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1909-1910

Esley House
5 S. Hickory Avenue
Bel Air
Private

The Esley Family home is a very late example of Bel Air's favorite 19th century house, the three bay house with a front gable. It even has the ubiquitous round-headed 2/2 window in the gable. It differs from many of its fellows in having a center hall plan rather than a side hall and is, as a result, somewhat wider than them. Robert Esley built the house in 1909 or 1910 for his family. His surviving children still own it, and Miss Hazel Esley lives there.

MARYLAND HISTORICAL TRUST

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INVENTORY FORM FOR STATE HISTORIC SITES SURVEY

1 NAME

HISTORIC
Esley House
AND/OR COMMON

2 LOCATION

STREET & NUMBER
5 S. Hickory 1st
CITY, TOWN
Bel Air CONGRESSIONAL DISTRICT
STATE VICINITY OF
Maryland 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 checked="" 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 type="checkbox"/> NO	<input type="checkbox"/> MILITARY <input type="checkbox"/> OTHER:

4 OWNER OF PROPERTY

NAME
Miss Hazel Esley & Mr. Walter B. Esley Telephone #: 838-7084
STREET & NUMBER
5 S. Hickory
CITY, TOWN STATE, zip code
Bel Air VICINITY OF Maryland 21014

5 LOCATION OF LEGAL DESCRIPTION

COURTHOUSE, REGISTRY OF DEEDS, ETC.
Harford County Courthouse
STREET & NUMBER
Main Street
CITY, TOWN STATE
Bel Air Maryland

Liber #: 1052
Folio #: 815

6 REPRESENTATION IN EXISTING SURVEYS

TITLE

DATE

FEDERAL STATE COUNTY LOCAL

DEPOSITORY FOR SURVEY RECORDS

CITY, TOWN

STATE

HA-237

7 DESCRIPTION

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 _____
<input type="checkbox"/> FAIR	<input type="checkbox"/> UNEXPOSED		

DESCRIBE THE PRESENT AND ORIGINAL (IF KNOWN) PHYSICAL APPEARANCE

This three bay, two and a half story shiplap sided house with a steep gable roof is at 5 S. Hickory in the Town of Bel Air, Harford County, Maryland. It is a late example (c 1909) of this style and is somewhat wider than usual in front (west). Otherwise it has all of the characteristics of its type: front gable with round headed 2/2 window, 2/2 windows except for the 2/4 ground floor front, center entrance with a two pane transom over a single pane over two panel door, louvered wooden shutters at all principle windows, hip roof porch on stock turned posts. The back building is a two bay ell to the east. On the south elevation of the back building is a single story shed roofed kitchen addition with a back porch that has a wooden handrail. The rear of the ell, rather than the side, is a more common place for this kitchen addition; the slope of the lot may have dictated its position here. The entrance to the basement is in a small gable roofed projection in the south bay of the ell at basement level.

The main block of the house is not divided in a symmetrical center hall way. The livingroom is to the north of the entrance hall, not separated from the hall. A closed string single run staircase rises in the south wall of the 'hall'. It has turned balusters and a square panelled newel with a vase shaped finial. To the south of the staircase is a small chamber, once the parlor, now a bedroom.

To the east of the livingroom, in the back building, is a large diningroom. South of that in the little shed addition, is the kitchen.

The second story has three bedrooms and a bath. An enclosed stair to the attic is over the main staircase to the west.

CONTINUE ON SEPARATE SHEET IF NECESSARY

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/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	1909-1910	BUILDER/ARCHITECT
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STATEMENT OF SIGNIFICANCE

This late Victorian house, built in the first decade of the 20th century, has a brief history. It is virtually unchanged since Robert Esley built it in 1909-1910 for his young family: his wife Agnes and his three children, Hazel, Robert and Elizabeth. Only Hazel and Robert remain. Miss Hazel lives alone in the house since the death of her sister Elizabeth, who was for many years the secretary to lawyer Glasgow Archer, Jr. Robert lives in New Jersey.

The house resembles those built around Town, particularly on Broadway, between 1875 and 1890. It and #9 next door to the south were built "out of time" in the early years of this century, showing how a favorite and useful style can linger in the country districts.

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9 MAJOR BIBLIOGRAPHICAL REFERENCES

CONTINUE ON SEPARATE SHEET IF NECESSARY

10 GEOGRAPHICAL DATA

ACREAGE OF NOMINATED PROPERTY _____

VERBAL BOUNDARY DESCRIPTION

This property occupies parcel #911 in the Town of Bel Air, 80' x 115'

LIST ALL STATES AND COUNTIES FOR PROPERTIES OVERLAPPING STATE OR COUNTY BOUNDARIES

STATE	COUNTY
STATE	COUNTY

11 FORM PREPARED BY

NAME / TITLE		
Marilynn Larew, Architectural Historian		27 September 1979
ORGANIZATION		DATE
Town of Bel Air		838-8700
STREET & NUMBER		TELEPHONE
39 Hickory Avenue		
CITY OR TOWN		STATE
Bel Air		Maryland

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.

RETURN TO: Maryland Historical Trust
The Shaw House, 21 State Circle
Annapolis, Maryland 21401
(301) 267-1438

TITLE: 5 S. Hickory

1052/815 19 January 1978
Zero, Inc.
 to
Hazel C. Esley & Walter B. Esley
brother & sister
80' x 115'

1052/813 19 January 1978
Hazel C. Esley
 to
Zero, Inc.
Agnes B. Esley and H. Elizabeth Esley are dead

547/331 31 March 1960
Benjamin R. Cadwalader
 to
Agnes B. Esley, Hazel C. Esley, & H. Elizabeth Esley

547/321 31 March 1960
Agnes B. Esley, widow
 to
Benjamin Cadwalader
Robert E. Esley is dead

253/164 28 February 1938
Dorothy Howard
 to
Robert E. Esley & Agnes

253/163 28 February 1938
Robert E. Esley & Agnes
 to
Dorothy Howard

127/211 18 August 1909
Joseph T. Deckman & Florida
 to
Robert E. Esley
\$350
80' x 115'

109/275

25 May 1903
Charles Robie Grafton & Fireside
Permanent Building Association
to
Joseph T. Deckman
80' x 165'

104/20

14 January 1902
Charles L. Dallam & Isabel
to
Charles Robie Grafton
168' (Penna) x 130' (Dallam Pl.- Hickory)

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MD. HISTORICAL TRUST
BOX 1704
ANNAPOLIS, MD. 21404

NATIONAL REGISTER OF HISTORIC PLACES
INVENTORY - NOMINATION FORM

(Type all entries - complete applicable sections)

STATE:	
COUNTY:	
FOR NPS USE ONLY	
ENTRY NUMBER	DATE

SEE INSTRUCTIONS

1. NAME

COMMON: Esley house

AND/OR HISTORIC:

2. LOCATION

STREET AND NUMBER: 5 Dallam Place, east side between

CITY OR TOWN: Bel Air Churchville Road and

STATE: Md COUNTY: HARFORD Courtland Street

3. CLASSIFICATION

CATEGORY (Check One)	OWNERSHIP	STATUS	ACCESSIBLE TO THE PUBLIC
District <input type="checkbox"/> <u>Building</u> <input type="checkbox"/>	Public <input type="checkbox"/>	<u>Occupied</u> <input type="checkbox"/>	Yes: <u>Restricted</u> <input type="checkbox"/>
Site <input type="checkbox"/> Structure <input type="checkbox"/> <u>Private</u> <input type="checkbox"/>	Public Acquisition: <input type="checkbox"/>	Unoccupied <input type="checkbox"/>	Unrestricted <input type="checkbox"/>
Object <input type="checkbox"/>	In Process <input type="checkbox"/>	Preservation work in progress <input type="checkbox"/>	No: <input type="checkbox"/>
	Both <input type="checkbox"/>	Being Considered <input type="checkbox"/>	

PRESENT USE (Check One or More as Appropriate)

Agricultural <input type="checkbox"/>	Government <input type="checkbox"/>	Park <input type="checkbox"/>	Transportation <input type="checkbox"/>	Comments <input type="checkbox"/>
Commercial <input type="checkbox"/>	Industrial <input type="checkbox"/>	<u>Private Residence</u> <input type="checkbox"/>	Other (Specify) <input type="checkbox"/>	
Educational <input type="checkbox"/>	Military <input type="checkbox"/>	Religious <input type="checkbox"/>		
Entertainment <input type="checkbox"/>	Museum <input type="checkbox"/>	Scientific <input type="checkbox"/>		

4. OWNER OF PROPERTY

OWNERS NAME: Hazel C. & H. Elizabeth Esley

STREET AND NUMBER: 5 Dallam Place

CITY OR TOWN: Bel Air STATE: Md CODE: 21014

5. LOCATION OF LEGAL DESCRIPTION

COURTHOUSE, REGISTRY OF DEEDS, ETC: CLERK OF THE CIRCUIT COURT

STREET AND NUMBER: HARFORD COUNTY COURTHOUSE 40 S. MAIN ST.

CITY OR TOWN: BEL AIR STATE: MARYLAND CODE:

APPROXIMATE ACREAGE OF NOMINATED PROPERTY:

6. REPRESENTATION IN EXISTING SURVEYS

TITLE OF SURVEY:

DATE OF SURVEY: Federal State County Local

DEPOSITORY FOR SURVEY RECORDS:

STREET AND NUMBER:

CITY OR TOWN: STATE: CODE:

STATE:

COUNTY:

ENTRY NUMBER:

DATE:

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7. DESCRIPTION

CONDITION	(Check One)					
	Excellent <input type="checkbox"/>	Good <input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	Fair <input type="checkbox"/>	Deteriorated <input type="checkbox"/>	Ruins <input type="checkbox"/>	Unexposed <input type="checkbox"/>
INTEGRITY	(Check One)			(Check One)		
	Altered <input type="checkbox"/>	Unaltered <input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	Moved <input type="checkbox"/>	Original Site <input checked="" type="checkbox"/>		

DESCRIBE THE PRESENT AND ORIGINAL (if known) PHYSICAL APPEARANCE

One of many frame houses built
by local firms in the 1870-1920's
Crib board, 2 stories, 3 bays x 2
facies west. The roof/ridgeline
running north-south.

SEE INSTRUCTIONS

8. SIGNIFICANCE

PERIOD (Check One or More as Appropriate)

Pre-Columbian <input type="checkbox"/>	16th Century <input type="checkbox"/>	18th Century <input type="checkbox"/>	20th Century <input type="checkbox"/>
15th Century <input type="checkbox"/>	17th Century <input type="checkbox"/>	19th Century <input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	

SPECIFIC DATE(S) (If Applicable and Known)

AREAS OF SIGNIFICANCE (Check One or More as Appropriate)

Aboriginal <input type="checkbox"/>	Education <input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	Political <input type="checkbox"/>	Urban Planning <input checked="" type="checkbox"/>
Prehistoric <input type="checkbox"/>	Engineering <input type="checkbox"/>	Religion/Philosophy <input type="checkbox"/>	Other (Specify) <input type="checkbox"/>
Historic <input type="checkbox"/>	Industry <input type="checkbox"/>	Science <input type="checkbox"/>	_____
Agriculture <input type="checkbox"/>	Invention <input type="checkbox"/>	Sculpture <input type="checkbox"/>	_____
Art <input type="checkbox"/>	Landscape <input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	Social/Humanitarian <input type="checkbox"/>	_____
Commerce <input type="checkbox"/>	Architecture <input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	Theater <input type="checkbox"/>	_____
Communications <input type="checkbox"/>	Literature <input type="checkbox"/>	Transportation <input type="checkbox"/>	_____
Conservation <input type="checkbox"/>	Military <input type="checkbox"/>		_____
	Music <input type="checkbox"/>		_____

STATEMENT OF SIGNIFICANCE (Include Personages, Dates, Events, Etc.)

SEE INSTRUCTIONS

One of 25 or 30 little frame houses undistinguished in themselves but adding up to a pleasant scene on their wooded lots with well-established shrubs and flourishing gardens.

In this case the group is only 2, (# 9 next door) and the area is needed for commercial-office expansion within two blocks of the Courthouse.

Not large or impressive enough to make office reuse feasible.

9. MAJOR BIBLIOGRAPHICAL REFERENCES

Blank area for major bibliographical references.

10. GEOGRAPHICAL DATA

LATITUDE AND LONGITUDE COORDINATES DEFINING A RECTANGLE LOCATING THE PROPERTY				O R	LATITUDE AND LONGITUDE COORDINATES DEFINING THE CENTER POINT OF A PROPERTY OF LESS THAN ONE ACRE				
CORNER	LATITUDE				LONGITUDE				
	Degrees	Minutes	Seconds	Degrees	Minutes	Seconds	Degrees	Minutes	Seconds
NW	°	'	"	°	'	"	°	'	"
NE	°	'	"	°	'	"	°	'	"
SE	°	'	"	°	'	"	°	'	"
SW	°	'	"	°	'	"	°	'	"

LIST ALL STATES AND COUNTIES FOR PROPERTIES OVERLAPPING STATE OR COUNTY BOUNDARIES

STATE:	CODE	COUNTY:	CODE

11. FORM PREPARED BY

NAME AND TITLE: **JEAN S. EWING**

ORGANIZATION: **MARYLAND HISTORICAL TRUST** DATE: _____

STREET AND NUMBER: **50 STATE CIRCLE**

CITY OR TOWN: **ANNAPOLIS** STATE: **MARYLAND** CODE: _____

12. STATE LIAISON OFFICER CERTIFICATION

As the designated State Liaison Officer for the National Historic Preservation Act of 1966 (Public Law 89-665), I hereby nominate this property for inclusion in the National Register and certify that it has been evaluated according to the criteria and procedures set forth by the National Park Service. The recommended level of significance of this nomination is:

National State Local

Name _____

Title _____

Date _____

NATIONAL REGISTER VERIFICATION

I hereby certify that this property is included in the National Register.

Chief, Office of Archeology and Historic Preservation

Date _____

ATTEST:

Keeper of The National Register

Date _____

SEE INSTRUCTIONS

MARYLAND HISTORICAL TRUST 21 STATE CIRCLE SHAW HOUSE ANNAPOLIS, MARYLAND 21401 HISTORIC SITES SURVEY FIELD SHEET Individual Structure Survey Form	SURVEY NUMBER: HA-227
	NEGATIVE FILE NUMBER:
	UTM REFERENCES: Zone/Easting/Northing
	U.S.G.S. QUAD. MAP:
	PRESENT FORMAL NAME: Esley House
COUNTY: Harford	ORIGINAL FORMAL NAME: same
TOWN: Bel Air	
LOCATION: 5 S. Hickory	PRESENT USE: private residence
	ORIGINAL USE: same
	ARCHITECT/ENGINEER:
	BUILDER/CONTRACTOR:
COMMON NAME: Esley House	
FUNCTIONAL TYPE:	
OWNER: Miss Hazel Esley	PHYSICAL CONDITION OF STRUCTURE:
ADDRESS: 5 S. Hickory	Excellent() Good(x)
Bel Air	Fair() Poor()
ACCESSIBILITY TO PUBLIC:	THEME: Architecture
Yes() No() Restricted(x)	STYLE: Vernacular
LEVEL OF SIGNIFICANCE:	DATE BUILT:
Local(x) State() National()	1909-1910
GENERAL DESCRIPTION: Structural System 1. Foundation: Stone(x)Brick()Concrete()Concrete Block() 2. Wall Structure A. Wood Frame: Post and Beam()Balloon() B. Wood Bearing Masonry: Brick()Stone()Concrete()Concrete Block() C. Iron() D. Steel() E. Other: 3. Wall Covering: Clapboard()Board and Batten()Wood Shingle()Shiplap(x) Novelty()Stucco()Sheet Metal()Aluminum()Asphalt Shingle() Brick Veneer()Stone Veneer() Bonding Pattern: Other: 4. Roof Structure A. Truss: Wood()Iron()Steel()Concrete() B. Other: 5. Roof Covering: Slate(x)Wood Shingle()Asphalt Shingle()Sheet Metal() Built Up()Rolled()Tile()Other: 6. Engineering Structure: 7. Other: 2 corbelled Appendages: Porches(x)Towers()Cupolas()Dormers()Chimneys(x)Sheds()Ells() Wings() Other: Roof Style: Gable(x)Hip()Shed()Flat()Mansard()Gambrel()Jerkinhead() Saw Tooth()With Monitor()With Bellcast()With Parapet()With False Front() Other: Number of Stories: <u>2½</u> Number of Bays: <u>3</u> Entrance Location: <u>S. Hickory</u> Approximate Dimensions: _____	
THREAT TO STRUCTURE: No Threat()Zoning()Roads() Development(x)Deterioration() Alteration()Other:	LOCAL ATTITUDES: Positive()Negative() Mixed() Other:

ADDITIONAL ARCHITECTURAL OR STRUCTURAL DESCRIPTION:

front gable round beaded 2/2
windows 2/2 w/ shutters
Transom 2 panes door 1 pane over 2 panel
3 br & bath
closed string stair, turned balusters, panel newel w/ vase shaped finial
woodwork corner block w/ circles molded surround

RELATED STRUCTURES: (Describe)

STATEMENT OF SIGNIFICANCE:

Late example of the front gable Victorian
One family house

REFERENCES:

MAP: (Indicate North in Circle)



Penna
S. Hickory

SURROUNDING ENVIRONMENT:

Open Lane()Woodland()Scattered Buildings()
Moderately Built Up()Densely Built Up()
Residential(X)Commercial(X)
Agricultural()Industrial()
Roadside Strip Development()
Other:

Marilynn Larew

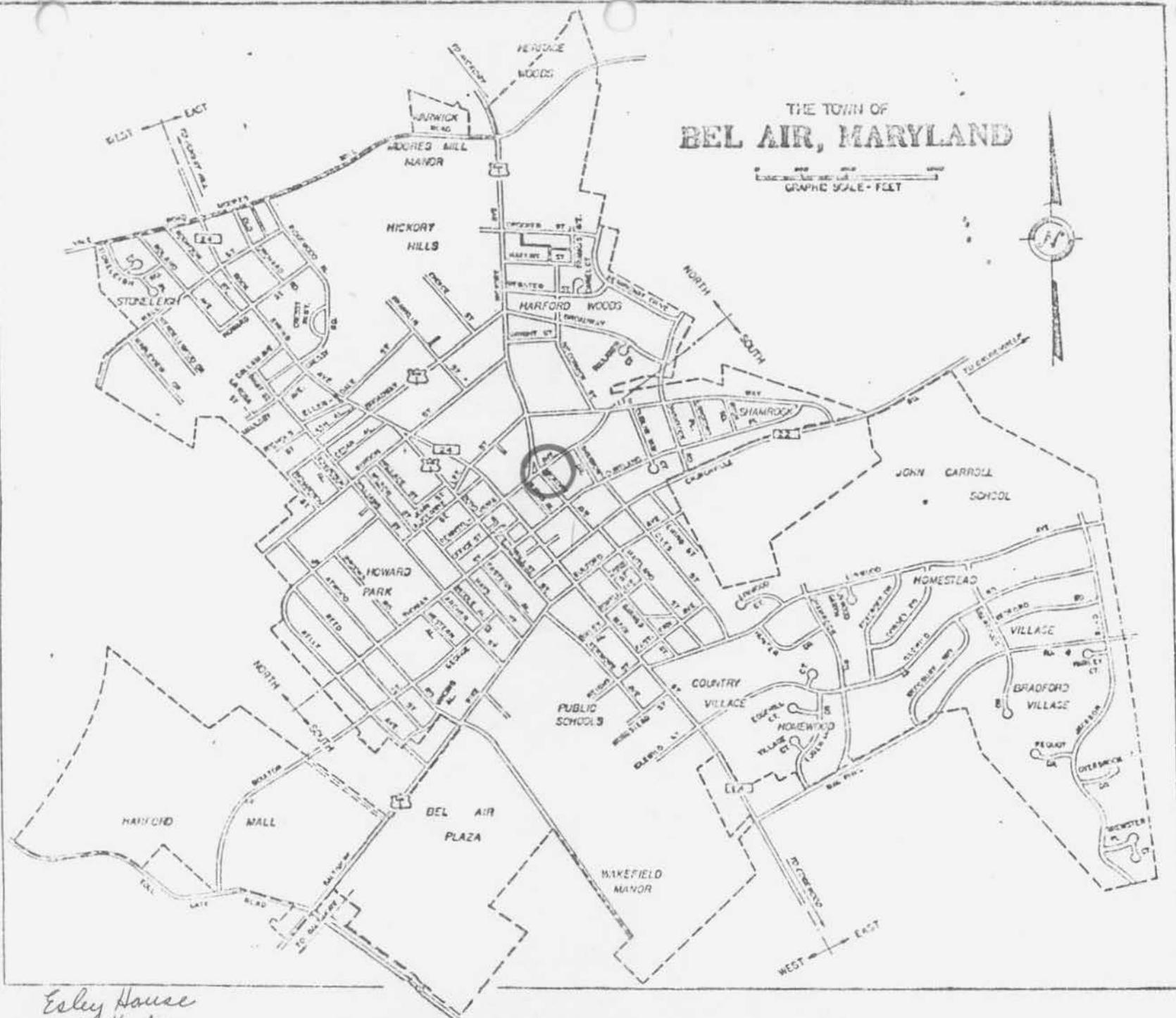
RECORDED BY:
Town of Bel Air

ORGANIZATION:
27 September 1979

DATE RECORDED:

THE TOWN OF
BEL AIR, MARYLAND

GRAPHIC SCALE - FEET



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Esley House
5 S. Hickory



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Esley House, 5 S. Hickory, Bel Air

front (w) elev

M. Larew, 1979



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Esley House, 5 S. Hickory, Bel Air
Md.

M. Harris, 1979



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Esley House, S. Newark
v. Rev.

M. Larew, 1979



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Esley House, 5 S. Hickory, Edin
v. + v. elev
M. L. Hunt, 1979