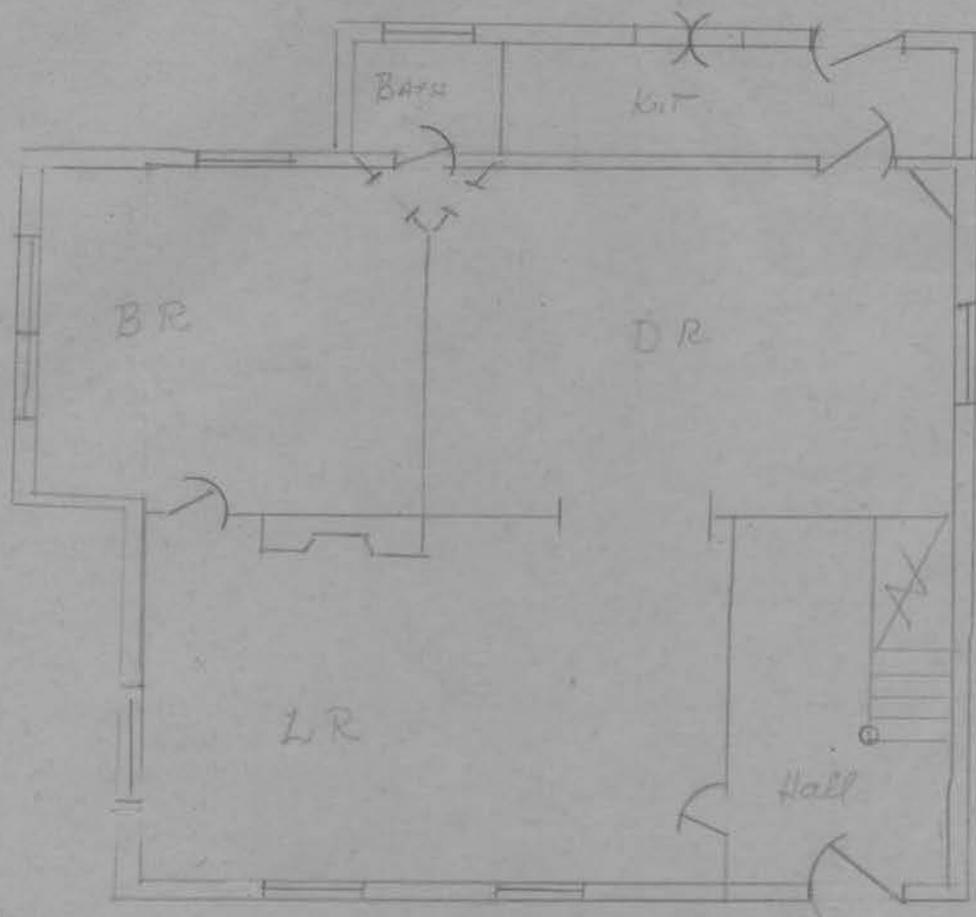
437/341            11 June 1955  
Hazel Dean Wright & Robert  
                  to  
W. Wylie Hopkins, Jr.

344/437            8 July 1950  
Janet E. Pyle, unmarried  
                  to  
Hazel Dean Wright & Robert

344/434            8 July 1950  
Hazel Dean Wright (L. Hazel Wright)  
and Robert  
                  to  
Janet Pyle  
J. Edgar Dean died September 2, 1922 and  
left a life estate in the property to  
Agnes J. Carter with the remainder to  
his daughter Hazel Dean Wright (will 17/6).  
Carter died March 20, 1950.

95/73             22 December 1898  
Anna W. Hines, widow, of Baltimore City  
                  to  
J. Edgar Dean  
\$2,100  
Property left to Anna Hines by her  
husband William M. Hines (will 11/446)

67/49             24 January 1890  
Mary Dallam & Edwin H. Webster  
                  to  
William M. Hines  
"Where he now resides"  
the land was leased by Mary Dallam to  
Edwin H. Webster in 1886 (56/352)



M. LARSEN  
1979

WRIGHT-DEAN HOUSE  
604 ROCKSPRING  
BEL AIR

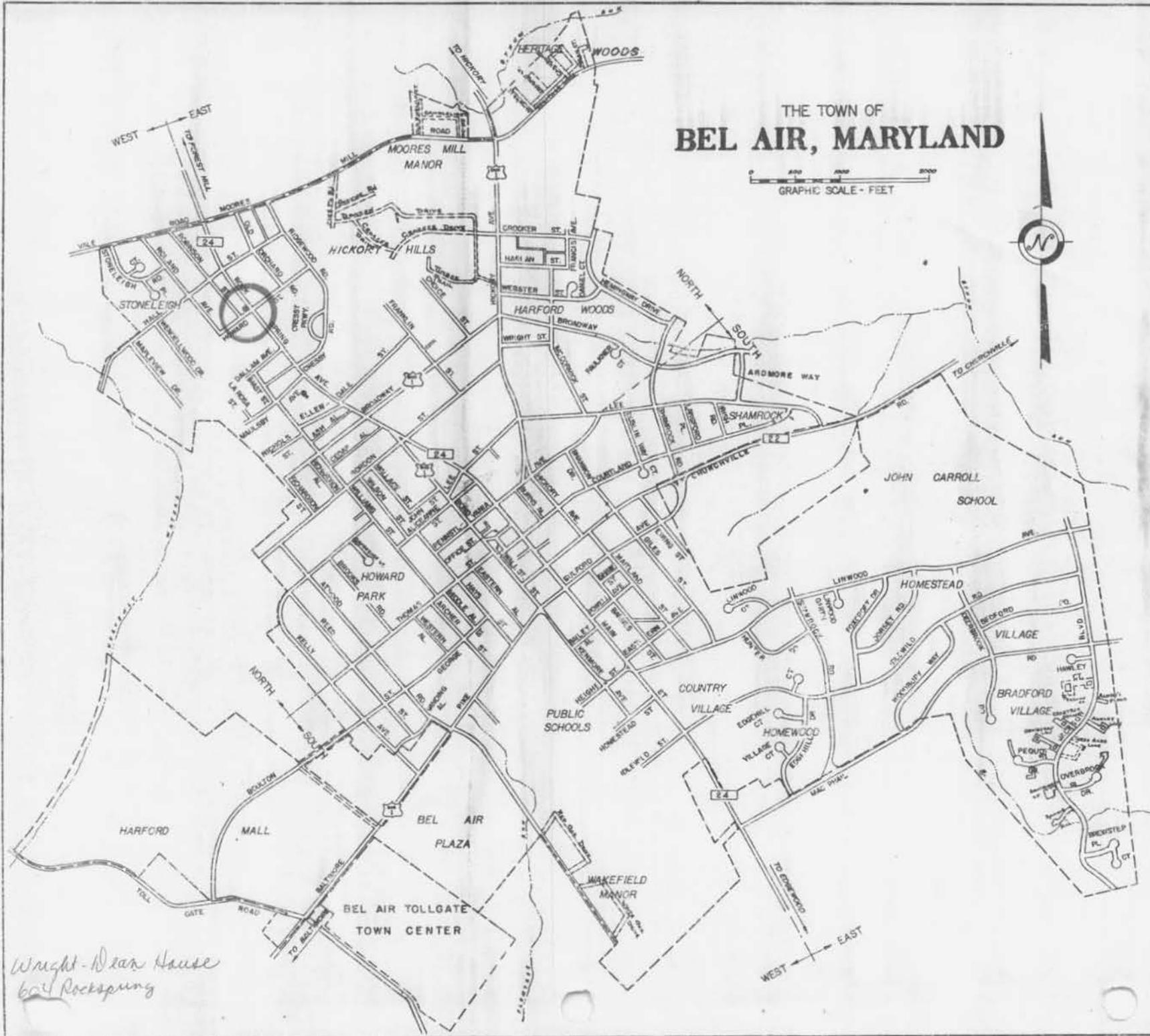
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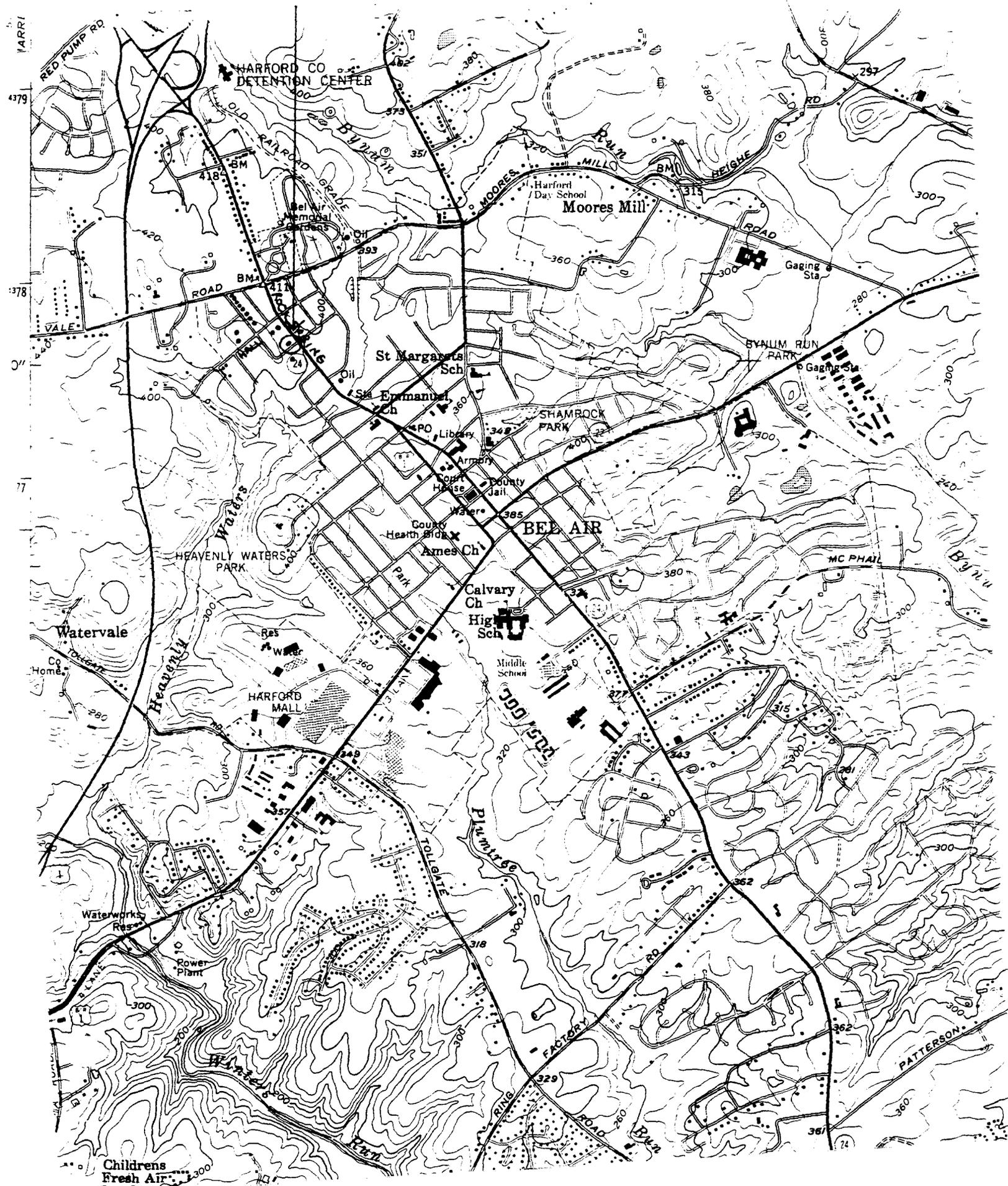
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Wright-Dean House, 604 Rock Spring, Bel Air  
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Wright - Dean House, 604 Rock Spring, Bel Air  
w+s elev

M. Lauer, 1979



Webster-Kings - Bean House: Carriage House / Barn Ruin  
Rear of 604 Rock Spring Avenue, at corner of  
Howard Street and alley

JULIE HUELER  
5/1/90  
Facing NORTH

HA-1490

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Webster + Lines - Dean House : Carriage House / Barn Ruin  
Rear of 604 Rock Spring Avenue, at corner of  
Howard Street and alley

Julie Mueller

5/1/90

Facing east

MA-1480