

HA-1807  
1925  
Bel Air  
Private

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The early 1920s saw three new additions to the Town of Bel Air: Fulford Park (1922), Ingleside (1923), and Kenmore (1924). In each case the lots were sold at auction. Ingleside was subdivided by J. Edwin Webster and named for his home to the north. On 17 October 1925, The Aegis announced that Willard Pyle had begun a house in Ingleside. Since contractor Harry Orsburn actually still owned the property, one assumes he built the house that he conveyed to Pyle in 1925. It is a roomy bungalow typical of the sort being built in Ingleside at the time. Mrs. Pyle grew flowers for the market on the large lot to the east.

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Pyle 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

# Maryland Historical Trust State Historic Sites Inventory Form

MARYLAND INVENTORY OF  
HISTORIC RESOURCES

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DOE  yes  no

## 1. Name (indicate preferred name)

historic Pyle House

and/or common

## 2. Location

street & number 329 Webster St. n/a not for publicationcity, town Bel Air \_\_\_\_\_ vicinity of \_\_\_\_\_ congressional district 3rdstate 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 Mr. and Mrs. Michael Blumstreet & number 329 Webster St. telephone no.: 879-8761city, town Bel Air state and zip code MD 21014

## 5. Location of Legal Description

courthouse, registry of deeds, etc. Harford County Courthouse liber 1257street & number \_\_\_\_\_ \_\_\_\_\_ folio 305city, town Bel Air state MD

## 6. Representation in Existing Historical Surveys

title \_\_\_\_\_date \_\_\_\_\_  federal  state  county  localdepository for survey records \_\_\_\_\_city, town \_\_\_\_\_ state \_\_\_\_\_

# 7. Description

Survey No. AA-1597

<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 checked="" type="checkbox"/> altered	<input type="checkbox"/> moved
<input type="checkbox"/> fair	<input type="checkbox"/> unexposed		date of move _____

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

Contributing resource count: one

The Pyle House, 329 Webster St., faces north on an open lot in Ingleside. Built in 1924-1925, the 3 bay bungalow is one of 3 in the block, all slightly different. The house is clad in wood shingles in the second story and clapboard in the first. The front porch is shingled half-way up, with 4 simple round posts seated on the balustrade and carrying the porch roof. Entry is in the center bay. Its wide shed dormers, front and rear, are also clapboard. A recent large 2 story addition to the rear extends past the plane of the west elevation and wraps around to the rear ending in a back porch, its cladding and roof lines echoing that of the main block.

Windows are paired 3/1 double-hung sash with some exceptions. Triple casements occur in the north bay of the west elevation and light the stairs.

The original front door of 2 long panels topped by 6 small windows leads directly to the living room, which occupies the front of the house. The straight run, open string staircase with square newel and balusters rises along the west wall. To the rear in the east through French doors is the dining room. The kitchen/family room addition is to the west. Woodwork is plain, and there are hardwood floors. Downstairs is a club basement. Upstairs are 3 bedrooms plus a master bedroom and bath in the addition.

# 8. Significance

Survey No. HA-1507

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** 1925 **Builder/Architect** Harry Orsburn

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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On 17 October 1925, The Aegis announced that Willard Pyle had begun a house in Ingleside. Since contractor Harry Orsburn actually still owned the property, one assumes he built the house that he conveyed to Pyle in 1925. It is a roomy bungalow typical of the sort being built in Ingleside at the time. The only exterior change has been the two story addition projecting to the west and rear, built by the current owners, the Blums. It contains an enlarged kitchen and, upstairs, a master bedroom and bath.

Willard Pyle worked for the Chesapeake and Potomac Telephone Company. In 1944 the Pyles separated, and Blanche got the house. Either they divorced or he died, because she married Lester C. Pyle, said to be a cousin of Willard, probably in 1964 when she added his name to the deed. Mrs. Pyle grew flowers for the cut flower market on the parcel east of the house, lots 72-76. Mrs. Pyle outlived her second husband and eventually became disabled. The side parcel was sold to help pay for her nursing home.

The current owner, Michael Blum, has a public relations agency, Blum & Associates.

# 9. Major Bibliographical References

Survey No. HA-1207

Harford County Land Records.  
Site visit, 23 April 1993.

# 10. Geographical Data

Acreeage of nominated property \_\_\_\_\_

Quadrangle name Bel Air

Quadrangle scale 1:24,000

UTM References do NOT complete UTM references

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	Zone	Easting	Northing

C	<input type="text"/>	<input type="text"/>	<input type="text"/>
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## Verbal boundary description and justification

Parcel 386 in the Town of Bel Air, 100' x 113'.

## List all states and counties for properties overlapping state or county boundaries

state	code	county	code

# 11. Form Prepared By

name/title	<u>Dr. Marilyn M. Larew</u>	date	<u>7-15-93</u>
organization		telephone	<u>717-993-3557</u>
street & number	<u>RD 1, Box 219</u>	state	<u>PA 17352</u>
city or town	<u>New Park</u>		

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.

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21 State Circle  
Annapolis, Maryland 21401  
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100 COMMUNITY PLACE  
CROWNSVILLE, MD 21032-2023  
301-271-6000

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Pyle House  
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owner: Michael Blum

1257/305            16 Jan 1985  
Blanche E. Barrow Pyle  
to  
Michael Isaac Blum and Annette Alger Cameron Blum, wife  
\$65,000  
lots 67-71 in block A of Ingleside.  
Plat in 183/202, 203. Property of J. Edwin Webster.  
April 1923  
Blanche E. Barrow Pyle is also Blanche E. Pyle. Lester  
C. Pyle died 8 Feb 1972

641/553            13 Feb 1964  
Zero, Inc.  
to  
Blanche E. Pyle and Lester C. Pyle  
lots 67-76 in block A, Ingleside

641/551            13 Feb 1964  
Blanche E. Pyle and Lester C.  
to  
Zero Inc.

284/118            14 June 1944  
E. Mildred Gray, unmarried  
to  
Blanche E. Pyle  
lots 67-76 in block A, Ingleside

284/117            14 June 1944  
Willard D. Pyle and Blanche E.  
to  
E. Mildred Gray  
lots 67-76 in block A, Ingleside

straw deeds because of separation agreement the next  
day, 284/119, 15 June 1944.

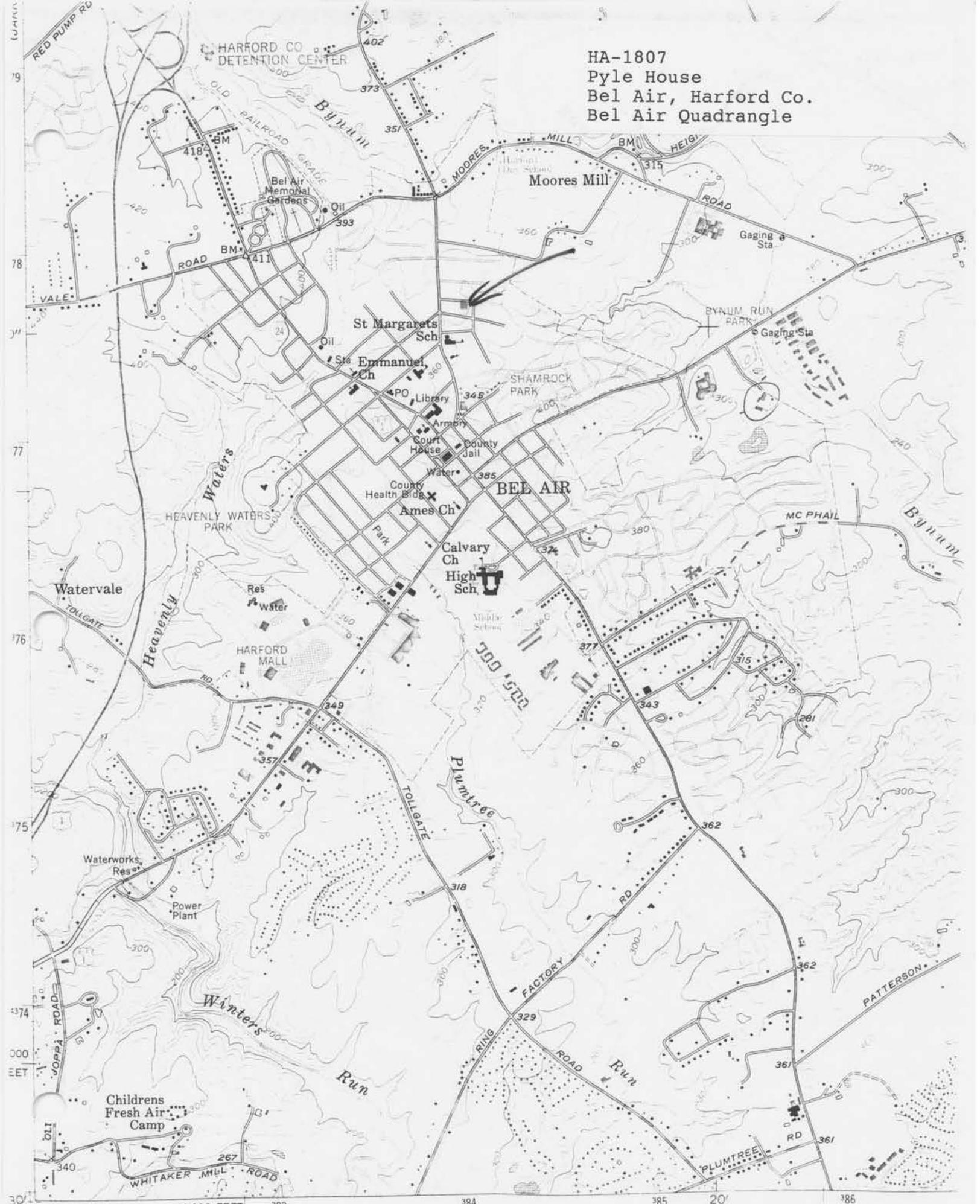
193/325            3 July 1925  
Mammie [sic] A. Wilkinson, spinster  
to  
Willard D. Pyle and Blanche E.  
lots 74-76 in block A, Ingleside

191/308            24 Jan 1925  
Harry W. Orsburn and Fern A.  
to  
Willard D. Pyle and Blanche E.  
lots 67-73 in block A, Ingleside

181/490            12 May 1923  
J. Edwin Webster and wife  
to  
Harry W. Orsburn and Fern A.  
lots 67-73 in block A, Ingleside  
with restrictive covenants, see below

186/485            and  
                  12 May 1923  
J. Edwim Webster and wife  
to  
Mammie A. Wilkinson  
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. Webster owned Ingleside.

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Bel Air Quadrangle



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



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329 WEBSTER ST.  
BEL AIR



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11-11-19 10  
2-12

329 WEBSTER ST.  
BEL AIR