

HA-1386

c. 1864

William Herman House -
Methodist Episcopal Parsonage
15 E. Churchville
Bel Air
private

This decaying house is a two bay version of the typical Jacksonian house; compare it with the Graham-Crocker House, 30 N. Main Street. Vestiges of the front porch reveal lovely curved brackets. The east side porch, which is probably later, still has good wooden spindle work. The house was built around 1864 as the parsonage of the Methodist Episcopal Church. Merchant William Herman bought it in 1870. Herman built the attractive brick storefront at 34 S. Main Street in 1867. His store was there until he died in 1880.

INVENTORY FORM FOR STATE HISTORIC SITES SURVEY

1 NAME

HISTORIC
Methodist Episcopal Parsonage - William Herman House
AND/OR COMMON

2 LOCATION

STREET & NUMBER
15 E. Churchville 1st
CITY, TOWN CONGRESSIONAL DISTRICT
Bel Air VICINITY OF
STATE COUNTY
Maryland 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 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: rental

4 OWNER OF PROPERTY

NAME
Paul Glackin et al Telephone #: 838-3500
STREET & NUMBER
332 S. Main
CITY, TOWN STATE, zip code
Bel Air VICINITY OF Maryland 21014

5 LOCATION OF LEGAL DESCRIPTION

COURTHOUSE, REGISTRY OF DEEDS, ETC
Harford County Courthouse
STREET & NUMBER
Main Street
CITY, TOWN STATE
Bel Air Maryland

Liber #: 644
Folio #: 347

6 REPRESENTATION IN EXISTING SURVEYS

TITLE
DATE
DEPOSITORY FOR SURVEY RECORDS
CITY, TOWN STATE
_FEDERAL _STATE _COUNTY _LOCAL

7 DESCRIPTION

CONDITION		CHECK ONE	CHECK ONE
<input type="checkbox"/> EXCELLENT	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> DETERIORATED	<input type="checkbox"/> UNALTERED	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> ORIGINAL SITE
<input 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 decaying two and a half story mid-19th century shiplap house is at 15 E. Churchville Road in the Town of Bel Air, Harford County, Maryland. Its wooded lot makes it difficult to photograph. Its gable roof ridge is parallel with the street. The main block is two bays wide. To the west are a pair of single story additions which add three bays. The windows are 6/6 double-hung sash except for the two in the gable ends, which are 3/6, and a single pane casement in a room size projection over the east side porch (probably a bathroom).

The front (north) porch has a hipped roof, a thick moulded cornice on what remains of chamfered posts on panelled blocks. Carved brackets reach into space where their posts have rotted. The porch in front of the addition is also on chamfered posts on blocks. An east side porch gives a look of rotten lace to the house. It has stock turned posts, turned balusters and a row of spindles at the top. Scroll brackets decorate the tops of the posts. This confection was added after 1904. A room projecting on top of it is probably a bathroom.

There are two front doors. A panelled one in the addition, and a glass pane over two panel one in the west bay of the main block.

What was in 1904 a one story screened-in porch on the rear (south) elevation is now an enclosed room with a sleeping porch on top.

This house is a prime example of demolition by neglect, a sorry end for a handsome house.

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

SPECIFIC DATES c. 1864

BUILDER/ARCHITECT

STATEMENT OF SIGNIFICANCE

This rambling mid-19th century house is now in deplorable condition, which is a pity because it is virtually the only house of its period left in Town. It stands in style between the Graham-Crocker House, 30 N. Main (c. 1825-30), and the Fulton-Young House, 6 S. Main (c. 1845) with their squarish design and the houses on Broadway with their front gables with round-headed windows that were built between 1875 and 1885. It was probably built in the last year of the Civil War, when very little construction was taking place in Bel Air. Harford County would not get another spurt of growth until the late 1870's. The Trustees of the Methodist Episcopal Church purchased the lot from William H. Dallam in 1864 for \$1800 (15/236). The church sold it to merchant William Herman in 1870 for \$2250 (24/261). The \$1800 price in 1864 probably represents war-time inflation. Herman's store was the two story brick building he built in 1867 at 34 S. Main Street. Herman transferred the property two months later to his wife, Margaret (24/262). He died in 1880. She married William Gibson in 1887 with a pre-nuptial agreement separating her property from any claim by Gibson. She died in 1887. In 1891 her heirs (the Herman children) sued for a division of the property. The house was sold at auction in 1897 to Sallie W. Allen and recorded in 1900 (99/430). Allen sold it to Jessie L. Snodgrass in 1911 (134/265). In 1920 it was assessed at \$573 (land) and \$1122 (house).

Jessie Snodgrass died October 26, 1948, and her heirs sold the property to Stanley S. Spencer in 1950 (341/228) in a straw transaction. Spencer sold it the same day to J. Malcolm Snodgrass, one of the heirs (341/231). He sold it to Paul Glackin, Martin Glackin and Charles Martin in 1964 (644/347).

Since the sale it has been subjected to neglect.

9 MAJOR BIBLIOGRAPHICAL REFERENCES

Bel Air Tax List 1920
See also the form for 34 S. Main

CONTINUE ON SEPARATE SHEET IF NECESSARY

10 GEOGRAPHICAL DATA

ACREAGE OF NOMINATED PROPERTY _____

VERBAL BOUNDARY DESCRIPTION

This property occupies parcel #1315 in the Town of Bel Air, 150' x 148.59'

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

STATE	COUNTY
STATE	COUNTY

11 FORM PREPARED BY

NAME / TITLE	
Marilynn M. Larew, Architectural Historian	19 September 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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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-1386
	NEGATIVE FILE NUMBER:
	UTM REFERENCES: Zone/Easting/Northing
	U.S.G.S. QUAD. MAP:
	PRESENT FORMAL NAME: House
COUNTY: Harford TOWN: Bel Air	ORIGINAL FORMAL NAME: Methodist Episcopal Parsonage
LOCATION: 15 E. Churchville	PRESENT USE: rental unit ORIGINAL USE: parsonage ARCHITECT/ENGINEER:
COMMON NAME: House	BUILDER/CONTRACTOR:
FUNCTIONAL TYPE: private residence	PHYSICAL CONDITION OF STRUCTURE: Excellent() Good() Fair() Poor(X) worse
OWNER: Paul Glackin et al ADDRESS: 332 S. Main Bel Air	THEME: Architecture STYLE: Vernacular
ACCESSIBILITY TO PUBLIC: Yes() No() Restricted(X)	DATE BUILT: c. 1864
LEVEL OF SIGNIFICANCE: Local(X) State() National()	
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(X)Shiplap() Novelty()Stucco()Sheet Metal()Aluminum()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()Sheet Metal() Built Up()Rolled()Tile()Other: 6. Engineering Structure: 7. Other: Appendages: Porches(X)Towers()Cupolas()Dormers()Chimneys(X)Sheds()Ells(X) Wings(X) 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: <u>2½</u> Number of Bays: <u>2 plus wing</u> Approximate Dimensions: <u>35' x 50'</u> <u>inc. ell</u> Entrance Location: <u>W. Churchville</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 6/6 ex attic = 3/6
 front porch hip roof remains of chamfered posts on panel
 block, carved brackets; e side porch stock turned posts,
 Turned balusters spindles on top scroll brackets
 door (front) 1 pane glass over 2 panel

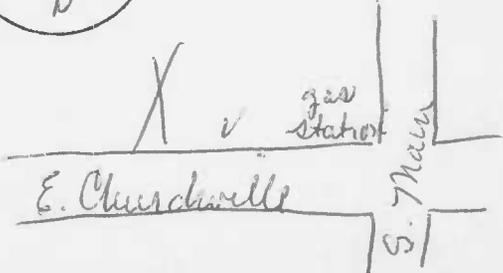
RELATED STRUCTURES: (Describe)

STATEMENT OF SIGNIFICANCE:

M. E. Parsonage 1864
 Merchant Wm Herman House 1870 (store 34 Main)

REFERENCES:

MAP: (Indicate North in Circle)



SURROUNDING ENVIRONMENT:

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

Marilynn M. Larew

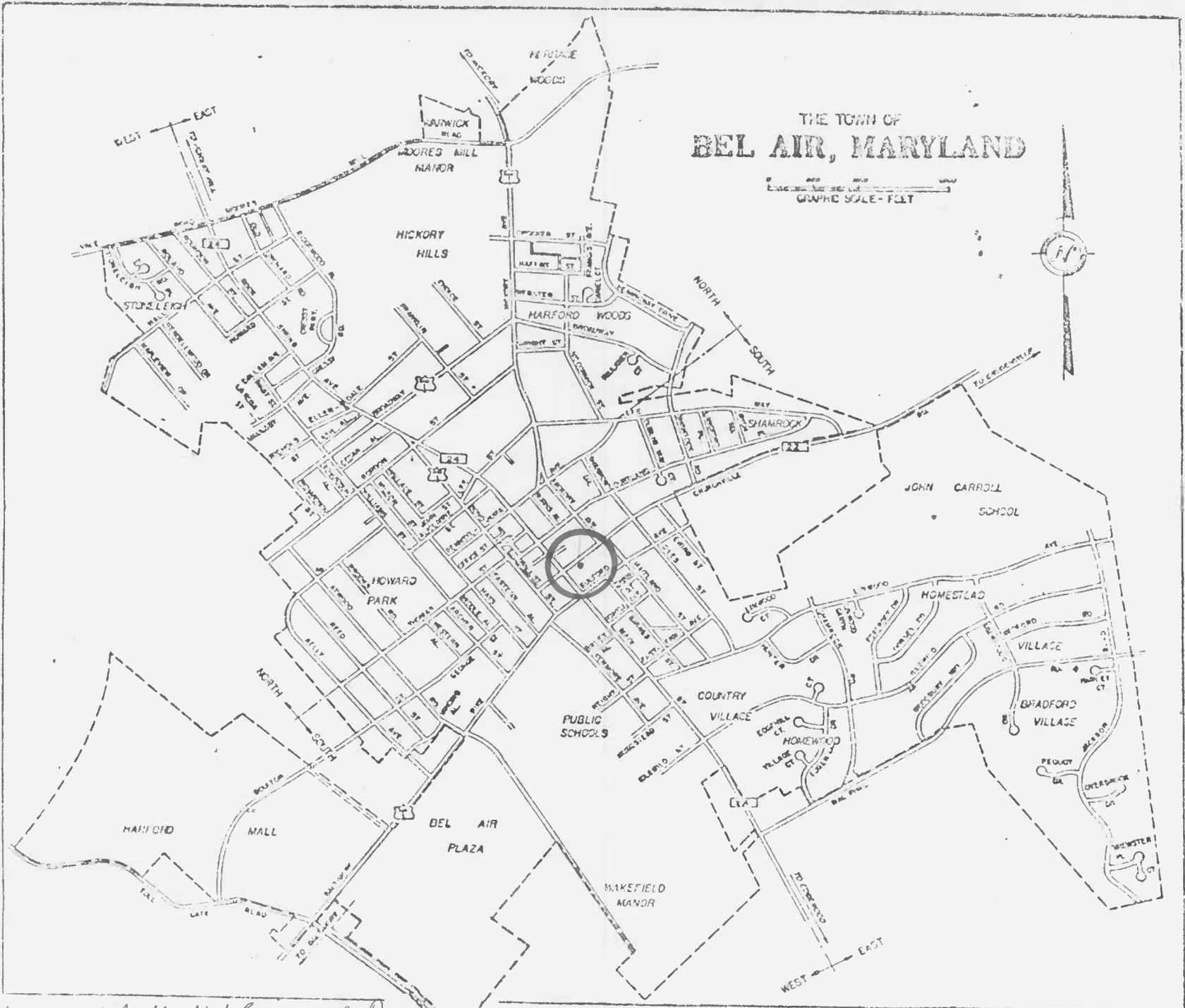
RECORDED BY:
 Town of Bel Air

ORGANIZATION:
 13 September 1979

DATE RECORDED:

TITLE: 15 E. Churchville

- 644/347 15 April 1964
 J. Malcolm Snodgrass & Sue
 to
 Paul L. Glackin & Dorothy 1/3
 Charles W. Martin & Elizabeth 1/3
 Martin L. Glackin 1/3
 145 ft. on easterly side of Churchville
- 341/231 18 April 1950
 Stanley S. Spencer
 to
 J. Malcolm Snodgrass & Sue
- 341/228 18 April 1950
 J. Russell Snodgrass & Mabel, of Dauphin Co.,
 Penna.; J. Malcolm Snodgrass & Sue; &
 Wilson H. Snodgrass & Edna
 to
 Stanley S. Spencer
 2 lots 145 x 145
 Jessie L. Snodgrass died 26 October 1948
 left real estate to her sons
- 134/265 28 September 1911
 Sallie W. Allen
 to
 Jessie L. Snodgrass
 \$2500
- 99/430 28 April 1900
 George L. Van Bibber & S. A. Williams, trustees
 to
 Sallie W. Allen
 Van Bibber & Williams were trustees in a pair
 of suits against the estate of William Herman
 and his widow (who had remarried, with a pre-
 nuptial agreement separating her share of Herman's
 estate). The suits were in 1891 (Herman died
 in 1880), and this sale, at auction, took place
 in 1897.



THE TOWN OF
BEL AIR, MARYLAND

GRAPHIC SCALE - FEET



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Methodist Episcopal Parsonage - Wm. Herman House
 15 W. Churchville Rd.







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William Herman House, 15 E. Churchville, Bel Air
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William Herman House - M E Parsonage
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M Larew, 1971





