

HA-1323

1914-1917

House  
120 Alice Anne Street  
Bel Air  
Private

This well kept shotgun style house, built during World War I, has a touch of decoration in the stock turned posts and scroll brackets of the front porch. Like its twins on Alice Anne Street, it has two rooms up and down and a shed kitchen addition.

INVENTORY FORM FOR STATE HISTORIC SITES SURVEY

**1 NAME**

HISTORIC  
House

AND/OR COMMON

**2 LOCATION**

STREET & NUMBER

120 AliceAnne Street

1st

CITY, TOWN

Bel Air

CONGRESSIONAL DISTRICT

\_\_\_ VICINITY OF

STATE

Maryland 21014

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	<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 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 checked="" type="checkbox"/> NO	<input type="checkbox"/> MILITARY <input type="checkbox"/> OTHER rental

**4 OWNER OF PROPERTY**

NAME

Ethel B. Hackley

Telephone #: 202-332-7826

STREET & NUMBER

2115 Flagler Pl N.W.

CITY, TOWN

Washington

\_\_\_ VICINITY OF

STATE, zip code  
D.C. 20001

**5 LOCATION OF LEGAL DESCRIPTION**

COURTHOUSE  
REGISTRY OF DEEDS, ETC.

Harford County Courthouse

Liber #: 155\*

Folio #: 404

STREET & NUMBER

CITY, TOWN

Bel Air

STATE  
Maryland

**6 REPRESENTATION IN EXISTING SURVEYS**

TITLE

DATE

\_\_\_ FEDERAL \_\_\_ STATE \_\_\_ COUNTY \_\_\_ LOCAL

DEPOSITORY FOR  
SURVEY RECORDS

CITY, TOWN

STATE

\*Ethel B. Hackley inherited the property from Carvel A. Westcott

# 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		

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DESCRIBE THE PRESENT AND ORIGINAL (IF KNOWN) PHYSICAL APPEARANCE

This small, rectangular 2 story house, 2 bays wide and 3 bays (plus shed) long, presents its gable end to the street. The balloon structure is covered with wooden shiplap siding and has a tin roof. The only ornament is the small front porch with a tin shed roof, three stock pillars and a wedge of thick but pleasant wooden scroll-work where the porch roof meets the pillars and, bracket-like, where the lower edge of the porch meets the front of the house. All of the windows are long Victorian double-hung, two over two, except the hall window on the second floor in the south elevation. That window is three-quarters the length of the others. A shed addition one bay wide and one bay deep on the rear contains the furnace room and a back porch.

The first floor interior is composed of three rooms, living room, bedroom (or dining room), and kitchen, one right behind the other. The center room has a 2' 8" closed staircase running up the south wall. The stairs open one way into the bedroom and one way into the kitchen, with one step down either way. The shed-roofed furnace room and porch are original.

The second floor has three bedrooms, a hall and a bathroom.

CONTINUE ON SEPARATE SHEET IF NECESSARY

# 8 SIGNIFICANCE

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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 Between 1914 & 1917 BUILDER/ARCHITECT C. Robie Grafton

STATEMENT OF SIGNIFICANCE

This small shot-gun style house unadorned save for thick but pleasant bits of carving decorating the angle between the porch posts and the shed roof, is one of three identical houses built on AliceAnne Street between 1914 and 1917 by C. Robie Grafton. (The others are 122 and 124.) He purchased lot #51 in Richardson's Addition in 1914 for \$350 and placed these three houses on the 75 foot lot, giving each lot 25 feet frontage.

Richardson's Addition once encompassed most of the northwest quarter of what is now the Town of Bel Air. The land had been the property of E. Hall Richardson (1825-1887). Richardson was a member of a family prominent in Harford County since before the Revolution. He was a medical doctor who had read medicine with Professor Dunbar in Baltimore and graduated from Washington University (Baltimore) in 1848. He was active in the civic and educational life of Bel Air and was a founding member of the Presbyterian Church. The Addition (Harford County Land Records 132/500) descended to his heirs who sold lot #51 to Grafton in 1914.

Grafton (1875-1964), who sold second hand buggies and tires in Bel Air in 1909, moved to Baltimore in the 1930's where he operated an auto paint, upholstery and door panel store.

Grafton sold the house to Carvel A. Westcott and his wife, Bertha, in 1917 (Harford County Land Records 155/404). Mr. Westcott and his wife were prominent members of the Ames Methodist Church and were involved in civic activities in the Bel Air black community. Mr. Westcott made 120 AliceAnne Street his home until his death in the 1960's. He left it to the present owner (will TLA 26/22). The present occupant rents the house.

The house is a well-preserved example of very simple working-man's housing, examples of which can be found all over the country where wooden construction was cheap. It could have been built anytime from around 1840 to the First World War. In the south it is called a "shot-gun" house from the fact that the rooms are laid out one behind the other and a shot-gun blast fired in the front room will penetrate every room in the house. These houses are more commonly found in large urban areas having lots with narrow frontages and great depth, but as we have seen, Mr. Grafton re-divided the lot he bought so as to accommodate three small houses.

CONTINUE ON SEPARATE SHEET IF NECESSARY

## 9 MAJOR BIBLIOGRAPHICAL REFERENCES

"E. Hall Richardson," The Biographical Cyclopedia of Representative Men of Maryland and D.C. (Baltimore: 1879) pp. 705-6.

Obituary, Charles Robie Grafton, The Evening Sun (Baltimore), October 23, 1964.

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## 10 GEOGRAPHICAL DATA

ACREAGE OF NOMINATED PROPERTY \_\_\_\_\_

### VERBAL BOUNDARY DESCRIPTION

The property occupies parcel 530 in the Town of Bel Air and is approximately 25' (AliceAnne ) x 200'.

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

STATE \_\_\_\_\_ COUNTY \_\_\_\_\_

STATE \_\_\_\_\_ COUNTY \_\_\_\_\_

## 11 FORM PREPARED BY

NAME / TITLE	August 4, 1978
Marilynn Larew-	DATE
ORGANIZATION	
Town of Bel	TELEPHONE
STREET & NUMBER	838-8700
39 Hickory Avenue-	STATE
CITY OR TOWN	Maryland 21014
Bel Air	

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

TITLE CHAIN 120 Alice Anne

- 155/404 Ethel B. Hackley admin. of Carvel A. Westcott  
(155/404 10 July, 1917)  
C. Robie Grafton and Anna (wife) conveyed  
to Carvel A. Westcott and Bertha J. (wife)
- 145/125 1 April 1914 for \$350  
Mary C. Richardson, Henrietta G. Rouse, and  
C. Chapman Rouse (husband) convey to  
C. Robie Grafton lot #51 Richardson's  
addition (132/500)
- 137/142 4 March 1912  
J. Wilson Richardson and Harriet (wife) (J. Wilson  
now sojourning in Canada) and Wm. P. Finney  
and Eleanor (wife) of Chester Co., Pa., and  
Wm. P. Finney, Jr. of Baltimore City convey to  
Henrietta G. Rouse and Mary Richardson for  
\$4700.00 to J. Wilson and \$5.00 to each of the  
others, that parcel of land known as "Joshua's  
Meadows." (now called "Indian Hill") and such  
parts of Richardson's Addition as have not been  
conveyed to others by E. Hall Richardson and  
Alice A. (wife) Alice = ex. of E. Hall  
described in 2 deeds:
- 11/112 to E. Hall Richardson and Alice from Henry  
Richardson et al 5 august 1859 Joshua's Meadows Enl.  
Meadows
- 16/364 Samuel Galloway, admin. Thos. A. Hays  
to E. Hall Richardson 23 October 1865  
conveyed part of Joshua's Meadows  
of Poplar Neck and part of Scott's Improvement  
enlarged.  
See platt of Richardson's Addition

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

HISTORIC SITES SURVEY FIELD SHEET  
 Individual Structure Survey Form

SURVEY NUMBER:	HA-1323
NEGATIVE FILE NUMBER:	
UTM REFERENCES:	Zone/Easting/Northing
U.S.G.S. QUAD. MAP:	
PRESENT FORMAL NAME:	
ORIGINAL FORMAL NAME:	
PRESENT USE:	Single Family Dwelling
ORIGINAL USE:	" " rental
ARCHITECT/ENGINEER:	
BUILDER/CONTRACTOR:	C. Robie Grafton
PHYSICAL CONDITION OF STRUCTURE:	Excellent ( ) Good ( ) Fair (x) Poor: ( )
THEME:	
STYLE:	Vernacular: shot-gun
DATE BUILT:	Between 1914 and 1917

COUNTY:	Harford
TOWN:	Bel Air
LOCATION:	120 AliceAnne Street
COMMON NAME:	
FUNCTIONAL TYPE:	Private Residence
OWNER:	Ethel B. Hackley, admin of
ADDRESS:	Carvel Westcott 2115 Flagler Rd N.W., Wash, D.C. 20001
ACCESSIBILITY TO PUBLIC:	Yes ( ) No (x) Restricted ( )
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 (x)
  - Wood Bearing Masonry: Brick ( ) Stone ( ) Concrete ( ) Concrete Block ( )
  - Iron ( ) D. Steel ( ) E. Other:
- Wall Covering: Clapboard ( ) Board and Batten ( ) Wood Shingle ( ) Shiplap (x)  
 Novelty ( ) Stucco ( ) Sheet Metal ( ) Aluminum ( ) Asphalt Shingle ( )  
 Brick Veneer ( ) Stone Veneer ( )  
 Bonding Pattern: Other:
- Roof Structure
  - Truss: Wood (x) Iron ( ) Steel ( ) Concrete ( )
  - Other:
- Roof Covering: Slate ( ) Wood Shingle ( ) Asphalt Shingle ( ) Sheet Metal (x)  
 Built Up ( ) Rolled ( ) Tile ( ) Other:
- Engineering Structure:
- Other:

Appendages: Porches (x) Towers ( ) Cupolas ( ) Dormers ( ) Chimneys ( ) Sheds (x) 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: 2

Number of Bays: 2 x 3 plus shed

Approximate Dimensions: 13 x 42

Entrance Location: AliceAnne

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

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

ADDITIONAL ARCHITECTURAL OR STRUCTURAL DESCRIPTION:

3 rooms down plus furnace room and porch; 3 rooms and bath up  
shotgun-style, furnace room and porch in shed addition

porch tin roof, stack posts, carved decoration

RELATED STRUCTURES: (Describe)

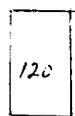
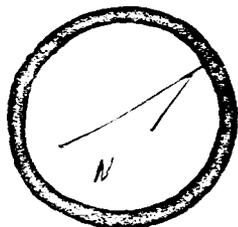
None

STATEMENT OF SIGNIFICANCE:

Mr. Wescott's home; rental since. Wescott, member Ames Church,  
owned another house on the street.

REFERENCES:

MAP: (Indicate North In Circle)



*new  
left  
Baptist  
church*

*alice anne*

*→ to Bond St.*

SURROUNDING ENVIRONMENT:

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

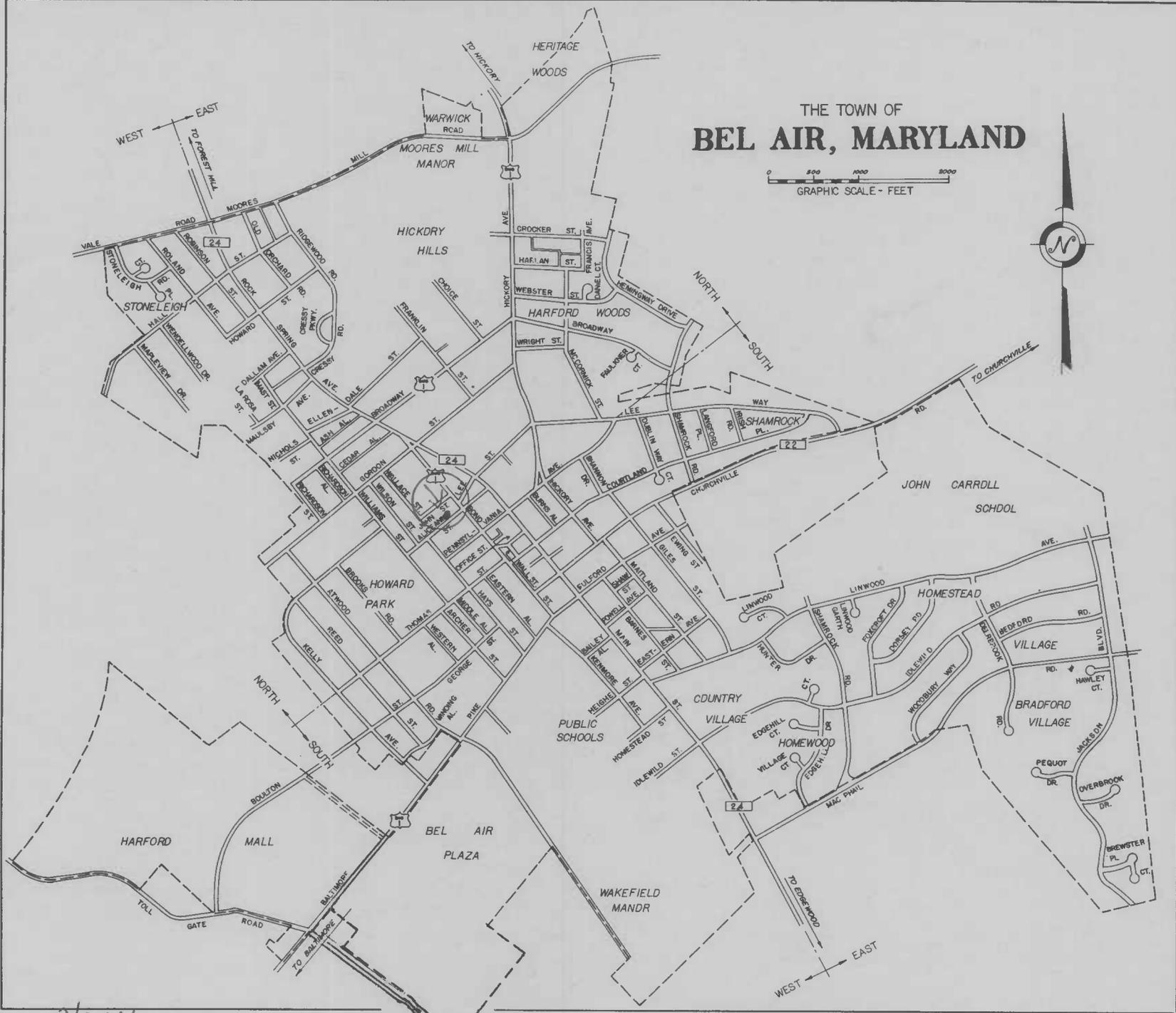
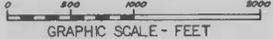
Marilynn Larew

RECORDED BY:  
Town of Bel Air

ORGANIZATION:  
July 31, 1978

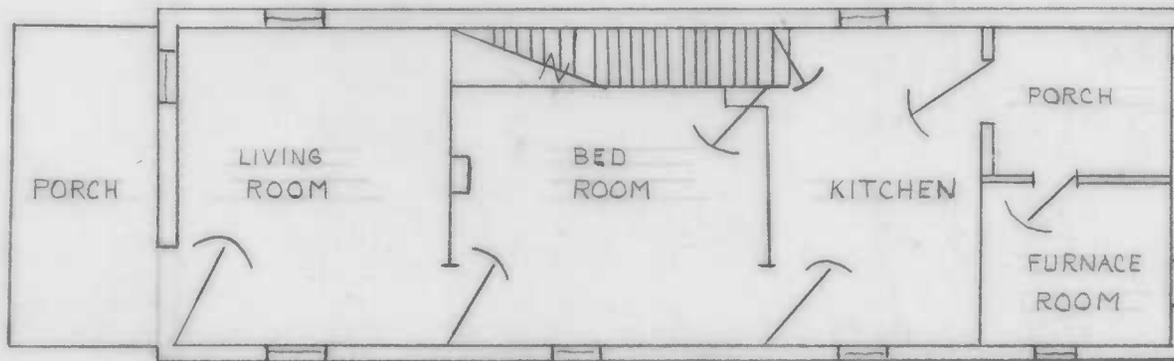
DATE RECORDED:

THE TOWN OF  
**BEL AIR, MARYLAND**



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*House  
20 Alice Anne*



DRAWN BY: MARILYNN LAREW

TRACED BY: G. CUND

HA-1323

120 ALICE ANN STREET

BEL AIR, MARYLAND

SCALE: 1 in. = 8 ft.





120 ALICE ANDZ, BEL AIR

WEST + SOUTH ELEVATION

M. L. AREW, 1978

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120 ALICE ANNE, BEL AIR

BEAR (NORTH) ELEVATION

M. L. AREW, 1978

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SPARE