HA-1452 before 1869

Stagmer's Hotel
100 S. Main
Bel Air
Private

This three story building was one of the five inns within a block of the courthouse. It is much changed from its hotel days when it had a two story porch on the front. Allen J. Prigg built it on the site of Robinson's store soon after the Civil War. The name Stagmer comes from an owner in the 1880's, William Stagmer, who raised the then two story building to three. In 1893 it became a carriage manufactory under the name of Enterprise Carriage Company. That may be a startling bit of adaptive re-use, but it shows how flexible these old buildings were. Today the top floors have been returned to domestic use as apartments. The ground floor (and the basement) has shops and offices.

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# MARYLAND HISTORICAL TRUST

## INVENTORY FORM FOR STATE HISTORIC SITES SURVEY

### 1 NAME

HISTORIC

AND/OR COMMON: Stagmer's Hotel

### 2 LOCATION

STREET & NUMBER: 100 S. Main

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 | X 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: lease Carollee Getz et al c/o Getz & Getz

Telephone #: 838-4135

STREET & NUMBER: 26 S. Main

CITY, TOWN: Bel Air — VICINITY OF

STATE, zip code: Maryland 21014

### 5 LOCATION OF LEGAL DESCRIPTION

COURTHOUSE, REGISTRY OF DEEDS, ETC.

Liber #: 832
Folio #: 1

STREET & NUMBER

CITY, TOWN

STATE

### 6 REPRESENTATION IN EXISTING SURVEYS

TITLE

DATE

__FEDERAL __STATE __COUNTY __LOCAL

DEPOSITORY FOR SURVEY RECORDS

CITY, TOWN

STATE

NA-1752

# 7 DESCRIPTION

| 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 three story plastered building, formerly a hotel and then a carriage works, is at the southwest corner of Main and Courtland Streets in the Town of Bel Air, Harford County, Maryland. An old photograph published in Bel Air's Centennial Book shows Stagmer's Hotel after William Stagmer added the third story. A flight of six steps leads up to the entrance on Main Street. The stories are irregularly divided. The first story shows four bays - two doors flanked by a window. The Maryland Express Company occupied the northern two bays. Sheltering the entry was a porch with open balustrade carried on square posts. The second story also shows four bays with the third story showing five. The former roof-line is visible between the second and third stories, manifesting itself as an overhang. A plain cornice decorates the edge of the flatroof. The side (north) elevation shows four bays with an entry in the first story and the overhang of the old roof. Then there is a set back of about seven feet and then the building continues for an additional three bays. This three bay addition is probably the new kitchen.

The present configuration has changed only in detail, the fundamental massing remaining the same. The roof-line is the same. The overhang between the second and third stories has disappeared, and a rectangular bay window has been added in the second bay in from the east. This bay window is composed of one window (1/1) in the east and west sides and two similar windows in the north side. A continuation of the first floor cornice line forms the bottom of the structure and narrow rectangular panels of the plaster topped by a cornice forms the top. The rest of the windows in the second and third stories are common 6/6 double hung sash framed in plain surrounds painted white like the roof and first story cornices. The upper stories are apartments.

The most changes have been made to the first story which is given over to stores now - two in the west end of the Courtland Street side and four in the Main Street side, three in the first floor and one in the basement just at the corner.

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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 before 1869 BUILDER/ARCHITECT

STATEMENT OF SIGNIFICANCE

This building, now apartments upstairs and stores down, was one of the three hotels on Main Street near the Courthouse in the 19th century. It was built on the site of Robinson's Store on lot #33 of the Town plat of Bel Air. The whole lot was purchased by Herman Stump, Henry Archer, and Stevenson Archer from the Misses Robinson in 1867 (19/217).
Prigg built the hotel, then a two story structure at the corner of Main and Courtland Streets. The first mention of Prigg's Hotel occurs in the newspapers for 1869. Prigg ran the hotel until March 1870 when Isaac Dillon, formerly of Pikesville and Abingdon, took over the operation. After about a year James S. Lytle, who had managed Frank Glenn's oyster restaurant in the east end of the Holden Building on Courtland Street (1869), bought the Hotel (1871). In 1872 Lytle added a bowling alley to the hotel's amenities. There was also apparently a restaurant on the premises, not surprising in view of Lytle's previous career. In April 1874 William Stagmer was running the restaurant while Lytle opened a photo gallery at another location. In November 1874 Allen Prigg died and the course of the lease becomes tangled. (See accompanying title.) By this time the Hotel was called "Edgewood House." In 1875 the local option law supposedly prohibited the sale of alcoholic beverages in Bel Air, and the proprietors of local hotels found their business depressed. In September the Edgewood House was sold to Stevenson Archer for $3000 by R. W. Whaland, trustee for the Prigg heirs. In 1880 Mrs. William Stagmer bought the hotel for $1050, and it became known as Stagmer's Hotel.

The Stagmers began to improve the property. They turned the bowling alley into a stable and added a back building, probably the west bays in the current building. In 1881 they added a third story, giving the building its present configuration. The work was done by contractor John F. Lingan. The building was now 36' x 56', three stories high. The dining room was extended and a new kitchen was added. The hotel had at least 20 rooms. Darius Prigg and John A. Wann did the painting and Jacob Fordes the plastering.

William Stagmer died in March of 1885, aged 51. He had been in Bel Air since 1874 when he took over Lytle's restaurant. Mrs. Stagmer carried on. By 1891 a Mrs. Green kept the hotel. In October 1894 the Enterprise Carriage Company bought the hotel to turn it into a carriage works. In '99 the post office was lodged in one corner of the building. At that time the Harford Democrat called the building the "old Prigg, Stagmer, and Burrill hotel" (we must have missed an owner) and said it was "one of the ancient landmarks of the town."

The 1904 Insurance Map shows that the complex extended all the way

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## 9 MAJOR BIBLIOGRAPHICAL REFERENCES

Harford Union, Harford Democrat, Bel Air Record
Insurance Maps 1904, 1930

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## 10 GEOGRAPHICAL DATA

ACREAGE OF NOMINATED PROPERTY _____

VERBAL BOUNDARY DESCRIPTION

This property occupies parcel #834 in the Town of Bel Air, 65.31' x 77.31'

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

DATE
16 May 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
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to the Archer Building on Courtland and formed a hollow square and returned to Main Street. The 1930 map shows the square built in and occupied by four stores, three of them in the old hotel, one the single story next south, and a large store going back even with the rear (west) elevation of the hotel. Six apartments in the rear of the old hotel complete the block. That is the present configuration.

The lease is owned by the Getzs. The fee is still in the hands of the Safe Deposit and Trust Company in trust for the heirs of Major Robert Archer, who purchased the fee from Henry Archer.

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HISTORIC SITES SURVEY FIELD SHEET
Individual Structure Survey Form

SURVEY NUMBER: HA-1452

NEGATIVE FILE NUMBER:

UTM REFERENCES:
Zone/Easting/Northing

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

PRESENT FORMAL NAME:

ORIGINAL FORMAL NAME: Prugg - Stagmer Hotel

PRESENT USE: shops + apts

ORIGINAL USE: hotel

ARCHITECT/ENGINEER:

BUILDER/CONTRACTOR:

COUNTY: Harford

TOWN: Bel Air

LOCATION: Main + Courtland sts

COMMON NAME:

FUNCTIONAL TYPE: commercial

OWNER: Carolee Fitz et al c/o Getz + Getz

ADDRESS: 265 Main
Bel Air, Md

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

ACCESSIBILITY TO PUBLIC:
Yes ( ) No ( ) Restricted (✓)

THEME: Architecture

STYLE: Vernacular

LEVEL OF SIGNIFICANCE:
Local (✓) State ( ) National ( )

DATE BUILT: c. 1868

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( )
   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( )Sheds( )Ells( )
Wings ( )Other: bay window

Roof Style: Gable( )Hip( )Shed( )Flat(✓)Mansard( )Gambrel( )Jerkinhead( )
Saw Tooth( )With Monitor( )With Bellcast( )With Parapet( )With False Front( )
Other:

Number of Stories: 3

Number of Bays: 4

Approximate Dimensions: 35' X 80'

Entrance Location: Main St

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

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

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ADDITIONAL ARCHITECTURAL OR STRUCTURAL DESCRIPTION:

windows 2nd & 3rd 6/6 bay window (1/4) on N elev, 2nd bay from e. Shops in ground floor - set back c 7 ft in N W 3 bays

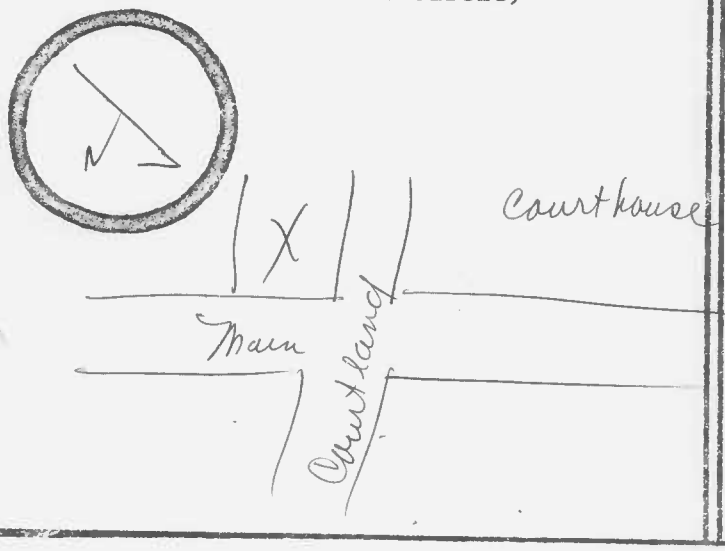
RELATED STRUCTURES: (Describe)

STATEMENT OF SIGNIFICANCE:

Early hotel

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:

RECORDED BY: M. Larew

ORGANIZATION: Town of Bel Air

DATE RECORDED: 15 May 1979

TITLE:
STAGMER'S HOTEL

The fee to this property is held in trust by the Safe Deposit and Trust Company of Baltimore for the heirs of Robert Archer. Archer inherited the property from Henry Archer who purchased this piece from Herman Stump. He and Stump had purchased the half of the block from Main Street to the alley west of the Holden Building when Stump, Archer, and Stevenson Archer divided the whole lot (#35 in the Town plat) they had purchased from the Misses Robinson in 1867 (19/217).

The lease:

832/1
1 November 1969
The Link, Inc., & Commercial & Savings Bank
to
Carollee Getz (1/3), Stanley Getz (1/3), Morton & Irene Getz (1/3)
62.33' (Main Street) x 34.40' (Courtland)

302/209
Soloman M. Rosenberg, Aaron I. Rosenberg, & Herman M. Rosenberg
to
The Link, Inc.

266/332
11 July 1941
Germantown Permanent Building Assoc. #2
to
The Rosenbergs

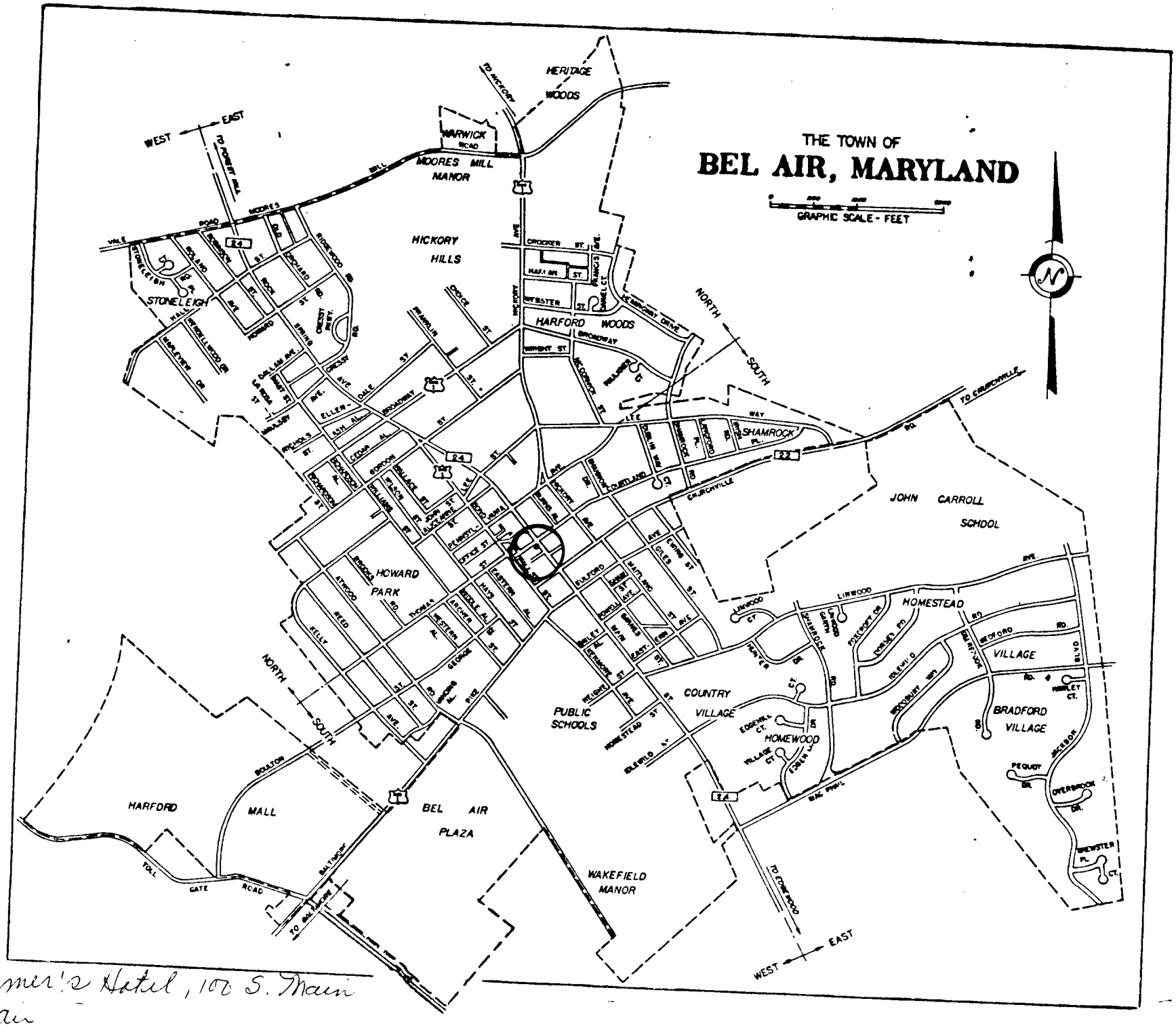
203/209 and 203/211
30 April 1927
Frederick J. Schlosstein, attorney
to
Germantown Permanent Building Assoc. #2
two parcels
default of Joseph Kraft's mortgage (190/16, 188/119)

189/96
5 June 1924
Anthony Battistone & Josephine, wife
to
Joseph Kraft & Elsie, wife

and

189/374
10 September 1924
Henry T. Crocker & Berthenia, wife
to
Joseph A. Kraft

| | |
|---|---|
| 169/117 | 8 January 1920<br>Bel Air Carriage Works<br>to<br>Joseph S. Archer & Henry Crocker |
| 122/332 | 18 September 1907<br>Philip Close, attorney, & Richard Dallam and Josephine Dallam<br>to<br>Bel Air Carriage Works<br>Mortgage default of the Carriage Works to Fireside Permanent Bldg. Assoc. (mortgage 112/494)<br>Close sold it to the Dallams. They join to convey. |
| 82/121 | 20 October 1894<br>C. Ellsworth Scarff & Amanda, wife<br>to<br>Enterprise Carriage Co. |
| 75/387 | 20 September 1893<br>George L. Van Bibber, trustee<br>to<br>Amanda J. Scarff<br>defaulted mortgage (44/77) William Stagmer to Gabriel A. McComas |
| 41/26 | 1 May 1880<br>Stevenson Archer & William Young, trustees<br>to<br>Sarah Stagmer<br>Archer and Young were trustees in the equity case of Ella Hunt vs. Robert W. Whaland (16 July 1878) |
| 20/415 | 6 August 1867<br>Herman Stump for Stump, Archer & Archer<br>to<br>Allen J. Prigg |

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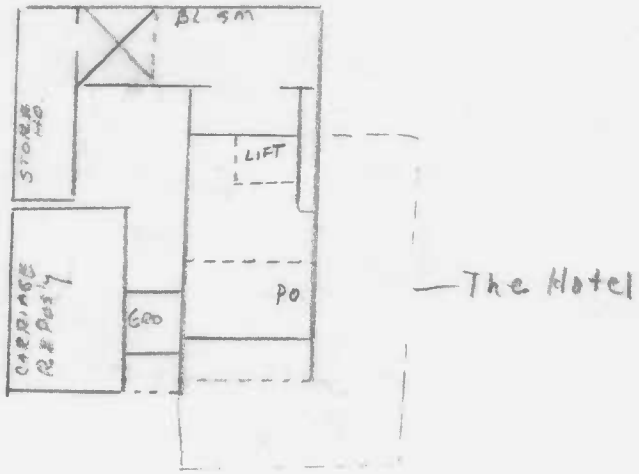
Bel Air

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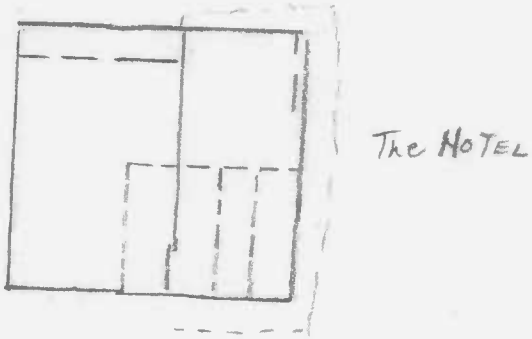


SHOPS + APTS.

1960

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STAGMER'S HOTEL
S. MAIN + COURTLAND
BEL AIR

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SCALE 1" = 50'

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HA-1452 Stagmer's Hotel, 100 S. Main Bel Air
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Main St., Bel Air c. 17[illegible] [illegible]

S. of Courtland St., Looking S.

L to R (east side) [illegible] Richardson [illegible]

[illegible] Shop [illegible]

(west side) Enterprise [illegible]

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