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National Register of Historic Places Inventory—Nomination Form

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See instructions in *How to Complete National Register Forms*
Type all entries—complete applicable sections

1. Name

historic Liriodendron

and or common Kelly Estate

2. Location

street & number 501 and 502 West Gordon Street ___ not for publication

city, town Bel Air ___ vicinity of congressional district First

state Maryland code 24 county Harford code 025

3. Classification

Category	Ownership	Status	Present Use	
___ district	X public	X occupied	___ agriculture	___ museum
X building(s)	X private	___ unoccupied	___ commercial	___ park
___ structure	___ both	___ work in progress	___ educational	___ private residence
___ site	**Public Acquisition**	**Accessible**	___ entertainment	___ religious
___ object	___ in process	X yes: restricted	___ government	___ scientific
	___ being considered	___ yes: unrestricted	___ industrial	___ transportation
		___ no	___ military	___ other:

4. Owner of Property

name See continuation sheet (public and private)

street & number

city, town ___ vicinity of state

5. Location of Legal Description

courthouse, registry of deeds, etc. Harford County Courthouse

street & number 40 South Main Street

city, town Bel Air state Maryland 21014

6. Representation in Existing Surveys

title MHT Historic Sites Inventory has this property been determined elegible? ___ yes ___ no

date ___ federal X state ___ county ___ local

depository for survey records Maryland Historical Trust

city, town Annapolis state Maryland

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Owner of Property

Harford County
Department of Parks and Recreation
45 South Main Street
Bel Air, Maryland 21014 (Tel. (301) 879-2000, x233)

Mr. and Mrs. F. H. Kelly
502 W. Gordon Street
Bel Air, Maryland 21014 (Tel. (301) 838-5850)

Mr. and Mrs. Eugene Graybeal
501 W. Gordon Street
Bel Air, Maryland 21014 (Tel. (301) 838-6040)

Condition		Check one	Check one
X excellent	___ deteriorated	___ unaltered	X original site
___ good	___ ruins	X altered	___ moved date _____
___ fair	___ unexposed		

Describe the present and original (if known) physical appearance

Located on the west edge of Bel Air, Harford County, at the end of West Gordon Street, the Liriodendron estate comprises: a circa 1898 Georgian Revival mansion, Liriodendron; a circa 1835 classical influenced house, the Graybeal-Kelly house; a circa 1835 bank barn; a circa 1898 carriage house; a circa 1850 board-and-batten cottage; and five other outbuildings including a corn crib, a smokehouse, two ice houses, and a shed.

The estate is concentrated on 48.2 acres of gently sloping open land with large trees (many poplars--hence the name Liriodendron, the Latin name for tulip poplars), and ringed by dense woodland on three sides, with the town of Bel Air bordering to the south and west. Historical relationships between the structures are delineated by the topography: Liriodendron, erected as a summer residence for Dr. Howard Kelly in 1898, crowns the highest point of the site whereas the older farmhouse, circa 1835, is set in a slight valley to the southwest (the farm was originally laid out to the south) and the barn, which is contemporary to the farmhouse, is located on the same elevation to the east. The 1898 carriage house abuts the barn's east side. The other buildings, including the circa 1850 cottage, are clustered in the southeast portion of the estate. The ice-houses are located adjacent to their respective households--one to the north of Liriodendron, the foundations of the other (the actual structure has been moved to the other side of the house) to the west of the Graybeal-Kelly house.

Liriodendron Mansion, 502 West Gordon Street

The 1898 Liriodendron mansion, reminiscent of Newport, Rhode Island houses in its dramatic grandeur and setting, was designed by the Baltimore architectural firm of Wyatt and Nolting in the Georgian Revival style. Set on a raised stone foundation and constructed of stuccoed brick with a low-pitched hipped roof, the house is two and a half stories and T-shaped with the service wing constituting the stem of the T on the east. At the southeast juncture of the two sections is a one-room adjunct containing the servants' pantry.

The seven-bay by two-bay main block faces west (for descriptive purposes). Spanned by a verandah along the west facade, it has a 3 bay wide central pedimented gable and is flanked by semi-elliptical pavilions. In this section are two interior end chimneys and two chimneys on either side of the central gable. The five-bay by three-bay service wing has two interior chimneys in both the north and south ends and three-bay jerkinhead dormers in each side. The main section, typically, is more highly ornamented than the service wing with corner quoins, chimneys with string courses and dentilled caps, and crossette window trim. The tripartite modillioned cornice encircles the whole house and the drainpipes have egg-and-dart trim. The ornament of the cornice is ceramic. Except for the casement windows in the basement, all windows have six lights over three vertical lights; those in the service wing have louvered shutters.

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On the front or western elevation, the three-bay wide projecting central pavilion is flanked on each side by two windows in both stories. The pavilion is set off by two-story ionic quarter-columns at both ends and flanking the central entrance; in the gable is a huge cartouche. Pedimented windows are on either side of the entrance, which has a rounded broken pediment and a glass casement door. In the second story center bay is a tripartite window. Reached by flights of steps at either end, the verandah has a balustrade flanked by scrolled acanthus brackets, a canopy of wisteria vines, and a terrazzo mosaic floor.

The interior plan of the main section consists of a central hall flanked by a parlor on the north and dining room on the south. The east section has four rooms straddling a core containing the main stairway atrium on the west and the servants' stair on the east. The staircase with landings is in a three-story atrium with a sky light. All rooms, except the service pantry, have fireplaces. Altogether there are 13 fireplaces in the house.

Each room is treated individually, although the scope and style of ornament are consistent throughout the first floor. A description of the living hall illustrates the type and variety of ornament on the interior. The hall has a fireplace flanked by arched openings in the north wall, a central arched opening with paneled doors in the south, and an arched opening to the stairhall on the east. An egg-and-dart cornice and a shoulder-height molded rail encircle the room; the main entrance has crossette trim. The fireplace likewise has an egg-and-dart cornice, with bead-and-reel bed molding, an architrave with a central cartouche, decorated with carved fruits, urns, and garlands. The Virginia Freestone opening (replaced) has a foliate surround; the hearth of Italian marble is original. The overmantel with pilasters, recessed panels, and foliated trim continues the formal naturalistic themes.

The second floor has seven bedrooms arranged around the central atrium, which is surrounded by an ionic-collumed arcade.

Graybeal-Kelly House, 501 West Gordon Street

Until the "Liriodendron" Mansion was constructed, the ca. 1835 brick Graybeal-Kelly house served as the manor house for the farm. Two and one-half stories and laid in five-stretcher bond, this Georgian-style house is grand in its own right. Five bays wide and two rooms deep, with symmetrically arranged facades, this gable-roofed house with two interior end double chimneys has a new one-room addition on the west end. Dormer windows--three on the south side and two on the north--

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have gable roofs, gable returns, and 6/6 sash windows with segmental arches. Windows in the main stories also have 6/6 sash, as well as flat brick arches, with louvered shutters on the windows in the sides; the basement and gables have louvered openings. Both the north and south sides have central entrances with windows in each of the other five bays on both stories.

The interior has a standard center hall plan with a dog-leg staircase in the northwest portion of the hall. Each of the four first floor rooms has a fireplace in its exterior wall. Windows and doors have molded trim with rondels, with the former having splayed paneled jambs and paneled spandrels. The doors have a double cross design. the windows in the southwest room have drawers underneath the sill which appear to be original. The northwest room of the basement has a fireplace and what appears to have been warming shelves.

The two-story brick smokehouse, adjacent to the west end of the house, has entrances in both stories of the east end.

The board-and-batten icehouse, now located next to the tennis court east of the house, has a hipped roof, scalloped bargeboard, and cupola.

Other Outbuildings

The ca. 1835 bank barn is three stories with a flared gable roof, central gabled extension to the north and forebay (of a slightly later date) to the south. The ground story is stone and opens to the south; windows at this level have brick jack arches. The structure with hand-hewn posts and rafters has mortise-and-tenon and pegged joints.

Abutting the east end of the barn, the 1898 carriage shed, also three stories, is frame covered with German siding, and has a slate gable roof with two eyebrow dormers in the north slope. Like the barn, it is set on a stone foundation, which opens to the south, while the second level opens to the north.

Located south of the latter two buildings, the frame corn crib on stilts has a gable roof and central cross gable with a scalloped barge board and carved brackets.

East of the corn crib is a one-story, gable-roofed, board-and-batten tenant (or farmer's) house with a gable roof. Set on a raised stone foundation, the house is L-shaped and faces south. The south section is one bay wide and one bay deep.

Period	Areas of Significance—Check and justify below			
___ prehistoric	___ archeology-prehistoric	___ community planning	___ landscape architecture	___ religion
___ 1400–1499	___ archeology-historic	___ conservation	___ law	X science
___ 1500–1599	___ agriculture	___ economics	___ literature	___ sculpture
___ 1600–1699	X architecture	___ education	___ military	___ social/ humanitarian
___ 1700–1799	___ art	___ engineering	___ music	___ theater
X 1800–1899	___ commerce	___ exploration/settlement	___ philosophy	___ transportation
___ 1900–	___ communications	___ industry	___ politics/government	___ other (specify)
		___ invention		

Specific dates c. 1898, c. 1835 **Builder/Architect**

Statement of Significance (in one paragraph)

SIGNIFICANCE

Liriodendron is a turn-of-the-century summer estate which was developed around a Georgian Revival mansion erected about 1898 for a prominent Baltimore doctor, Howard Atwood Kelly. It is significant for the complex of buildings set among gently sloping hills (with the mansion house on the highest point) and trees (many of which are Tulip Poplars for which Liriodendron is the Latin name) and for its association with Dr. Kelly, a pioneer in the fields of gynecology, radiotherapy, electrosurgery, and herpetology. In addition to the Georgian Revival mansion which was designed by the baltimore architectural firm of Wyatt and Nolting, is an excellent example of its style, and is still occupied by the Kelly family, the complex also contains three excellent and well preserved examples of mid-nineteenth century farm buildings: a circa 1835 classical influenced brick house, the Graybeal-Kelly house: a frame barn contemporary to the Graybeal-Kelly house; and a circa 1850 frame house with board-and-batten siding. These buildings were a part of the farm that was developed by Kelly into the summer estate. Another significant point is that the mansion house, now owned by Harford County, will be annexed into a large county park which lies to the west and north and will become a community center. Much of the county park was originally a part of the Kelly tract.

HISTORY

The estate is best known as the summer residence of Dr. Howard A. Kelly, often referred to as the "father of gynecology" and one of a group of doctors popularly referred to as the "Big Four" of Johns Hopkins Hospital. The "Big Four" was a name given to the first heads of clinic services at Johns Hopkins: William Osler, William Halsted, William Welch, and Howard Kelly. A portrait of them together by John Singer Sargent is the origin of the name "Big Four" and the image as the dons of medicine. The portrait now hangs in Hopkins' Welch Medical Library.

Howard Kelly (1858-1943) was something of a maverick in the medical profession, making significant contributions in several areas. He was a leading world authority in operative medical gynecology and abdominal surgery, the veriform appendix, the uterus. He was a pioneer in radiotherapy, obtaining America's radium from Madame Curie and, in conjunction with Dr. Curtis Burnham, initiating the treatment for cancer widely used today. The Kelly Hospital was the first to use teleoradium apparatus and establish a large radon plant. Kelly also helped Grant E. Ward develop the techniques of another unchartered field, electrosurgery, and won many prizes for his research in herpetology (the study of reptiles). A prolific writer in all fields, Kelly authored 575 books and articles.

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In 1897 Kelly purchased this farm and commissioned the prominent Baltimore architectural firm, Wyatt and Nolting, to design his summer house. Wyatt and Nolting also designed many significant buildings in Baltimore, including the Courthouse, the Keyser Building (corner of Redwood and Calvert Streets), and the original Country Club in Roland Park. With another partner, Joseph Evant Sperry, J.B. Noel Wyatt designed a terrace of rowhouses in the 1000 block of North Calvert Street and the Mercantile Safe Deposit and Trust Company (corner of Calvert and Redwood Streets).

The scale and splendor of the Wyatt and Nolting Liriodendron Mansion make it more appropriate for Newort Rhode Island, than Bel Air, Maryland, where few houses were built of any recognizable style, and certainly none of this scope.

The Graybeal-Kelly house dates from the 1830s and architecturally is also a rare type in the area. Its brick construction, symmetrical arrangement, and center hall plan are almost as anomalous in the Bel Air area as the English Palladian design of the later house.

The barn, contemporary to the Graybeal-Kelly House, is unique in its size (three levels) and craftsmanship and the bank barn type has disappeared entirely from the Bel Air area. In January 1980, the Historic Americal Buildings Survey (HABS), recorded the barn, which is in extremely dilapidated condition.

The estate itself has been extremely significant in Bel Air's development and will continue to be an important natural resource for the area as part of Harford County's Heavenly Waters Park. Prior to its purchase by Howard Kelly, the farm belonged to several of Bel Air's most illustrious citizens. Ninety-two acres came from the estate of Buckler Bond (d. 1823), one of the region's most prosperous farmers and a member of a prominent Bel Air family, and 103 acres from the estate of Thomas Hays (b. 1780, d. 1861), who owned 4,000 acres in Harford County, including 15 of the 42 lots in Bel Air.

Then, as the Kelly's summer estate, the area around the buildings was formally landscaped by the Philadelphia firm, J. Kift & Son, whose design is still apparent with most of the original plantings extant. West Gordon Street, now divided into residential lots, was the original carriage drive for Liriodendron, and is still lined with the different species of maple trees planted by Howard Kelly to exhibit a variety of colors in the autumn. Inside the stone gateposts,

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the open areas planted with bushes and ringed by evergreens are intact, as is the scheme of the drives around the estate. A privet hedge outlined the residential section of the estate, and a pyrus japonica hedge outlined the vegetable garden. At one time there were at least four greenhouses on the estate--none still standing. The gardener lived in the Graybeal-Kelly House and the greenhouses were located to its west. The main farming portion was sold in the 1950s for a development, leaving the residential and farm building complex, and most of the woodland which serves as a buffer between rapidly-suburbanizing Bel Air and the estate.

In 1961, Mr. and Mrs. Eugene Graybeal purchased the Graybeal-Kelly house and a five-acre lot. In 1972, Harford County purchased the remaining 103 acres to incorporate into the county's Heaveny Waters Park. The county is planning to preserve the buildings and to use them as an historical and cultural resource center for the area.

10. Geographical Data

Verbal Boundary Description

From north gatepost at end of West Gordon Street marking the entrance to the Kelly property:

1. N 41° 17'02"W 800' (following line of 242A parcel reserved for Kelly)

2. S 43°17'48"W 1430' (following line of property)

3. From that point 1600' in a southeasterly direction on a line that intersects with the pipe at the west end of the S 52°47'31" E 1091.25' line of the whole tract

4. From the point at the end of 1600' N 42°E 840'

5. N 40°79'05" W 190'

6. N 49°29'36"E 139.99'

7. N 40°15'25"W 30,28' to an iron pipe set at a pt. of a curve end.

8. Northwesterly by a line curving to the right, with a radius of 118.32' for an arc distance of 139.34' said curve being substended by a chord bearing N 06°31'10" W 131.43' to an iron pipe now set in the northerly right of way line of Catherine St.

9. Binding thereon N 27°13'15" E 225' with a line curving to the right with a radius of 129.00' for an arc distance of 49.40', said curve being substended by a chord bearing N 38°21'20" E 49.10' to a concrete monument at the easterly corner of the 2.50 acre parcel to be retained by F. Kelly

10. N 40°57'06" W 435.17' to south gatepost of drive.

Containing approximately 48.2 acres

Boundary Justification

The boundaries of the site include all buildings associated with the estate, the landscaped area immediately surrounding the buildings,

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and approximately 300 feet of the woodland to the north, west, and south that represents the portion of the natural landscape that can be seen from the Liriodendron Mansion set at the highest point of the site and serves as an important visual buffer between rapidly suburbanizing Bel Air and the estate.

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Land and Will Records, Harford County Courthouse, Bel Air, Md.
Harford Democrat, February 4, 1898
Sun Papers, February 21, 1933 and November 15, 1959
TeLinds, Richard W., "Howard A. Kelly: A Portrait", Johns Hopkins Univ. Mag.

10. Geographical Data

Acreage of nominated property 48.2

Quadrangle name ~~Bel Air Quadrangle~~

Quadrangle scale 1:24000

UMT References

		Zone	Easting	Northing
A				
B				
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E				
F				
G				
H				

Verbal boundary description and justification

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

state	code	county	code
state	code	county	code

11. Form Prepared By

name/title Natalie Shivers, Historic Sites Surveyor

organization Harford County Historic District Comm. date Rev. March 1980

street & number 45 South Main Street telephone (301) 879-2000 x 207

city or town Bel Air state Maryland

12. State Historic Preservation Officer Certification

The evaluated significance of this property within the state is:

___ national ___ state ___ local

As the designated State Historic Preservation 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 Heritage Conservation and Recreation Service.

State Historic Preservation Officer signature

title STATE HISTORIC PRESERVATION OFFICER date

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

date

Keeper of the National Register

Attest: date

Chief of Registration

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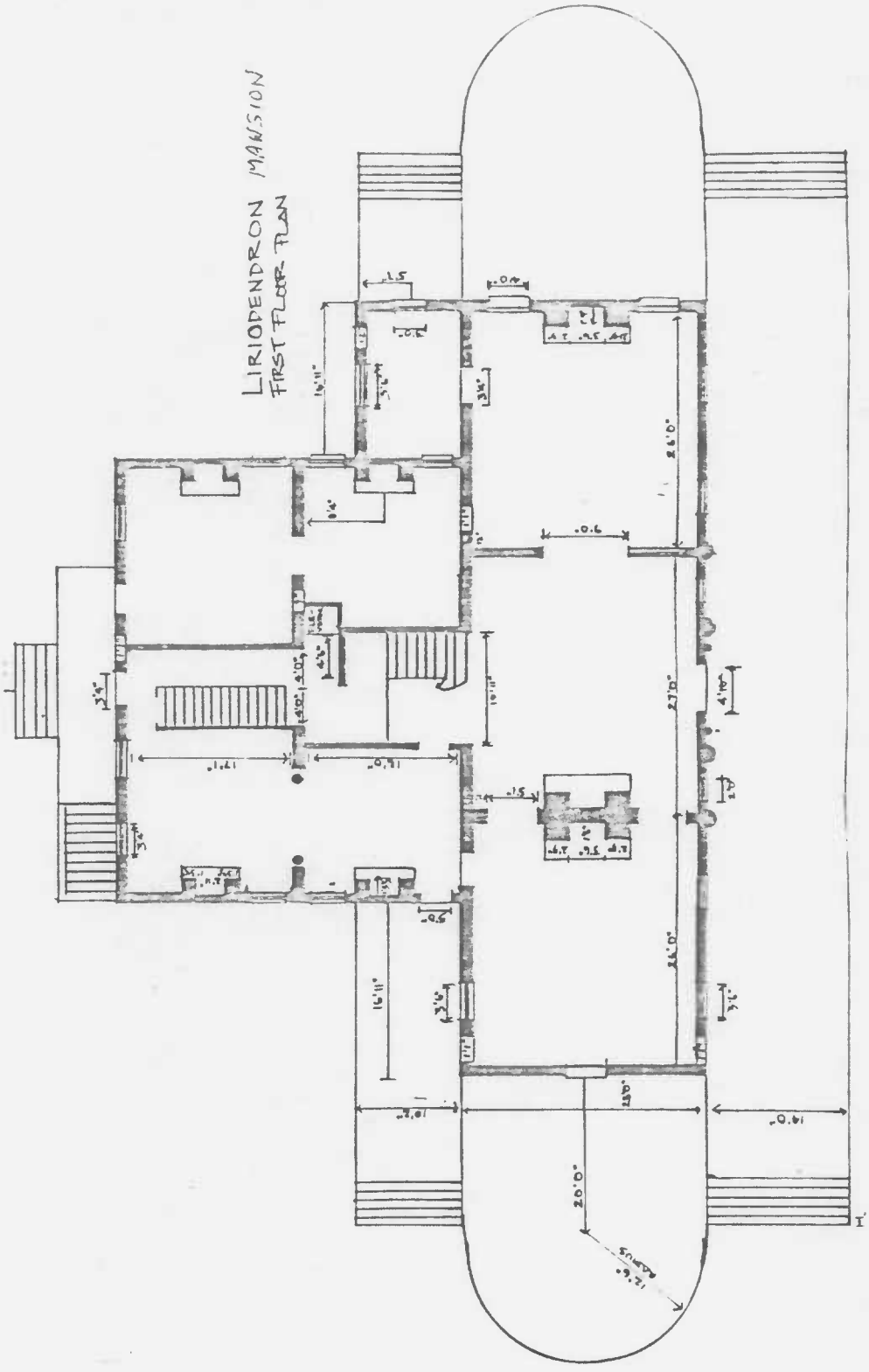
Tenant House



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Liriodendron

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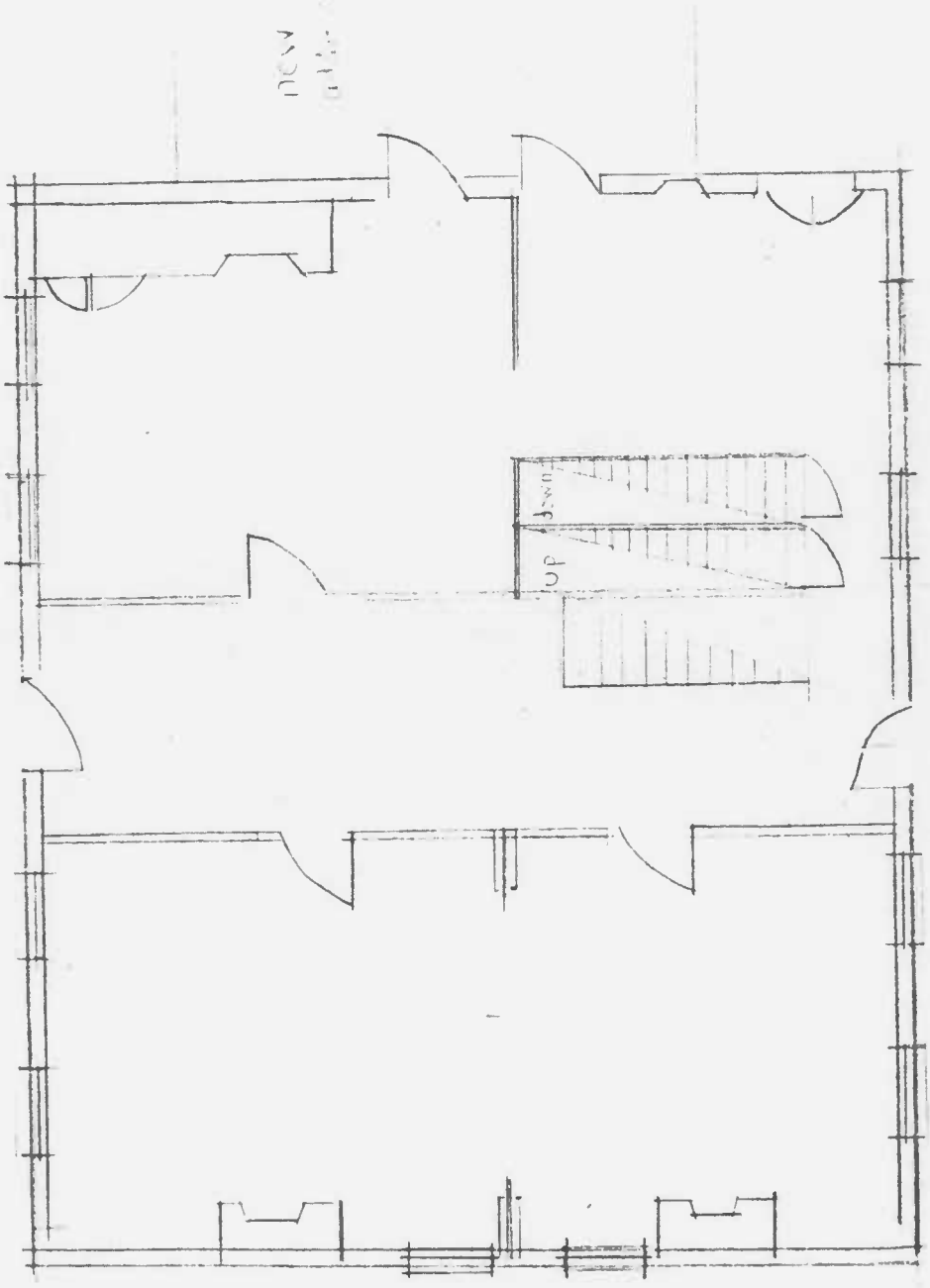
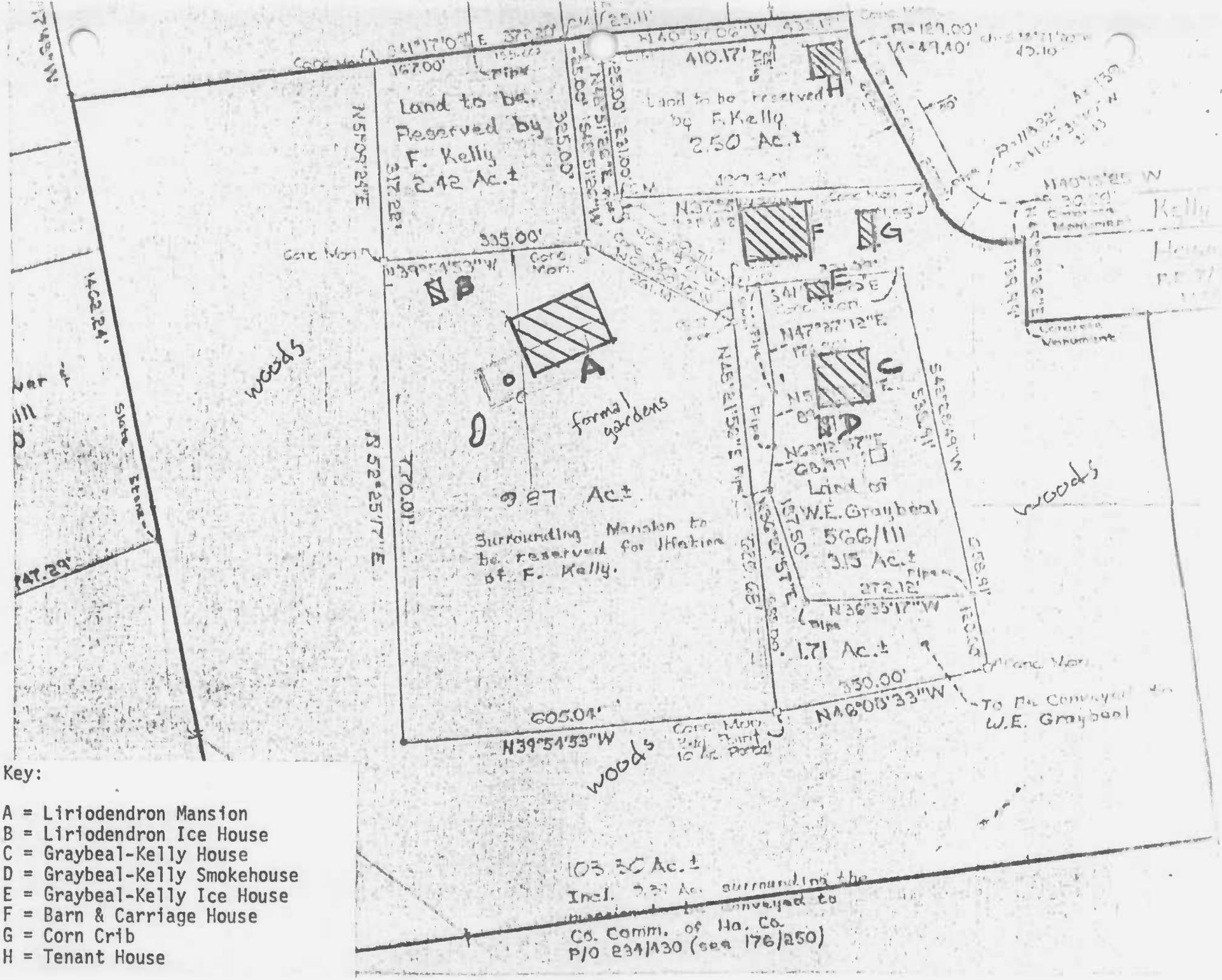
Harford County, Maryland





Key:

A = Liriodendron Mansion
B = Liriodendron Ice House
C = Graybeal-Kelly House
D = Graybeal-Kelly Smokehouse
E = Graybeal-Kelly Ice House
F = Barn & Carriage House
G = Corn Crib
H = Tenant House

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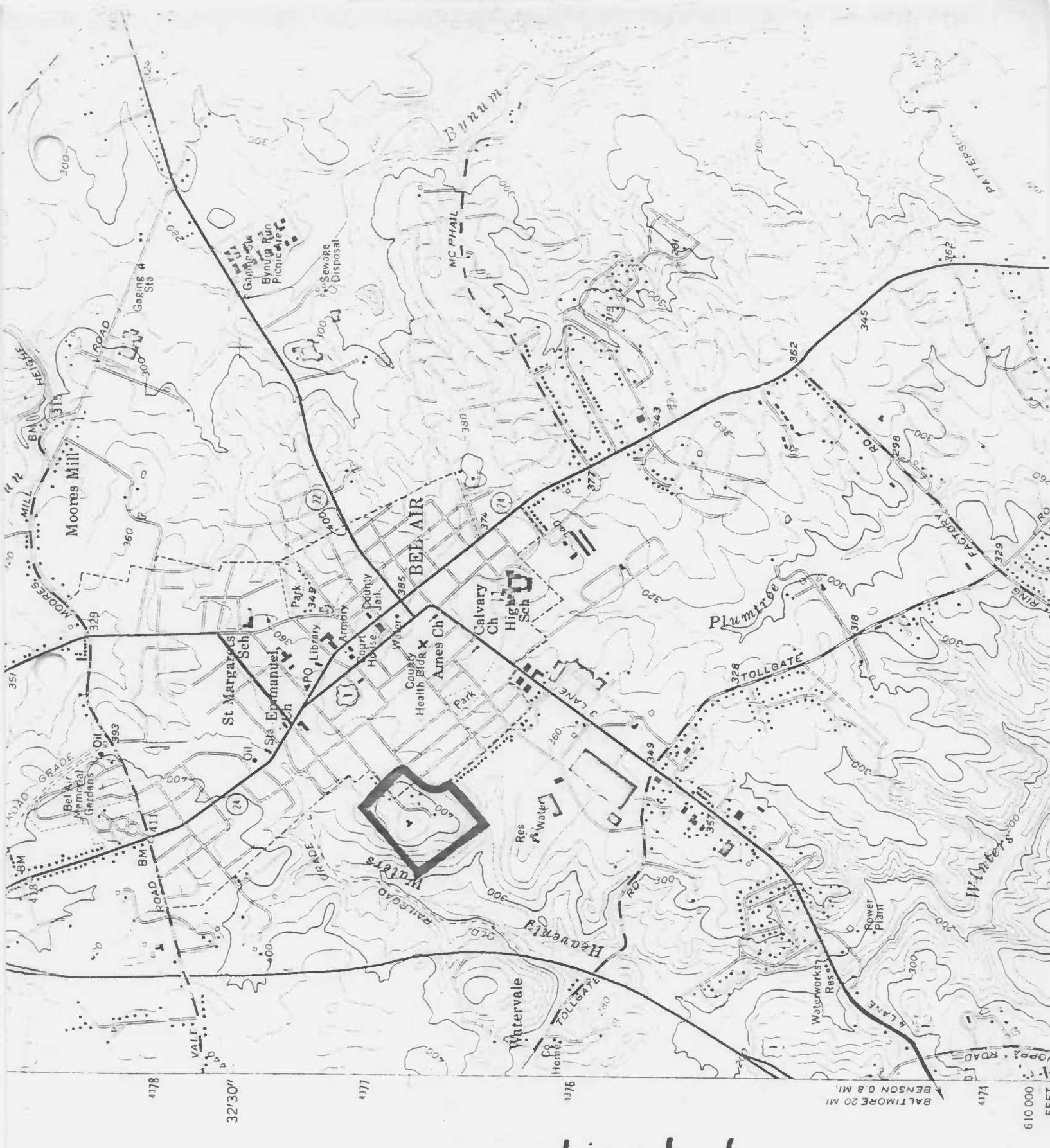

Liriodendron

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Bel Air Quad

Graybeal-Kelly House
501 W. Gordon Street
Bel Air, Maryland 21014

This 2½-story, gable-roofed brick house built around 1830 was the original Howard A. Kelly house.Dr. Howard Atwood Kelly, one of the"Big Four" of Johns Hopkins Hospital (the name given to the four heads of clinical services there) lived in this house with his family while a larger house was being built nearby (HA-230). The Kellys used this as a summer residence; Howard Kelly was chief of gynecology at Hopkins and had a private clinic on Eutaw Place in Baltimore.

The 200-acre farm was part of the tracts "Joshua's Meadows Enlarged", "Poplar Neck", "Scotts Hope", and "Hopewell", a large portion of which had belonged to Buckler Bond, a prosperous and prominent Bel Air farmer. John McKenny, who owned the property until 1853, ran several taverns in Bel Air and was editor of the local newspaper, The Independent Citizen. The brick construction, substantial size and elegant proportions, and formal arrangement of this house an anomaly in the area.

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INVENTORY FORM FOR STATE HISTORIC SITES SURVEY

1 NAME

HISTORIC

AND/OR COMMON
Graybeal-Kelly House

2 LOCATION

STREET & NUMBER
501 W. Gordon St.

CITY, TOWN
Bel Air, ___ VICINITY OF

CONGRESSIONAL DISTRICT

STATE
Maryland 21014

COUNTY
Harford

3 CLASSIFICATION

CATEGORY	OWNERSHIP	STATUS	PRESENT USE	
___DISTRICT	___PUBLIC	X OCCUPIED	___AGRICULTURE	___MUSEUM
X BUILDING(S)	X PRIVATE	___UNOCCUPIED	___COMMERCIAL	___PARK
___STRUCTURE	___BOTH	___WORK IN PROGRESS	___EDUCATIONAL	X PRIVATE RESIDENCE
___SITE	**PUBLIC ACQUISITION**	**ACCESSIBLE**	___ENTERTAINMENT	___RELIGIOUS
___OBJECT	___IN PROCESS	X YES: RESTRICTED	___GOVERNMENT	___SCIENTIFIC
	___BEING CONSIDERED	___YES: UNRESTRICTED	___INDUSTRIAL	___TRANSPORTATION
		___NO	___MILITARY	___OTHER

4 OWNER OF PROPERTY

NAME
Mr. & Mrs. Eugene Graybeal Telephone #: 838-6040

STREET & NUMBER
501 W. Gordon St.

CITY, TOWN
Bel Air, ___ VICINITY OF

STATE, zip code
Maryland 21014

5 LOCATION OF LEGAL DESCRIPTION

Liber #:
Folio #:

COURTHOUSE, REGISTRY OF DEEDS, ETC. Harford County Courthouse

STREET & NUMBER
40 S. Main St.

CITY, TOWN
Bel Air,

STATE
Maryland 21014

6 REPRESENTATION IN EXISTING SURVEYS

TITLE

DATE

___FEDERAL ___STATE ___COUNTY ___LOCAL

DEPOSITORY FOR SURVEY RECORDS

CITY, TOWN

STATE

7 DESCRIPTION

CONDITION		CHECK ONE	CHECK ONE
X EXCELLENT	__DETERIORATED	__UNALTERED	X ORIGINAL SITE
__GOOD	__RUINS	X ALTERED	__MOVED DATE_____
__FAIR	__UNEXPOSED		

DESCRIBE THE PRESENT AND ORIGINAL (IF KNOWN) PHYSICAL APPEARANCE

This ca. 1830 2½-story brick house is located on the south portion of the Kelly estate at the end of West Gordon Street in Bel Air. Five bays wide and two rooms deep, the gable-roofed house with two interior and double chimneys has a new one room addition on the west end. Dormer windows-three on the south side and two on the north-have gable roofs, gable returns, and 6/6 sash windows with segmental arches. Windows in the main stories also have 6/6 sash, as well as flat brick arches, with louvered shutters on the windows in the sides; the basement and gables have louvered openings.

The south side, formerly the front, has a window in each of the five bays of the first and second stories with an entrance in the first story center bay. The latter has a gabled portico with Doric columns.

The east end has one window in the first story and an opening in the gable.

The north side, currently the front, is similar to the south except the window in the second story center bay is at stair landing level.

The west end has two windows in the second story and two gable openings; the gable-roofed addition covers the first story.

The interior is a standard center hall plan with a staircase in the northwest portion of the hall. Each of the four first floor rooms has a fireplace in its exterior wall. Windows and doors have molded trim with rondels, with the former having panelled spandrels and jambs, which are also angled into the wall. The doors have a double cross design.

In the center hall, the dog-leg staircase is in the northern portion against the west wall. The rooms on the east are separated by sliding double doors. The southwest room originally had a window north of the fireplace where there is now an entrance to the western addition. In the northwest room, the stairs to the basement and back stairs to the second floor are against the east wall (i.e. adjacent and parallel to the main staircase in the center hall).

West of the house is a two-story, gable-roofed brick smokehouse, entered from its east end.

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8 SIGNIFICANCE

PERIOD	AREAS OF SIGNIFICANCE -- CHECK AND JUSTIFY BELOW			
_PREHISTORIC	_ARCHEOLOGY-PREHISTORIC	_COMMUNITY PLANNING	_LANDSCAPE ARCHITECTURE	_RELIGION
_1400-1499	_ARCHEOLOGY-HISTORIC	_CONSERVATION	_LAW	_SCIENCE
_1500-1599	_AGRICULTURE	_ECONOMICS	_LITERATURE	_SCULPTURE
_1600-1699	X ARCHITECTURE	_EDUCATION	_MILITARY	_SOCIAL/HUMANITARIAN
_1700-1799	_ART	_ENGINEERING	_MUSIC	_THEATER
X 1800-1899	_COMMERCE	_EXPLORATION/SETTLEMENT	_PHILOSOPHY	_TRANSPORTATION
_1900-	_COMMUNICATIONS	_INDUSTRY	_POLITICS/GOVERNMENT	_OTHER (SPECIFY)
		_INVENTION		

SPECIFIC DATES BUILDER/ARCHITECT

STATEMENT OF SIGNIFICANCE

The house is on part of the property willed by Buckler Bond to his son, Francis Asbury Bond in 1823. In 1828, the latter sold 92 acres of "Poplars Neck" and "Joshuas Meadows Enlarged" to John McKenney, Sr., for $554.[1] In 1843, Thomas Hays sold 103 acres of land purchased from another of Buckler Bond's sons, Joshua S. Bond, to John McKenney for $1180.63.[2] The deed tentatively describes this lot as "generally believed to be a part of Joshua's Meadows enlarged, part of Poplar Neck, part of Scotts Hope or Hopewell."

Buckler Bond was an extremely prosperous farmer in Bel Air. He had five children: Nancy, Carolina, Francis Asbury, Henry, and Joshua S. (who seems to have been the black sheep, having been willed $1 "and no more" or his father's estate). His inventory suggests a prosperous life: 6 female and 4 male slaves; the makings of a distillery (rye, 20 cider casks, 55 bushels of potatoes); a household with remarkable amenities for that time-1 Britania tea pot ($1.75 value), books, 3 looking glasses, 3 tea trays, 2½ dozen cups and saucers, 5 dozen plates (value $4.25), 2 dozen knives and forks ($3.25), ½ dozen tablespoons ($10.00), 1 dozen teaspoons ($7.50), 2 Dutch ovens. The entire estate was valued at $2360.91 at his death.

The purchaser of this parcel after Buckler Bond's death, John McKenney, ran several taverns in town-one at the corner of Main St. and Bel Air Pike, another called the Union Tavern, owned by Thomas Hays. McKenney was also an editor of the newspaper, The Independent Citizen, from at least 1828 until 1835.

In 1853, McKenney sold his land to John Stewart[3], who also purchased a lot that had been sold to Samuel Bradford from Buckler Bond's estate. Stewart subsequently sold the whole assemblage to Margaret J. Heald in 1861 for $4000.

Margaret Heald lived here with her daughter, H. Georgette Rosan, and three grandchildren, until her mortgage was foreclosed and the property purchased by Dr. Howard A. Kelly in 1897.[4] She had sold off several parcels, but Kelly re-assembled the estate as it was when John Stewart owned it.[5]

Dr. Howard Atwood Kelly, one of "the Big Four" of Johns Hopkins Hospital (the name given to the four heads of clinical services there), lived in this house with his family while a larger house was being built nearby (Liriodendron, HA-230). The Kellys used this as a summer residence; Howard Kelly was chief of gynecology at Hopkins and had a private clinic on Eutaw Place in Baltimore.

The Kellys owned this house (renting it out) until 1961 when they sold it on a parcel of 3.14 acres to Mr. and Mrs. Eugene Graybeal.

The dimensions of this house do not fit those of the structures ascribed to Buckler Bond in the 1814 Tax Assessment. Architectural evidence, however, suggests a construction date in the first half of the 19th century at least. (The plan is similar to that of Medical Hall, HA-3). Its brick construction and symmetrical-and somewhat formal-arrangement make this house unusual in Harford County. It belongs to a breed that is much more common in southern Maryland and on the Eastern Shore.

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9 MAJOR BIBLIOGRAPHICAL REFERENCES

Land, Will and equity records of Harford County
1881 Census of Harford County
1814 Tax assessment

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10 GEOGRAPHICAL DATA

ACREAGE OF NOMINATED PROPERTY _____

VERBAL BOUNDARY DESCRIPTION

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

STATE COUNTY

STATE COUNTY

11 FORM PREPARED BY

NAME / TITLE
Natalie Shivers, Historic Sites Surveyor

ORGANIZATION
Harford County Historic District Commission

DATE
June, 1979

STREET & NUMBER
45 S. Main St.

TELEPHONE
301-879-2000 Ext. 207

CITY OR TOWN
Bel Air,

STATE
Maryland 21014

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The Shaw House, 21 State Circle
Annapolis, Maryland 21401
(301) 267-1438

Footnotes

[1] HD 11/319

[2] HD 28/232

[3] Equity Records ALJ 1/138

[4] WSF 91/499

[5] WSF 100/86, WSF 100/231

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Form 10-300
(Dec. 1968)

UNITED STATES DEPARTMENT OF THE INTERIOR
NATIONAL PARK SERVICE

NATIONAL REGISTER OF HISTORIC PLACES INVENTORY – NOMINATION FORM

(Type all entries – complete applicable sections)

STATE:

COUNTY:

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ENTRY NUMBER	DATE

1. NAME

COMMON: Graybeal - Kelly house

AND/OR HISTORIC:

2. LOCATION

STREET AND NUMBER: Lane enters north-west from Catherine Street (or west at the end of Gordon St)

CITY OR TOWN: Bel Air

STATE: Maryland | CODE: | COUNTY: Harford | CODE:

3. CLASSIFICATION

CATEGORY (Check One)	OWNERSHIP		STATUS	ACCESSIBLE TO THE PUBLIC
District ☐ Building ☐	Public ☐	Public Acquisition:	Occupied ☐	Yes:
Site ☐ Structure ☐	Private ☐	In Process ☐	Unoccupied ☐	Restricted ☐
Object ☐	Both ☐	Being Considered ☐	Preservation work in progress ☐	Unrestricted ☐
				No: ☐

PRESENT USE (Check One or More as Appropriate)

Agricultural	☐	Government	☐	Park	☐	Transportation	☐	Comments	☐
Commercial	☐	Industrial	☐	Private Residence	☐	Other (Specify)	☐		
Educational	☐	Military	☐	Religious	☐				
Entertainment	☐	Museum	☐	Scientific	☐				

4. OWNER OF PROPERTY

OWNERS NAME: W. Eugene Graybeal

STREET AND NUMBER: W. Gordon Street

CITY OR TOWN: Bel Air | STATE: Maryland | CODE:

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:

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STATE:

COUNTY:

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7. DESCRIPTION

CONDITION	(Check One) Excellent ☐ Good ☐ Foir ☐ Deterioroted ☐ Ruins ☐ Unexposed ☐	
INTEGRITY	(Check One) Altered ☐ Unoltered ☐	(Check One) Moved ☐ Originol Site ☐

DESCRIBE THE PRESENT AND ORIGINAL *(If known)* PHYSICAL APPEARANCE

Brick colonial house, 2 1/2 stories, 3 bays by two, The house originally faced south but now it faced on the north, The ridgeline running east-west. Large multiple chimneys at the gable ends of the house with two fireplaces in each room, 4 downstairs, 4 up, two on each side of the hall that runs thru the center.

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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)* 1820

AREAS OF SIGNIFICANCE *(Check One or More as Appropriate)*

Aboriginal	Education ☐	Political ☐	Urban Planning ☐
Prehistoric ☐	Engineering ☐	Religion/Philosophy ☐	Other *(Specify)* ☐
Historic ☐	Industry ☐	Science ☐	
Agriculture ☐	Invention ☐	Sculpture ☐	
Art ☐	Landscape Architecture ☐	Social/Humanitorian ☐	
Commerce ☐	Literature ☐	Theater ☐	
Communications ☐	Military ☐	Transportation ☐	
Conservation ☐	Music ☐		

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

the Kelly family fortunes outgrew this handsome but moderate-sized house, (They moved to HA 230), renting this for decades before Mr Graybeal purchased it in recent years.

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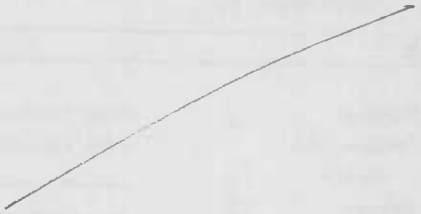
9. MAJOR BIBLIOGRAPHICAL REFERENCES



10. GEOGRAPHICAL DATA

LATITUDE AND LONGITUDE COORDINATES DEFINING A RECTANGLE LOCATING THE PROPERTY

CORNER	LATITUDE			LONGITUDE		
	Degrees	Minutes	Seconds	Degrees	Minutes	Seconds
NW	°	'	"	°	'	"
NE	°	'	"	°	'	"
SE	°	'	"	°	'	"
SW	°	'	"	°	'	"

OR

LATITUDE AND LONGITUDE COORDINATES DEFINING THE CENTER POINT OF A PROPERTY OF LESS THAN ONE ACRE

LATITUDE			LONGITUDE		
Degrees	Minutes	Seconds	Degrees	Minutes	Seconds
°	'	"	°	'	"

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

STATE:	CODE	COUNTY	CODE
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STATE:	CODE	COUNTY:	CODE

11. FORM PREPARED BY

NAME AND TITLE: JEAN S. EWING

ORGANIZATION: MARYLAND HISTORIC 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.

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Chief, Office of Archeology and Historic Preservation

Date _____

ATTEST:

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Keeper of The National Register

Date _____

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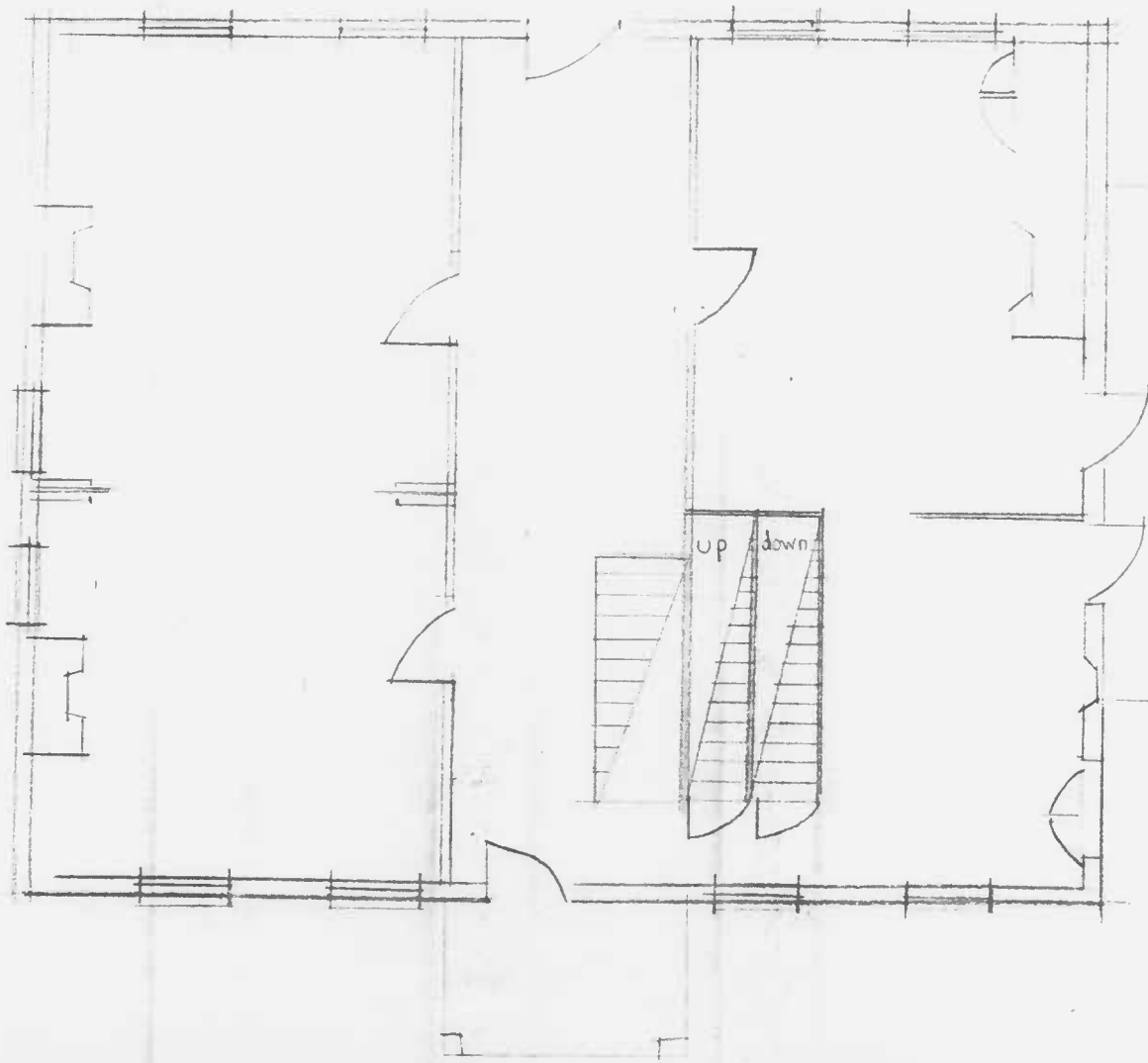

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GRAYBEAL- KELLY HOUSE
~~Liriodendron~~

Will Records SR 1/288	1823	Devisor: Buckler Bond Devisee: Francis Asbury Bond
HD 11/319 (Ind.)	May 13, 1828	Grantor: Francis Asbury Bond Grantee: John McKenney, Jr. Sum: $554 Acreage: 92 Acres; part of "Poplars Neck" & "Joshuas Meadows Enlarged"
HD 9/275 (Ind.)	August 1, 1826	Grantor: Francis Asbury Bond, Executor of the will of Buckler Bond Grantee: Samuel Bradford Sum: $200 Acreage: 20¼ acres-parts of "Poplars Neck", "Joshuas Meadows Enlarged"
HDG 28/232 (Ind.)	June 20, 1843	Grantor: Thomas A. Hays Grantee: John McKenney Sum: $1180.63 Acreage: 103 Acres, 3 roads, 1 perch-"part of land Thomas Hays purchased from Joshua S. Bond & being generally believed to be a part of Joshua's Meadows Enlarged, part of Poplar Neck, part of Scotts Hope or Hopewell"
HDG 36/397 (Ind.)	July 3, 1850	Grantor: Charles H. Bradford, Admr.; Jane Bradford (Widow of Samuel Bradford) Grantee: James Heald Sum: $750 Acreage: 20¼ Acres
Equity Records ALJ 1/138		John Stewart vs. John McKenney, Margaret J. Heald, Georgette Heald John McKenney owed $2875 mortgage to Thomas Hays; McKenney sold interest in land to James Heald, who died in 1852
ALJ 3/237	September 8, 1853	Grantor: Coleman Yellott & Stevenson Archer, Trustees Grantee: John Stewart of Baltimore City Sum: $6000 Acreage: 197 Acres-"Poplar Neck", "Joshuas Meadows Enlarged", "Scotts Hope or Hopewell"

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WG 12/253	April 22, 1861	Grantor: John & Barbara Stewart Grantee: Margaret J. Heald (Widow of James Heald) Sum: $4000 Acreage: 197 Acres
ALJ 30/347 ALJ 30/356	June 15, 1874	Grantor: Margaret J. Heald Grantee: H. Georgette Rosan release of dower rights to and conveyance of 20¼ acres (see transaction #3) in exchange for 5 acres
ALJ 32/249 (Mort.)	September 18, 1875	Mortgagor: Almira H. L. Phelps Mortgagee: Margaret J. Heald Acreage: 3 parcels - 92 acres (trans. #2); 103 acres, 3 roads, 1 perch (trans. #4); 5 acres (trans. #8)
ALJ 58/265	April 8, 1887	Grantor: Margaret J. Heald Grantee: William S. Richardson Sum: $2913.25 Acreage: 21 acres, 30 square perches
ALJ 65/13	April 13, 1889	Grantor: Margaret J. Heald Grantee: Harold Scarboro Sum: $500 Acreage: 1 Acre
WSF 87/417	March 20, 1896	Grantor: Margaret J. Heald & George W. Davison (William Davison & Co.) Grantee: Johannes A. Oertel Sum: $325 Acreage: 1.44 acres
Ref. Equity Records WSF 56/200	January 18, 1893	Grantor: Margaret J. Heald Grantee: Frank E. Gorrell Sum: $300 Acreage: 150' x 417' on south side of Gordon [illegible]
WSF 89/92	August 11, 1896	Grantor: Thomas H. Robinson, Fred R. Williams, Trustees Grantee: John S. Richardson Sum: $1825 Acreage: 20 acres, 30 square perches (Second National Bank vs. E. Hall Richardson et al)

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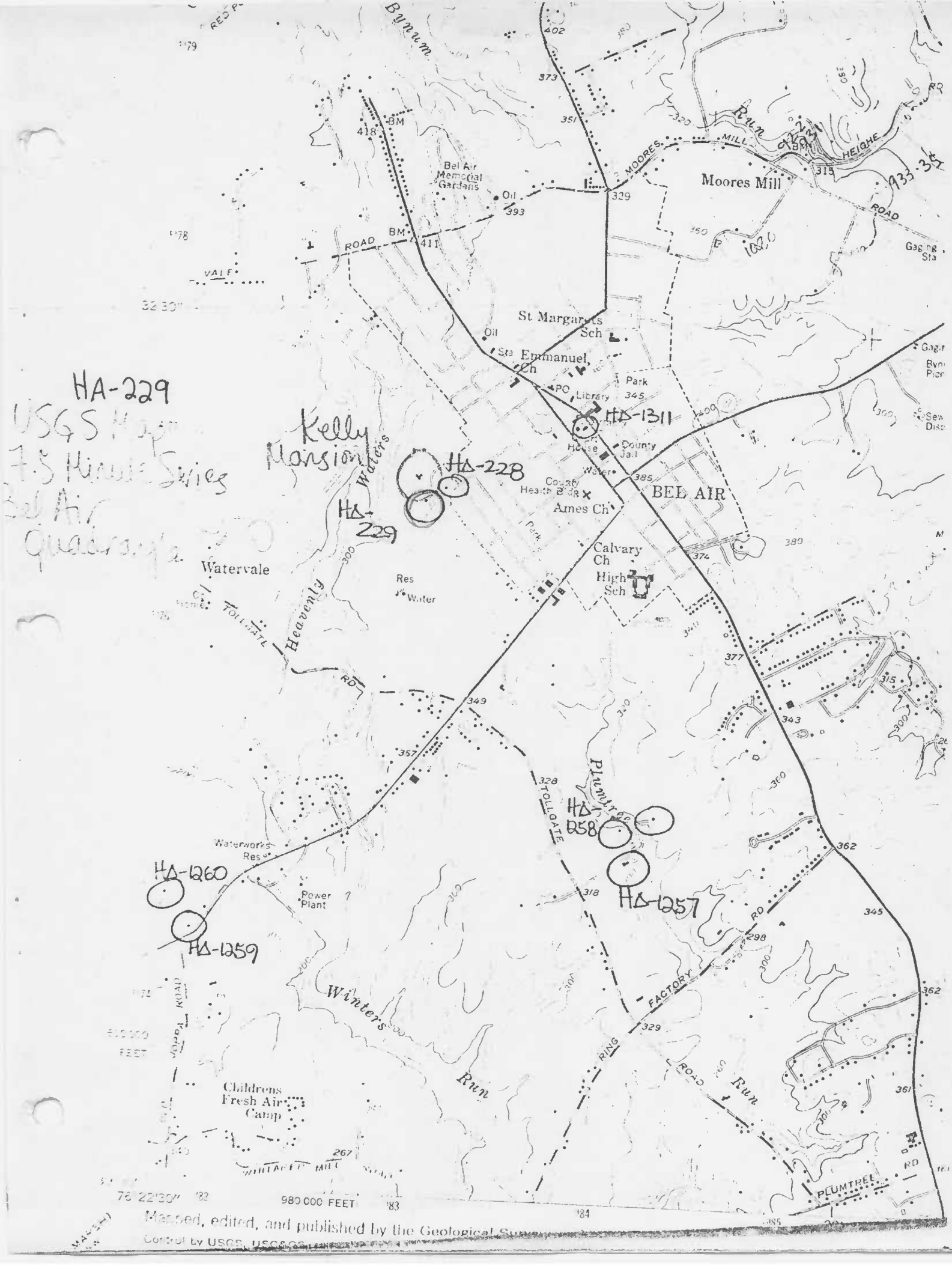
WSF 91/498	October 18, 1897	Grantor: Stevenson A. Williams, Trustee Grantee: John S. Richardson Sum: $7900 Acreage: 176½ acres (Jarrettsville Mutual vs. Margaret J. Heald, see Equity Records WSF 49/236)
WSF 91/499	October 19, 1897	Grantor: John S. Richardson, Jr. & wife, Elizabeth Grantee: Howard A. Kelly Sum: $12,000 Acreage: 196 acres, 2 roads, 34 perches
WSF 100/231	July 28, 1900	Grantor: Frederick R. Williams, Stevenson A. and Ariel Williams, Trustees Grantee: Dr. Howard A. Kelly Sum: $514.73 Acreage: 150' x 417' (Trans. #13) (See Equity Records WSF 56/200)
WSF 100/86	June 18, 1900	Grantor: Johannes O. & Julia A. Oertel Grantee: Howard A. Kelly Sum: $800 Acreage: 1.44 acre on southerly side of Gordon St. (see Trans. #12)
JAR 176/250	December 30, 1921	Grantor: Howard A. & Laetitia Bredow Kelly Grantee: Friedrich & Vida B. Kelly Acreage: 200 Acres
SWC 234/429	February 13, 1935	Grantor: Friedrich H. & Vida B. Kelly Grantee: J. Rieman McIntosh Acreage: 200 Acres - "Howard A. Kelly Farm"
SWC 234/430		Grantor: J. Rieman McIntosh Grantee: Friedrich H. & Vida B. Kelly Acreage: 200 Acres "Howard A. Kelly Farm"
566/111	February 10, 1961	Grantor: Friedrich H. & Margaret Smith Kelly Grantee: W. Eugene & Jean R. Graybeal Acreage: 3.14 Acres
899/650	June 16, 1972	Grantor: Friedrich H. Kelly Grantee: W. Eugene & Jean R. Graybeal Acreage: 1.71 Acres



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