

HA-1325

1914-1917

Edward P. Jackson House
124 Alice Anne Street
Bel Air
Private

This sparkling little shotgun house is evidence that even the most modest structure can be a comfortable home.

MARYLAND HISTORICAL TRUST

INVENTORY FORM FOR STATE HISTORIC SITES SURVEY

1 NAME

HISTORIC

Edward P. Jackson house

AND/OR COMMON

2 LOCATION

STREET & NUMBER

124 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	PUBLIC ACQUISITION	ACCESSIBLE	<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

4 OWNER OF PROPERTY

NAME

Edward P. Jackson

Telephone #: 838-3943

STREET & NUMBER

124 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 #: 358

Folio #: 221

STREET & NUMBER

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
<input type="checkbox"/> EXCELLENT	<input type="checkbox"/> DETERIORATED	<input type="checkbox"/> UNALTERED	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> ORIGINAL SITE
<input checked="" 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	porch	

DESCRIBE THE PRESENT AND ORIGINAL (IF KNOWN) PHYSICAL APPEARANCE

This small, rectangular, two story house, 2 bays wide and 3 bays (plus 1 bay shed) long, presents its gable roof to the street. The balloon structure has recently been covered with green aluminum siding and white shutters frame the windows. The only ornament is a small front porch with a tin shed roof and white wrought iron supports. All the windows are long, Victorian, double-hung, two over two, except the window in the stairwell on the second floor. That window is 3/4 the length of the others. A shed roofed lean-to on the back contains the furnace room (1 bay x 1 bay) and back porch.

The first floor interior contains three rooms, living room, dining room, and kitchen, one right behind the other. The center room has a 2' x 8' closed staircase running up the south wall. The stairs open one way into the dining room and the other way into the kitchen with one step down either way.

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

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 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 1914-17 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 shed roof, is one of three identical houses built on Alice Anne Street between 1914 and 1917 by C. Robie Grafton. (The others are 120 and 122.) 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 Ida Watters Jackson in 1917 (Harford County Land Records 155/403). Mrs. Jackson left it to Howard and Edward Jackson (will AJG20/247) in 1928. In 1951 Howard Jackson and his wife Fannie sold their share to Edward Jackson who was then living in Richmond, Va. Mr. Jackson now makes his home there. Both generations of Jacksons have been active in the Ames Methodist Church and the National Association for the Advancement of Colored People. Edward P. Jackson is a past president of the Harford County Branch of the NAACP.

The house is 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), 23 October 1964.

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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

M. Larew

ORGANIZATION

Town of Bel Air

DATE

STREET & NUMBER

39 Hickory Avenue

TELEPHONE

CITY OR TOWN

Bel Air

STATE

Maryland 21014

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Annapolis, Maryland 21401
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 21 STATE CIRCLE
 SHAW HOUSE
 ANNAPOLIS, MARYLAND 21401

HISTORIC SITES SURVEY FIELD SHEET
 Individual Structure Survey Form

SURVEY NUMBER: HA-1325
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:
ARCHITECT/ENGINEER: C. Robie Grafton
BUILDER/CONTRACTOR:
PHYSICAL CONDITION OF STRUCTURE: Excellent () Good () Fair () Poor: ()
THEME: Architecture
STYLE: Vernacular: shotgun
DATE BUILT: 1914-1917

COUNTY: Harford
TOWN: Bel Air
LOCATION: 124 Alice Anne Street
COMMON NAME: Jackson House
FUNCTIONAL TYPE: Private residence
OWNER: Edward P. Jackson ADDRESS: 124 Alice Anne Street Bel Air, Maryland 21014
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() Novelty() Stucco() Sheet Metal() Aluminum(x) 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(x) Sheds() 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: Alice Anne Street

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

LOCAL ATTITUDES: Positive() Negative() Mixed() Other:
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ADDITIONAL ARCHITECTURAL OR STRUCTURAL DESCRIPTION:

first floor: 3 rooms in a straight line (living room, dining room, kitchen) plus shed addition, including furnace room (1 bay X 1 bay) and back porch
second floor: 3 bedrooms, hall, bath
front porch, metal shed roof, white wrought iron supports
green aluminum siding; white shutters

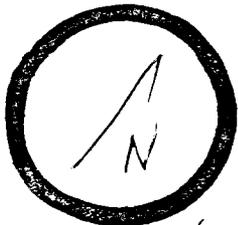
RELATED STRUCTURES: (Describe)

STATEMENT OF SIGNIFICANCE:

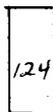
Working-man's housing built in Bel Air, black section c. world war I.
Mr. Jackson = past president of Harford branch of NAACP

REFERENCES:

MAP: (Indicate North In Circle)



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(122)

ALICE ANNE ST.

SURROUNDING ENVIRONMENT:

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

M. Larew

RECORDED BY:
Town of Bel Air

ORGANIZATION:
07/31/78

DATE RECORDED:

124 ALICE ANNE

Edward P. Jackson

358/221

28 May 1951
Howard W. Jackson and Fannie M. (wife) to
Edward P. Jackson

155/403

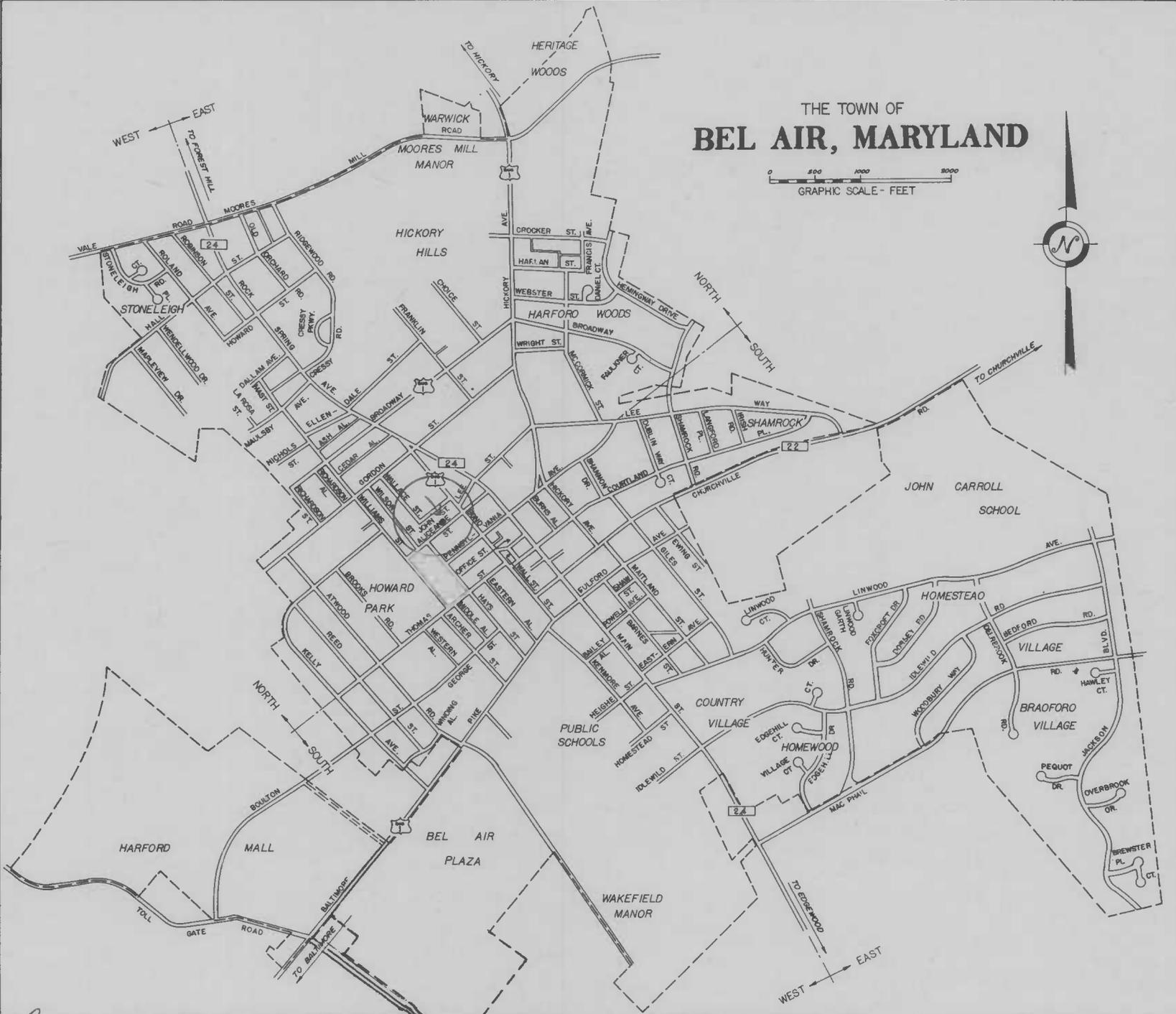
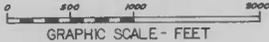
C. Robie Grafton and Anna M. (wife) to
Ida Watters Jackson 9 May 1917

devised to Howard and Edward Jackson by
WILL (AJ620/247) of Ida Jackson 19 April 1928

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Mary C. Richardson et al to C. Robie Grafton
1 April 1914

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BEL AIR, MARYLAND



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124 Alice Anne*



EDWARD JACKSON HOUSE, 124 ALICE ANNE
BEL AIR

SOUTH EAST ELEVATIONS

M. L. AREW, 1978

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