HA-1360 1895

Gover House
38 E. Broadway
Bel Air
Private

The Gover House looks a bit nonplussed at its recent Tudor disguise. It was a fairly typical Victorian house with a front gable, distinguished from its fellows only by the leaded glass in its east bay window.

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MARYLAND HISTORICAL TRUST

INVENTORY FORM FOR STATE HISTORIC SITES SURVEY

1 NAME

HISTORIC
Gover House
AND/OR COMMON

2 LOCATION

STREET & NUMBER
38 E. Broadway
CITY, TOWN
Bel Air
__ VICINITY OF
CONGRESSIONAL DISTRICT
1st
STATE
Maryland
COUNTY
Harford

3 CLASSIFICATION

CATEGORY	OWNERSHIP	STATUS	PRESENT USE	
__DISTRICT	__PUBLIC	__OCCUPIED	__AGRICULTURE	__MUSEUM
X BUILDING(S)	X PRIVATE	X UNOCCUPIED	X COMMERCIAL	__PARK
__STRUCTURE	__BOTH	__WORK IN PROGRESS	__EDUCATIONAL	__PRIVATE RESIDENCE
__SITE	**PUBLIC ACQUISITION**	**ACCESSIBLE**	__ENTERTAINMENT	__RELIGIOUS
__OBJECT	__IN PROCESS	X YES: RESTRICTED	__GOVERNMENT	__SCIENTIFIC
	__BEING CONSIDERED	__YES: UNRESTRICTED	__INDUSTRIAL	__TRANSPORTATION
		__NO	__MILITARY	__OTHER:

4 OWNER OF PROPERTY

NAME
Donald Blake
Telephone #:
STREET & NUMBER
38 E. Broadway
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 #: 1077
Folio #: 93
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

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7 DESCRIPTION

CONDITION		CHECK ONE	CHECK ONE
__EXCELLENT	__DETERIORATED	__UNALTERED	X ORIGINAL SITE
X GOOD	__RUINS	X ALTERED	__MOVED DATE_____
__FAIR	__UNEXPOSED	1979	

DESCRIBE THE PRESENT AND ORIGINAL (IF KNOWN) PHYSICAL APPEARANCE

This long and narrow two and a half story Victorian house with a fake Tudor facade is at 38 E. Broadway in the Town of Bel Air, Harford County, Maryland. Until 1979 it looked like the houses at the east end of Broadway - front gable and front porch. The owner, in renovating it to offices, unwisely chose to make its facade unique with a false timbered second story, a shed roof and a brick first story with a picture window flanked with (false) leaded casements. The rest of the building is aluminum sided. The entrance in the west bay of the facade is a new glass and aluminum one with a single long side light to the west and a single glass paned door to the east. The windows (except for the picture window and the many paned window in the west elevation rear sun porch) are 2/2 double hung sash. The building is conventionally T-shaped, the gable roofed rear building perpendicular to the gable roofed front block. The front gable is now blind. The side (east and west) gables have narrow 1/1 windows. The east elevation is broken by a rectangular bay window in the south bay. It lights what was the parlor and has narrow windows with a lead glass upper pane and a larger single pane below. The west elevation of the back building is more irregular, with a single story shed roofed enclosed porch with an entrance in the second bay from the north end. A shed roofed two story addition is on the north elevation of the back building. It was probably originally a two story porch, as the remaining stock turned post and pilaster with carved brackets (star motive) show. The north elevation is now enclosed except for the small west section and blind in the north elevation. A multi-paned window lights the second story in the west elevation. The back door has been sided over.

The interior of this side-hall plan house shows an open string dog-leg staircase rising against the west wall in the hall. It has carved brackets, slender turned balusters and a fat turned Victorian newel. The parlor door is gone but the original woodwork remains: plain surround with corner blocks with a circle carved out. The parlor is a 20th century brick replacement. The parlor is the only room in the main block. The hall continues into the back building in the enclosed (west) side porch. The room arrangement is new; offices with new and plain woodwork open off the hall.

The offices are currently vacant.

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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
X 1800-1899	__COMMERCE	__EXPLORATION/SETTLEMENT	__PHILOSOPHY	__TRANSPORTATION
X 1900-	__COMMUNICATIONS	__INDUSTRY	__POLITICS/GOVERNMENT	__OTHER (SPECIFY)
		__INVENTION		

SPECIFIC DATES date: 1895 BUILDER/ARCHITECT W. E. Lingan

STATEMENT OF SIGNIFICANCE

This house, inappropriately false timbered in 1979, was built for May and Bessie Gover in 1895 on land they bought from the heirs of Dr. Munnikhuysen for $300 (83/73). In 1914 the ladies mortgaged the property (146/160) and soon defaulted. The property was sold at auction to Bettie W. Maxwell for $3,225 in 1916 (153/300). Mrs. Maxwell sold it the next year to Robert Holland for $5,000 (155/482). The Holland family held it until 1942 when Robert's widow Fannie (remarried to Harry Keen), and the other heirs sold it to Glenn and Gertrude Little (275/130). In 1963 the Littles agreed to sell it to James Robert Hooper (634/49), but they both died before the payments were complete. In the meantime the lien passed to Dorothy Martin, and the Hoopers sold their interest to Ronnie Cecil Hooper. In 1972 the estate, Martin, and Hooper conveyed to Ronnie Cecil Hooper and his wife (910/215). In 1974 Ronnie Cecil Hooper became the sole owner (968/945). He sold it to Donald Blake in 1978 (1077/93).

In 1979 the porch was taken off, the front false timbered, and the interior remodeled into offices. They stand vacant at this time.

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9 MAJOR BIBLIOGRAPHICAL REFERENCES

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10 GEOGRAPHICAL DATA

ACREAGE OF NOMINATED PROPERTY _____

VERBAL BOUNDARY DESCRIPTION

This property occupies parcel #295 in the Town of Bel Air, 50' x 200'

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

STATE COUNTY

STATE COUNTY

11 FORM PREPARED BY

NAME / TITLE
M. Larew, Architectural Historian

DATE
11 September 1979

ORGANIZATION
Town of Bel Air

TELEPHONE
838-8700

STREET & NUMBER
39 Hickory Avenue

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.

The Survey and Inventory are being prepared for information and record purposes only and do not constitute any infringement of individual property rights.

RETURN TO: Maryland Historical Trust
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-1360

NEGATIVE FILE NUMBER:

UTM REFERENCES:
Zone/Easting/Northing

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

PRESENT FORMAL NAME:
House

ORIGINAL FORMAL NAME:
Gover House

COUNTY: Harford
TOWN: Bel Air
LOCATION: 38 Broadway
Bel Air, Maryland

COMMON NAME: House

FUNCTIONAL TYPE: Private Residence

PRESENT USE: Offices (Vacant)
ORIGINAL USE: Private Residence
ARCHITECT/ENGINEER:

BUILDER/CONTRACTOR:
W. E. Lingan

OWNER: Donald Blake
ADDRESS: 38 E. Broadway
Bel Air, Md. 21014

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

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

THEME: Architecture
STYLE: Vernacular

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

DATE BUILT:
1895

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( )
   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(X)Sheet Metal( )
   Built Up( )Rolled( )Tile( )Other:
6. Engineering Structure:
7. Other:

Appendages: Porches(X)Towers( )Cupolas( )Dormers( )Chimneys(X)Sheds( )Ells(X) Plain
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: 2½
Number of Bays: 3
Approximate Dimensions: 25' x 50'

Entrance Location: E. Broadway

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

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

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ADDITIONAL ARCHITECTURAL OR STRUCTURAL DESCRIPTION:

Brick 1st story/false timbering,2nd facade
windows (up) 2/2 - down picture w false leaded casements
entry w bay long window light/glass & alum. door
blind front gable
E elev., S bay rectangular bay w leaded glass top,
single pane below
windows 2/2 ex enc. sun porch on back, many pane pix window
enclosed W side porch 8/8 replacement windows
1st story NW corner porch w stock turned posts & carved brackets

RELATED STRUCTURES: (Describe)

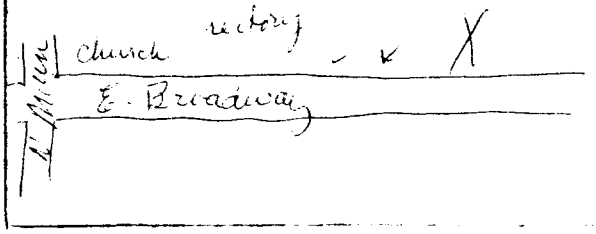
1/1 in gables at side
staircase open string w/carved brackets, slender turned
balusters, fat victorian newel, dog leg
20th century brick fireplace E. R. (bay lights E. R.)

STATEMENT OF SIGNIFICANCE:

corner blocks carved in (E.R.) ww - no fluting

REFERENCES:

MAP: (Indicate North in Circle)



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

M. Larew
RECORDED BY:
Town of Bel Air
ORGANIZATION:
7 September 1979
DATE RECORDED:

TITLE: 38 BROADWAY

1077/93
1978
New owner: Donald Blake

968/945
29 November 1974
Ronnie Cecil Hooper & Shirley Mae
to
Ronnie Cecil Hooper
He assumes Mortgage

910/215
25 October 1972
Doris L. Carpenter, executrix of Glenn A. Little,
Dorothy L. Martin of Baltimore City, and
James Robert Hooper & Shirley M.
to
Ronnie Cecil Hooper & Shirley Mae

1. Glenn Little and Gertrude Li tle are dead.
2. They agreed (1963 634/49) to sell to James Robert Hooper.
3. Dorothy Martin was assigned Little's claim.
4. James Robert Hooper assigned his interest to Ronnie Cecil Hooper.

275/130
1 October 1942
Fannie W. Keen & Harry, Eugene W. Holland, and
May (Leary) Holland, widow, of Baltimore City
to
Glenn A. Little and Gertrude
Fannie W. Holland, widow, married Harry C. Keen

253/392
25 November 1938
Fannie W. Holland, widow
to
Eugene W. Holland & May
Robert Holland is dead

208/272
6 June 1928
Title Guarantee & Trust Co.
to
Robert W. Holland & Fannie

208/271
6 June 1928
The Hollands
to
Title Guarantee & Trust Co.

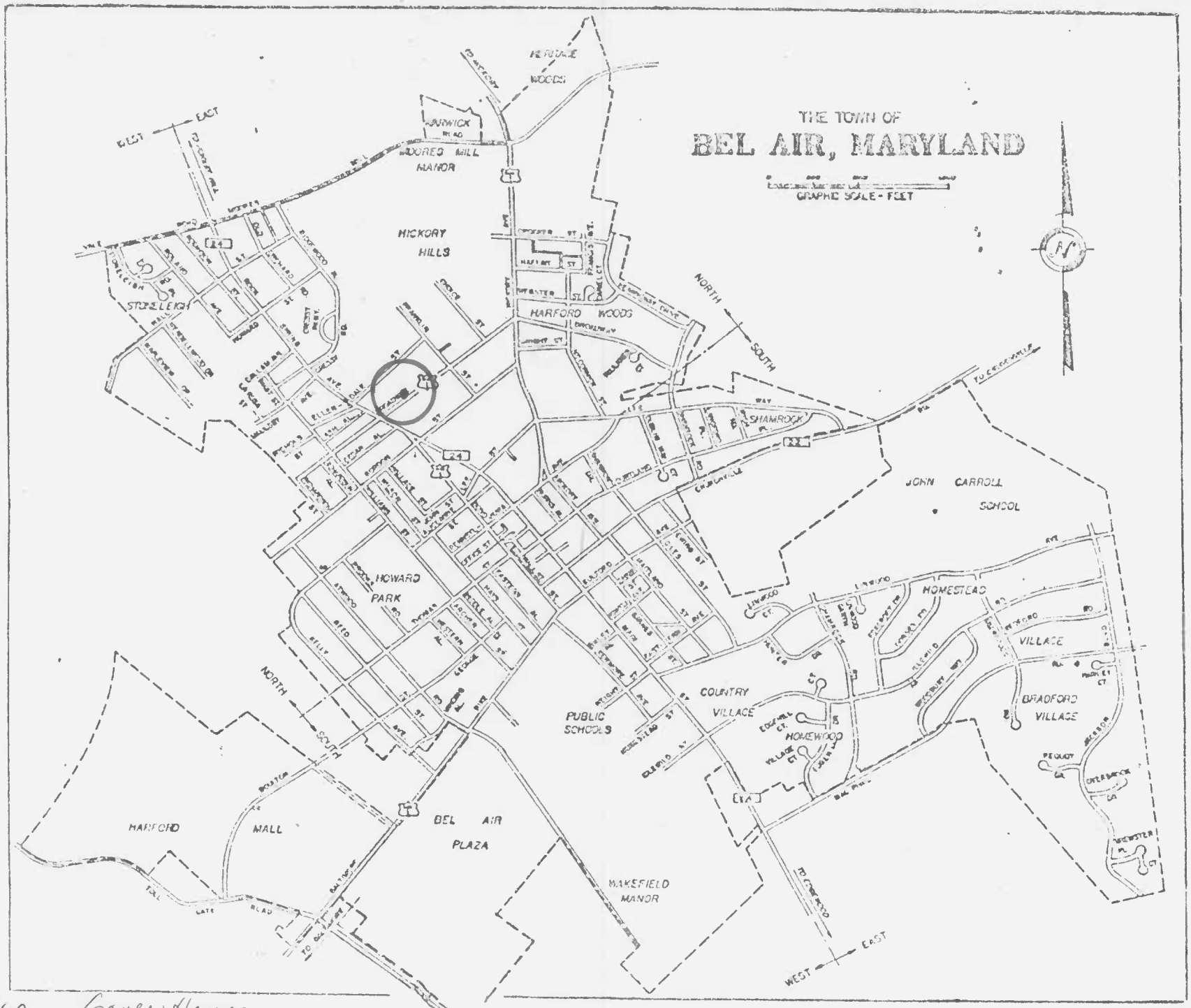
155/482
24 August 1917
Bettie W. Maxwell, widow
to
Robert W. Holland
$5,000

153/300

11 September 1916
Noble L. Mitchell, Attorney, & Elizabeth Lochary
to
Bettie W. Maxwell
Bessie Gover & May Gover mortgaged the property (1914, 146/160) to Thomas Lochary. He died 28 February 1916 and left the mortgage to Elizabeth Lochary. The Govers defaulted on the mortgage & the property was sold at auction for $3,225.

83/73

14 January 1895
Howard Munnikhuysen et al
to
May & Bessie Gover
$200



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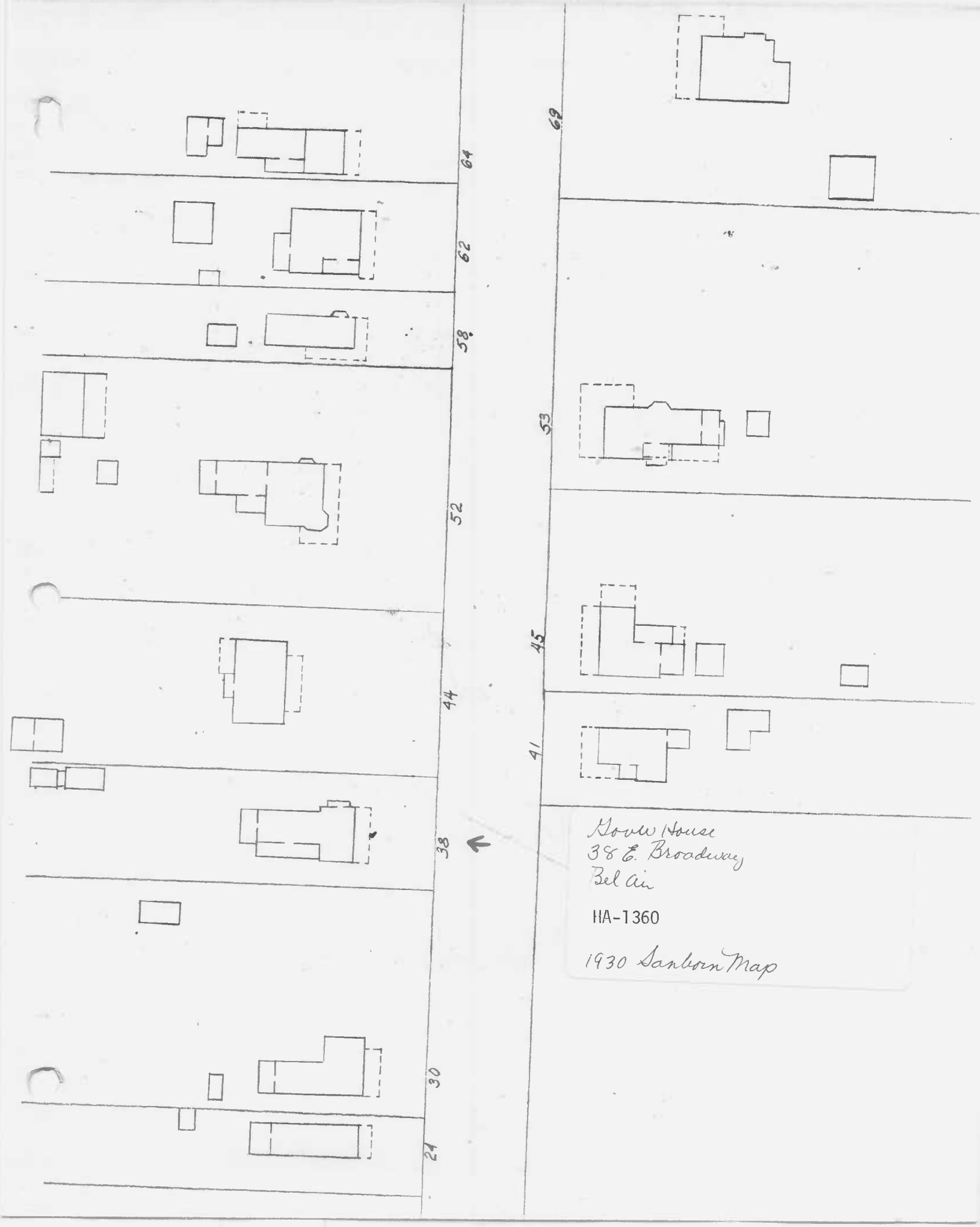
38 E. Broadway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Goow House
38 E. Broadway
Bel Air
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1930 Sanborn Map

OFFICES
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HA. 1360 Gover House, 38 E. Broadway, Bel Air
S + E elev
Mr Larew, 1979

HA - 1360

Hover House, 38 E. Broadway, Bel Air
W & S elev
M Larew, 1979

H.A. -1360 Gover House, 38 E. Broadway, Bel Air

N = w elev

M. Larew 1979

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