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1886

Rebecca Evans House
612 Rock Spring
Bel Air
private

This handsome house is one of the best decorated in Town with its carved barge boards and the intricate porch brackets. It also has that Bel Air favorite, a two story hexagonal bay window on the north and south elevations of the main block. The slate Victorian mantels in the double parlors are noteworthy.

The house is so similar to the 1887 William Doxen House, 314 North Hickory, which was designed by Jacob Bull, that it is quite possible he designed this house.

ADDENDA (May 1990)

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Paragraph 2

1) Change Line 2 to read: "The first floor front is shaded by a **flat-roof** porch with molded cornice . . . "

MARYLAND HISTORICAL TRUST

INVENTORY FORM FOR STATE HISTORIC SITES SURVEY

1 NAME

HISTORIC
Rebecca Evans House
AND/OR COMMON
Ringenberg House

2 LOCATION

STREET & NUMBER
612 Rock Spring 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 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
Merl G. Ringenberg Telephone #: 838-3045
STREET & NUMBER
612 Rock Spring
CITY, TOWN
Bel Air VICINITY OF STATE, zip code
Maryland 21014

5 LOCATION OF LEGAL DESCRIPTION

COURTHOUSE,
REGISTRY OF DEEDS, ETC. Harford County Courthouse
STREET & NUMBER
Main Street
CITY, TOWN
Bel Air STATE
Maryland

Liber #: 401
Folio #: 80

6 REPRESENTATION IN EXISTING SURVEYS

TITLE

DATE

FEDERAL STATE COUNTY LOCAL

DEPOSITORY FOR
SURVEY RECORDS

CITY, TOWN

STATE

7 DESCRIPTION

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

DESCRIBE THE PRESENT AND ORIGINAL (IF KNOWN) PHYSICAL APPEARANCE

This elegant and severe, aluminum-sided Victorian house is at 612 Rock Spring in the Town of Bel Air, Harford County, Maryland. Its two and a half story facade is divided strongly into three bays, the center bay projecting and having its own gable roof with carved barge boards. The two chimney stacks flank this projecting bay from the roof ridge sentinel-like. This bay is also flanked by a shed-roofed dormer with a four pane casement in a moulded surround. A 2/2 double-hung sash window, segmental-arched and set in a pointed arched surround with applied decoration above the segmental arch occupies the gable of the center bay just under the barge boards. All the windows below that on the facade (east elevation) are paired, 2/2 in the second story and 2/4 long in the first story. All of the other windows in the house are 2/2 except for a pair of three pane casements in the first story rear (west) elevation. All the windows except those in the dormers are flanked by narrow shutters.

The entrance is in the projecting bay. A large Queen Anne transom and three pane over one panel sidelights flank the original four panel door. The first floor front is shaded by a hipped-roof porch with a molded cornice carried on chamfered posts and having scroll brackets and a balustrade with very slender balusters.

The side (north and south) elevations of the main block have matching two story octagonal bay windows. The four bay back building has its own gable roof and meets the rear of the main block to give the house a T shape. A third chimney stack rises through the roof ridge in the middle of the back building.

The house has three more porches, two of them the result of additions to the house. On the northwest side of the main block is a one bay second story addition with a shed roof supported on a plain square posts. It may have been planned as a bathroom. It is now a large closet. The overhanging room creates a small porch underneath, but there is no access to it from the house. Two bays were added to the back building at some time. On the ground floor the room holds the present kitchen. A small screened porch is in the southeast corner, overhung by a second story room. The third porch is on the south side of the back building. It has a shed roof and is two bays long, currently screened. It has chamfered posts and scroll brackets like the front porch. A one bay enclosed addition to the west end of the porch holds a bathroom. There is an entrance to the present dining-room (former kitchen) from this side porch. A two-pane transom and glass over panel sidelights frame a pair of pane over panel doors.

A detailed description of the house inevitably makes it sound busy. This house, while it shows a good deal of movement, is surprisingly restful in its total effect.

The main block of the house has a center hall with parlors on either side. The parlors have matching slate mantels with round openings and a cartouche. The south parlor retains that function; the north parlor has had its bay window blocked with book shelves and is used as a sitting room. The open string, dog-leg staircase rises along the north wall of the center hall. It has turned balusters and newel.

The first (east) room of the back building is now the diningroom. It was originally the kitchen. An enclosed back staircase rose against the east wall; it was removed when the present kitchen was added, and the room became a dining-room. The fireplace in the west wall has a slate mentel which matches the others. The opening, however, was originally square; therefore, some bricks show under the round opening of the present mantel.

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9 MAJOR BIBLIOGRAPHICAL REFERENCES

The Aegis
Harford Democrat

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10 GEOGRAPHICAL DATA

ACREAGE OF NOMINATED PROPERTY _____

VERBAL BOUNDARY DESCRIPTION

This property occupies parcel #114 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

Marilynn Larew, Architectural Historian

21 November 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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 The Shaw House, 21 State Circle
 Annapolis, Maryland 21401
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The kitchen is west of the diningroom. It has an enclosed back staircase in the northeast corner. From the southwest corner leads a short hall with a bathroom (the enclosure west of the side porch) to the south. West of the kitchen are a pantry (north) and the rear screened porch (south).

The second story has four bedrooms, two baths, and two large storage rooms. The back building is two steps up west of the stair landing; the center hall of the main block is two steps up to the south of the landing.

The attic level has two large rooms.

The woodwork on the first floor is molded with bracket-like corner blocks, also molded and having incised circles. The rest of the woodwork is molded without the corner blocks.

TITLE: 612 Rock Spring

401/80	2 September 1953 Donald G. Russell & Edith Jeanne to Merl G. Ringenberg & Irene
347/473	23 September 1950 Chester H. Durham & Reba to Donald G. Russell & Edith Jeanne
286/120	19 October 1944 Jacob G. Durham & Evalena to Chester Durham & Reba
223/395	11 July 1932 Philip H. Close, attorney to Jacob G. Durham defaulted mortgage James W. Davis to Jacob Durham (1924, 187/224) S. A. Williams assumed the \$3500 mortgage in 1926
The fee 186/366	6 March 1924 Walter B. Young & Ethel to James W. Davis
142/189	9 September 1913 Mary W. Nelson & William to Walter B. Young \$459 lands left to Mary W. Nelson & Louisa O'Brien by Mary Dallam (1905, will 13/162) Louisa O'Brien conveyed her share to Mary Nelson (1905, 115/291)

the lease
126/367

6 March 1924
S. A. Williams
to
James W. Davis
\$4250
equity case S. A. Williams vs. John A. Evans

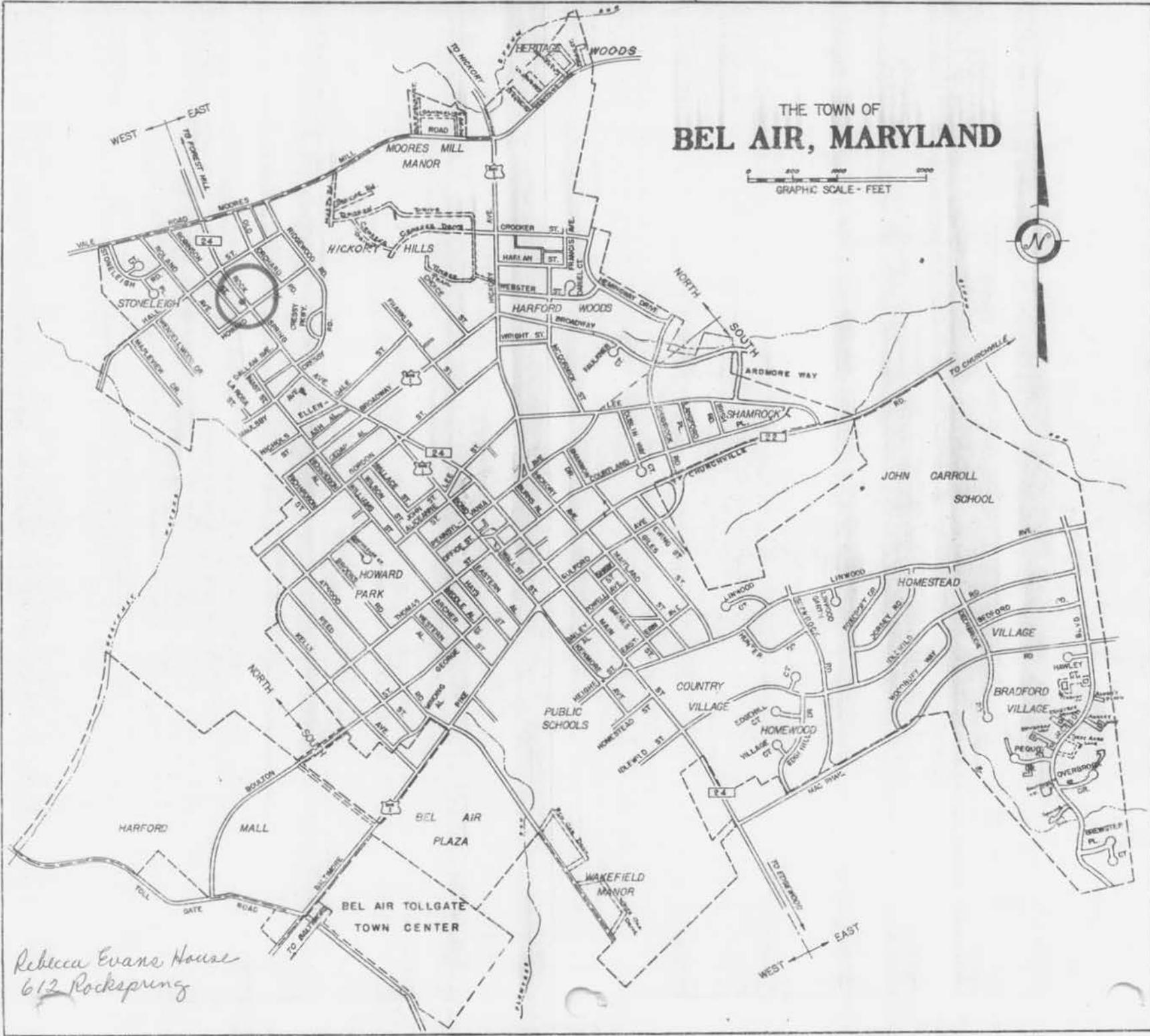
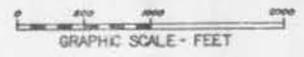
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1895
Rebecca N. Evans
to
John Evans

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1886
Mary Dallam
to
Rebecca Evans

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M. Lamm, 1979



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w + s elev
M. Larue, 1979



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Rebecca Evans House, 612 Rock Spring, Bel Air
n. elev
M. Larew, 1979