

HA-1419

1887

William Doxen House  
314 N. Hickory  
Bel Air  
private

This excellent Jacob Bull designed Queen Anne house is an example of the mature style in his hands; it is also another example of Bel Air's penchant for symmetrical houses. Particularly worthy of note is the fenestration of the north and south gables and their reversed two story bay windows as well as the interior woodwork, fluted with bracket-like corner blocks. The marble Victorian mantels in both parlors are excellent.

This house, built for canning broker William Doxen, strongly resembles the Rebecca Evans House, 612 Rock Spring, both in exterior treatment and floor plan.

MARYLAND HISTORICAL TRUST

INVENTORY FORM FOR STATE HISTORIC SITES SURVEY

**1 NAME**

HISTORIC

William Doxen House

AND/OR COMMON

Jackson House

**2 LOCATION**

STREET & NUMBER

314 N. Hickory Avenue

1st

CITY, TOWN

CONGRESSIONAL DISTRICT

Bel Air

— VICINITY OF

STATE

COUNTY

Maryland

Harford

**3 CLASSIFICATION**

CATEGORY

- DISTRICT
- BUILDING(S)
- STRUCTURE
- SITE
- OBJECT

OWNERSHIP

- PUBLIC
- PRIVATE
- BOTH
- PUBLIC ACQUISITION**
- IN PROCESS
- BEING CONSIDERED

STATUS

- OCCUPIED
- UNOCCUPIED
- WORK IN PROGRESS
- ACCESSIBLE**
- YES: RESTRICTED
- YES: UNRESTRICTED
- NO

PRESENT USE

- AGRICULTURE
- COMMERICAL
- EDUCATIONAL
- ENTERTAINMENT
- GOVERNMENT
- INDUSTRIAL
- MILITARY
- MUSEUM
- PARK
- PRIVATE RESIDENCE
- RELIGIOUS
- SCIENTIFIC
- TRANSPORTATION
- OTHER

**4 OWNER OF PROPERTY**

NAME

A. O. Jackson, Jr.

Telephone #: 838-6477

STREET & NUMBER

314 N. Hickory Avenue

CITY, TOWN

STATE, zip code

Bel Air

— VICINITY OF

Maryland 21014

**5 LOCATION OF LEGAL DESCRIPTION**

COURTHOUSE,  
REGISTRY OF DEEDS, ETC.

Harford County Courthouse

Liber #: 587

Folio #: 247

STREET & NUMBER

Main Street

CITY, TOWN

STATE

Bel Air

Maryland

**6 REPRESENTATION IN EXISTING SURVEYS**

TITLE

DATE

— FEDERAL — STATE — COUNTY — LOCAL

DEPOSITORY FOR  
SURVEY RECORDS

CITY, TOWN

STATE

**7 DESCRIPTION**

<b>CONDITION</b>		<b>CHECK ONE</b>	<b>CHECK ONE</b>
<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 elaborate two and a half story "cottage" is at 314 N. Hickory in the Town of Bel Air, Harford County, Maryland. The structure is now aluminum-sided. It is rather J-shaped with the front block containing the two parlors forming the cross bar. The dining room forms the middle section and the service wing is an extension of the dining room with a small ell to the north across the rear. To complicate the description, the gable roofed middle bay of the three bay front (east) elevation projects sharply. Shed roofed dormers with Queen Anne windows flank the central bay. There are two story bay windows on the north and south elevations of the front block. The south bay window shows a shed roofed hexagonal second story with a Queen Anne stained glass window high in the south face superimposed upon a hipped rooped first story with a pair of 2/2 windows flanking another (and different) high Queen Anne stained glass window. The north bay window reverses the procedure: a shed-roofed rectangular bay with a pair of 2/2 windows flanking a high Queen Anne stained glass window superimposed upon a hexagonal bay window containing three 2/2 windows.

The various gables have differing decorations: the front (east) has a slight pent roof over a pair of slender double-hung sash windows with Queen Anne tops over single panes. The south gable has a "Paladian" arrangement of three windows, the middle (and larger) Queen Anne over one, the two side windows Queen Anne casements. The north gable has a pair of slender 1/1 windows which may be replacements. The north and south gables of the back building have ordinary 2/2 windows, one each.

There are two porches. The front (east) is supported on slender square posts with thin filets at the neck. The other is a screened porch on the south elevation behind the parlor (main block) and alongside the dining room. It has a shed roof. This side porch shelters a pair of doors into the dining room - long single panes of glass over panel. The main entrance is in the projecting center bay of the east elevation. A pair of panel doors, round-headed over square, is surrounded by a large stained glass Queen Anne transom and sidelights of a single pane of colored glass over panel. The windows not already described are 2/2 except for the 2/4 ones in the first floor front. Main front windows have louvered wooden shutters.

The exterior of the house, while complicated to describe, is elegantly balanced.

The front block of the house has a center hall with a parlor on either side. The open-string, dog-leg staircase rises along the north wall of the hall. It has turned balusters, a massive turned newel with a "canon ball" finial and panelled wainscotting along the wall. The woodwork is molded with molded corner blocks. Both parlor mantels are Victorian with round openings. The south parlor mantel is of grey marble with side horizontal bands of ebony, a cartouche in the center and carved sunflowers at each side. It has an

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# 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                    1887                    ~~BUILDER/ARCHITECT~~                    Jacob Bull

## STATEMENT OF SIGNIFICANCE

This "cottage" is one of the most elaborate built in Bel Air in the 1880's with its two marble mantels, its stained glass windows, its elegant woodwork, and its large size. It is the product of the fertile invention of Bel Air's master builder, Jacob Bull. It was built for canning broker William Doxen in 1887 on land he purchased from the Munnikhuysen heirs (59/82). Doxen and his partner Allen Hoffman had their offices upstairs at 31 Courtland. Apparently the expense of building the house was too much for Doxen, for he had several judgments against him when he conveyed the property to Hoffman in 1889 for \$7000 and the assumption of the mortgage (66/235). Hoffman and others sold it to Welzetta Stifler (Mrs. J. Royston Stifler) in 1892 (75/21). Stifler was an attorney who served as Harford County States Attorney from 1904 to 1916.

The Stiflers sold the property to Alphonso P. Robinson for \$12,000 in 1920 (169/351). By that time the lot was its present size. Robinson died in 1933 and left a widow and four children. The widow, Madeline B. Robinson, bought the property at auction for \$7500 in 1936 (241/239). She sold it to Blanche S. Greever in 1942 (275/278). Greever sold it to Eldon Irwin in 1946 (293/241). Irwin sold it to A. O. Jackson, Jr., and Edgar Sims in 1955 (437/546). At that time it was divided into three apartments. Sims sold his half to the present owner, A. O. Jackson in 1961 (587/247).

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# 9 MAJOR BIBLIOGRAPHICAL REFERENCES

CONTINUE ON SEPARATE SHEET IF NECESSARY

## 10 GEOGRAPHICAL DATA

ACREAGE OF NOMINATED PROPERTY \_\_\_\_\_

### VERBAL BOUNDARY DESCRIPTION

This property occupies parcel #328 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

M. Larew, Architectural Historian

13 November 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.

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

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

elegantly beautiful (and unphotographible) cast iron closure. The north parlor mantel is simple: gray marble with a cartouche of bosses and shield. Two corner cupboards are built-in in this room, identifying it as the former dining room. Today's kitchen is in a narrow room behind (west) of the north parlor. It was probably originally a porch or pantry. Behind the south parlor is the long dining room. It was originally the kitchen and once had the back staircase enclosed against the east wall. A less elaborate mantel is in the west wall.

To the west of the dining room is a service wing including a family room, a bath, and the laundry room.

The second floor has two main bedrooms over the parlor and two more over the back building. There are also two baths on this floor. The third floor has two rooms and a bath.



Maryland Historical Trust

January 21, 1986

Ms. Laurie Christensen  
602 Blackport Court  
Bel Air, Maryland 21014

Re: William Dodson House,  
Bel Air (HA-1419)

Dear Ms. Christensen:

I enjoyed speaking with you about your plans to move the William Dodson House (HA-1419) in order to ensure its preservation.

As I promised you, enclosed please find two items which I feel will be valuable reference guides in your efforts to move, and potentially register this historic property. The first brochure, Moving Historic Buildings, is an exceptionally thorough analysis of all the steps you should take before this structure is moved. Particularly important are sections on "selecting the best procedure for the move" (pp. 19-23), "planning the route" (pg. 23), "documentation" (pp. 26-30), "selecting and preparing the new site" (pp. 32-35), and "preparing the structure for the move" (pp. 36-38). The second document, a draft of "How to Apply the National Register Criteria for Evaluation" will be useful should you decide at a later date to formally nominate the building for NR listing. Pages 49-53 discuss the issues you will have to consider.

Once a letter is sent to us with the information we have requested, we will be able to initiate our review of this project, which will utilize Maryland Housing Rehabilitation Program funds. Should you have any additional questions, please feel free to contact me at 269-2440.

Sincerely,

*Mark R. Edwards*

Mark R. Edwards  
Deputy  
State Historic Preservation Officer

Enclosures

MRE/bjs

cc: Ms. Mary Louise de Sarran  
Mr. William Pencek  
Ms. Carol Deibel  
Mr. Tim Dugan  
Mr. Charles Keenan

TITLE: 314 N. Hickory

- 587/247                    1 November 1961  
Edgar Sims, Jr. & Jeanette  
to  
A. O. Jackson, Jr. & Felecia Maye  
an undivided half  
106' on Broadway x 336' on Hickory
- 437/546                    22 June 1955  
Eldon E. Irwin & Katherine  
to  
A. O. Jackson, Jr.  $\frac{1}{2}$   
Edgar Sims  $\frac{1}{2}$
- 293/241                    1 February 1946  
Blanche S. Greever, widow, and W.  
Sanner Bailey & Hattie  
to  
Eldon Irwin & Katherine  
Greever had a contract to sell to  
Bailey, they join to convey
- 275/278                    3 November 1942  
Madeline B. Robinson, widow  
to  
Blanche S. Greever
- 241/239                    9 May 1936  
John A. Robinson, trustee  
to  
Madeline B. Robinson, widow  
\$7500  
Robinson was trustee in Madeline B.  
Robinson vs. Mary Elizabeth Robinson  
(1936, equity 141/281) for the sale of  
the property of Alphonso P. Robinson  
who died December 31, 1933, leaving a widow,  
Madeline, and four children, Mary  
Elizabeth, Katherine S., Sarah R., and  
Alphonso Pitts
- 169/351                    26 May 1920  
Welzetta Stifler & J. Royston  
to

Alphonso P. Robinson  
\$12,000  
3 parcels: a portion on Broadway, the  
lot where the house, and the right to  
an unopened street on the north

75/21

14 May 1892  
Emma A. Sheridan, Allen Hoffman & Sallie,  
William F. Watson & Calvin S. Harlan,  
Trustee of Baltimore County  
to  
Welzetta Stifler, wife of J. Royston

66/235

1 December 1889  
William Henry Doxen & Alice, et al  
to  
Allen Hoffman  
\$7000  
the others hold judgments against Doxen  
Hoffman assumes the mortgage

59/82

14 May 1887  
Howard Munnikhuisen et al  
to  
William Henry Doxen

MARYLAND HISTORICAL TRUST 21 STATE CIRCLE SHAW HOUSE ANNAPOLIS, MARYLAND 21401  HISTORIC SITES SURVEY FIELD SHEET Individual Structure Survey Form	SURVEY NUMBER: HA-1419 NEGATIVE FILE NUMBER: UTM REFERENCES: Zone/Easting/Northing U.S.G.S. QUAD. MAP: PRESENT FORMAL NAME: <i>Jackson House</i>
COUNTY: <i>Harford</i> TOWN: <i>Bel Air</i>	ORIGINAL FORMAL NAME: <i>William Doan House</i>
LOCATION: <i>314 N. Hickory</i>	PRESENT USE: <i>private residence</i> ORIGINAL USE: <i>same</i>
COMMON NAME: <i>Jackson House</i>	ARCHITECT/ENGINEER: <i>Jacob Bull</i>
FUNCTIONAL TYPE: <i>private residence</i>	BUILDER/CONTRACTOR:
OWNER: <i>A. O. Jackson Jr</i> ADDRESS: <i>314 N. Hickory</i> <i>Bel Air Md</i>	PHYSICAL CONDITION OF STRUCTURE: Excellent ( ) Good ( <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> ) Fair ( ) Poor ( )
ACCESSIBILITY TO PUBLIC: Yes ( ) No ( ) Restricted ( <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> )	THEME: <i>Architecture</i> STYLE: <i>Queen Anne</i>
LEVEL OF SIGNIFICANCE: Local ( <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> ) State ( ) National ( )	DATE BUILT: <i>1887</i>
GENERAL DESCRIPTION: Structural System 1. Foundation: Stone ( <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> ) 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 ( <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> ) Asphalt Shingle ( ) Brick Veneer ( ) Stone Veneer ( ) Bonding Pattern: Other: 4. Roof Structure A. Truss: Wood ( ) Iron ( ) Steel ( ) Concrete ( ) B. Other: 5. Roof Covering: Slate ( <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> ) Wood Shingle ( ) Asphalt Shingle ( <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> ) Sheet Metal ( ) Built Up ( ) Rolled ( ) Tile ( ) Other: 6. Engineering Structure: 7. Other: Appendages: Porches ( <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> ) Towers ( ) Cupolas ( ) Dormers ( <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> ) Chimneys ( <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> ) Sheds ( ) Ells ( ) Wings ( ) Other: Roof Style: Gable ( <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> ) Hip ( ) Shed ( ) Flat ( ) Mansard ( ) Gambrel ( ) Jerkinhead ( ) Saw Tooth ( ) With Monitor ( ) With Bellcast ( ) With Parapet ( ) With False Front ( ) Other: Number of Stories: <u>2 1/2</u> Number of Bays: <u>3</u> Entrance Location: <u>Hickory</u> Approximate Dimensions: <u>45' x 60'</u>	
THREAT TO STRUCTURE: No Threat ( ) Zoning ( ) Roads ( ) Development ( ) Deterioration ( ) Alteration ( ) Other: <i>owner thinking of selling</i>	LOCAL ATTITUDES: Positive ( ) Negative ( ) Mixed ( ) Other:

**ADDITIONAL ARCHITECTURAL OR STRUCTURAL DESCRIPTION:**

entrance 2 round panel over sq panel doors multi pane colored glass transom, single pane colored over panel side lights  
 N parlor mantel gray marble with cartouche with bosses & shield  
 2 corner cupboards built in  
 S parlor mantel gray marble cartouche + sunflowers at each side insets of ebony / opening blocked w cast iron  
 below parlor stained glass  
 staircase open <sup>dog leg</sup> string single run turned balusters massive newel, fluted wainscoting  
 molded w <sup>woodwork</sup> with corner blocks  
 2nd floor 4 br + 2 baths

**RELATED STRUCTURES: (Describe)**

3rd floor 2 rooms + bath  
 Main windows 2/2 ex 2/4 front 1st

**STATEMENT OF SIGNIFICANCE:**

3 ppts when they bought  
 board & batten barn w cupolas

*Significance:*

blt for Wm Doper, canning broker - one of the more elaborate houses in town

**REFERENCES:**

**MAP: (Indicate North in Circle)**



*Boundary*

X

N. Hedron

**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:**

*10 Nov 79*

**DATE RECORDED:**

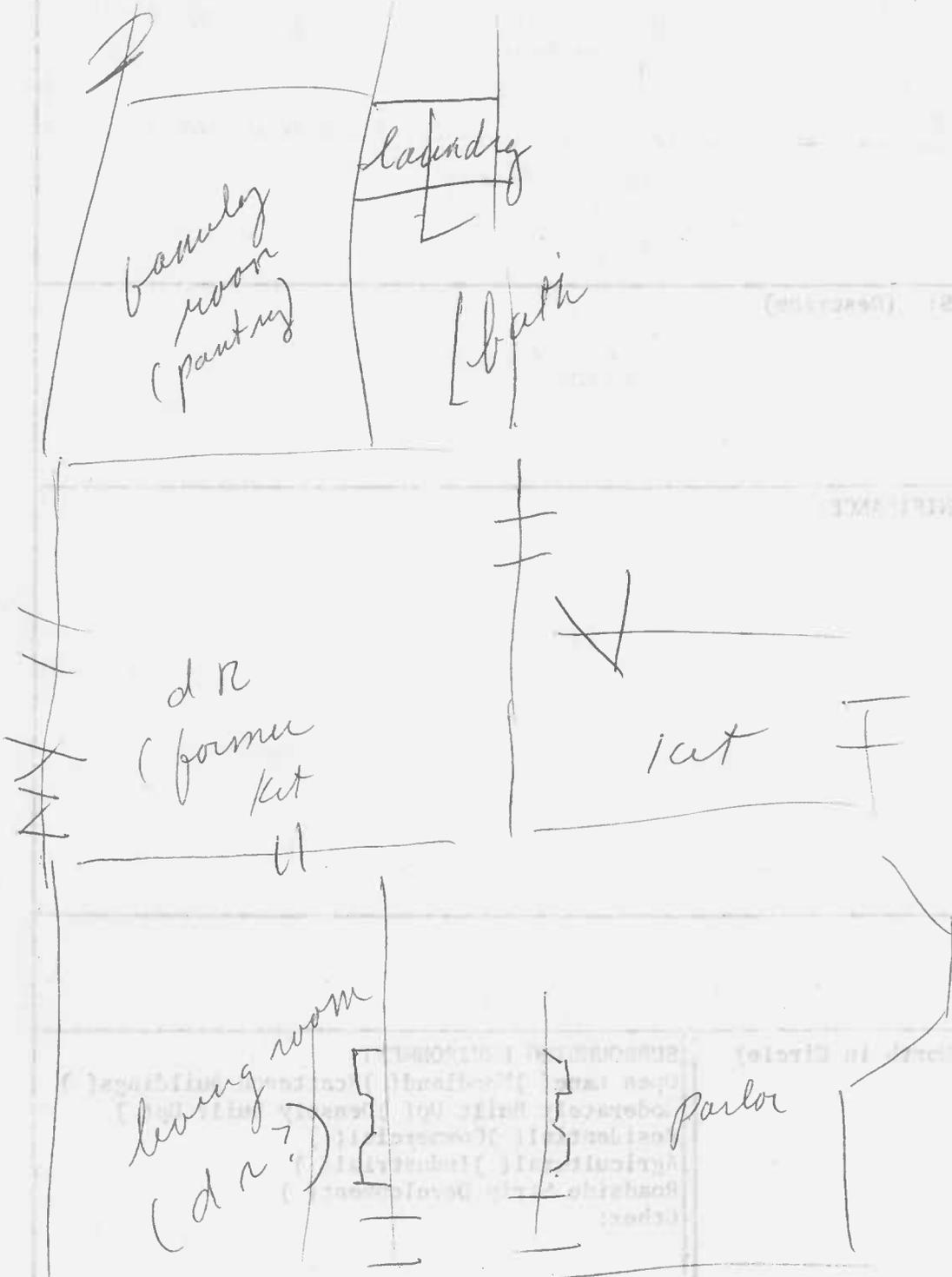
ADDITIONAL ARCHITECTURAL OR STRUCTURAL INFORMATION

DATE OF REVISION (if any)

STATEMENT OF WORK

REVISION

NO. (Indicate Point in Circle)



REVISION BY \_\_\_\_\_  
 REVISION DATE \_\_\_\_\_  
 DATE \_\_\_\_\_





HA. 1419 Open House, 314 N. Hickory, Bellvue  
e. elev.  
M. Larew, 1979



LA-1419

Doxon House, 314 W. Hickory, Bel Air  
e + n elev.

M. Larner, 1979



HA. 1419

Oxley House, 314 W. Hickory, Bel Air  
parlor door surround, looking S.

M. Larew, 1979







LA-1419 Dohen House, 314 N. Hickory, Bel Air  
n + w elev  
M. Larew, 1979



LA-1419

Dixon House, 314 N. Hickory, Bellini

bay window on s. elev.

M. L. Llewellyn, 1979