

INVENTORY FORM FOR STATE HISTORIC SITES SURVEY

**1 NAME**

HISTORIC "BALDWIN HOME"

AND/OR COMMON

**2 LOCATION**

STREET & NUMBER

201 East Bel Air Avenue First

CITY, TOWN

Aberdeen

— VICINITY OF

Harford

CONGRESSIONAL DISTRICT

STATE

Maryland 21001

COUNTY

**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 type="checkbox"/> BUILDING(S)	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> PRIVATE	<input type="checkbox"/> UNOCCUPIED	<input type="checkbox"/> COMMERCIAL <input type="checkbox"/> PARK
<input checked="" 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 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

Mr. Hoyt F. Moxley

Telephone #: 272-6422

STREET & NUMBER

201 E. Bel Air Avenue

CITY, TOWN

Aberdeen, Md. 21001

— VICINITY OF

STATE, zip code

**5 LOCATION OF LEGAL DESCRIPTION**

COURTHOUSE, Harford County Court House  
REGISTRY OF DEEDS, ETC: Registry of Deeds

Liber #: HDC 1099

Folio #: 568

STREET & NUMBER

Bel Air, Md. 21014

CITY, TOWN

STATE

**6 REPRESENTATION IN EXISTING SURVEYS**

TITLE

NONE KNOWN EXCEPT AS LISTED IN SUPRA 5

DATE

FEDERAL  STATE  COUNTY  LOCAL

DEPOSITORY FOR SURVEY RECORDS

CITY, TOWN

STATE

**7 DESCRIPTION**

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<b>CONDITION</b>		<b>CHECK ONE</b>		<b>CHECK ONE</b>	
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> EXCELLENT	<input type="checkbox"/> DETERIORATED	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> UNALTERED	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> ORIGINAL SITE	<input type="checkbox"/> MOVED	DATE _____
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> GOOD	<input type="checkbox"/> RUINS	<input type="checkbox"/> ALTERED			
<input type="checkbox"/> FAIR	<input type="checkbox"/> UNEXPOSED				

DESCRIBE THE PRESENT AND ORIGINAL (IF KNOWN) PHYSICAL APPEARANCE

RESUME OF REGISTRY DEED RESEARCH:

LAND INSTALLMENT CONTRACT dated July 15, 1979, Horace R. Higgins (now deceased) and wife M. Virginia Higgins sold to Hoyt F. Moxley and Pauline H. Moxley, his wife.

DEED dated Feb. 27, 1965, GRG 669, Folio 606, Charles T. Oliver and Jeru sha M. Oliver, his wife granted to Horace R. Higgins and Virginia Higgins, his wife.

Deed dated Jan. 14, 1941, GCB 263, Folio 489, J. Wilmer Cronin, Trustee for complainants Fred B. Baldwin and Charles F. Baldwin, sold at private sale to Charles T. Oliver and Jerusha M. Oliver, his wife.

Deed dated July 14, 1937 SWC 246, Folio 313 Grantors Mary J. Baldwin, widow; Joseph R. Baldwin, Jr. and Ellen Baldwin, his wife; George R. Baldwin and Eleanor Baldwin, his wife; Viola Baldwin (single); Mary D. Baldwin (single)/Laura M. Hopkins and Carroll C. Hopkins, her husband; Helen B. Arthur; and Charles F. Baldwin and Ruby A. Baldwin, his wife to Frederich B. Baldwin of Aberdeen.

Deed dated Oct. 28, 1905 WSF 117, Folio 16, John T. G. Lee, Trustee sold to Joseph R. Baldwin and heirs of Jarrett T. Baldwin listed above.

Deed dated Nov. 30, 1855 ALJ 7, Folio 42, Robert L. Morgan and Elizabeth A. Morgan, his wife to Jarrett T. Baldwin land from Halls Cross Roads (site of aforementioned property) to Spesutia Island, Aberdeen Proving Ground (at present).

Deed dated Jan. 3, 1853 ALJ 2, Folio 226, Daniel Michael granted to Jarrett T. Baldwin and his heirs, that parcel of land on which above mentioned private residence is now located.

CONTINUE ON SEPARATE SHEET IF NECESSARY

# 8 SIGNIFICANCE

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PERIOD	AREAS OF SIGNIFICANCE -- CHECK AND JUSTIFY BELOW			
PREHISTORIC	<input type="checkbox"/> ARCHEOLOGY-PREHISTORIC	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> COMMUNITY PLANNING	<input type="checkbox"/> LANDSCAPE ARCHITECTURE	<input type="checkbox"/> RELIGION
100-1499	<input type="checkbox"/> ARCHEOLOGY-HISTORIC	<input type="checkbox"/> CONSERVATION	<input type="checkbox"/> LAW	<input type="checkbox"/> SCIENCE
1500-1599	<input type="checkbox"/> AGRICULTURE	<input type="checkbox"/> ECONOMICS	<input type="checkbox"/> LITERATURE	<input type="checkbox"/> SCULPTURE
1600-1699	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> ARCHITECTURE	<input type="checkbox"/> EDUCATION	<input type="checkbox"/> MILITARY	<input type="checkbox"/> SOCIAL/HUMANITARIAN
1700-1799	<input type="checkbox"/> ART	<input type="checkbox"/> ENGINEERING	<input type="checkbox"/> MUSIC	<input type="checkbox"/> THEATER
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> 1800-1899	<input type="checkbox"/> COMMERCE	<input type="checkbox"/> EXPLORATION/SETTLEMENT	<input type="checkbox"/> PHILOSOPHY	<input type="checkbox"/> TRANSPORTATION
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

BUILDER/ARCHITECT

STATEMENT OF SIGNIFICANCE

This shingle-style house reflects the emergence of the middle class in Aberdeen during the late 1800's. The town of Aberdeen was involved in the canning industry during this time and the area was prospering. 201 E. Bel Air is typical of the type of home that was built. The house was erected in 1905. The cross gable style is seen throughout Aberdeen and remain popular today. The house stands unaltered and in excellent condition.

A two-story cross gable of frame construction which faces North on Bel Air Ave., this house has an L-shape plan, which divide the residence in two parts; A and B. Part A faces North. It has a gable end roof with exposed rafters plus tarpaper roofing. Part A is two bays deep and three bays wide with regular fenestration. There are two interior brick corbelled chimneys on either side of the cross gable in Part A. The whole structure rests on an uncovered rubble foundation. A shed roof extends from the north side and is supported by four square-cut columns. The front center door is flanked by two side lights and a glass pane transome. The five windows on the North side are all 6/6 sash windows. The East and West sides of Part A are each two bays wide, with two gable end windows at each side.

Part B of the house extends from the West side of Part A. It is two bays long and one bay wide, with a one-story hip roof swell on the west side. The swell has 2/2 sash windows with wide eavesments. The rear entrance on the South side of Part B is covered by a gable hood. A shed addition extends from Part B on its East side. The addition has three casement windows.

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**9 MAJOR BIBLIOGRAPHICAL REFERENCES**

"HISTORY OF ABERDEEN, MARYLAND" by Richard F. Cronin, published by Bicentennial Committee of Aberdeen, 1976.

"OUR HARFORD HERITAGE" by C. Milton Wright, published by French Bay Publishing Co., 1980.

"HARFORD COUNTY HISTORIC BULLETIN" No. 8, Spring Edition, 1983.

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**10 GEOGRAPHICAL DATA**

ACREAGE OF NOMINATED PROPERTY 4.17 acres

VERBAL BOUNDARY DESCRIPTION

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

STATE	COUNTY
<u>MARYLAND</u>	<u>HARFORD</u>
STATE	COUNTY

**11 FORM PREPARED BY**

NAME / TITLE

ABERDEEN HISTORIC SURVEY/RESTORATION COMMITTEE

July 12, 1983

ORGANIZATION

DATE

ABERDEEN TOWN COUNCIL

STREET & NUMBER

TELEPHONE

ABERDEEN, MARYLAND 21001

CITY OR TOWN

STATE

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

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N. R. FIELD SHEET

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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

**1. NAME**

COMMON: Colonel Higgins' house

AND/OR HISTORIC:

**2. LOCATION**

STREET AND NUMBER: 201 East Bel Air Avenue

CITY OR TOWN: Aberdeen

STATE: Md CODE COUNTY: Harford CODE

**3. CLASSIFICATION**

CATEGORY (Check One)	OWNERSHIP	STATUS	ACCESSIBLE TO THE PUBLIC
District <input type="checkbox"/> Building <input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	Public <input type="checkbox"/>	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Occupied	Yes: <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Restricted
Site <input type="checkbox"/> Structure <input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	Private <input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/> Unoccupied	<input type="checkbox"/> Unrestricted
Object <input type="checkbox"/>	Both <input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/> Preservation work in progress	No: <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"/>	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Private Residence	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: Lt. Col. H. Richard Higgins, USA Ret.

STREET AND NUMBER: 201 E Bel Air Ave

CITY OR TOWN: Aberdeen STATE: Md CODE 21001

**5. LOCATION OF LEGAL DESCRIPTION**

COURTHOUSE, REGISTRY OF DEEDS, ETC:

STREET AND NUMBER: CLERK OF THE CIRCUIT COURT

CITY OR TOWN: HARFORD COUNTY COURTHOUSE STATE: 40 S. MAIN CODE

BEL AIR MARYLAND

ACREAGE

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 FOR NPS USE ONLY

## 7. DESCRIPTION

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

DESCRIBE THE PRESENT AND ORIGINAL (If known) PHYSICAL APPEARANCE

This square frame house, <sup>2 1/2 stories</sup> has a four-column front portico, 2 stories, over the front (west) entrance. A one-story porch shelters three sides of the house, north, west & south. There is a porte-cochere on the north. The hip roof rises to a low-pitch hip center, has 2 dormers on each side.

There is a 2 story wing to the rear (east) of the house. Windows throughout have large pane in each sash. The second story windows are about 5' wide, 6' long, 3 on each side except where a door enters from the west porch. ~~Windows~~ Windows on the first floor are sketched below.

Room arrangements are <sup>as</sup> symmetrical as the exterior of the house ~~the~~ suggests. The wide porches ~~are~~ <sup>make</sup> cross ventilation possible during a summer thunderstorm from the shaded lawn. Central heating, originally coal hot air, warmed the house. Aluminum clapboard and storm-sashes protect unobtrusively.

8. SIGNIFICANCE

PERIOD (Check One or More as Appropriate)

- Pre-Columbian  16th Century  18th Century  20th Century   
 15th Century  17th Century  19th Century

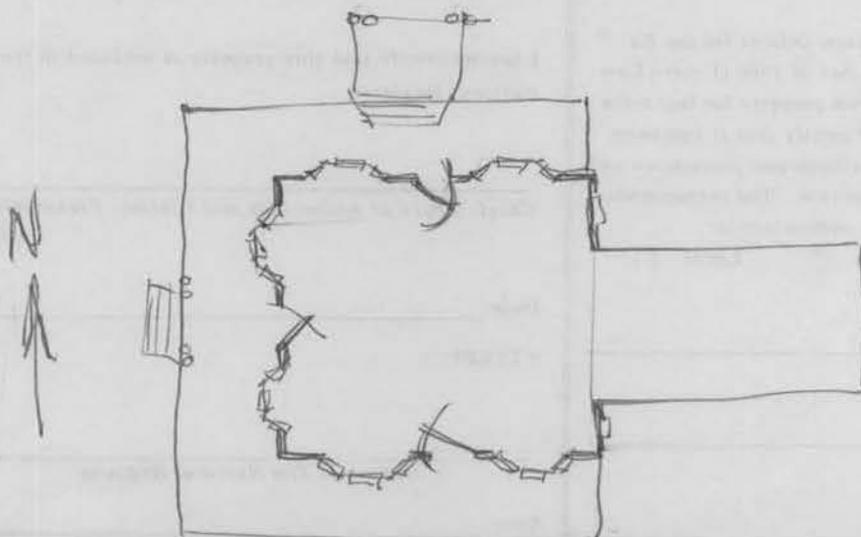
SPECIFIC DATE(S) (If Applicable and Known)

AREAS OF SIGNIFICANCE (Check One or More as Appropriate)

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

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

Built for a wealthy farmer and counil of industry broker between 1900 - 1918, this spacious house in a grove of sycamore trees has been owned in recent decades by officers of the Army Proving Ground whose fence is at the edge of this property, Col. A.R. Baldwin and now Lt Col H Richard Higgins.



9. MAJOR BIBLIOGRAPHICAL REFERENCES

Interview with Jon Harlan Livezey, 14 May 71, at his office in Bel Air.

~~Attachments~~

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		LATITUDE		LONGITUDE		
	Degrees	Minutes	Seconds	Degrees	Minutes	Seconds	Degrees	Minutes	Seconds
NW	0	.	"	0	.	"	0	.	"
NE	0	.	"	0	.	"	0	.	"
SE	0	.	"	0	.	"	0	.	"
SW	0	.	"	0	.	"	0	.	"

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

NATIONAL REGISTER VERIFICATION

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 \_\_\_\_\_

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 \_\_\_\_\_



Survey # ~~MA~~-777  
201 E. Bel Air Ave.  
Front and Side  
East  
Gloria Kaminski  
May 1983



Survey # HA-777  
201 E. Bel Air Ave.  
Back and Side  
West  
Gloria Kaminski  
May 1983