

HA-1439

Between 1909 & 1920

Ayers House #1  
306 N. Main  
Bel Air  
private

This L-shaped Victorian house is a late and plain example of the style. It was built as a tenant house sometime after 1909.

MARYLAND HISTORICAL TRUST

INVENTORY FORM FOR STATE HISTORIC SITES SURVEY

**1 NAME**

HISTORIC

Ayres House #1

AND/OR COMMON

**2 LOCATION**

STREET & NUMBER

306 N. Main

1st

CITY, TOWN

Bel Air

CONGRESSIONAL DISTRICT

\_\_\_ VICINITY OF

STATE

Maryland

COUNTY

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

**4 OWNER OF PROPERTY**

NAME

Eugene Irwin

Telephone #: 838-6083

STREET & NUMBER

306 N. Main

CITY, TOWN

Bel Air

STATE, zip code

Maryland 21014

\_\_\_ VICINITY OF

**5 LOCATION OF LEGAL DESCRIPTION**

COURTHOUSE,  
REGISTRY OF DEEDS, ETC

Harford County Courthouse

Liber #: 846

Folio #: 268

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
<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 two story, L-shaped, asphalt sided house is at 306 N. Main in the Town of Bel Air, Harford County, Maryland. A very simple house, the structure has a gable roof with its gable end facing the street on the south and the ell, set back one bay with its gable roof at right angles to the other. Altogether, the house is three bays wide. A shed roofed porch carried on stock turned posts runs along the north elevation of the main block until it ends in the ell. The entrance is in the north elevation of the main block just east of where the ell meets it.

The windows are varied and suggest purchase from a builder's salvage lot. The front (east) windows are 2/2 double-hung sash. The south elevation has a 2/2, a 3/1, and a 6/6. The north window (2nd story) of the west elevation is a casement.

In 1930 there was a back porch on the main block. Today it has been replaced by a gable roof addition.

CONTINUE ON SEPARATE SHEET IF NECESSARY

# 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		
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<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 Between 1909 and 1920 BUILDER/ARCHITECT \_\_\_\_\_

STATEMENT OF SIGNIFICANCE

This small L-shaped house was built between 1909 and 1920 on lots #2 and 3 of Richardson's Addition, land Sadie Ayres bought from William Heuer (127/168, 1909). When she bought it there was one house on it, #304, recently demolished. By the 1920 Tax assessment there were three houses on it, #304, #306, and #308-310. It is not possible to say whether this one or #308-310 is older, although by looks alone, this one may be the newer. Robert and Sadie Ayres sold this one to Joseph L. Carroll in 1921 (173/84), and Carroll sold it for \$3800 to Russell Ewing in 1926 (195/482). The executor of Mrs. Ewing's estate sold it to Benton Gross in 1944 for \$3300 (282/121). In 1946 Gross sold it to Donald G. Smith (294/242), and Donald Smith sold it to Helen C. Smith in 1950 (346/350). Mrs. Smith sold it to the present owner, Eugene Irwin in 1970 (846/268).

**9 MAJOR BIBLIOGRAPHICAL REFERENCES**

CONTINUE ON SEPARATE SHEET IF NECESSARY

**10 GEOGRAPHICAL DATA**

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

## VERBAL BOUNDARY DESCRIPTION

This property occupies parcel #268 in the Town of Bel Air, 39' x 135.75'

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

1 November 1979

ORGANIZATION

Town of Bel Air

838-8700

STREET &amp; NUMBER

39 Hickory Avenue

TELEPHONE

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-1439 NEGATIVE FILE NUMBER: UTM REFERENCES: Zone/Easting/Northing U.S.G.S. QUAD. MAP: PRESENT FORMAL NAME: Irwin House
COUNTY: Harford TOWN: Bel Air	ORIGINAL FORMAL NAME: Ayres House
LOCATION: 306 N. Main	PRESENT USE: ORIGINAL USE: rental unit ARCHITECT/ENGINEER:
COMMON NAME:	BUILDER/CONTRACTOR:
FUNCTIONAL TYPE: private residence	
OWNER: Eugene Irwin ADDRESS: 306 N. Main Bel Air, Md.	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: between 1909 & 1920
GENERAL DESCRIPTION: Structural System 1. Foundation: Stone(X)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( )Asphalt Shingle(X) 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( )Sheds( )Ells(x) Wings( ) Other: Roof Style: Gable( )Hip( )Shed( )Flat( )Mansard( )Gambrel( )Jerkinhead( ) Saw Tooth( )With Monitor( )With Bellcast( )With Parapet( )With False Front( ) Other: Number of Stories: 2 Number of Bays: 3 Approximate Dimensions: 25' x 30' Entrance Location: N. Main	
THREAT TO STRUCTURE: No Threat( )Zoning( )Roads( ) Development(x)Deterioration( ) Alteration( )Other:	LOCAL ATTITUDES: Positive( )Negative( ) Mixed( ) Other:

ADDITIONAL ARCHITECTURAL OR STRUCTURAL DESCRIPTION:

L-shaped long portion ( e & w) to S  
front porch on N elevation of long portion  
windows in front 2/2; S side 2/2, 3/1, 6/6  
single story gable ell to back in place of back porch

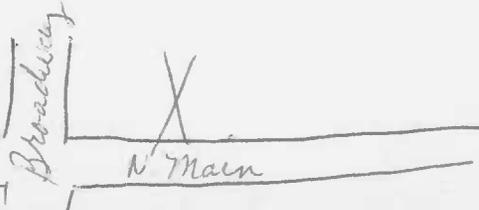
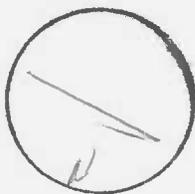
RELATED STRUCTURES: (Describe)

STATEMENT OF SIGNIFICANCE:

rental unit between 1909 & 1920

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:

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RECORDED BY:  
Town of Bel Air

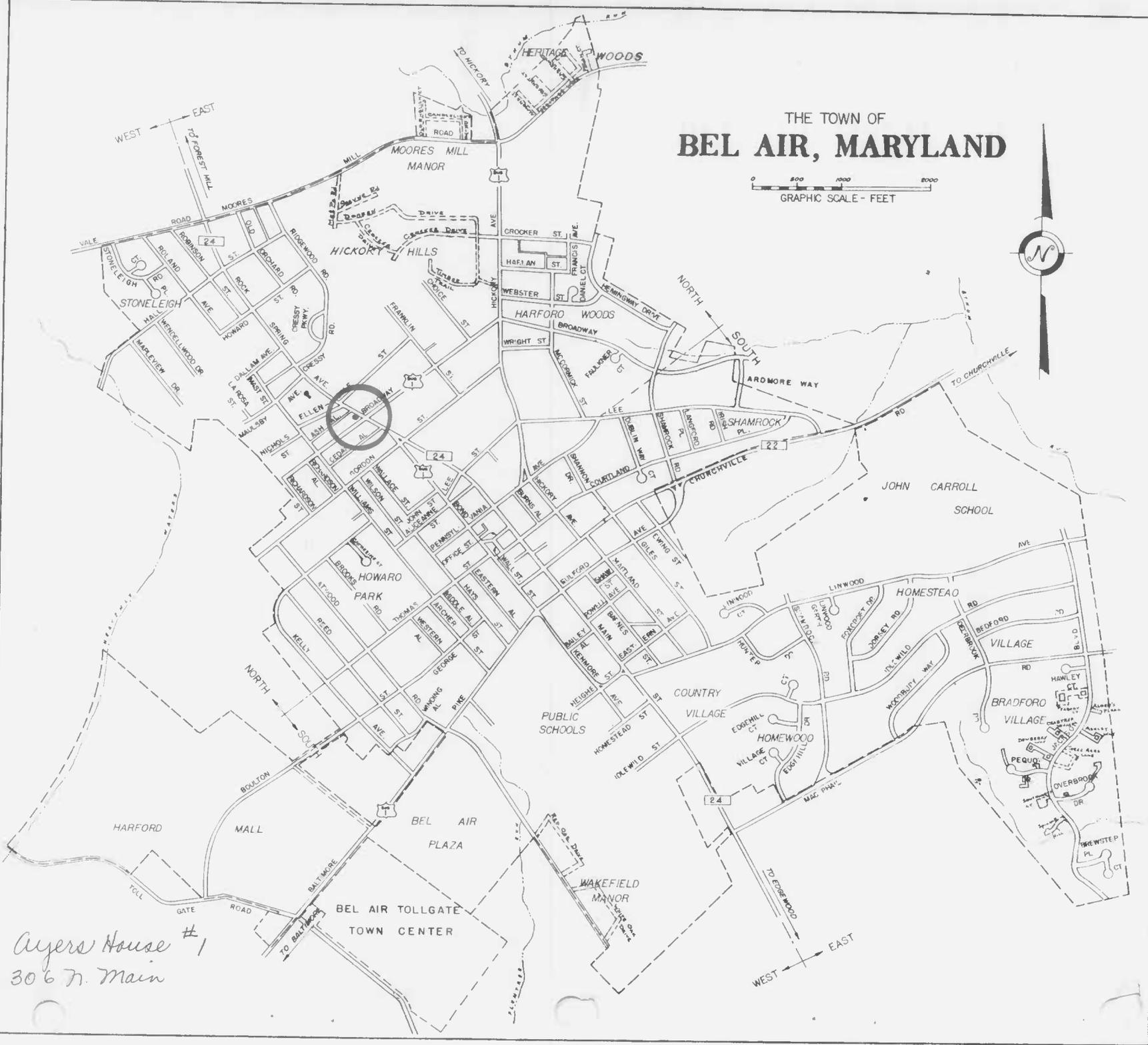
ORGANIZATION:  
24 October 1979

DATE RECORDED:

TITLE: 306 N. Main

846/268	8 June 1970 Helen C. Smith widow to Eugene Irwin & Gladys
346/359	25 August 1950 Donald G. Smith & Geraldine to Helen C. Smith
294/242	11 March 1946 Benton H. Gross & Lucile to Donald G. Smith
282/121	21 February 1944 Alfred H. Wilson, executor to Benton H. Gross property of Carrie D. Ewing \$3300
195/482	1 March 1926 Joseph L. Carroll & Margaret to S. Russell Ewing & Carrie
173/84	21 April 1921 J. Robert Ayres & Sadie to Joseph L. Carroll & Margaret
127/168	13 July 1909 William W. Heuer et al to Sadie J. Ayres

# THE TOWN OF BEL AIR, MARYLAND



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