

HA-1492

Between 1886 & 1904

House  
129 Thomas  
Bel Air  
Private

This house was also originally a two bay gable-roofed shotgun house. Additions have given it a T-shape. Decorative elements include the fishscale shingles in the front gable as well as the louvered vent there, and the chamfered porch posts.

MARYLAND HISTORICAL TRUST

INVENTORY FORM FOR STATE HISTORIC SITES SURVEY

**1 NAME**

HISTORIC

AND/OR COMMON

House

**2 LOCATION**

STREET & NUMBER

129 Thomas Street

1st

CITY, TOWN

Bel Air

CONGRESSIONAL DISTRICT

\_\_\_ VICINITY OF

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	<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 type="checkbox"/> OTHER rental

**4 OWNER OF PROPERTY**

NAME

George N. Weber

Telephone #: 838-6632

STREET & NUMBER

708 Linwood Avenue

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 #: 554

Folio #: 359

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

HA-14-2

# 7 DESCRIPTION

<b>CONDITION</b>		<b>CHECK ONE</b>	<b>CHECK ONE</b>
<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 small, two-story, T-shaped house is at 129 Thomas Street in the Town of Bel Air, Harford County, Maryland. A block showing one bay on each side of the back of the original two-bay shotgun house has been added, giving it the T-shape. Decorative elements include fish-scale shingles in the gable of the front (north) elevation, the gable louvered vent, and the shed porch carried on chamfered posts. There is no porch balustrade. A stove chimney rises outside on the west elevation. A metal hood shades the kitchen door in the west bay (north side) of the back addition and a wrought iron handrail guards the steps to the door.

The windows in the main block are 6/6 double-hung sash except for the 2/2 window in the east bay of the facade on the ground floor. The windows in the addition are 3/1. The door is new.

CONTINUE ON SEPARATE SHEET IF NECESSARY

**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 between 1886 and 1904 BUILDER/ARCHITECT

STATEMENT OF SIGNIFICANCE

This T-shaped house is slightly atypical of the workingman's housing of the period. Once a shot-gun style like its neighbors, it has been enlarged to its present shape. It was built on part of lot #2 in the Hays Addition. The land was part of the estate of merchant Thomas Hays, wealthy Harford County landowner.

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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 #1215 in the Town of Bel Air, 33.5' x 171'.

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

STATE	COUNTY

## 11 FORM PREPARED BY

NAME / TITLE

Marilynn Larew, Architectural Historian

30 May 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

MARYLAND HISTORICAL TRUST  
 21 STATE CIRCLE  
 SHAW HOUSE  
 ANNAPOLIS, MARYLAND 21401

HISTORIC SITES SURVEY FIELD SHEET  
 Individual Structure Survey Form

SURVEY NUMBER: HA-1492

NEGATIVE FILE NUMBER:

UTM REFERENCES:  
 Zone/Easting/Northing

U.S.G.S. QUAD. MAP:

PRESENT FORMAL NAME:  
*House*

ORIGINAL FORMAL NAME:

PRESENT USE: *rental unit*  
 ORIGINAL USE: *private residence*  
 ARCHITECT/ENGINEER:

BUILDER/CONTRACTOR:

PHYSICAL CONDITION OF STRUCTURE:  
 Excellent ( ) Good (  )  
 Fair ( ) Poor: ( )

THEME: *Architecture*  
 STYLE: *Vernacular*

DATE BUILT:  
*between 1886 + 1904*

COUNTY: *Howard*  
 TOWN: *Beltan*  
 LOCATION: *129 Thomas*  
 COMMON NAME: *House*  
 FUNCTIONAL TYPE: *private residence*  
 OWNER: *George N. Weber*  
 ADDRESS: *708 Linswood Ave  
 Beltan, Md*  
 ACCESSIBILITY TO PUBLIC:  
 Yes ( ) No ( ) Restricted (  )  
 LEVEL OF SIGNIFICANCE:  
 Local (  ) State ( ) National ( )

GENERAL DESCRIPTION:

Structural System

1. Foundation: Stone ( ) Brick ( ) Concrete ( ) Concrete Block ( )
2. Wall Structure
  - A. Wood Frame: Post and Beam ( ) Balloon ( )
  - B. Wood Bearing Masonry: Brick ( ) Stone ( ) Concrete ( ) Concrete Block ( )
  - C. Iron ( ) D. Steel ( ) E. Other:
3. Wall Covering: Clapboard ( ) Board and Batten ( ) Wood Shingle ( ) Shiplap (  )  
 Novelty ( ) Stucco ( ) Sheet Metal ( ) Aluminum ( ) Asphalt Shingle ( )  
 Brick Veneer ( ) Stone Veneer ( )  
 Bonding Pattern: Other:
4. Roof Structure
  - A. Truss: Wood ( ) Iron ( ) Steel ( ) Concrete ( )
  - B. Other:
5. Roof Covering: Slate ( ) Wood Shingle ( ) Asphalt Shingle (  ) Sheet Metal ( )  
 Built Up ( ) Rolled ( ) Tile ( ) Other:
6. Engineering Structure:
7. Other:

Appendages: Porches (  ) Towers ( ) Cupolas ( ) Dormers ( ) Chimneys (  ) Sheds ( ) Ells ( )  
 Wings ( ) Other:

Roof Style: Gable ( ) Hip ( ) Shed ( ) Flat ( ) Mansard ( ) Gambrel ( ) Jerkinhead ( )  
 Saw Tooth ( ) With Monitor ( ) With Bellcast ( ) With Parapet ( ) With False Front ( )  
 Other:

Number of Stories: 2  
 Number of Bays: 2 (*back 1 bay each side*) Entrance Location: Thomas St.  
 Approximate Dimensions:

THREAT TO STRUCTURE:  
 No Threat ( ) Zoning ( ) Roads ( )  
 Development (  ) Deterioration ( )  
 Alteration ( ) Other:

LOCAL ATTITUDES:  
 Positive ( ) Negative ( )  
 Mixed ( ) Other:

## ADDITIONAL ARCHITECTURAL OR STRUCTURAL DESCRIPTION:

shotgun with back block T shaped - fish scale shingles  
 in front gable + louvered double vent - windows  $\frac{6}{6}$  up +  
 sills,  $\frac{2}{2}$  down front - new door - side stone chimney  
 shed porch chamfered posts, no balustrade - metal hood over  
 kit. door in W bay of back addit. + wrought iron handrail  
 $\frac{3}{1}$  windows in addit 2 bays in back

RELATED STRUCTURES: (Describe)

## STATEMENT OF SIGNIFICANCE:

Working man's housing

## REFERENCES:

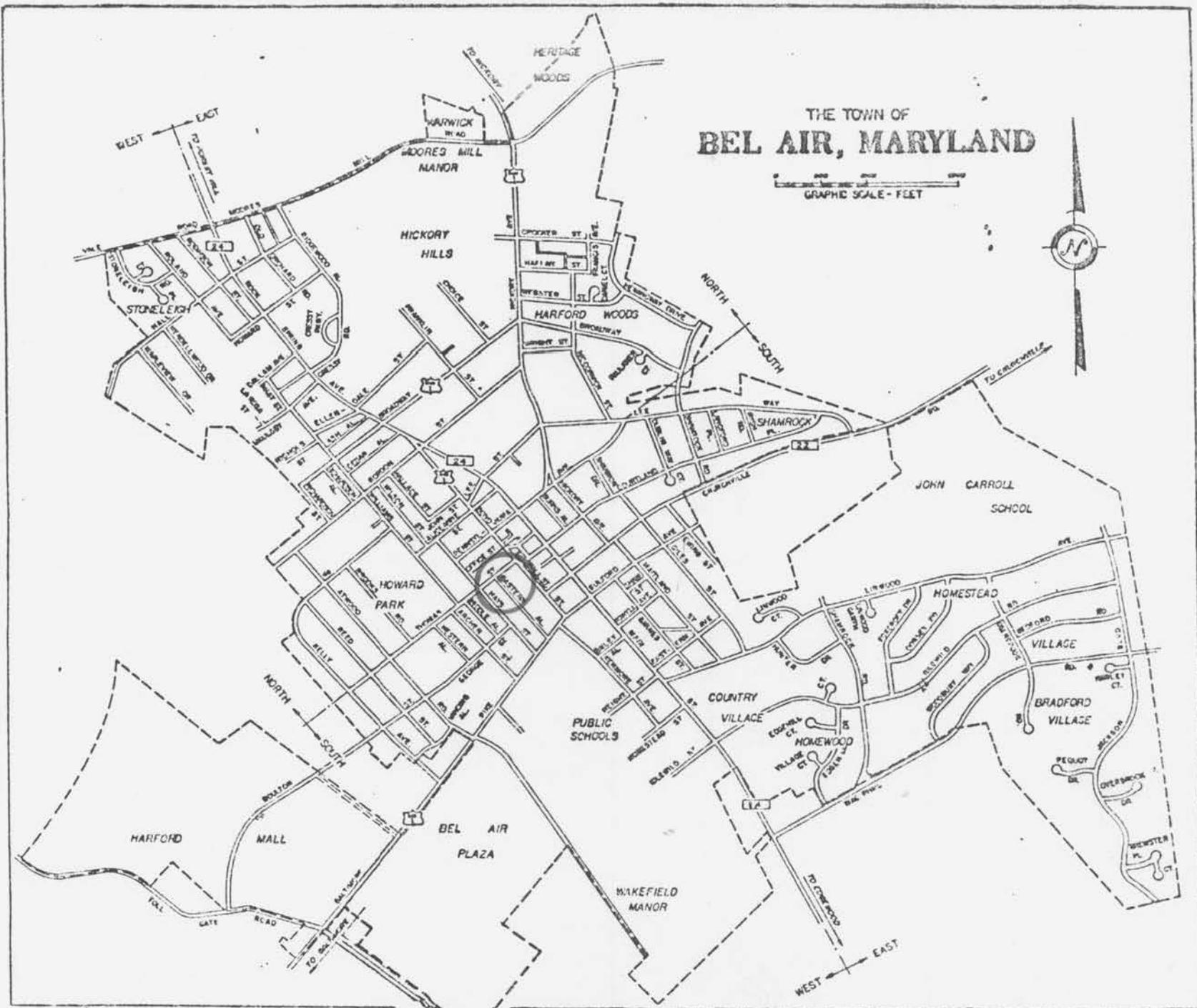
MAP: (Indicate North In Circle)



## SURROUNDING ENVIRONMENT:

Open Lane( ) Woodland( ) Scattered Buildings( )  
 Moderately Built Up( ) Densely Built Up( )  
 Residential( ) Commercial()  
 Agricultural( ) Industrial( )  
 Roadside Strip Development( )  
 Other:

M. Larew  
 RECORDED BY:  
 Town of Belair  
 ORGANIZATION:  
 29 May 79  
 DATE RECORDED:



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