

HA-1820
1924
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. Work on this house in Ingleside was begun in April of 1924 by Stanley Gentry. The house is an entirely typical four-square, little changed since 1924.

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Gentry 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:

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 HISTORICAL TRUST
STATE HISTORIC SITES INVENTORY

Magi No.

DOE yes no

1. Name (indicate preferred name)

historic Gentry House

and/or common

2. Location

street & number 421 E. Broadway 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	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 W. Hayes Smithstreet & number 421 E. Broadway telephone no.: 893-6844city, town Bel Air state and zip code Md 21014

5. Location of Legal Description

courthouse, registry of deeds, etc. Harford County Courthouse liber 1219street & number folio 811city, 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. HA-1820

Condition		Check one	Check one	
<input type="checkbox"/> excellent	<input type="checkbox"/> deteriorated	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> unaltered	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> original site	
<input checked="" 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			

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 composite on the first story is over the original clapboard. The hipped-roof porch on three slender round columns had acquired a simple balustrade. The shed addition on the rear (south) is part of a kitchen renovation.

The entrance in the east bay of the facade leads to the living room which occupies the whole front. It is lighted by triple double-hung sash windows. The closed-string, dog-leg staircase with square newel and square balusters rises along the rear (south) wall, its dog-leg directly across from the entrance. A door on the landing leads to what was the kitchen and is now a breakfast room, the kitchen having been moved into the shed addition, which is probably an enclosed back porch. Paired double-hung sash windows occupy the south bay of the side elevations, lighting dining room (west) and breakfast room (east). Woodwork is entirely plain. The typical large, doorless opening joins the living room and dining room.

Upstairs are 3 bedrooms and a bath. There were originally 4 bedrooms, but part of the 4th (smallest) was taken for an enlarged bathroom.

9. Major Bibliographical References

Survey No. HA-1820

Harford County Land Records.
Site visit, April 1993

10. Geographical Data

Acreage 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

B	<input type="text"/>	<input type="text"/>	<input type="text"/>
	Zone	Easting	Northing

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Verbal boundary description and justification

Parcel 619 in the Town of Bel Air, 180' x 183'.

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

state	code	county	code
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11. Form Prepared By

name/title	<u>Dr. Marilyn M. Larew</u>		
organization		date	<u>7-15-93</u>
street & number	<u>RD 1, Box 219</u>	telephone	<u>717-993-3557</u>
city or town	<u>New Park</u>	state	<u>PA 17352</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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 RECEIVED
 JUL 15 1993
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HA-1820
Gentry House
421 E. Broadway
Bel Air, MD 21014

owner W. Smith Hayes

1219/811 28 Jan 1984
Edith Virginia Smith, Helen N. Beckering, Donald F.
Robinson and Edward H. Robinson, Jr.
to
Edith Virginia Smith and William Hayes Smith, her son
\$41,250
lots 45-53 in block B of Ingleside

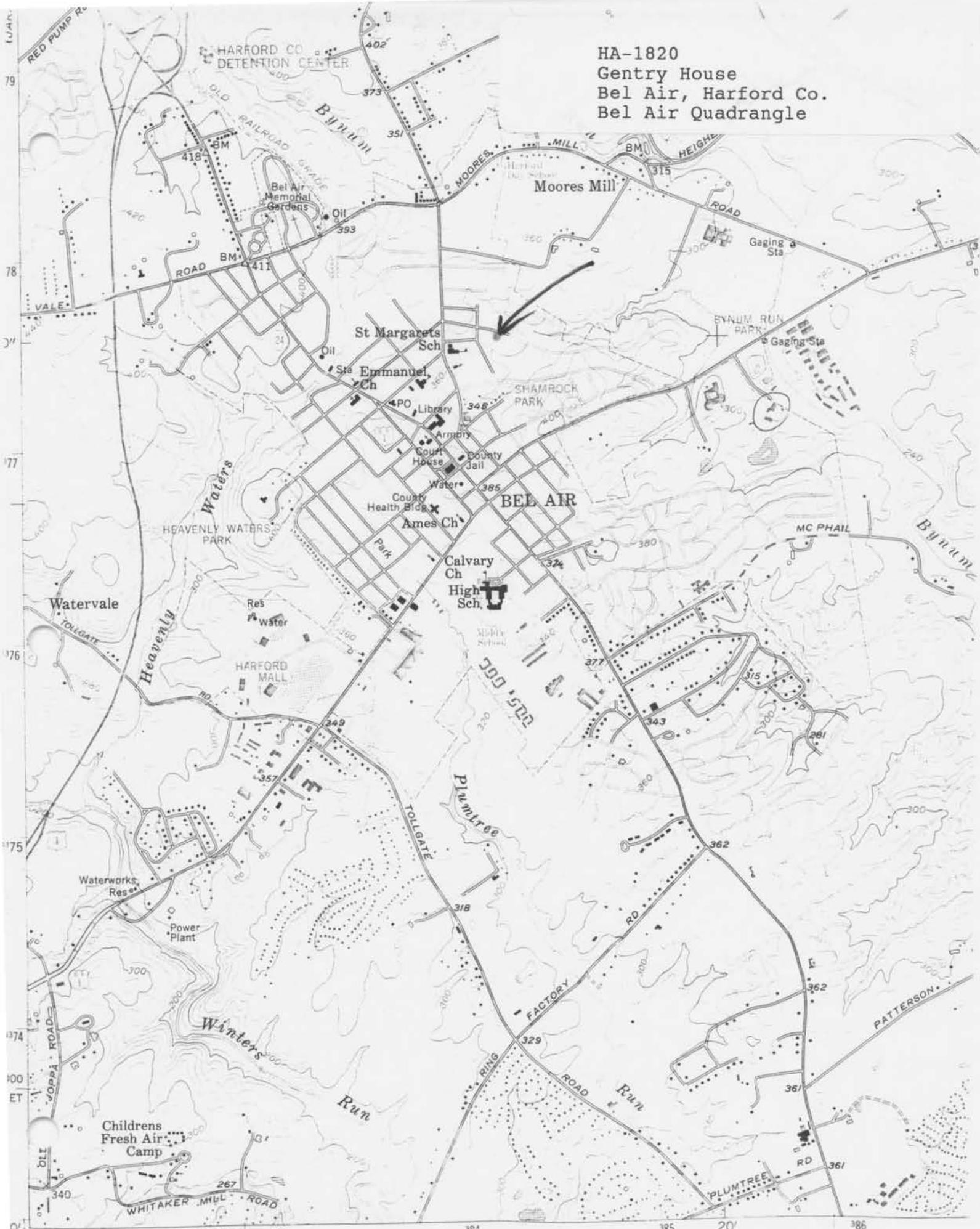
925/774 10 May 1973
Donald F. Robinson and Edward H. Robinson, Jr., personal
representatives of the estate of Edward H. Robinson (d.
4 Oct 1972)
to
Edith Virginia Smith, Helen N. Beckering, Donald F.
Robinson and Edward H. Robinson, Jr.
same land
Edward H. Robinson left the property to the grantees
Edith has died previously
except from the previous deed:
lots 54-60 1/2 sold in 1950 by 346/234
8T and 9T sold in 1952 by 373/208
1T - 7T sold in 1952 by 380/387

216/163 13 May 1930
Samuel A. Spicer and May
to
Edward H. Robinson and Edith F.
2 parcels in Ingleside
parcel 1 includes lots 45-60 1/2 in B and 3T-9T
the T lots are large and face McCormick

198/126 18 Mar 1926
Stanley M. Gentry and Callie
to
Samuel A. Spicer and Mae [sic]
8 1/2 acres including lots 45-60 1/2

186/496 3 May 1924
J. Edwin Webster and Dora R.
to
Stanley M. Gentry and Callie
lots 45-60 1/2 in B in Ingleside
restrictions: no house fronting on Conowingo Rd.
(Hickory) shall cost less than \$4,000 or less than \$3,00
on other lots in Ingleside. No sales to persons of
African descent. Black servants may live there. No
commercial use for 25 years.

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Gentry House
Bel Air, Harford Co.
Bel Air Quadrangle





HQ 1000

GEMMA - 1000

LARTER - 1000

C. J. F. - 1000

6000

3400

N. E. E. M.

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HQ 1 E. BROADWAY
BEL AIR



