

Easement:

HA-1244

1879

Hopkins House
141 N. Main Street
Bel Air
Private

Hopkins House is one of the most distinguished and original Victorian Houses in Town. The jerkinhead dormers and gables, the solemn restraint of the two story bay windows, the notable woodwork, plaster medallions and the marble mantles all mark this as the home of a wealthy man of considerable taste. None of Bel Air's Victorian architecture is flashy, but this house, while perhaps the largest of its decade, expresses the solid middle-class worth of the period rather than the vulgar and rambunctious social climbing that marks the Gilded Age elsewhere. Miss Amanda Wylie Hopkins, the last Hopkins owner, donated a preservation easement on the house to the Maryland Historical Trust in 1976. The building now houses offices.

INVENTORY FORM FOR STATE HISTORIC SITES SURVEY

1 NAME

HISTORIC
Hopkins House
AND/OR COMMON
Same

2 LOCATION

STREET & NUMBER
141 North Main Street 1st
CITY, TOWN
Bel Air _____ VICINITY OF _____ CONGRESSIONAL DISTRICT
STATE
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 checked="" 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 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
Poteet & Bonovich Contact: Tatar, Rosenthal Telephone #: 838-3111
STREET & NUMBER
141 North Main Street
CITY, TOWN
Bel Air _____ VICINITY OF _____ STATE, zip code
Maryland 21014

5 LOCATION OF LEGAL DESCRIPTION

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

Liber #:
Folio #:

6 REPRESENTATION IN EXISTING SURVEYS

TITLE

DATE

FEDERAL STATE COUNTY LOCAL

DEPOSITORY FOR
SURVEY RECORDS

CITY, TOWN

STATE

7 DESCRIPTION

VA-1244

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

to offices 1977

DESCRIBE THE PRESENT AND ORIGINAL (IF KNOWN) PHYSICAL APPEARANCE

This stately two and a half story clapboard Victorian house with steeply pitched gable roof is at 141 North Main Street, next to the Post Office, in the Town of Bel Air, Harford County, Maryland. The house is J shaped, the hall and dining room in a block running north and south parallel to the street, the service wing to the east of the dining room at right angles to it and the shorter block with the double parlors at right angles to the hall. Each of these blocks has its own gable roof terminating in a jerkinhead. Five jerkinhead dormers pierce the steep roof, two in the west (front) elevation, two in the north elevation facing the Post Office, and one in the north elevation of the service wing. Four chimneys rise from the roof, one with a broad base, a more slender column and a plain cap in the center of the ridge of the dining room block. A pair of slender stacks serve the fireplaces in the double parlors one in front of the main block and one behind. The one in front has an extender to improve the drawing of the chimney. The final chimney is at the peak of the gable just behind the jerkinhead at the rear of the service wing. There are two two-story bay windows, the more elaborate one in the west (front) elevation. This one lights the front of the two parlors. A dentilled cornice runs around the top of the first floor bay. The second story bay is slightly set back. Thick carved brackets support its cornice. A dentil band runs between the brackets. The bay in the south elevation runs through two stories with brackets and dentil trim at the top of the second story. The windows in the east and west elevations of this bay match the windows in the north bay. The north elevation of the south bay is blank, being entirely clapboard, apparently for privacy. The front porch roof is supported by plain square posts raised on bases. Very plain brackets decorate the angles formed by the posts and plain cornice. A deep overhanging roof with exposed rafters links this house to Gothic cottage architecture and the jerkinheads have a definite medieval flavor, but the horizontal lines of the siding balance the verticality of the projecting wings and the end posts, in themselves verging on stick-style. The upward thrust is also emphasized in the front elevation by the two-story bay window capped by the swift but truncated thrust of the jerkinhead gable. This movement is balanced by the horizontal movement of the 1st floor porch and the more quiet movement of the steep slate roof of the upper half-story.

The windows in the first story of the main blocks are double-hung 2/4 sash windows running from floor to ceiling and framed in slender shutters which are louvered in the upper two-thirds and paneled below. In the north elevation the third window in from the northwest corner is false; no window is behind the closed shutter. The second story fenestration is 2/2, double-hung, also framed in wooden shutters, these entirely louvered. There is one

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 checked="" 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

1879

BUILDER/ARCHITECT

JTC Hopkins

STATEMENT OF SIGNIFICANCE

This building is a well preserved and gracious example of the home of a wealthy and prominent Bel Air family in the third quarter of the nineteenth century. It is at present (1979) the only property in Town for which an historic preservation easement for both exterior elevations and interior details has been donated to the Maryland Trust. The building has been converted to office use.

In 1879 on the occasion of his marriage to Amanda Evans Wylie of South Carolina, John Thomas Chew Hopkins decided to build a new house on his Main Street lot, so he bought the lot next to F. W. Baker's house on Broadway from Harvey Jones and moved the house that was on the Main Street lot to that location. The house has been demolished. By October the cellar was being dug. (Harford Democrat, July 18, October 17, 1879) At that rate, it is possible that the house was not under roof that fall.

The house remained in the family and remained unchanged until 1976 when Miss Amanda Wylie Hopkins gave a preservation easement to the Maryland Historical Trust and sold the property to Linager and Smith. It was sold in January, 1979 to Poteet and Bonovich.

9 MAJOR BIBLIOGRAPHICAL REFERENCES

Harford Democrat
 Harford County Land Records

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10 GEOGRAPHICAL DATA

ACREAGE OF NOMINATED PROPERTY .45 a+

VERBAL BOUNDARY DESCRIPTION

This property occupies parcel 586 in the Town of Bel Air,
 79' x 250'

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

STATE COUNTY

STATE COUNTY

11 FORM PREPARED BY

NAME / TITLE

M. Larew

7 January 1979

ORGANIZATION

Town of Bel Air

DATE

STREET & NUMBER

39 Hickory Avenue

TELEPHONE

838-8700

CITY OR TOWN

Bel Air

STATE

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.

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

— 2/2 shuttered window in the gable of the north wing front and rear. The two dormer windows are round-arched 2/2, double-hung sash. All other windows are flat-arched. The windows of the service wing are universally 4/4, double-hung sash both in the first and second stories except for those in the one story lean-to addition to the service wing, which are 6/6.

The entry in the middle bay of the front elevation has double paneled doors with original hardware. The horizontal 3 pane transom and the narrow 2 pane side lights are of frosted decorated glass. A carved band topped by a beaded band separates the door from the transom.

The interior woodwork, mantels, and ceiling medallions are still in excellent condition. The first floor public rooms are decorated with restrained elegance. An open string staircase with a fat faceted newel, slender turned and faceted balusters and ornamental brackets, rises in the south side of the center hall; a like back stair with plainer turned balusters occupies the same position in the east (front) end of the service wing. The parlors have matching decorated slate mantels, the front parlor also having a mirrored overmantel. The public rooms and the hall also have cornices and decorative medallions.

The second floor woodwork is simpler but the painted mantels have elaborate moulding and carved or applied decoration. The top half-story rooms are smaller and even less elaborate. A metal, one-person electric elevator rises from the first to the second floor alongside the balustrade of the front staircase.

Altogether the Hopkins House is an elegant example of the type of house built by Bel Air's wealthy residents in the last quarter of the 19th century. While the architecture and interior decoration are well within the Victorian style, the style is carried out in a simple and balanced way without the furious over-ornamentation so prevalent elsewhere during the period.

A two-story back-garage of board and batten with a gable roof occupies the northeast corner of the lot.

MARYLAND HISTORICAL TRUST
 21 STATE CIRCLE
 SHAW HOUSE
 ANNAPOLIS, MARYLAND 21401

HISTORIC SITES SURVEY FIELD SHEET
 Individual Structure Survey Form

EASEMENT:

SURVEY NUMBER:	HA-1244
NEGATIVE FILE NUMBER:	
UTM REFERENCES:	Zone/Easting/Northing
U.S.G.S. QUAD. MAP:	
PRESENT FORMAL NAME:	Hopkins House
ORIGINAL FORMAL NAME:	Same
PRESENT USE:	Offices
ORIGINAL USE:	private residence
ARCHITECT/ENGINEER:	
BUILDER/CONTRACTOR:	
PHYSICAL CONDITION OF STRUCTURE:	Excellent (x) Good () Fair () Poor: ()
THEME:	Architecture
STYLE:	Victorian
DATE BUILT:	1879

COUNTY:	Harford
TOWN:	Bel Air
LOCATION:	141 North Main Street
COMMON NAME:	Hopkins House
FUNCTIONAL TYPE:	private residence
OWNER:	Poteet & Bonovich
ADDRESS:	141 N. Main St. Bel Air, Md.
CONTACT:	Tatar, Rosenthal
ACCESSIBILITY TO PUBLIC:	Yes () No () Restricted (x)
LEVEL OF SIGNIFICANCE:	Local (x) State () National ()

GENERAL DESCRIPTION:

Structural System

- Foundation: Stone(x) Brick() Concrete() Concrete Block()
- Wall Structure
 - Wood Frame: Post and Beam() Balloon()
 - Wood Bearing Masonry: Brick() Stone() Concrete() Concrete Block()
 - Iron() D. Steel() E. Other:
- Wall Covering: Clapboard(x) Board and Batten() Wood Shingle() Shiplap() Novelty() Stucco() Sheet Metal() Aluminum() Asphalt Shingle() Brick Veneer() Stone Veneer()
Bonding Pattern: Other:
- Roof Structure
 - Truss: Wood() Iron() Steel() Concrete()
 - Other:
- Roof Covering: Slate(x) Wood Shingle() Asphalt Shingle() Sheet Metal() Built Up() Rolled() Tile() Other:
- Engineering Structure:
- Other:

Appendages: Porches(x) Towers() Cupolas() Dormers(x) Chimneys(x) Sheds() Ells() Wings (x) Other: bays jerkinshed dormers

Roof Style: Gable(x) Hip() Shed() Flat() Mansard() Gambrel() Jerkinhead(x) Saw Tooth() With Monitor() With Bellcast() With Parapet() With False Front() Other:

Number of Stories: 2½

Number of Bays: 3

Approximate Dimensions: 45' x 55'

Entrance Location: Main St.

THREAT TO STRUCTURE: Preservation
 No Threat(x) Zoning() Roads() Easement
 Development() Deterioration()
 Alteration () Other:

LOCAL ATTITUDES:
 Positive(x) Negative()
 Mixed() Other:

ADDITIONAL ARCHITECTURAL OR STRUCTURAL DESCRIPTION:

false window 1st floor N. elevation - shutters closed: no window electric elevator (single person) Miss Hopkins' heart condition between 1st & 2nd floor in stairwell fireplaces & woodwork retained - 2 new furnaces 1 in cellar, one in east room in utility wing serves 2nd & 3rd floors. Frosted glass in entry transom & window lights front & rear - original hardware doors & shutters - bay in south elevation on 2 windows in both stories. Third surface (right next to house next door) blank clapboard.

RELATED STRUCTURES: (Describe)

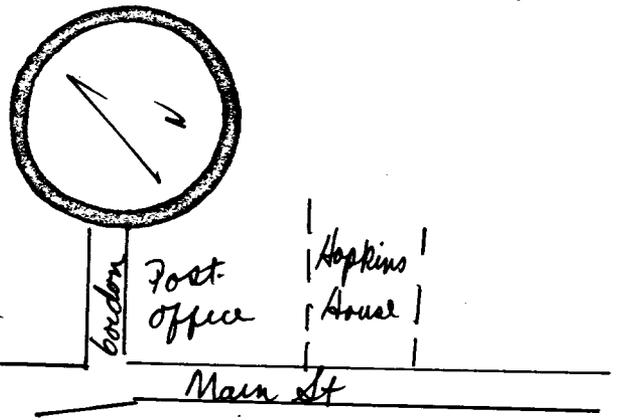
outbuilding: barn-garage - unchanged - used for storage

STATEMENT OF SIGNIFICANCE:

A fine Victorian house, well preserved; until the building was made into offices it was unchanged. Preservation easement protects not only exterior but interior features. Represents home of one of Bel Air's wealthy & prominent citizens, J.T.C. Hopkins, president of 2nd National Bank, lawyer, member of the State Legislature (1870), States Attorney for Harford (1872-1880), Deputy Collector of the Port of Baltimore, Cleveland, 2nd Administration. Apparently stayed in family hands until 1976 (find out who Martha Downes is.)

REFERENCES:

MAP: (Indicate North In Circle)



SURROUNDING ENVIRONMENT:

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

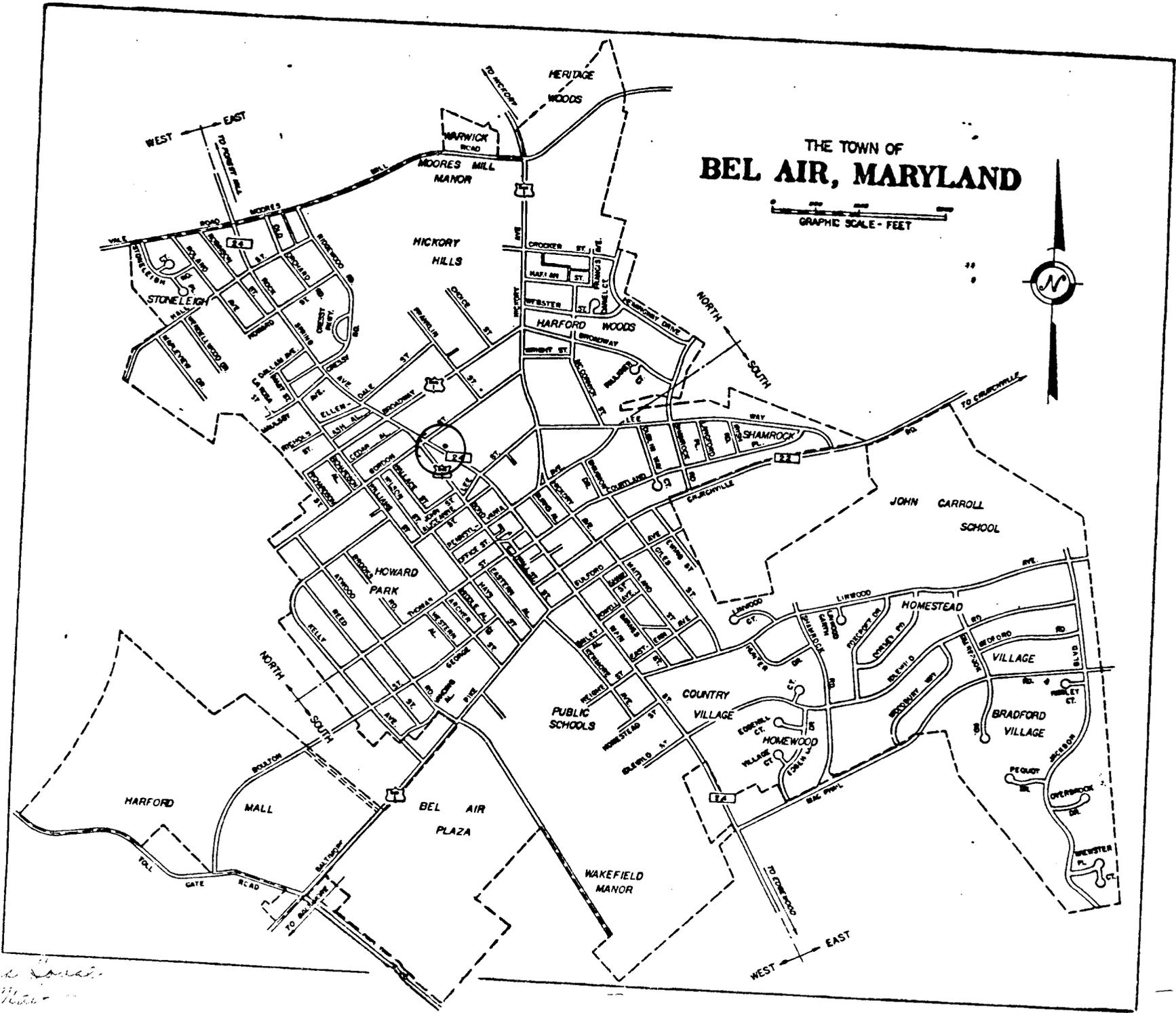
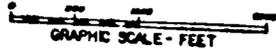
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Town of Bel Air

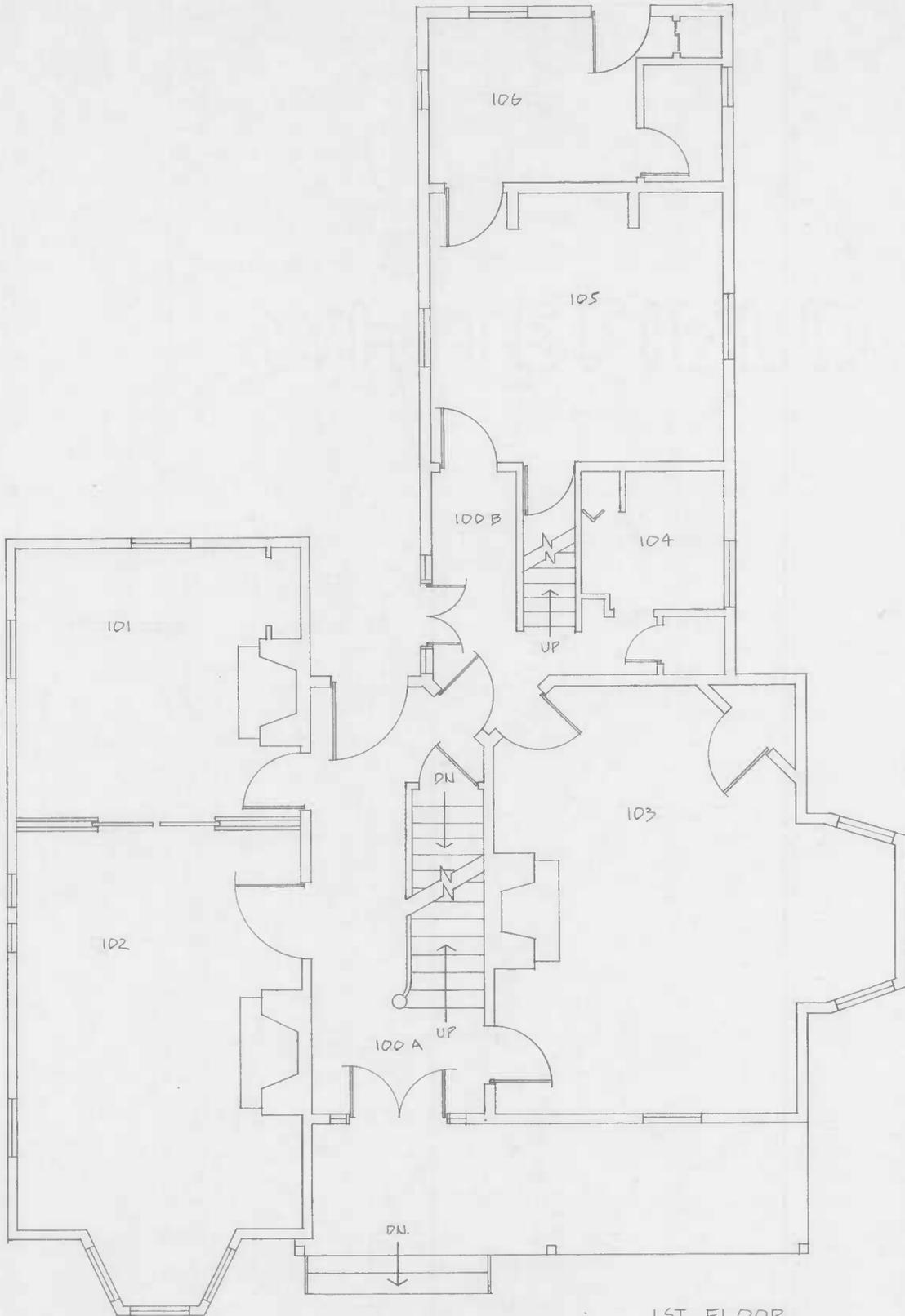
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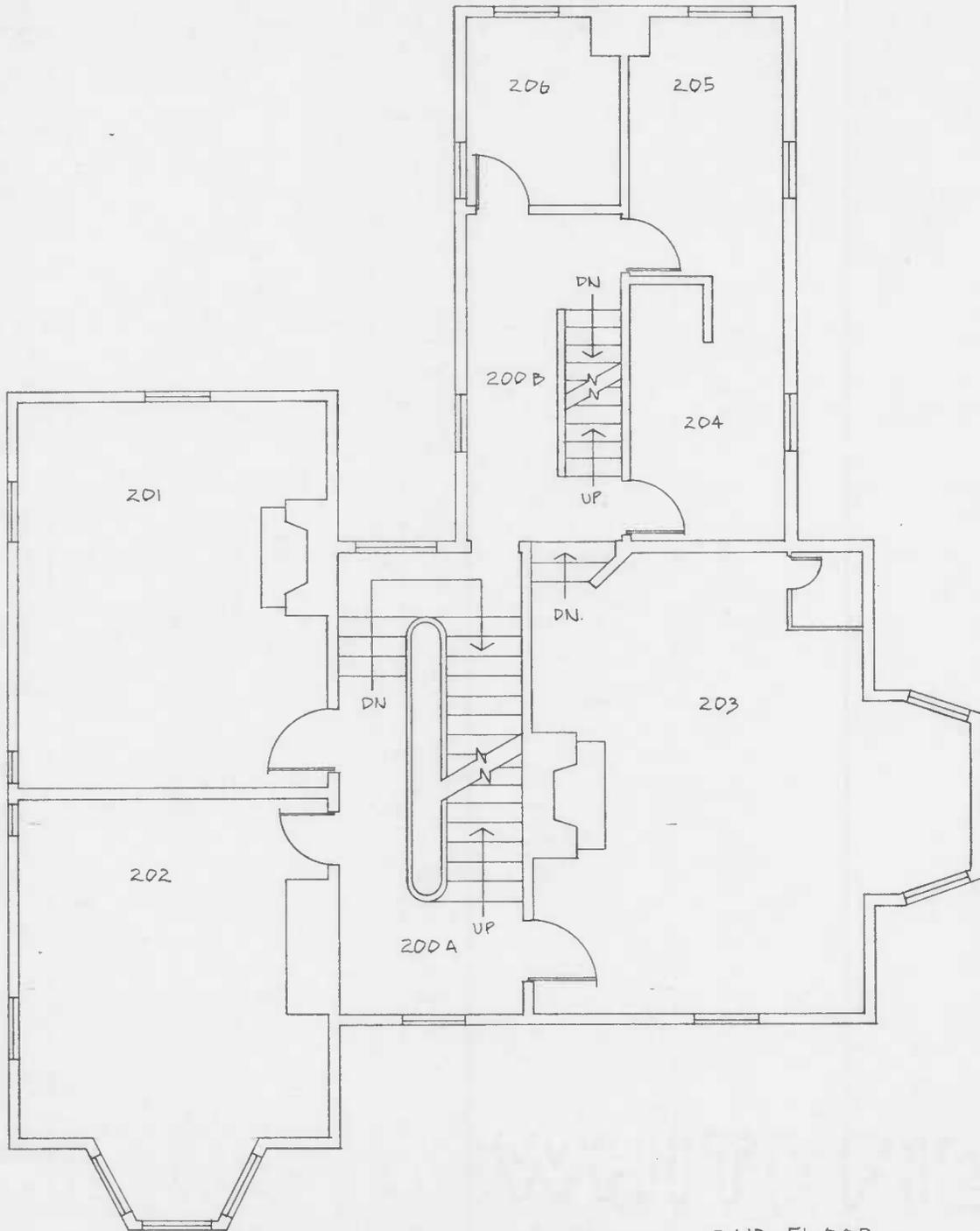
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Rollins Court
141 E. Main
Bel Air



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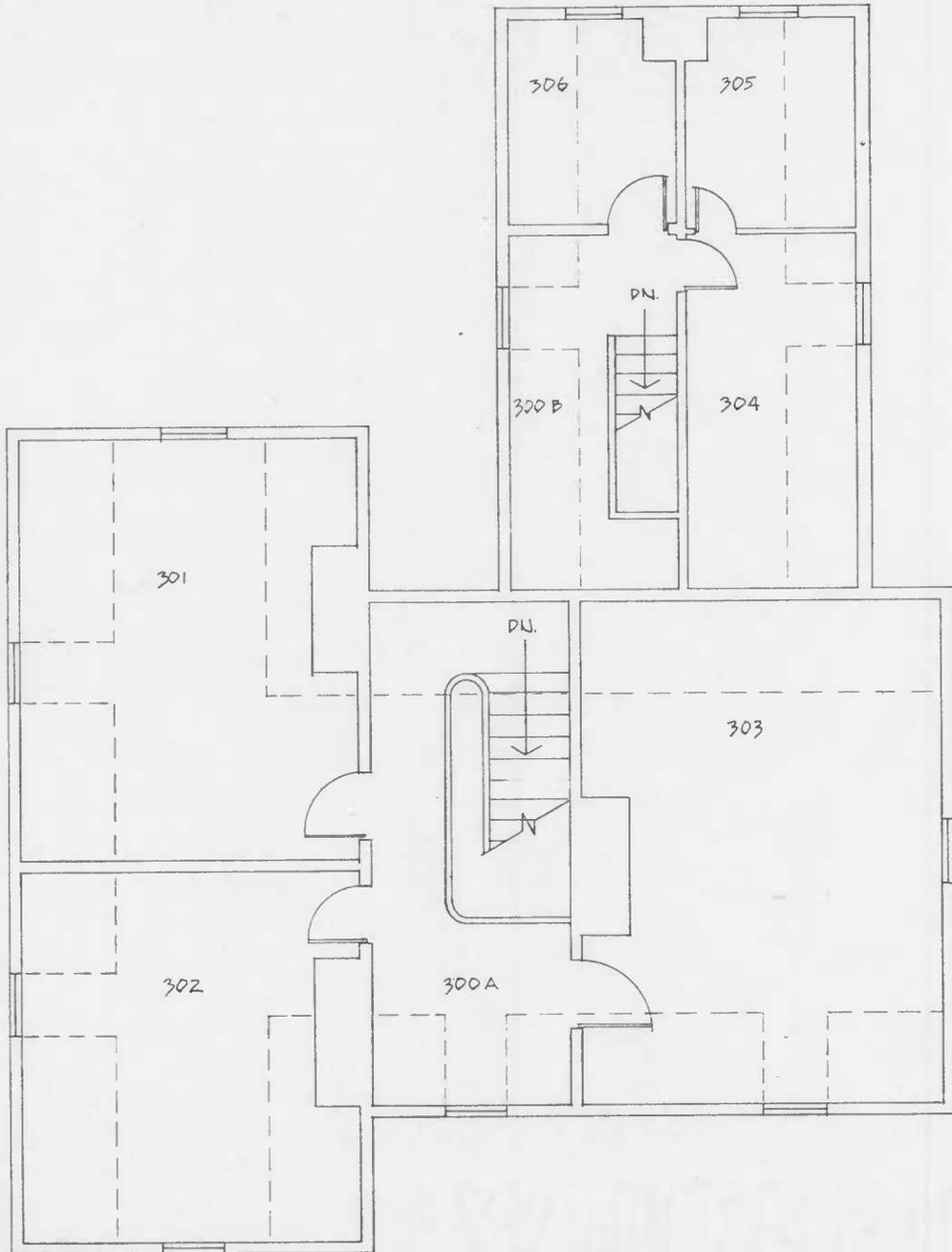
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141 N. MAIN ST.
BEL AIR, MD.

HA-1244



2ND. FLOOR

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141 N. MAIN ST.
BEL AIR, MD.
HA-1244



3 RD. FLOOR

HOPKINS HOUSE
141 N. MAIN ST.
BEL AIR, MD.
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Mount Parade as residence

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504







Front Panel as attached

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HA-1244



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A-18

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near Pauler mantle on road

HA-1244



Plant Fertilizer as manure

HA-1244



Living room as indicated

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Drawing Room as mentioned

HA = 12.94



Redwood

1912

as follows

HA-1244



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HA-1294



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c. 1970

M. Larew, 1979



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New York
M. Lorenz, 1979