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New Hope Baptist Church
116 Alice Anne Street
Bel Air
Private

This Gothic Revival Church has a small black congregation. Built in 1915 it has a different architectural spirit than the Ames Methodist Church on the Baltimore Pike. It is a more adventurous structure with its early 20th century stained glass and its apse, the only one in Town. It has a notable pressed tin ceiling and chandelier in the sanctuary and a pool for baptism under the pulpit.

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MARYLAND HISTORICAL TRUST

INVENTORY FORM FOR STATE HISTORIC SITES SURVEY

1 NAME

HISTORIC
New Hope Baptist Church

AND/OR COMMON

2 LOCATION

STREET & NUMBER
116 AliceAnne Street

CITY, TOWN
Bel Air

___ VICINITY OF

CONGRESSIONAL DISTRICT
1st

STATE
Maryland

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	__PRIVATE RESIDENCE
__SITE	**PUBLIC ACQUISITION**	**ACCESSIBLE**	__ENTERTAINMENT	X RELIGIOUS
__OBJECT	__IN PROCESS	X YES: RESTRICTEO	__GOVERNMENT	__SCIENTIFIC
	__BEING CONSIDERED	__YES: UNRESTRICTED	__INDUSTRIAL	__TRANSPORTATION
		__NO	__MILITARY	__OTHER:

4 OWNER OF PROPERTY

Contact: Rev. Charles Copeland

NAME
New Hope Baptist Church

Telephone #: 838-9691

STREET & NUMBER
116 AliceAnne 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

Liber #: 573
Folio #: 47

STREET & NUMBER
Main Street

CITY, TOWN
Bel Air

STATE
Maryland

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
__EXCELLENT	__DETERIORATED	__UNALTERED	X ORIGINAL SITE
X GOOD	__RUINS	X ALTERED	__MOVED DATE_____
__FAIR	__UNEXPOSED		

DESCRIBE THE PRESENT AND ORIGINAL (IF KNOWN) PHYSICAL APPEARANCE

This gable roofed, aluminum-sided Gothic Revival Church is at 116 AliceAnne Street in the Town of Bel Air, Harford County, Maryland. The church is connected by means of two passageways around the apse to the kitchen and education building in the rear. The front (south) elevation shows three bays, the eastern bay being a conical roofed tower without a bell chamber. Two pointed arched entrances flank the semi-circular arched double central window. A smaller pointed roof window occurs in the front gable. These windows, the side pointed arched lancets and the slender lancets in the apse (north) are of early 20th century stained glass. The rear building (north) has a steeply sloped gable roof and is sided in asphalt shingle. A hipped roof porch carried on slender square posts with a solid balustrade completes the rear elevation of the back building.

The church is divided into vestibule, auditorium and chancel which terminates in the apse. A closed string dog-leg staircase with square balustrades and square panelled newel rises to the balcony along each side of the vestibule (east and west). The vestibule, sanctuary, and balcony have tongue and groove wainscotting. Two pair of four panel and one pane doors lead to the double aisled auditorium. To the north, the pulpit and arched choir are raised on a stage which terminates in the apse. There is a piano above the choir chairs and an organ and a piano on the auditorium floor west of the pulpit. The ceiling of the auditorium is of pressed tin which simulates panelled plaster with three medallions down the middle. From the center medallion depends a handsome brass and glass chandelier which looks as if it may have been gas-illuminated in its early career. Under the portion of the stage where the pulpit and three chairs stand is a baptism pool for immersion.

Two doors in the north wall of the auditorium lead to the halls which lead around the choir-apse to the two room single story back building. Directly north of the choir is the kitchen and dining room complex. North of that is the Sunday School room. The pastor's small rectangular study is off of the east hall.

This Baptist Church with a small mostly rural congregation is the only church in Town with an apse, an oddly Euro-Catholic appendage for so fundamentalist a sect.

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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
__1800-1899	__COMMERCE	__EXPLORATION/SETTLEMENT	__PHILOSOPHY	__TRANSPORTATION
X 1900-	__COMMUNICATIONS	__INDUSTRY	__POLITICS/GOVERNMENT	__OTHER (SPECIFY)
		__INVENTION		

SPECIFIC DATES 1915 BUILDER/ARCHITECT

STATEMENT OF SIGNIFICANCE

This small frame church is an example of the kind of unpretentious structures black congregations have built over the years. This church has not been so influential in the black community as the Ames Methodist Church has been.

At the time of its founding, this congregation was called the First Baptist Church. It was founded by a group of blacks meeting at a house on Maulsby Street with the Reverend Brickhouse of Baltimore, Under the leadership of the Reverend Tyler they built a tiny frame church in 1915. An addition to the church was completed in 1929 when Reverend W. A. Hall was pastor, which necessitated the mortgage (17 September 1929) of $9,000. That was a bad month to undertake such a debt. When the mortgage was foreclosed in 1960 the church reorganized as the New Hope Baptist Church and repurchased the property. The present pastor is Reverend Charles Copeland.

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9 MAJOR BIBLIOGRAPHICAL REFERENCES

Bel Air Centennial Book

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10 GEOGRAPHICAL DATA

ACREAGE OF NOMINATED PROPERTY _____

VERBAL BOUNDARY DESCRIPTION

This property occupies parcel #529 in the Town of Bel Air, 45' x 200'.

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 April 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.

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

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21 STATE CIRCLE
SHAW HOUSE
ANNAPOLIS, MARYLAND 21401

HISTORIC SITES SURVEY FIELD SHEET
Individual Structure Survey Form

SURVEY NUMBER: HA-1321

NEGATIVE FILE NUMBER:

UTM REFERENCES:
Zone/Easting/Northing

U.S.G.S. QUAD. MAP:

PRESENT FORMAL NAME:
New Hope Baptist Church

ORIGINAL FORMAL NAME:
First Baptist Church

COUNTY: Harford
TOWN: Bel Air

LOCATION:
116 AliceAnne Street

COMMON NAME:
New Hope Baptist Church

FUNCTIONAL TYPE: Church

OWNER: New Hope Baptist Church
ADDRESS: 116 AliceAnne St.
Bel Air, Md.

ACCESSIBILITY TO PUBLIC:
Yes( ) No( ) Restricted(X)

LEVEL OF SIGNIFICANCE:
Local(X) State( ) National( )

PRESENT USE: Church
ORIGINAL USE: Church
ARCHITECT/ENGINEER:

BUILDER/CONTRACTOR:

PHYSICAL CONDITION OF STRUCTURE:
Excellent( ) Good( )
Fair(X) Poor( )

THEME: Architecture
STYLE: Gothic Revival

DATE BUILT:
1915

GENERAL DESCRIPTION:
Structural System
1. Foundation: Stone( )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( )
   Novelty( )Stucco( )Sheet Metal( )Aluminum(X)Asphalt Shingle(X)
   Brick Veneer( )Stone Veneer( ) (back)
   Bonding Pattern: Other:
4. Roof Structure
   A. Truss: Wood( )Iron( )Steel( )Concrete( )
   B. Other:
5. Roof Covering: Slate( )Wood Shingle( )Asphalt Shingle( )Sheet Metal( )
   Built Up( )Rolled( )Tile( )Other:
6. Engineering Structure:
7. Other:

Appendages: Porches( )Towers(X)Cupolas( )Dormers( )Chimneys( )Sheds( )Ells( )
Wings( ) Other:

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

Number of Stories: 1
Number of Bays: 3
Approximate Dimensions: 21' x 150'

Entrance Location: AliceAnne St.

THREAT TO STRUCTURE:
No Threat( )Zoning( )Roads( )
Development( )Deterioration(X)
Alteration( )Other:

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

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ADDITIONAL ARCHITECTURAL OR STRUCTURAL DESCRIPTION:

Main Church - stained glass pointed arch windows
double wooden doors in pointed arch surrounds with stained glass transom
vestibule - tongue & groove wainscot - double stairs closed string w panel sq balusters & sq newel double 5 panel door (one glass)
sanctuary: pressed metal ceiling w 3 medalions middle one has chandelier - tongue & groove wainscotting
choir in apse w piano
loft paneled in tongue & goove
pulpit oak
oak pews with sunflower motif

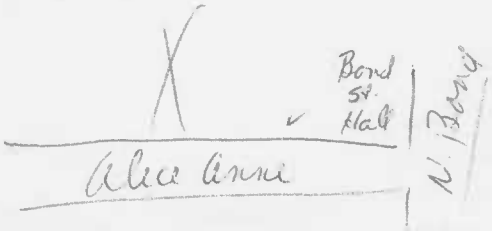
RELATED STRUCTURES: (Describe)

STATEMENT OF SIGNIFICANCE:

corner stone: The New Hope Baptist Church reorganized June 18, 1962 by the membership and leadership of Rev. Jessie Woolfolk
founded October 14, 1906 - built 1915
asphalt shingle under

REFERENCES:

MAP: (Indicate North in Circle)



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

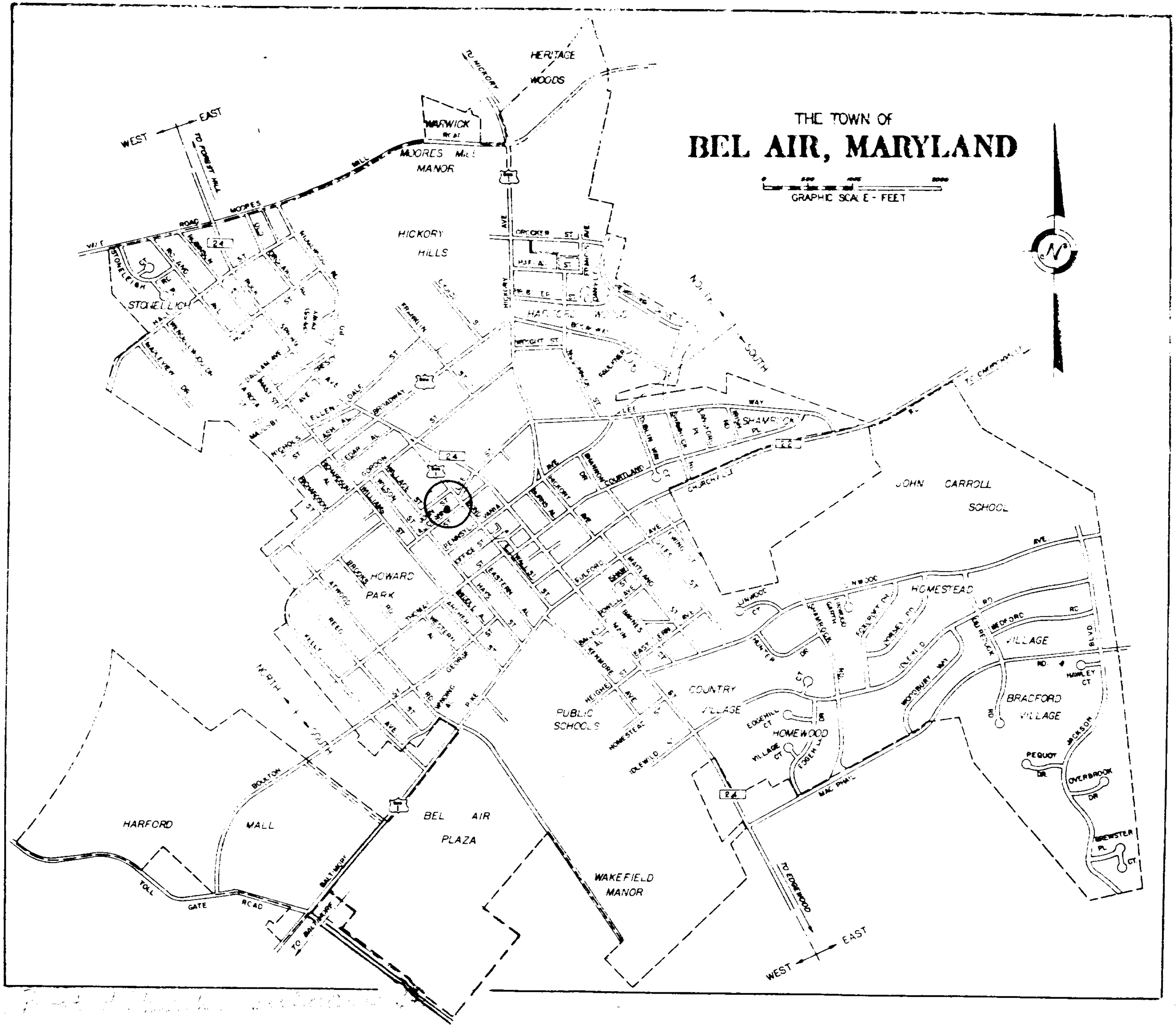
RECORDED BY: Marilynn Larew

ORGANIZATION: Town of Bel Air

DATE RECORDED: 9 November 1979

New Hope Baptist Church

573/47	19 June 1961 Mutual Benefit Society, Baltimore to New Hope Baptist Church Lot #47 in Richardson's Addition
567/230	14 March 1961 A. Freeborn Brown, Trustee for Helping Hand Savings & Loan of Baltimore to Mutual Benefit Society $8,000 The mortgage (214/264) was defaulted upon
132/190	16 November 1910 Alice A. Richardson et al to First Baptist Church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SHAMROCK
JOHN CARROLL SCHOOL
HOMESTEAD
VILLAGE
BRADFORD VILLAGE
COUNTRY VILLAGE
HOMEWOOD
PUBLIC SCHOOLS
HOWARD PARK
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WAKEFIELD MANOR
TOLL GATE ROAD
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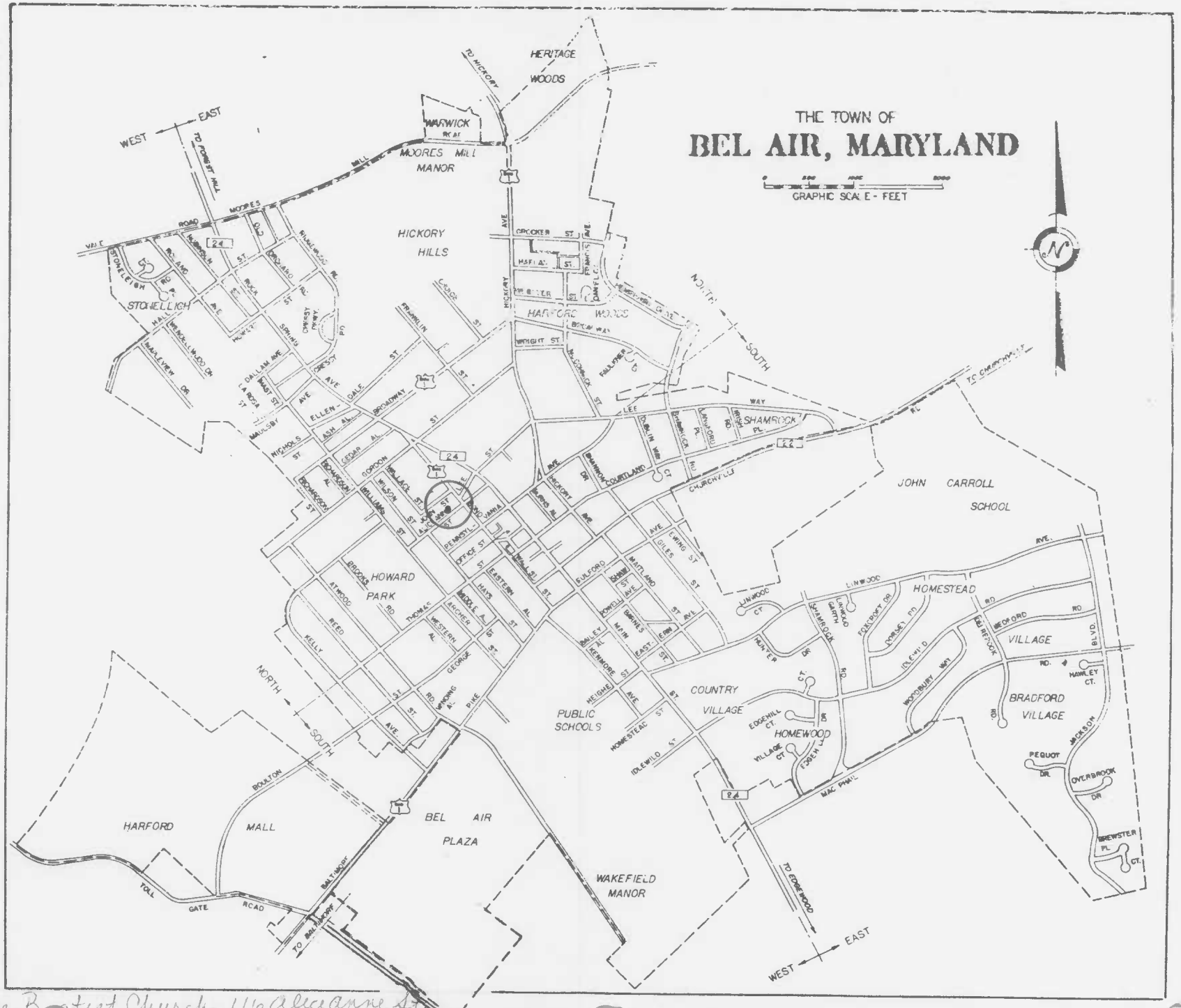

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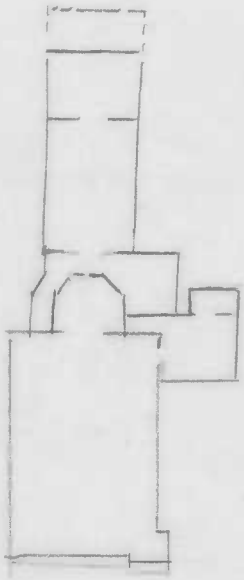

1930 SANBORN MAP	NEW HOPE BAPTIST CHURCH 116 ALICE ANNE BEL AIR, MD HA-1321	1" = 50' N

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Bel Air
S. elev.
M. Larew, 1979

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Bel Air
rear (n) elev
M. Larew, 1979

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New Hope Baptist Church, 116 Alice Anne St
Bilox
detail of pressed tin ceiling with chandelier
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Front elevation
New Hope Baptist Church
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