HA-1431 1870's

Minnick House
124 N. Main
Bel Air
private

The formstone on this house cannot disguise the nice proportions of this three bay house. The front gable with a lunette in it may be a later addition.

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INVENTORY FORM FOR STATE HISTORIC SITES SURVEY

1 NAME

HISTORIC
Minnick House
AND/OR COMMON

2 LOCATION

STREET & NUMBER
124 N. Main
CITY, TOWN
Bel Air
__ VICINITY OF
STATE
Maryland
CONGRESSIONAL DISTRICT
1st
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
Aristides Chilimidos c/o Agatha McVey
Telephone #: 838-8475
STREET & NUMBER
205 E. Ring Factory Road
CITY, TOWN
Bel Air
__ VICINITY OF
STATE, zip code
Maryland 21014

5 LOCATION OF LEGAL DESCRIPTION

Liber #: 318
Folio #: 221

COURTHOUSE, REGISTRY OF DEEDS, ETC.
Harford County Courthouse
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

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CONDITION		CHECK ONE	CHECK ONE
__EXCELLENT	__DETERIORATED	__UNALTERED	X_ORIGINAL SITE
__GOOD	__RUINS	X_ALTERED	__MOVED DATE_____
X_FAIR	__UNEXPOSED		

DESCRIBE THE PRESENT AND ORIGINAL (IF KNOWN) PHYSICAL APPEARANCE

This two and a half story, formstone-sided house is at 124 N. Main Street in the Town of Bel Air, Harford County, Maryland. The main building is three bays by two with a gable roof. The back building is three bays by one and has a gable roof over the south two bays (built after 1930; in that year that portion was a one story porch) and a shed roof over the north one bay (in 1904 1½ stories; by 1930 raised to two stories). There are two inside end chimneys with corbelled caps and draft protectors. The little front gable has a lunette in it. The other windows are 6/6 double-hung sash in molded surrounds. The main entrance is in the middle bay of the front (east) elevation under a hipped roof front porch carried on what were probably chamfered posts. They, too, have been covered in formstone. The side gables (north and south) have a pair of casement windows, and there is an enclosed single story shed-roof back (west) porch, post-1930.

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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 c. 1870's BUILDER/ARCHITECT

STATEMENT OF SIGNIFICANCE

This three bay house, now sandwiched in between commercial establishments on North Main Street, is a typical house of the 1870's. Despite its formstone siding, it retains the characteristics of the type. The front gable is awkwardly shaped and has a lunette rather than the more common round-headed 2/2 window. It may be a later addition. The south ell is a post 1930 addition. The north portion 1-1/3 stories tall in 1904. That portion may be original.

Benjamin Minnick acquired a half acre in this block in 1867 from James Reid for $2400 (19/95). The lot had improvements, but it is doubtful that this house was one of them. Houses shaped like this were not built in Bel Air in the 1860's. More likely the improvements were some of the small houses (now demolished) on the Bond Street side of the lot. A house does appear on this lot on the 1878 Map, occupied by Dr. S. B. Crane. It is probably this house or some portion it. The Minnick family retained ownership of the house until 1919. This house seems to have been a rental unit, at least until the turn of the 20th century, however. Minnick built 52 East Broadway before 1883 and lived there until he died. His finances were in bad shape when he died in 1900. The home place, and much more, was sold at auction starting in 1901 after the Harford Bank sued the heirs. This piece was sold to Laura T. Newman and Florence Minnick (daughters of Benjamin) in 1902 for $3500 (104/489). At that time the lot was 114' 10" on Main and 107' on Bond. The Bond Street side of the house had as many as five tenant houses on it and therefore was a good income property. Mrs. Minnick and her daughter Florence may have lived in the Main Street house. Laura Newman (Mrs. William B.) lived in Washington, D.C. In 1919 this property was sold to Felix M. Irwin for $5500 (164/132) after a suit in which Florence Minnick sued her brother-in-law, William Newman. This probably represents a division of property after Laura's death. Irwin sold it the next year to Letcher W. Joines for $7000 (1920, 169/231). In 1921 Joines sold it to George W. Johnson (173/251). In 1934 after the death of George Johnson, his widow Ozella sold it to William Miles who assumed the $2000 mortgage (174/337; 234/44). Five years later it passed to John F. Palm (1939, 257/300). Palm sold it to Ruth Sterbak in 1944 (284/211), and she sold it to Aristides Chilimidos in 1948 (318/221). His estate still holds it.

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9 MAJOR BIBLIOGRAPHICAL REFERENCES

1878 Map
1904, 1930 Sanborn Map

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10 GEOGRAPHICAL DATA

ACREAGE OF NOMINATED PROPERTY _____

VERBAL BOUNDARY DESCRIPTION

This property occupies parcel #579 in the Town of Bel Air, 56.5' on Main Street.

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
3 December 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

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TITLE: 124 N. Main Street

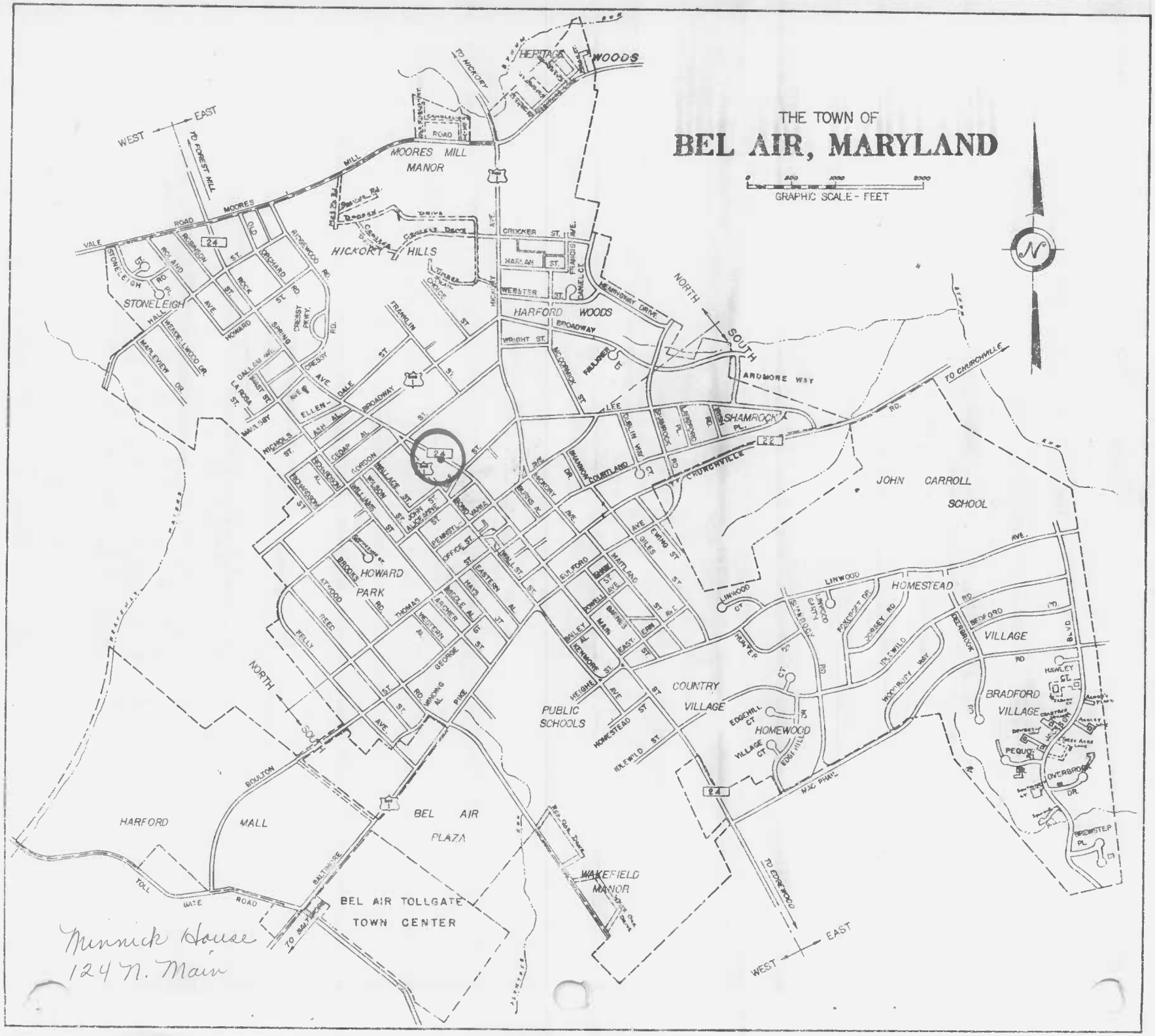
318/221	29 July 1948 Ruth E. Sterbak & Frank, & Permanent Building Association to Aristides Chilimidos
284/211	10 July 1944 John F. Palm & Joanna of Baltimore City to Ruth E. Sterbak
257/300	27 September 1939 William E. Miles & Gladys to John F. Palm & Joanna
234/44	10 August 1934 Ozella D. Johnson, widow to William E. Miles & Gladys assumes $2000 mortgage (174/337)
173/251	31 May 1921 Letcher M. Joines & Amy to George W. Johnson & Ozella
169/231	19 April 1920 Felix M. Irwin & Mae to Letcher M. Joines & Amy
164/132	26 May 1919 Charles H. MacNabb, Trustee to Felix M. Irwin & Mae MacNabb was trustee in Florence Minnick vs. William B. Newman et al $5500

104/489

24 September 1902
Jacob Doxen, trustee
to
Laura T. Newman (Mrs. William B.) of
Washington, D.C. & Florence M. Minnick
$3500
Doxen was trustee in Harford National
Bank (use of Jacob Doxen) vs. Martha C.
Minnick et al, 1900 114' 10" on Main &
107' on Bond

19/95

2 August 1867
James W. Reid & Mary
to
Benjamin Minnick
$2400 ½a and improvements



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