

HA-1805
1941
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:

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. SA-1805

Magi No.

DOE yes no

1. Name (indicate preferred name)

historic Robinson House

and/or common

2. Location

street & number 324 Webster 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n/a not for publication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	Public Acquisition	Accessible	<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 Ms. Barbara C. Diller

street & number 9229 Arlington Blvd., Apt. 131

telephone no.:

city, town Fairfax

state and zip code

VA 22031

5. Location of Legal Description

courthouse, registry of deeds, etc. Harford County Courthouse liber 1229

street & number

folio 493

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

Survey No. AA-1805

Condition		Check one	Check one	
<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 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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The single bay ell projects in the east bay of the front elevation. The blue clapboard is trimmed in white on gables and the windows and corners of the house. Gables have a slight return. A cornice tops the engaged square columns surrounding the front door, which has the top 2 of its 6 panels in glass. Black shutters flank all the 6/6 double-hung sash windows and a door in the east elevation. A shed-roofed screened porch occupies the northwest bay of the rear.

The interior, which was not accessible, has living room, dinette, kitchen, and bath on the ground floor and 3 bedrooms (one small) and a bath upstairs.

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/
<input type="checkbox"/> 1700-1799	<input type="checkbox"/> art	<input type="checkbox"/> engineering	<input type="checkbox"/> music	<input type="checkbox"/> humanitarian
<input type="checkbox"/> 1800-1899	<input type="checkbox"/> commerce	<input type="checkbox"/> exploration/settlement	<input type="checkbox"/> philosophy	<input type="checkbox"/> theater
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> 1900-	<input type="checkbox"/> communications	<input type="checkbox"/> industry	<input type="checkbox"/> politics/government	<input type="checkbox"/> transportation
		<input type="checkbox"/> invention		<input type="checkbox"/> other (specify)

Specific dates 1941 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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During World War II, when the expansion of Aberdeen Proving Ground and Edgewood Arsenal brought many new people to Harford County and housing was scarce, this small house was divided into 2 apartments, according to resident Ted Sterling, a former college professor and dean, now a historian with the Ordnance Corps at Aberdeen. Anne Sterling is president of the Harford County Board of Education. She is the daughter of the owner, Barbara Diller.

In the 1950s the property was held as a rental by Georgia A. S. Fulford, widow of Alex Fulford, the druggist. It passed to her nephews on her death.

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Robinson House
324 Webster
Bel Air, MD 21014

owner: Theodore C. Diller

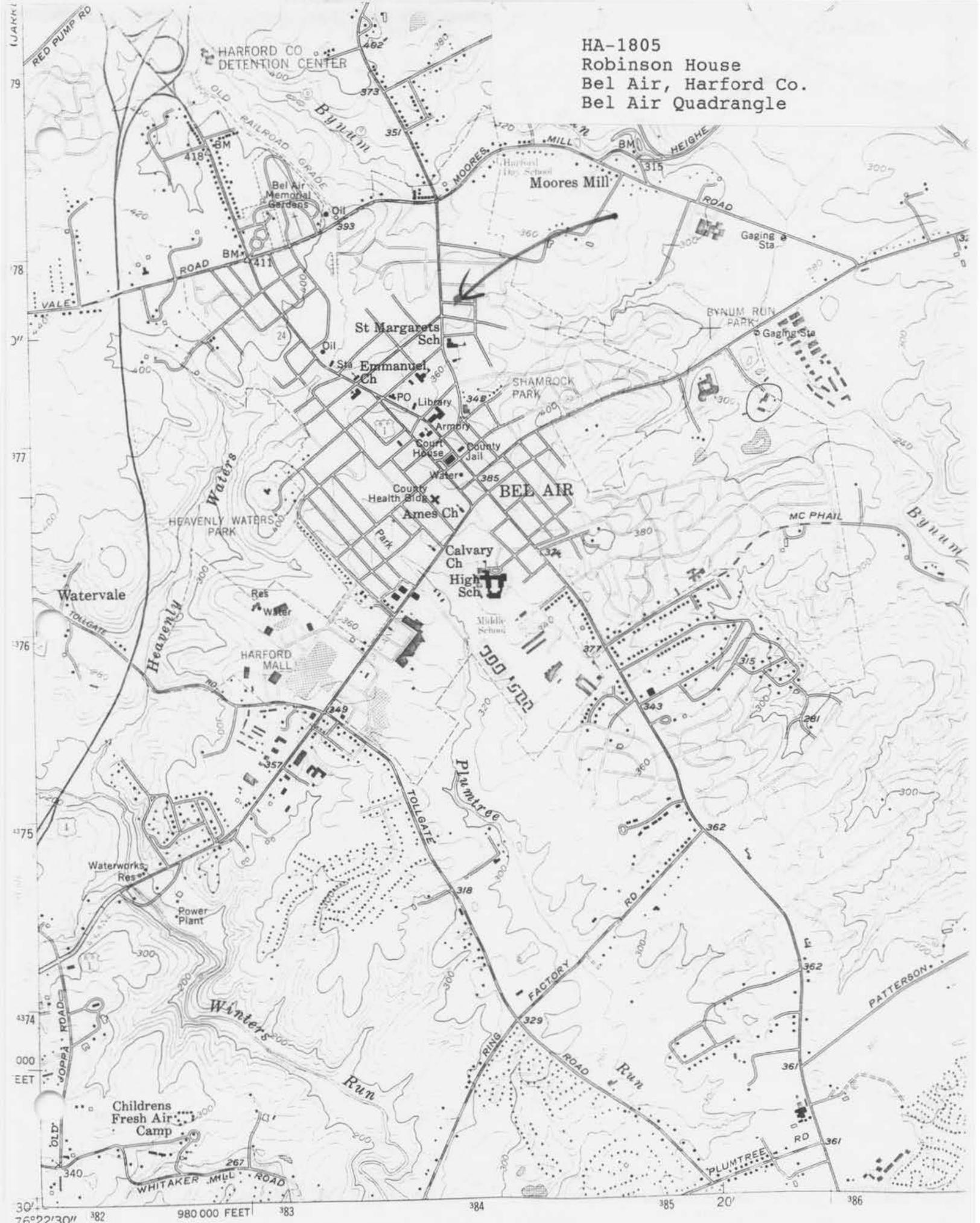
- 1229/493 11 June 1984
Charles A. Caine and Bonnie V. Caine (formerly Bonnie
V. Hartley)
to
Theodore C. Diller and Barbara C.
\$79,000
lots 4 and 5 and east half of 3 in block A of Ingleside
(plat in plat book 3/28, dated 5 June 1935, the lands
of the late J. Edwin Webster)
- 932/678 13 July 1973
William C. Pickett and Katherine E.
to
Charles A. Caine and Bonnie V. Hartley
- 752/91 18 Aug 1967
John A. Llewellyn and Patricia W.
to
William C. Pickett and Katherine E.
- 711/445 28 May 1966
Clarence B. Dehoff and Joanne E.
to
John A. Llewellyn and Patricia E.
- 698/275 23 Dec 1965
Gerard E. Natarelli and Carol C. of St. Louis County,
MO
to
Clarence B. Dehoff and Joanne
the Natarellis had a mortgage (698/277, 23 Dec 1965, of
\$13,000 to Provident Savings Bank of Baltimore)
- 639/579 24 Jan 1964
Joseph S. Sheldon and Julia
Arnold K. Sheldon
both of San Antonio, TX
to
Gerard E. Natarelli Jr. and Carol C.
owned by Georgia A. S. Fulford who devised it to her
nephews Joseph S. and Arnold K. Sheldon
- 339/58 4 Feb 1950
Edward H. Robinson Jr. and Eleanor of Anne Arundel Co.
to
Georgia A. S. Fulford

title splits

title to part of 3

- 263/24 1 Oct 1940
 Mary Lewis Sullivan, widow
 Daniel and Thomas Leo Sullivan Jr.
 to
 Edward H. Robinson Jr. and Eleanor G.
- 237/302 8 July 1935
 Archer E. Calder and Virginia S.
 to
 Mary Lewis Sullivan, a life interest
 Paul Daniel Sullivan
 Thomas Leo Sullivan, the remainder as tenants in common
 lots 2 and 3
- 237/300 1 July 1935
 Henry T. Crocker and Berthenia P.
 Edwin H.W. Harlan and Margaret H.
 to
 Archer E. Calder and Virginia S.
 lots 2 and 3
- 237/266 6 June 1935
 Wallace D. McLean and Ada McC.
 to
 Henry T. Crocker and Edwin H.W. Harlan
 who assume the mortgage 222/383, 28 Apr 1932 McLeans to
 James T. Smith and Helen M. for \$8000
 35 acres and the residence property Ingleside. This is
 the Webster place which stood where the American Legion
 building is today, part of the 75 acres known as
 "Majors Choice."
- title to lots 4 and 5
- 273/126 8 May 1942
 Dale W. Coale and Florence M.
 to
 Edward H. Robinson and Eleanor G.
 lots 4 and 5
- 271/486 27 Apr 1942
 Berthenia P. Crocker and Grace H. Michael, trustees
 to
 Dale W. Coale and Florence M.
 trustees in Edwin H. W. Harlan vs Berthenia P. Crocker,
 Docket 3/91, decree 12 Mar 1942
 lots 3, 4, 5, 6, and unsold balance of 2 in block B
 lots 5-19 and unsold balance of 2 in block A, both in
 Ingleside rejoins 237/266 above

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Bel Air, Harford Co.
Bel Air Quadrangle





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ROBINSON HOUSE

424-2000

1974

1974

JH 2A

S. EL 2A

1974

324 WEBSTER ST.

BEL AIR



HA. 1825

933 WISEN HOUSE

4200000 900, 1000

110 200000

4/22

54000

54000 1/2

2000

324 WEBSTER ST.

BEL AIR



APR 19 1955
REX WILSON
SHERMAN OREGON
M. L. HANCOCK

453

SHPO

144 WEBSTER

1 54

324 WEBSTER ST.

BEL AIR



2- SAS

ROBINSON GROSS

2000 2000 2000

2000 2000

6/23

SHPD

E. E. 2-1

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324 WEBSTER ST.

BEL AIR