

HA-1792  
1925  
Bel Air  
Private

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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:

  x   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

**Maryland Historical Trust  
State Historic Sites Inventory Form**

MARYLAND INVENTORY OF  
HISTORIC PROPERTIES

Survey No. HA-1792

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DOE  yes  no

**1. Name** (indicate preferred name)

historic Thomas-Sauer House

and/or common

**2. Location**

street & number 124 W. Gordon St. n/a not for publication

city, town Bel Air \_\_\_\_\_ vicinity of \_\_\_\_\_ congressional district 3rd

state MD \_\_\_\_\_ 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 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 checked="" type="checkbox"/> not applicable	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> no	<input type="checkbox"/> military	<input type="checkbox"/> other:

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

name Mrs. Samuel E. Sauers

street & number 124 W. Gordon St. telephone no.: 838-7250

city, town Bel Air state and zip code MD 21014

**5. Location of Legal Description**

courthouse, registry of deeds, etc. Harford County Courthouse liber 278

street & number \_\_\_\_\_ folio 93

city, town Bel Air state MD

**6. Representation in Existing** Historical Surveys

title \_\_\_\_\_

date \_\_\_\_\_  federal  state  county  local

depository for survey records \_\_\_\_\_

city, town \_\_\_\_\_ state \_\_\_\_\_

# 7. Description

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<b>Condition</b>		<b>Check one</b>	<b>Check one</b>	
<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 type="checkbox"/> altered	<input type="checkbox"/> moved	date of move _____
<input type="checkbox"/> fair	<input type="checkbox"/> unexposed	UNKNOWN		

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 only ornament to the facade is the shed porch carried on 3 square posts. The surrounds of the 6/1 double-hung sash windows and the doors are painted green. There is a side entrance on the west elevation with a shed roof, paneling half way up on the south and west sides, and 2 square posts on top of that supporting the roof. Stairs leading up to the porch on the north side have a plain wooden post balustrade.

The interior was not accessible.

# 8. Significance

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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 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** c. 1925 **Builder/Architect** McComas Brothers

check: Applicable Criteria:  A  B  C  D  
and/or

Applicable Exception:  A  B  C  D  E  F  G

Level of Significance:  national  state  local

Prepare both a summary paragraph of significance and a general statement of history and support.

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William Thomas and his wife Lida owned it until 1931. Mrs. Thomas then married William J. Rider, and the property passed to them. (There is no indication in the land records as to what happened to Thomas.) They sold it to Samuel and Lillian Sauers in 1943. The widowed Mrs. Sauers lives there today.

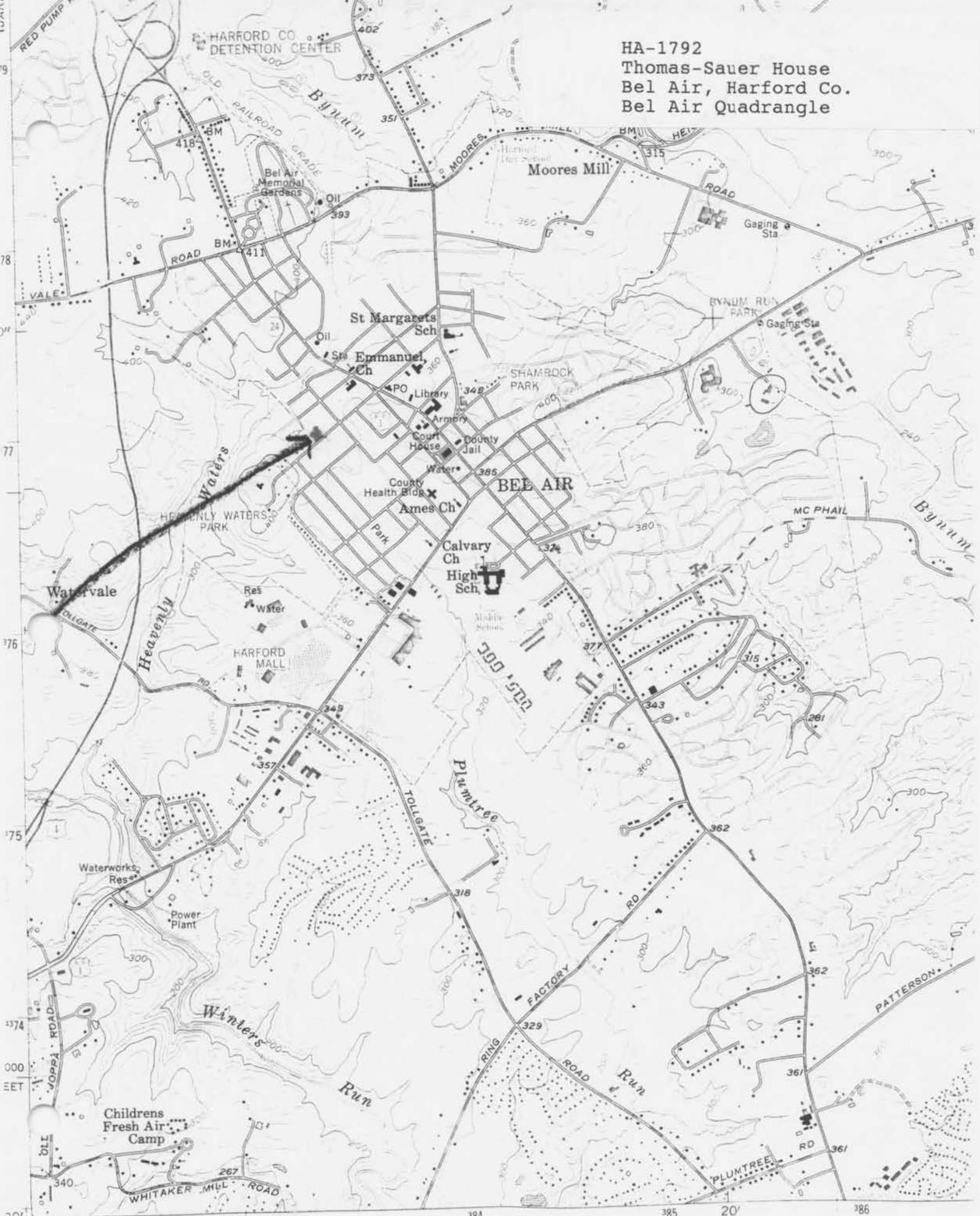


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Thomas-Sauer House  
124 West Gordon Street  
Bel Air, MD 21014

owner: Mrs. Samuel E. Sauers

- 278/93      12 May 1943  
            William J. Rider and Lida, wife  
                    to  
            Samuel E. Sauers and Lillian, wife  
            lots 24 and 25 in block E, Richardson's Addition
- 218/57, 58    straw deeds to and from Sue B. Amos  
            19 January 1931  
            Lida V. Rider used to be Lida V. Thomas. Deeds to get  
            William A. Thomas off and William J. Rider on the deed
- 193/178      15 May 1925  
            Emory A. McComas and Mary B., wife  
            M. Stanley McComas and Sarah E., wife  
                    to  
            William A. Thomas and Lida, wife
- 189/381      29 August 1922  
            Harry S. Carver and wife  
                    to  
            Emory and M. Stanley McComas as tenants in common
- 169/404      7 June 1920  
            Henrietta Rouse et al  
                    to  
            Harry S. Carver  
            The Rouses and Mary Richardson owned Richardson's  
            Addition.

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Bel Air Quadrangle





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