

HA-1347

1894

Bond Street Hall
100 N. Bond Street
Bel Air
Private

This modest building is very significant in the history of Bel Air's black community. Most of Bel Air's 19th century black citizens were persons of modest means although some of them managed to own their own homes either on Alice Anne Street or in the Hays addition. In 1894 they followed their white neighbors' example and formed a co-operative building association. These building associations were the ancestors of the modern permanent Building and Loan Associations; they were formed to give mortgage loans in a day when commercial banks did not give such loans. This association, the only black one that appears in the documents, joined together calling themselves "The Builders", and built the Bond Street Hall. There was a store on the first floor; the second story held a meeting hall.

MARYLAND HISTORICAL TRUST

INVENTORY FORM FOR STATE HISTORIC SITES SURVEY

1 NAME

HISTORIC
Bond Street Hall
AND/OR COMMON

2 LOCATION

STREET & NUMBER
100 N. Bond 1st
CITY, TOWN
Bel Air 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
Andrew Whittington Telephone #: 838-4296
STREET & NUMBER
102 N. Bond Street
CITY, TOWN
Bel Air 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

Liber #: 239
Folio #: 151

6 REPRESENTATION IN EXISTING SURVEYS

TITLE

DATE

FEDERAL STATE COUNTY LOCAL

DEPOSITORY FOR
SURVEY RECORDS

CITY, TOWN

STATE

SA-13-17

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		

DESCRIBE THE PRESENT AND ORIGINAL (IF KNOWN) PHYSICAL APPEARANCE

This two story three bay store front and social hall is at 100 N. Bond Street in the Town of Bel Air, Harford County, Maryland. Its gable roof has a false front on the east side. The windows are 2/2 double-hung sash except for the 2 six pane show windows in the first story front (east). The entrance is between the show windows. It is a six pane over three panel door. A shed roof porch on plain square posts shades the first floor front (east). The sides and back are two bay. A wood tongue and groove door is in the west corner of the south elevation. A matching door is just north of center in the rear (west) elevation.

The building is sided in asphalt.

The first floor is occupied by a barber shop open on weekends. The second floor is a social hall.

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 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 black history	<input type="checkbox"/> INDUSTRY	<input type="checkbox"/> POLITICS/GOVERNMENT	<input type="checkbox"/> OTHER (SPECIFY)	
		<input type="checkbox"/> INVENTION			

SPECIFIC DATES 1894

BUILDER/ARCHITECT XXXXXXXX Edward Lingan & James Dunnigan

STATEMENT OF SIGNIFICANCE

This small story front on the corner of AliceAnne and Bond has a significance for Bel Air's black community out of all proportion to its size or architectural elegance. According to the Harford Democrat for May 11, 1894, "A company of colored people calling themselves "The Builders" have bought a lot 100' x 150' at the corner of Bond and AliceAnne Streets from Mrs. Alice Richardson. They are building a two story frame building 20' x 40', the lower story for a store and the upper story as a public hall for the Society and other purposes. James Dunnigan is doing the stone work and Edward Lingan the carpentering." The black community was accustomed to having to put its nickles and dimes together in joint efforts in religion and education. This is the first effort at social organization recorded in the white press. If "The Builders" was meant to be a mutual building association like the ones their white neighbors organized after the Civil War, this is the only project I have seem in the records. The owner of record was the Morgan Business Company which bought lot #43 in Richardson's Addition from Mrs. Alice A. Richardson in 1894 (80/405). Money must have been scarce, for in 1899 the company mortgaged the property to Ora Howard and William Morgan for \$600. When the company defaulted on the mortgage, Mrs. Howard and Mr. Morgan bought it in for \$1100 (1904, 113/186). In 1904 there was a grocery store in the building. In 1909 Mrs. Howard bought Morgan's share for \$500 (125/349). After Ora Howard's husband James died, she married John F. Whittington. After she died Whittington sued her executor, Andrew Whittington (equity 139/414). The result was the sale of the property which by then included a two story L-shaped house on Bond Street next to the hall and a small one story house behind the hall on AliceAnne Street. Andrew Whittington bought the property for \$1650 (239/151). He lives in the Bond Street house. There is a barber shop on the ground floor of the hall today.

CONTINUE ON SEPARATE SHEET IF NECESSARY

9 MAJOR BIBLIOGRAPHICAL REFERENCES

Harford Democrat
1904, 1930 Sanborn Map

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10 GEOGRAPHICAL DATA

ACREAGE OF NOMINATED PROPERTY _____

VERBAL BOUNDARY DESCRIPTION

This property occupies the southeast corner of parcel #528 in the Town of Bel Air, 100' (Bond Street) x 153' 6" (AliceAnne).

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

31 October 1979

ORGANIZATION

Town of Bel Air

DATE

838-8700

STREET & NUMBER

39 Hickory Avenue

TELEPHONE

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

MARYLAND HISTORICAL TRUST 21 STATE CIRCLE SHAW HOUSE ANNAPOLIS, MARYLAND 21401 HISTORIC SITES SURVEY FIELD SHEET Individual Structure Survey Form	SURVEY NUMBER: HA-1347
	NEGATIVE FILE NUMBER:
	UTM REFERENCES: Zone/Easting/Northing
	U.S.G.S. QUAD. MAP:
	PRESENT FORMAL NAME:
COUNTY: Harford	ORIGINAL FORMAL NAME: Bond Street Hall
TOWN: Bel Air	
LOCATION: 100 N. Bond	PRESENT USE: commercial/social
	ORIGINAL USE: same
	ARCHITECT/ENGINEER:
COMMON NAME: The Barber Shop	BUILDER/CONTRACTOR: Edward Lingan & James Dunnigan
FUNCTIONAL TYPE: commercial	
OWNER: Andrew Whittington	PHYSICAL CONDITION OF STRUCTURE:
ADDRESS: 102 N. Bond Street Bel Air, Md.	Excellent() Good() Fair(^X) Poor()
ACCESSIBILITY TO PUBLIC: Yes() No() Restricted(^X)	THEME: Architecture
	STYLE: Vernacular
LEVEL OF SIGNIFICANCE: Local(^X) State() National()	DATE BUILT: 1894
GENERAL DESCRIPTION: Structural System 1. Foundation: Stone(^X)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()Asphalt Shingle(^X) Brick Veneer()Stone Veneer() 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()Cupolas()Dormers()Chimneys()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(^X) Other: Number of Stories: <u>2</u> Number of Bays: <u>3</u> Entrance Location: <u>N. Bond</u> Approximate Dimensions: <u>20' x 40'</u>	
THREAT TO STRUCTURE: No Threat()Zoning()Roads() Development(^X)Deterioration(^X) Alteration()Other:	LOCAL ATTITUDES: Positive()Negative() Mixed() Other:

ADDITIONAL ARCHITECTURAL OR STRUCTURAL DESCRIPTION:

windows 2/2 ex 2 6 pane show windows, 1st story front entrance, middle bay 6 pane over 3 panel door shed roof porch on plain sq. posts back & sides are 2 bay solid door in W corner of S bay & slightly N of center in W bay

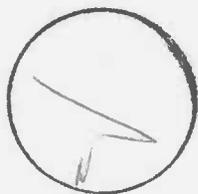
RELATED STRUCTURES: (Describe)

STATEMENT OF SIGNIFICANCE:

Bond Street Hall 1894 Black social hall w/ store on 1st floor grocery in 1904

REFERENCES:

MAP: (Indicate North in Circle)



Bel Air

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N Bond

Lee St

SURROUNDING ENVIRONMENT:

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

Marilynn Larew

RECORDED BY:
 Town of Bel Air

ORGANIZATION:
 26 October 1979

DATE RECORDED:

TITLE: 112 AliceAnne Street
Bond Street Hall
102 N. Bond

239/151

2 December 1935
 Frank H. Jacobs, Jr., & Broadnax Cameron,
 Trustees
 to
 T. Andrew Whittington
 \$1650
 #43, Richardson's Addition
 Jacobs & Cameron were Trustees in John F.
 Whittington vs. T. Andrew Whittington
 (equity 139/414). John Whittington was the
 widower of Ora Howard and Andrew Whittington
 was her executor. She left Laura Gough Owens
 a life estate in 112 AliceAnne Street.

125/349

16 January 1909
 William Morgan & Mary
 to
 Ora A. Howard, wife of James
 \$500
 his $\frac{1}{2}$ interest
 After James Howard died, Ora Howard married
 John Whittington

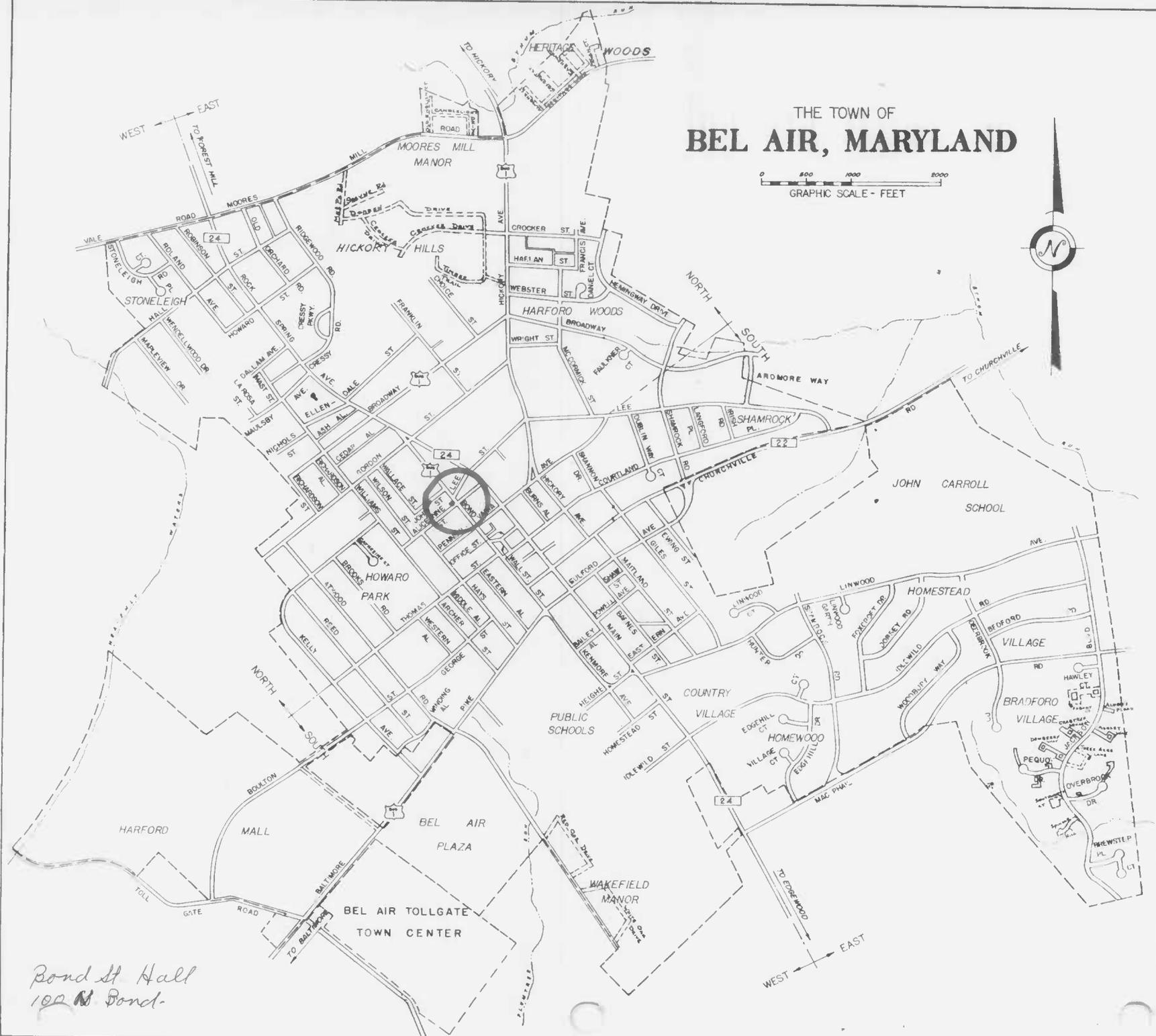
113/186

2 July 1904
 Thomas H. Robinson, trustee
 to
 William Morgan $\frac{1}{2}$
 Ora A. Howard $\frac{1}{2}$
 \$1100
 Robinson was trustee in William Morgan et al
 vs Morgan Business Co. (1904, equity 69/45)
 Morgan Business Company mortgaged the property
 in 1899 to Ora Howard and William Morgan for \$600
 and subsequently defaulted

80/405

24 April 1894
 Alice A. Richardson
 to
 Morgan Business Company
 #43 in Richardson's Addition

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100 N Bond*



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