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FRAMEWORK FOR IDENTIFYING COMPREHENSIVE PLAN DATA

HISTORIC CONTEXT:

MARYLAND COMPREHENSIVE HISTORIC PRESERVATION PLAN DATA

Geographic Organization:
3. Piedmont

Chronological/Developmental Period:

- 11. Industrial/Urban Dominance 1870-1930
- 12. Modern Period 1930 - present

Prehistoric/Historic Period Theme:
2. Architecture, Landscape Architecture, and Community Planning

Resource Type:

Category: Architecture

Historic Environment: Urban

Historic Function and Use: Private Residence

Known Design Source: unknown
Survey No. HA-1786
Magi No.
DOE __yes__ no

1. Name (indicate preferred name)

historic Finney House

and/or common

2. Location

street & number 310 Williams St. n/a not for publication

city, town Bel Air __ vicinity of congressional district 3rd

state MD county Harford

3. Classification

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4. Owner of Property (give names and mailing addresses of all owners)

name Mr. and Mrs. Donald C. Finney

street & number 310 Williams St. telephone no.: 838-4583

city, town Bel Air state and zip code MD 21014

5. Location of Legal Description

courthouse, registry of deeds, etc. Harford County Courthouse liber 926

street & number Bel Air folio 1052

city, town Bel Air state MD

6. Representation in Existing Historical Surveys

title

date federal state county local

Repository for survey records

city, town state
Prepare both a summary paragraph and a general description of the resource and its various elements as it exists today.

Contributing resource count: one

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The house's gable slate roof is broken in front by 2 hipped dormers which each have a pair of 9 pane casement windows. Its 1/1 double-hung sash windows, paired in the middle bay of the second story front and first story rear (west) are flanked by black plastic shutters, as is the door in the north bay of the facade. The hip-roofed front porch is carried on 4 simple round posts linked by a square post balustrade.

An enclosed shed porch ia across 2 bays in the north part of the west elevation and a side entrance in the north elevation has a shed stoop. A center chimney with a black cap in the ridge of the roof completes the exterior of this simple but elegant house.

The interior was not accessible.
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In 1973, Mr. Finney sold the property to his son Donald after the death of his wife Evelyn Pyle Finney. He moved around the corner to West Broadway, where he lived in 106 and then 108 [HA-1799, HA-1800], houses his wife had inherited from her parents, Herman and Bertha Pyle. The house is still occupied by Donald Finney.
9. Major Bibliographical References

Harford County Land Records.
The Aegis, 24 April 1925.
Site visit, June 1993.

10. Geographical Data

Acreage of nominated property

Quadrangle name Bel Air

Quadrangle scale 1:24,000

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Verbal boundary description and justification

Parcel 454 in the Town of Bel Air, 22,500 sq. ft.

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11. Form Prepared By

name/title Dr. Marilynn M. Larew

organization date 6-21-93

street & number RD 1 Box 219 New Park Rd. telephone 717-993-3557

city or town New Park state PA 17352

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return to: Maryland Historical Trust
Shaw House
21 State Circle
Annapolis, Maryland 21401
(301) 269-2438
HA-1786
Finney House
310 Williams St.
Bel Air, MD 21014

owner: Donald Finney

926/1052 18 May 1973
William O. Finney, widower
to
Donald C. Finney & Dora C., wife
lots 32-37, block E, Richardson's Addition
title splits
title to lots 32-35

181/300 straw deeds to put Evelyn on, suggesting marriage and
house built subsequently

181/299 15 March 1923
to and from Bessie L. Renwick
lots 32-35

178/47 13 April 1922
Joanna L. Sherman and George T., husband
to
William Finney
$365 for lots 34 and 35

164/169 9 June 1919
Joanna L. Sherman and George T., husband
to
William C. Finney
$400 for lots 32 and 33

147/373 24 May 1915
Henrietta Rouse et al
to
George T. Sherman and Joanna L., wife
$640 for lots 32-35 in block E, Richardson's Addition
title to lots 36 and 37:

343/245 7 June 1950
Herman B. Pyle and Bertha C., wife
to
William O. Finney and Evelyn Pyle Finney, wife to
William and daughter to Herman and Bertha
lots 36 and 37 in block E of Richardson's Addition
198/185  21 April 1926  
David J. Wilson  
to  
Herman B. Pyle and Bertha  
$400 for lots 36 and 37

147/362  24 May 1915  
Henrietta G. Rouse, et al  
to  
David J. Wilson  
lots 36 and 37  
the subdivision date: 15 May 1915  
The Rouses and Mary Richardson sub-divided Richardson's Addition.
310 WILLIAMS ST.
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