

HA-1803
1923
Bel Air
Private

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Coale House
Bel Air, Harford Co.

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

7. Description

Survey No. AA-153

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 of move _____
<input type="checkbox"/> fair	<input type="checkbox"/> unexposed			

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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Fenestration on the west elevation is irregular, with 2 windows on the first floor, one in the center of the second, and a casement above and to the south of that. The kitchen shed has a casement in the west bay.

Entry is directly into the living room which occupies the whole of the front of the house. A closed-string, dog-leg staircase rises along the west wall. It has a square stock newel and square balusters. The east wall is occupied by a fireplace with a white classical mantel. Hard wood floors are in excellent condition, and the woodwork is plain except for a small bead on the lintel. Interior doors have 5 horizontal panels. South of the living room are the dining room to the east and the kitchen, with built in cupboards in knotty pine, probably dating to the 1950s, on the west. Three bedrooms are on the second floor, their ceilings shaped by the slope of the roof.

The interior is unusually light and airy for a bungalow.

8. Significance

Survey No. HA-1003

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 1923 **Builder/Architect** unknown

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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In 1969, Coale's widow, Florence, sold the house to William and Mary Ann Hartley, who raised African Violets in the white painted and absolutely spotless basement. They designed the superb flower border in the back yard. Recently the house has been purchased by Patricia Harmon, who moved there from Aberdeen.

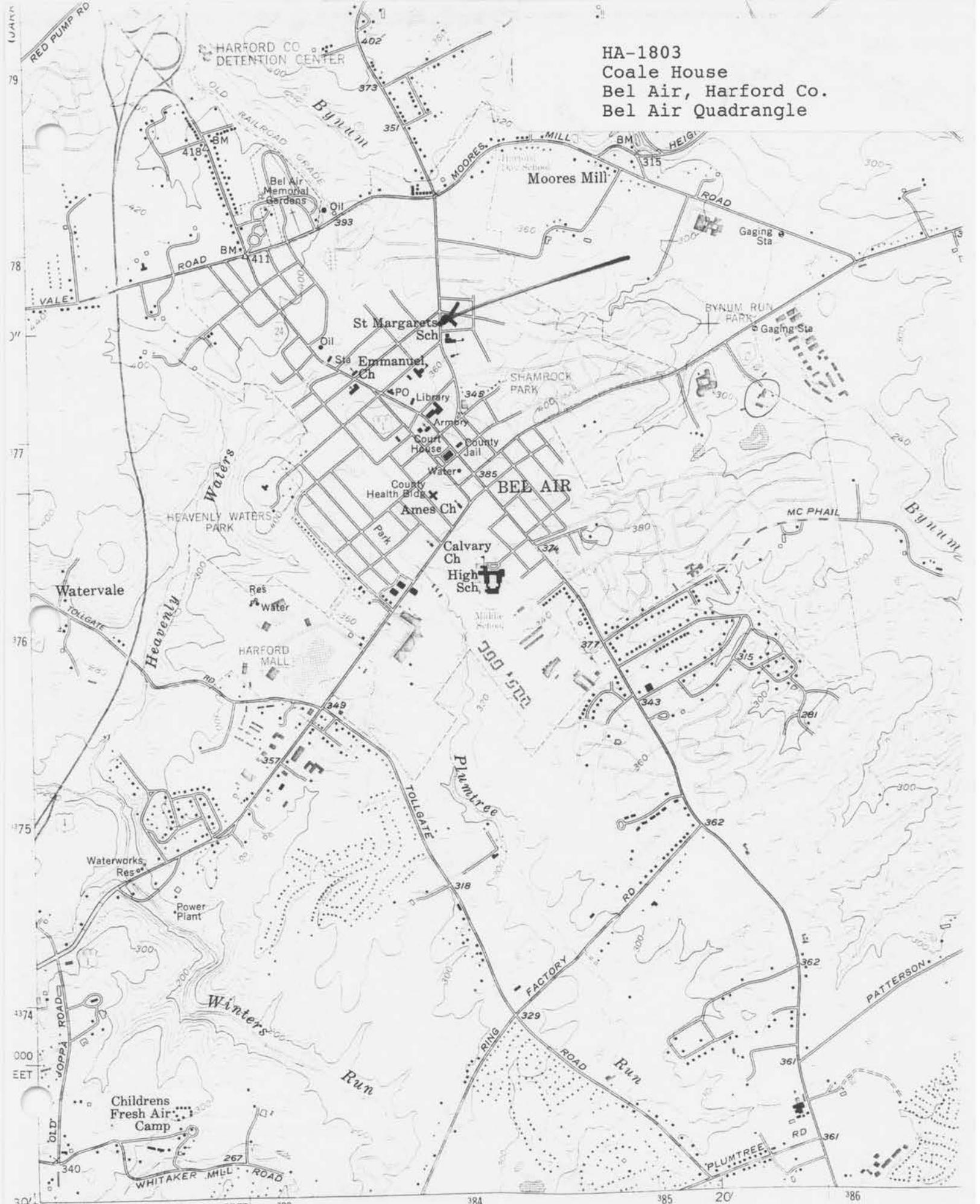
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Dale Coale House
315 Webster
Bel Air, MD 21014

Owner: William G. Hartley

829/26 20 Oct 1969
 Florence M. Coale, widow
 to
 William G. Hartley and Mary Ann R.
 lots 57, 58, 59 in block A of Ingleside (plat in plat
 book 3/28, dated 5 June 1935, the lands of the late J.
 Edwin Webster)

183/100 part of
 12 May 1923
 J. Edwin Webster and Dora R.
 to
 Dale W. Coale and Florence M.
 lots 57-63 in block A with the restrictive covenants:
 no house on Conowingo Rd. (Hickory) shall cost less
 than \$4000 and on other streets of Ingleside, \$3000.
 Set back on Conowingo is 35 ft., and 30 ft. on other
 streets. No African-Americans except servants. No
 commercial use for 25 years.

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Bel Air Quadrangle



76°22'30" 382 980 000 FEET 383 384 385 20' 386



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