

HA-1839  
Between 1922 & 1928  
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

DEPARTMENT OF  
HISTORIC PRESERVATION

Survey No. BA-1839

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DOE  yes  no

## 1. Name (indicate preferred name)

historic Wilson House

and/or common

## 2. Location

street & number 102 Powell Avenue n/a not for publication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	<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 Ms. Mary Dorney

street & number 1700 Glenn Cove Dr. telephone no.: 457-5401

city, town Darlington state and zip code MD 21034

## 5. Location of Legal Description

courthouse, registry of deeds, etc. Harford County Courthouse liber 1402

street & number Bel Air folio 908

city, town Bel Air state MD

## 6. Representation in Existing Historical Surveys

title

date  federal  state  county  local

depository for survey records

city, town Bel Air state MD

# 7. Description

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<b>Condition</b>		<b>Check one</b>	<b>Check one</b>	
<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 front porch carried on 3 square posts, a gable-roofed side entrance in the west elevation, and a shed-roofed addition on the rear (north) elevation are the only projections from the rectangle of this 3 bedroom house.

The interior has more 1920s details. The entry in the southwest front bay faces a 1920s closed-run, dog-leg staircase with stock square newel and square balusters ascending along the west wall of the living room., which occupies the entire front of the house. The opening to the dining room on the east is wide and doorless. The kitchen is to the west. Upstairs are three bedrooms and a bath with the original claw-footed tub. Entirely plain woodwork and doors with 5 horizontal panels complete the simple interior.

# 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/ 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 betw., 1922 & 1928 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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The Matthews, who bought the house in 1957, came to Bel Air from Mrs. Matthews's family farm near Darlington in the 1920s after an injury to Mr. Matthews's back prevented him from farming. He drove a truck for many years and died one morning of a heart attack at the wheel of his milk truck. His widow, Mary Matthews, lives in the house with her brother, Frank Bull, for many years an employee of the Department of Public Works of the Town of Bel Air. The current owners are her children.



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Wilson House  
102 Powell Avenue  
Bel Air, MD 21214

owner: Mary Dorney et al

1402/908            5 May 1987  
Mary A. Matthews  
to  
Mary Dorney, Elizabeth Wildason, and Thomas O. Matthews  
Jr.  
lots 16, 17, 18 block D, Fulford Park

478/153            12 Mar 1957  
William T. Hoffmeyer and Mary A.  
to  
T. Oliver Matthews and Mary A.

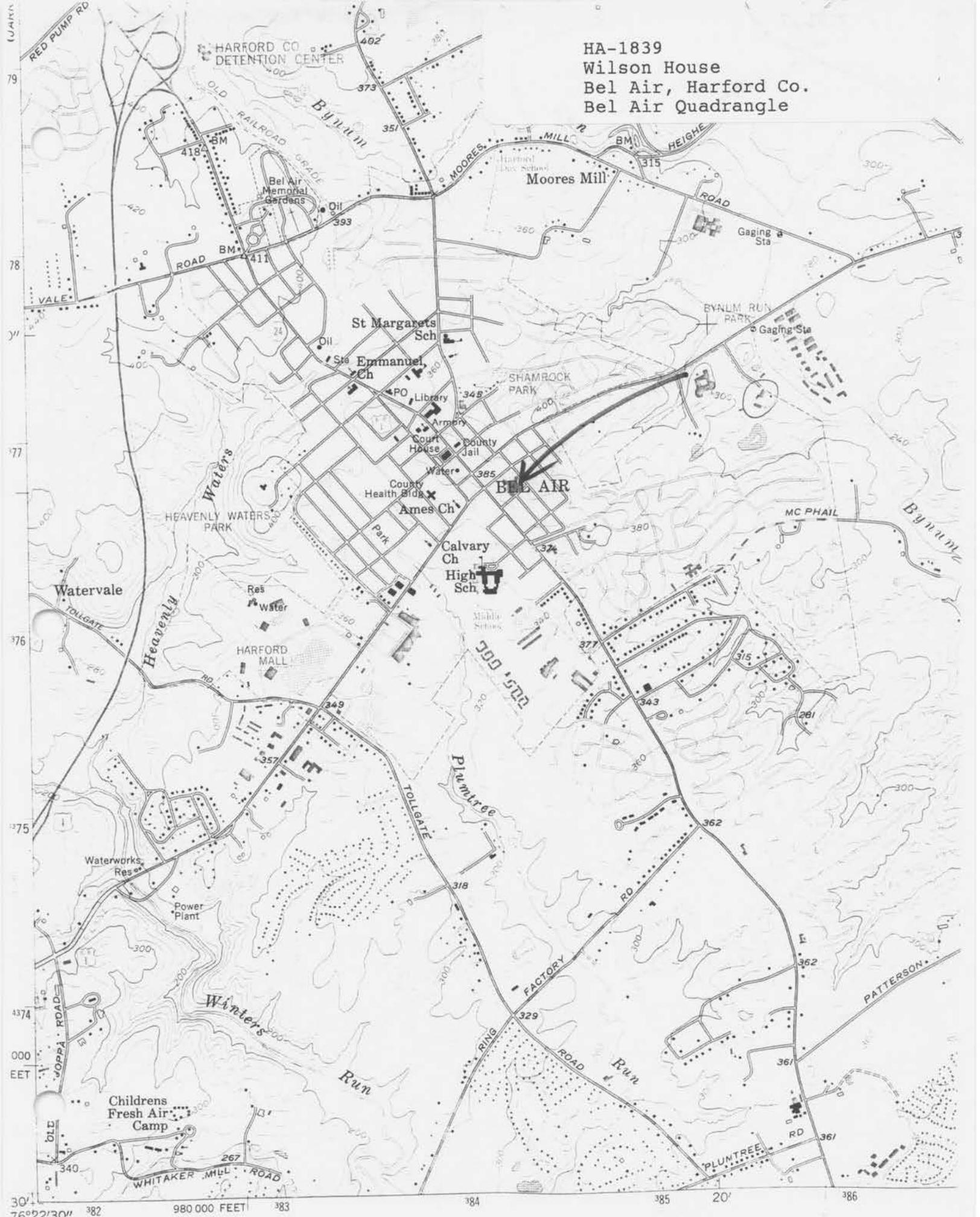
360/463            2 Aug 1951  
Joseph M. Boze and Elizabeth R.  
to  
William T. Hoffmeyer and Evelyn Elizabeth

part of  
351/315            18 Dec 1950  
Harry R. Bayless and Alva E. by Kenneth L. Preston,  
power of attorney  
to  
Joseph M. Boze and Elizabeth R.  
\$12,500  
lots 14-18 block D, Fulford Park

208/278            6 June 1928  
Safe Deposit and Trust Co. of Baltimore, executor of  
will of David J. Wilson (CSW 17/452)  
to  
Harry R. Bayless and Alva E.  
lots 16-18 block D, Fulford Park  
the will names his sister Rebecca B. Wilson as executrix  
and by a codicil the Trust Co. becomes coexecutor.  
Rebecca d. 28 Mar 1927

part of  
181/34            6 Nov 1922  
William J. Nichols  
to  
David J. Wilson  
lots 16-18 block D, Fulford Park  
and 4-6 block E, Fulford Park  
Nicholls sub-divided Fulford Park

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Wilson House  
Bel Air, Harford Co.  
Bel Air Quadrangle





HA-1837

WILSON 11032

HARTMAN CO. 11032

C DETROIT

6/2

5/24

5/25

11/2

102 POWELL AVE  
BEL AIR



HA-1737  
WILSON HOUSE  
HARVARD COUNTY  
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W  
B

SH-3

N 1/2 1/4  
S 1/2 1/4

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