

INVENTORY FORM FOR STATE HISTORIC SITES SURVEY

**1 NAME**

HISTORIC

AND/OR COMMON

Store

**2 LOCATION**

STREET & NUMBER

8 - 10 South Main Street

1st

CITY, TOWN

Bel Air

\_\_\_ VICINITY OF

CONGRESSIONAL DISTRICT

STATE

Maryland

COUNTY

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 checked="" type="checkbox"/> BUILDING(S)	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> PRIVATE	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> UNOCCUPIED	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> COMMERCIAL
<input type="checkbox"/> STRUCTURE	<input type="checkbox"/> BOTH	<input type="checkbox"/> WORK IN PROGRESS	<input type="checkbox"/> EDUCATIONAL
<input type="checkbox"/> SITE	<b>PUBLIC ACQUISITION</b>	<b>ACCESSIBLE</b>	<input type="checkbox"/> ENTERTAINMENT
<input type="checkbox"/> OBJECT	<input type="checkbox"/> IN PROCESS	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> YES- RESTRICTED	<input type="checkbox"/> GOVERNMENT
	<input type="checkbox"/> BEING CONSIDERED	<input type="checkbox"/> YES- UNRESTRICTED	<input type="checkbox"/> INDUSTRIAL
		<input type="checkbox"/> NO	<input type="checkbox"/> MILITARY
			<input type="checkbox"/> MUSEUM
			<input type="checkbox"/> PARK
			<input type="checkbox"/> PRIVATE RESIDENCE
			<input type="checkbox"/> RELIGIOUS
			<input type="checkbox"/> SCIENTIFIC
			<input type="checkbox"/> TRANSPORTATION
			<input type="checkbox"/> OTHER

**4 OWNER OF PROPERTY**

NAME

M. Margaret Smithers

Telephone #: 885-5577

STREET & NUMBER

Box 74

CITY, TOWN

Chesapeake City

\_\_\_ VICINITY OF

STATE, zip code

Maryland 21915

**5 LOCATION OF LEGAL DESCRIPTION**

COURTHOUSE,  
REGISTRY OF DEEDS, ETC.

Harford County Courthouse

Liber #: 269

Folio #: 476

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**

- EXCELLENT
- GOOD
- FAIR
- DETERIORATED
- RUINS
- UNEXPOSED

**CHECK ONE**

- UNALTERED
- ALTERED

**CHECK ONE**

- ORIGINAL SITE
- MOVED DATE \_\_\_\_\_

DESCRIBE THE PRESENT AND ORIGINAL (IF KNOWN) PHYSICAL APPEARANCE

This two story frame storefront with a false front is on the west side of South Main Street at #8-10, in the Town of Bel Air, Harford County, Maryland. It is the most impressive and best cared for of a group of four similar structures in a row in the same block. A handsome cornice carried by decorative brackets over a lentil band tops the false front. Three 1/1 double-hung sash windows set in segmental arch surrounds. A projecting cornice supported by brackets and topped by a shed roof delineates the first and second stories. The first story of the building is divided into two stores and the elevation is sharply divided into two shop windows with a deeply recessed central bay which contains the entrances to the two shops. Between the shop windows and the cornice the south shop has vertical wooden paneling; the north shop has wooden shingles in the same place.

The rear (west) elevation shows the roof line slanted to the south with a stove chimney rising just south of the middle of the elevation. This side of the building is plastered. A two story one room addition, two bays wide, not so high as the main block, is attached to the rear elevation. One bay of windows occurs in the rear elevation of the main block. All the windows are 2/2, double-hung sash. A delivery door occupies the first story of the south bay of the addition. Door and windows are set in plain surrounds.

The store at #8 is divided into two rooms, the show room, occupying three-fourths of the length of the main block, and the storage room, occupying the other one-quarter. The staircase to the upstairs flat, which is vacant and inaccessible, is in the store room. The store at #10 is divided equally into two rooms in the main block. The addition belongs to this shop.

# 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 Between 1881 and 1888 BUILDER/ARCHITECT

## STATEMENT OF SIGNIFICANCE

This building is the best example of the late 19th century store-front remaining in Bel Air. It is clearly superior to its next three neighbors to the south. These four buildings form the largest block of 19th century buildings left on Main Street. This particular building was built by the Jeffery family after 1881 when William Mc. Jeffery leased the lot from Stevenson Archer, trustee for Pamela Hays' estate (43/180). Since both William Mc. Jeffery and his son, William V. Jeffery, died in 1883, the building was probably built between 1881 and 1883. Hortense Jeffery, William V.'s widow, sold the lease to John S. Young and James C. Young in 1888 (61/531). The building was probably on the lot then. A provision in the original lease provided for purchase after ten years for \$1,140.83. In December, 1941, Elizabeth Smithers, executrix of the estate of John S. Young, sold the property to her sister, M. Margaret Smithers.

The 1904 insurance map shows a general store in the building at that time.

**9 MAJOR BIBLIOGRAPHICAL REFERENCES**

CONTINUE ON SEPARATE SHEET IF NECESSARY

**10 GEOGRAPHICAL DATA**

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

VERBAL BOUNDARY DESCRIPTION

This property occupies parcel #811 in the Town of Bel Air, 25'6" x 128'.

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

30 March 1979

ORGANIZATION

Town of Bel Air

DATE

838-8700

STREET & 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.

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

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 ANNAPOLIS, MARYLAND 21401

HISTORIC SITES SURVEY FIELD SHEET  
 Individual Structure Survey Form

SURVEY NUMBER: HA-1446

NEGATIVE FILE NUMBER:

UTM REFERENCES:  
 Zone/Easting/Northing

U.S.G.S. QUAD. MAP:

PRESENT FORMAL NAME:  
 American Antiques/Country Finds

ORIGINAL FORMAL NAME:  
 Jeffery Building

PRESENT USE: Stores

ORIGINAL USE: Stores

ARCHITECT/ENGINEER:

BUILDER/CONTRACTOR:

PHYSICAL CONDITION OF STRUCTURE:  
 Excellent ( ) Good (X)  
 Fair ( ) Poor: ( )

THEME: Architecture

STYLE: Vernacular

DATE BUILT:  
 Between 1881 & 1888

COUNTY: Harford  
 TOWN: Bel Air  
 LOCATION:  
 8-10 S. Main  
 COMMON NAME:  
 Store  
 FUNCTIONAL TYPE: commercial  
 OWNER: M. Margaret Smithers  
 ADDRESS: Box 74  
 Chesapeake City, Md. 21915  
 ACCESSIBILITY TO PUBLIC:  
 Yes (X) No ( ) Restricted ( )  
 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 ( ) Shiplap (X)  
 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 ( ) Towers ( ) Cupolas ( ) Dormers ( ) Chimneys (X) Sheds ( ) Ells (X)  
 Wings ( ) Other:

Roof Style: Gable ( ) Hip ( ) Shed (X) 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: 27' x 90'

Entrance Location: S. Main

THREAT TO STRUCTURE:  
 No Threat (X) Zoning ( ) Roads ( )  
 Development ( ) Deterioration ( )  
 Alteration ( ) Other:

LOCAL ATTITUDES:  
 Positive ( ) Negative ( )  
 Mixed ( ) Other:

ADDITIONAL ARCHITECTURAL OR STRUCTURAL DESCRIPTION:

bracketed cornice front 2nd story windows 1/1 in surround w. molded segmental arch, 1st story 2 plate glass windows on each side of recessed entry. entry= double Transom over long glass pane door brackets support hip-roofed shed (small) over 1st story rear window, main block 2/2, smaller ell, also 2 story, 6/6 windows & stock door rear is plastered

RELATED STRUCTURES: (Describe)

STATEMENT OF SIGNIFICANCE:

Jeffery Building  
Post Office c 1912  
2nd story vacant

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 Larew

RECORDED BY:  
Town of Bel Air

ORGANIZATION:  
30 March 1979

DATE RECORDED:

TITLE: Store  
8 - 10 South Main Street

269/476

10 December 1941  
 Elizabeth C. Smithers, executrix of the  
 estate of John S. Young  
 to  
 Minnie Margaret Smithers  
 (sale on 28 October 1941)  
 25'6" x 128'  
 (Young died in 1897)  
 fee simple

61/531

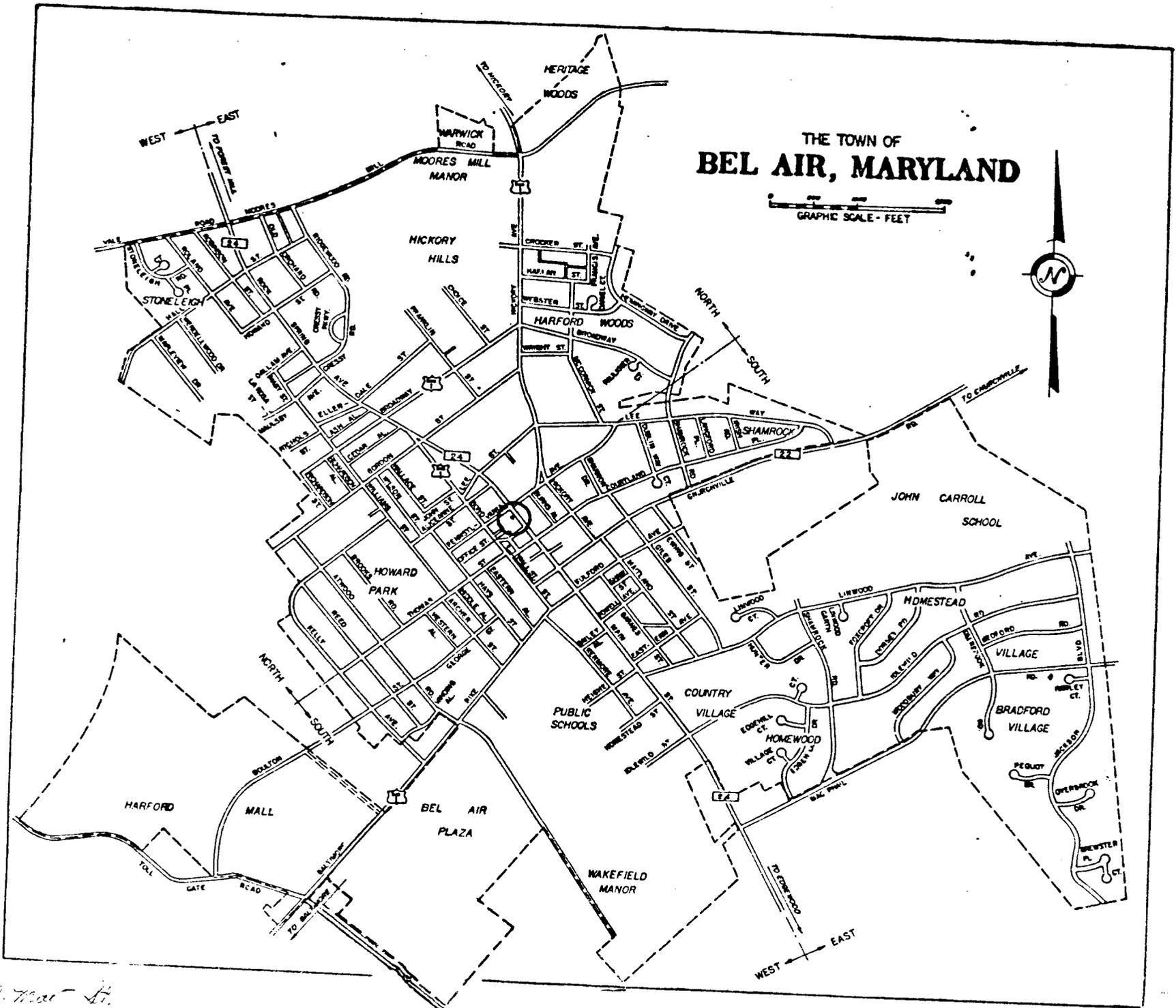
26 April 1888  
 lease  
 Hortense R. Jeffery, widow of William V.  
 Jeffery, son of William Mc Jeffery  
 to  
 John S. Young and James C. Young  
 25' x 128' next to the Fulton lot  
 "lot now in the possession of the Youngs  
 and upon a part of which is the store of  
 Cochran and Young

43/180

4 June 1881  
 lease  
 Stevenson Archer, trustee  
 to  
 William McJeffery  
 \$68.75 per annum  
 provision for purchase after 10 years by  
 payment of \$1,140.83

This land was part of the estate of Thomas  
 Hays. It, like all the square except for  
 the Fulton lot north of this property was  
 left to Hay's daughter Pamela, with rever-  
 sion to another of his daughters, Elizabeth  
 Jacobs and her heirs. In 1876 the  
 property was sued to sale so that the  
 proceeds could be more profitably invested.  
 Stevenson Archer was trustee for the sale.

# THE TOWN OF BEL AIR, MARYLAND



14-1446  
St. 7-10 S. Main St.  
Bel Air, Md.



STORE - 8-10 S. MAIN ST., BEL AIR

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STORE: 9-10-15 MAIN ST., BEL AIR  
W. ELEVATION

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