

HA-1827
1925
Bel Air
Private

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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

1. Name (indicate preferred name)

historic Heighe House

and/or common

2. Location

street & number 408 S. Main St. ^{n/a} not for publication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
<u> </u> district	<u> </u> public	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> occupied	<u> </u> agriculture <u> </u> museum
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> building(s)	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> private	<u> </u> unoccupied	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> commercial <u> </u> park
<u> </u> structure	<u> </u> both	<u> </u> work in progress	<u> </u> educational <u> </u> private residence
<u> </u> site	Public Acquisition	Accessible	<u> </u> entertainment <u> </u> religious
<u> </u> object	<u> </u> in process	<u> </u> yes: restricted	<u> </u> government <u> </u> scientific
	<u> </u> being considered	<u> </u> yes: unrestricted	<u> </u> industrial <u> </u> transportation
	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> not applicable	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> no	<u> </u> military <u> </u> other:

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

name Ms. Joanne Rice

street & number 408 S. Main St. telephone no.: unlisted

city, town Bel Air state and zip code MD 21014

5. Location of Legal Description

courthouse, registry of deeds, etc. Harford County Courthouse liber 1483

street & number folio 1076

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. RA-1027

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 large, unsightly, single story gable roofed mock Tudor addition to the rear (west) running parallel to the plane of the main block is the result of renovating the property for use as a restaurant. The interior of the stone block has been entirely gutted; it now has one big room up and down. The only remnants of the original interior are the plain window surrounds and first and second story fireplaces (south wall) in carpenter colonial. The doors in the middle bay of the facade (east) and in the west bay of the north elevation are replacements.

8. Significance

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 1925 **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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Some houses in Bel Air stay in families for several generations. This one has had a checkered career. It didn't stay in the Heighe's hands long, although it is known from The Aegis that they moved in the week of 29 May 1925. They sold it in 1926 to Frederick Royce of Boston, Mass., who assumed a \$3500 mortgage. He sold it to Myrckle Wells, a local automobile dealer, in 1928. From the chain of title, it appears that Wells's finances got entangled as the depression began. He and his creditors sold it to T. Reid Whaling and his sister, Marguerite, who was a nurse, in 1930. They sold it in 1935 to the Rowles, who sold it in 1942 to Martin Baer. In 1946 the Levinson's bought it and sold it the next year to Roy Hines and his wife Kathryn. There it rested for a while. Hines, who worked at Aberdeen Proving Ground, died in 1958, and Kathryn married Henry Hurt. She was a secretary to Lawrence Harris, an insurance agent. They sold it in 1969.

When Frederick Schuster owned it in the late 1970s it was Ferguson's Fish House, which accounts for the unsightly addition to the rear. It has also been a real estate office, which it is again today under the ownership of Joanne Rice.

Only the fireplaces upstairs and down remain of the original interior. The one visible in the office downstairs behind some cabinets is a carpenter colonial mantelpiece with square engaged columns supporting the shelf.

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Heighe House
408 S. Main St.
Bel Air, MD 21014

owner: Joanne H. Rice

1483/1076 30 June 1988
Roger R. Rice, escrow agent
to
Joanne H. Rice

1483/1073 30 June 1988
FBJ Partnership
to
Roger R. Rice, escrow agent
\$285,000 with the obligation to convey to Joanne Rice

1158/108 12 Feb 1981
Frederick F. Schuster and Barbara
to
Bernard W. Muth, jr., Mary Frances Geron, and James B.
Foulk, trading as FBJ Partnership
\$160,000
lot 2 in Douglas F. Lynch subdivision, plat in plat
book 27/24

1018/1069 13 Jan 1977
Daiger & Lynch, Inc.
to
Frederick Schuster and Barbara

811/559 5 May 1969
Kathryn M. Hurt and Henry H., husband
to
Daiger & Lynch, Inc.
150' (Main St.) x 195.6'
Roy Hines died 5 Mar 1958. Kathryn Hines married Henry
Hunt

307/443 30 July 1947
Lorman L. Levinson and Dorothy H.
to
Roy D. Hines and Kathryn M.
lots 4-9 and 24-29 of Vaughn, Warren and Wells
subdivision of Kenmore Farms, plat date Sept 1924
fixtures are sold with the house
\$9,000 mortgage

by 412/262, 30 Apr 1954
the Hines and the Commercial and Savings Bank of Bel
Air sold part of lots 24-29, facing on Kenmore, to
Garfield H. Caudell. The parcel Kathryn Hunt conveyed
is 4-9

- 293/248 1 Feb 1946
 Martin C. Baer and Rita M.
 to
 Lorman L. Levinson and Dorothy H.

- 29 Dec 1943
 straw deeds to and from William S. James, possibly to
 get Rita on the deed (280/466 et seq)

- 275/163 7 Oct 1942
 Edward D. Rowles and Bertha S.
 to
 Martin C. Baer

- 242/227 26 Sept 1935
 T. Reid Whaling and Marguerite B.
 to
 Edward D. Rowles and Bertha S.

- 216/503 22 Nov 1930
 J. Myrckle Wells and Amelia
 Joseph R. Coale
 Farmers and Merchants National Bank of Bel Air
 Second National Bank of Bel Air
 to
 T. Reid Whaling and Marguerite V.
 Coale releases because of a Circuit Court judgement 23
 Oct 1930 against the Wells for \$1747.91. The F&M Bank
 has a \$594.91 lien and the 2nd Natl Bk has a lien and
 mortgage dated 16 Oct 1930.

- 211/214 24 Nov 1928
 Frederick P. Royce and Eva A., of Norfolk Co., Mass.
 to
 J. Myrckle Wells and Amelia

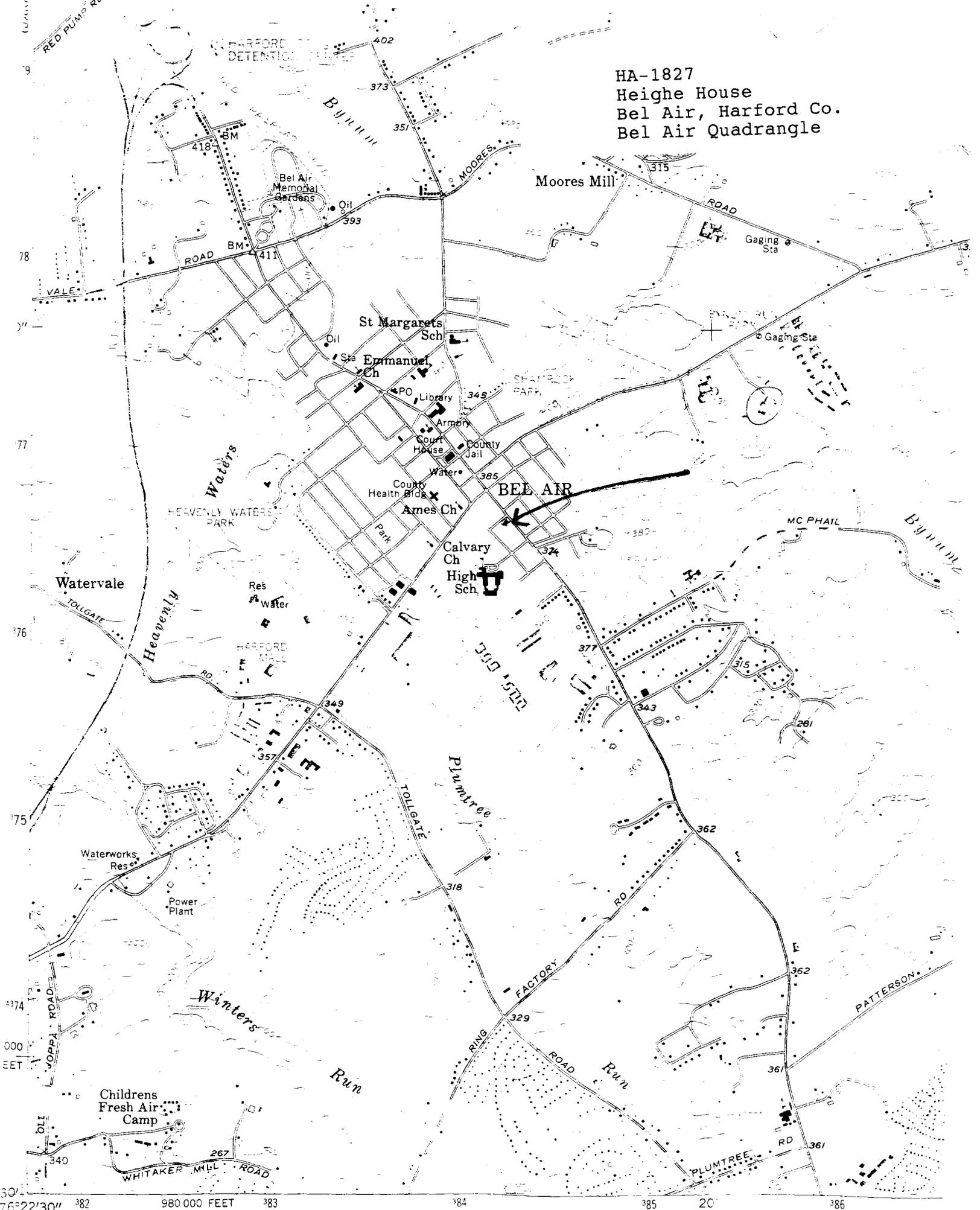
- 198/414 22 June 1926
 Robert H. Heighe and Anne McE.
 to
 Frederick P. Royce of Boston, Mass.
 assumes a 19 Mar 1926 mortgage of \$3500 to Benjamin W.
 Amoss

- 193/446 11 Aug 1925
 Rupert I. Stubbs and Cornelia W., of Noirfolk, Va.
 to
 Robert H. Heighe and Anne McE.
 lots 4 and 24 in Kenmore Farms
 part of Robert H. Heighe and wife to Edgar T. Marshall
 25 Sept 1924 and Marshall to Stubbs 9 Oct 1924 meaznt
 to be recorded but apparently not

192/285 12 Mar 1925
Heighe's mortgage for \$3000 to Permanent Building
Assoc. of Harford Co. on the land below

164/420 22 Aug 1919
Harry D. Hanway and Hazel E.
to
Robert H. Heighe and Anne NcE.
99 a. of Kenmore Farm
assumes 2 mortgages totalling \$9000

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Heighe House
Bel Air, Harford Co.
Bel Air Quadrangle





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SKIP

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408 S. MAIN ST
BEL AIR



UA-754
HEING 452 4000
KALIFORNIA
C.D. 3-2

N+W ELEVS
302

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BEL AIR