HA-1406 1879

Ady-Cole House
30 E. Gordon Street
Bel Air
private

This house is a typical small house of the period with only classical porch columns for decoration. It has been extended over the years. Particularly interesting is a light and airy living room - dining room added to the rear of the house.

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MARYLAND HISTORICAL TRUST

INVENTORY FORM FOR STATE HISTORIC SITES SURVEY

1 NAME

HISTORIC
Ady-Cole House

AND/OR COMMON
Yesua House

2 LOCATION

STREET & NUMBER
30 E. Gordon Street

CITY, TOWN
Bel Air

___ VICINITY OF

CONGRESSIONAL DISTRICT
1st

STATE
Maryland

COUNTY
Harford

3 CLASSIFICATION

CATEGORY	OWNERSHIP	STATUS	PRESENT USE	
__DISTRICT	__PUBLIC	X OCCUPIED	__AGRICULTURE	__MUSEUM
X BUILDING(S)	X PRIVATE	__UNOCCUPIED	__COMMERCIAL	__PARK
__STRUCTURE	__BOTH	__WORK IN PROGRESS	__EDUCATIONAL	X 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
Dean Yesua

Telephone #: 836-7912

STREET & NUMBER
30 E. Gordon 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 #: 1086
Folio #: 472

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

7 DESCRIPTION

CONDITION		CHECK ONE	CHECK ONE
X EXCELLENT	__DETERIORATED	__UNALTERED	X ORIGINAL SITE
__GOOD	__RUINS	X ALTERED	__MOVED DATE_____
__FAIR	__UNEXPOSED		

DESCRIBE THE PRESENT AND ORIGINAL (IF KNOWN) PHYSICAL APPEARANCE

This small two story, two bay house is at 30 E. Gordon Street in the Town of Bel Air, Harford County, Maryland. The house is now aluminum sided and has a gable roof. The windows, including most recent, are 6/6 double-hung sash except for a 2/2 in each gable (east and west). A plain chimney stands forthrightly in the center of the roof ridge. A two bay back building with its own gable roof at right angles to the first gives the house a T shape. A single story shed-roofed addition was built to the back building by James Simons. An outside chimney rises just at the north end of the back building with the chimney breast lapping over onto the addition. A pair of sheds on the west elevation of the back building and the addition provide a furnace room and laundry room.

The front (south) porch has a hipped roof carried on slender doric columns. The western two-thirds of it have been screened. The entrance is in the east bay of the south elevation, a 6 pane over 2 panel door.

The interior first floor is divided into three rooms: an entrance hall (east) and kitchen (west) equally large in the main block, and a large livingroom - diningroom in the back building and addition. A closed string, dog-leg staircase rises along the east wall of the hall. It has turned balusters and a turned newel post with block and "cannon ball" finial. This is probably an early 20th century staircase; the hall was probably originally the parlor and the staircase was probably enclosed.

A modern brick fireplace bridges the join between the back building and the addition on the east side. The windows and built-in shelves painted white give this livingroom - diningroom a light and airy look, at once modern and traditional.

The second story has three bedrooms and bath.

The woodwork throughout is plain.

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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 1879 BUILDER/ARCHITECT

STATEMENT OF SIGNIFICANCE

This small house was, when it was built, the simplest kind of workingman's housing. Because the style was pleasantly simple, the house has retained both integrity and charm. The appropriate addition to the rear has made it a roomy and charming cottage and proves that the simplest house, if wisely and lovingly cared for, can have a long and happy life.

This house is the only remaining of three houses Samuel Ady built on a lot 180 ft. on Gordon Street in 1879. He bought the lot for $401 from Stevenson Williams (38/499). He may have lived in one of the houses. His widow, Cassandra Ady, sold this one to John Cole for $700 in 1889 (61/368). Cole held the house until 1903 when he sold it to Jeremiah Quirk (108/211). The Quirks sold it six months later to Harry S. Carver (1903, 109/454) for $750. Carver held a great deal of investment property around Town. He sold it to William W. Coale in 1919 for $2300 (162/323). The junp in price is unaccounted for, even by the admitted shortage of housing in Bel Air during and after World War I. Coale sold it one year later to Blanche E. Trundle for $4200 (169/114). Short of discovery of gold on the premises, the near doubling of the price of this house cannot be accounted for.

Blanche Trundle died on Christmas Day in 1945. Her heirs sold the little house to James and Alice Simmons in 1947 (311/34). James Simmons died June 19, 1974, and his wife Alice followed him less than a month later, on July 9. Mrs. Simmons' personal representative (in old terms, her administrix) sold it to Lewes and Barbara Cole in October for $13,500 (1974, 960/1084). Mrs. Cole sold it to her daughter and son-in-law, Dean and Suzanne Yesua, the present owners.

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9 MAJOR BIBLIOGRAPHICAL REFERENCES

Harford Democrat

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10 GEOGRAPHICAL DATA

ACREAGE OF NOMINATED PROPERTY _____

VERBAL BOUNDARY DESCRIPTION

This property occupies parcel #550 in the Town of Bel Air

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

DATE
21 November 1979

ORGANIZATION
Town of Bel Air

TELEPHONE
838-8700

STREET & NUMBER
39 Hickory Avenue

CITY OR TOWN
Bel Air

STATE
Maryland

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The Shaw House, 21 State Circle
Annapolis, Maryland 21401
(301) 267-1438

TITLE: 30 E. Gordon Street

1086/472

August 1979
Barbara Cole
to
Dean Yesua & Suzanne

1049/657

12 December 1977
Lewis F. Cole, Jr., & Barbara T.
to
Barbara T. Cole

960/1084

18 October 1974
Georgia E. Howard, personal representative
of Alice H. Simmons
to
Lewis F. Cole, Jr. & Barbara
James R. Simmons died June 19, 1974
Alice H. Simmons died July 9, 1974
$13,500

311/34

28 November 1947
William B. Trundle, divorced, and
Martha Alberta Lloyd & Ray
to
James R. Simmons & Alice
land of Blanche E. Trundle, died December 25, 1945

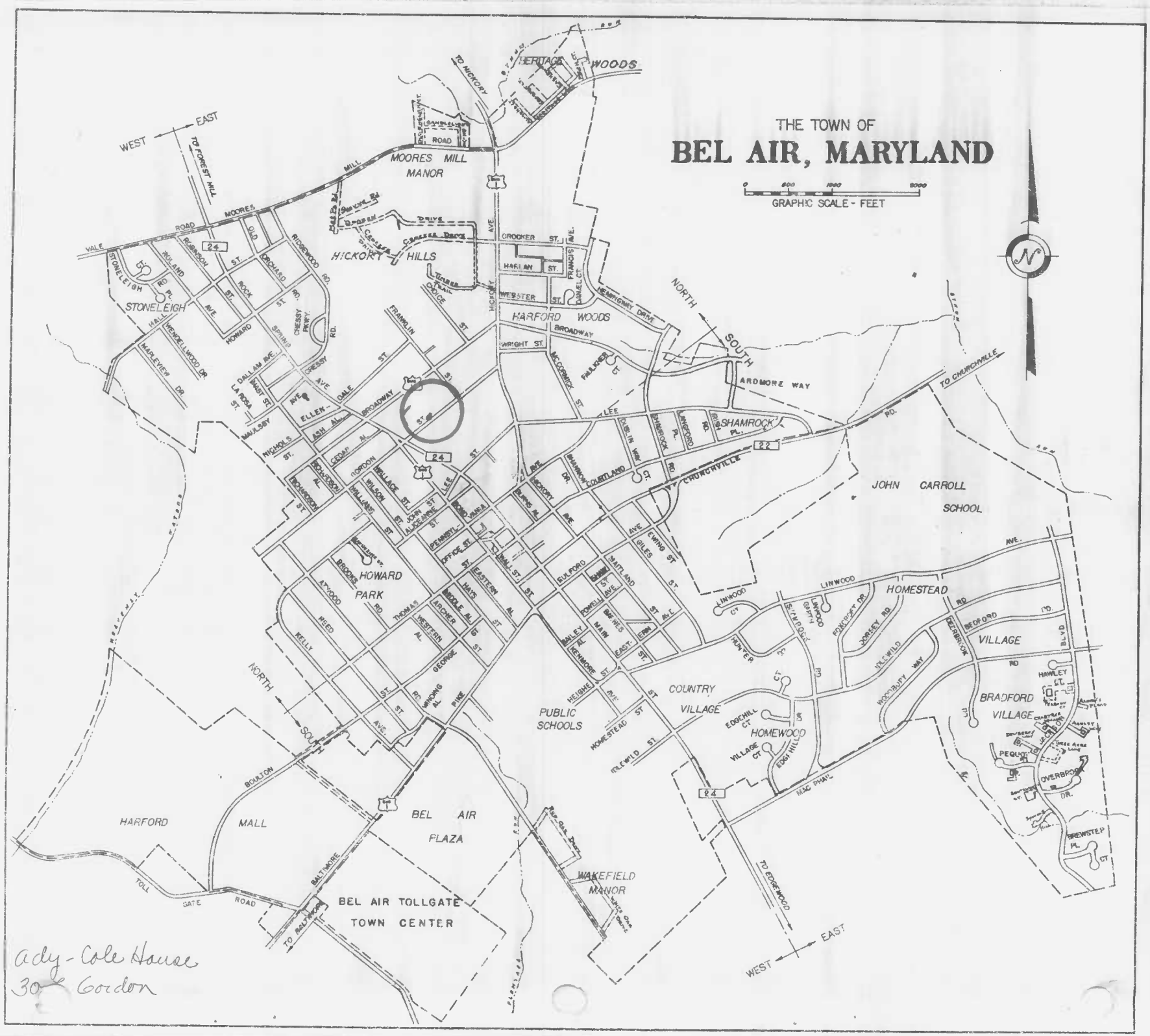
169/114

25 March 1920
William W. Coale & Mary
to
Blanche E. Trundle
$4200

162/323

3 March 1919
Harry S. Carver & Maary
to
William W. Coale & Mary
$2300

109/454	18 September 1903 Annie Quirk & Jeremiah to Harry S. Carver $750
109/20	2 March 1903 Jeremiah Quirk to Annie Quirk, wife
108/211	9 February 1903 John Cole to Jeremiah Quirk
73/68	20 February 1892 William Young to John Cole
73/68	12 February 1892 John Cole to William Young
61/368	2 February 1889 Cassandra Ady, administrix of Samuel Ady to John Cole $700
38/499	15 April 1879 S. A. Williams, Trustee to Samuel M. Ady $401 the larger lot, 180 ft. on Gordon



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30 Gordon

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M. Larew, 1979

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