

HA-1454

1871

Wattenscheidt's Jewelry Store  
117 S. Main  
Bel Air  
Private

Now a barber shop, this is a typical Victorian storefront. It has had its facade plastered. The original clapboard shows along the sides. Built to be a jewelry shop, it has also been a dressmaker's shop and a milliner's.

INVENTORY FORM FOR STATE HISTORIC SITES SURVEY

**1 NAME**

HISTORIC

Wattenscheidt's Jewelry Store

AND/OR COMMON

John's Barber Shop

**2 LOCATION**

STREET & NUMBER

117 S. 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 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

Eugenie M. Finneran & Frances E. Finneran Telephone #: 838-3777

STREET & NUMBER

119 S. Main Street

CITY, TOWN

Bel Air

\_\_\_ VICINITY OF

STATE, zip code

Maryland 21014

**5 LOCATION OF LEGAL DESCRIPTION**

COURTHOUSE,  
REGISTRY OF DEEDS, ETC.

Harford County Courthouse

Liber #: 352

Folio #: 467

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

RA-754

# 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 type="checkbox"/> MOVED	DATE _____
<input type="checkbox"/> GOOD	<input type="checkbox"/> RUINS	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> ALTERED			
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> FAIR	<input type="checkbox"/> UNEXPOSED				

DESCRIBE THE PRESENT AND ORIGINAL (IF KNOWN) PHYSICAL APPEARANCE

This long, narrow shop with living quarters is at 117 South Main Street in the Town of Bel Air, Harford County, Maryland. The two-story, two bay structure, originally frame, is covered in the front portion, with plaster with varicolored pieces of glass in the compound. Light glitters on the surface. John's Barber Shop in the first story has a plate glass show window (south) and an adjacent entry (north) shaded by an aluminum awning. A glass enclosed barber pole uses in the northwest corner of the awning. The two second-story front windows are 2/2 double hung sash set in segmental arched surrounds. The facade is topped by a simple cornice with a dentil band. The front block is five feet wider than the back building. The side (north) elevation shows four bays with 6/6 double hung sash windows with louvered shutters on the second story and three 1/1 windows with solid shutters on the first story. The second bay from the west has an entrance with screened door in the first story. Behind this block is a two story shed roofed post - 1904 addition with two small 3/3 windows in plain surrounds in the first story of the north elevation. The back (east elevation) shows a conventional 6/6 window similarly surrounded. Attached to this addition is a shed-roofed single story porch carried square posts with a solid plank lower half (north) and simple plank bars between the post on the east. This porch ties 117 and 119 together, extending across the back (east) elevation of both buildings. In the southeast corner of 119 it is enclosed.

The two back sections are frame, the first (west) being clapboard, and the second (east) being shiplap. The roof slopes are different in the three sections. The front portion slopes gently toward the back (east); the center section slopes to the side (north). The back section slopes enough to call it a shed.

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		
<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				

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SPECIFIC DATES 1871 BUILDER/ARCHITECT

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STATEMENT OF SIGNIFICANCE

This long, narrow store with living quarters upstairs and behind is a common 19th century store front. It was built in 1871 by August Wattenscheidt and his wife, Wilhelminia Bertha, for August's watchmaking shop and jewelry store. They lived behind. They had a lease from William Oldfield (26/215). His shop had been on Office Street before. Early in 1881 Wattenscheidt retired and sold the lease to Mary (Mrs. James) Farnandis. The shop was occupied by Mrs. P. Boleyn and Miss Markley who were dressmakers. A Susie Markley had had a dressmaking shop on Broadway and Hickory in 1877, and the 1878 map shows the house at that intersection occupied by P. Boleyn. Perhaps they were sisters. Mrs. Boleyn also kept boarders in this building.

Mrs. Farnandis bought the fee in 1882 for \$750 (44/337). In 1891 Mrs. J. N. Heuer had a millinery shop there. The 1904 insurance map shows the same use. In 1914 the property was sold after an equity suit. F. Bond Boarman and William W. Bradford bought it (145/224). Boarman and Bradford sold it to Joseph Cohen and his wife in 1919 (166/107) and they sold it less than a year later to John Finneran and his wife, Eugenie, for \$3100 (169/407). The Finnerans had purchased the building next door to the south in 1919. Mrs. Finneran owns it today. It houses John's Barber Shop.

**9 MAJOR BIBLIOGRAPHICAL REFERENCES**

CONTINUE ON SEPARATE SHEET IF NECESSARY

**10 GEOGRAPHICAL DATA**

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

VERBAL BOUNDARY DESCRIPTION

This building occupies the northern portion of parcel #887 in the Town of Bel Air. This portion is 18' x 120'.

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

25 April 1979

ORGANIZATION

Town of Bel Air

DATE

STREET & NUMBER

39 Hickory Avenue

TELEPHONE

838-8700

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.

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

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21 STATE CIRCLE  
SHAW HOUSE  
ANNAPOLIS, MARYLAND 21401

HISTORIC SITES SURVEY FIELD SHEET  
Individual Structure Survey Form

SURVEY NUMBER: HA-1454

NEGATIVE FILE NUMBER:

UTM REFERENCES:  
Zone/Easting/Northing

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

PRESENT FORMAL NAME:  
*John's Barber Shop*

ORIGINAL FORMAL NAME:  
*Wathenscheidt's Jewelry Store*

PRESENT USE: *barber shop*

ORIGINAL USE: *watchmaker's shop*

ARCHITECT/ENGINEER:

BUILDER/CONTRACTOR:

PHYSICAL CONDITION OF STRUCTURE:

Excellent ( ) Good ( )  
Fair () Poor: ( )

THEME: *Architecture*

STYLE: *Plinacular*

DATE BUILT:  
*1871*

COUNTY: *Harford*

TOWN: *Bel Air*

LOCATION: *117 S. Main*

COMMON NAME:  
*John's Barber Shop*

FUNCTIONAL TYPE: *Commercial*

OWNER: *Eugene M. Finneran*  
ADDRESS: *119 S. Main*  
*Bel Air*

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

LEVEL OF SIGNIFICANCE:  
Local () 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 ( )  
 Novelty () Stucco ( ) Sheet Metal ( ) Aluminum ( ) Asphalt Shingle ( )  
Brick Veneer ( ) Stone Veneer ( ) *\* plaster w/ broken glass embedded*  
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: *awning (metal), barber pole*

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: 2

Approximate Dimensions: 14 x 60

Entrance Location: Main St

THREAT TO STRUCTURE:

No Threat ( ) Zoning ( ) Roads ( )  
Development ( ) Deterioration ( )  
Alteration ( ) Other:

LOCAL ATTITUDES:

Positive ( ) Negative ( )  
Mixed ( ) Other:

ADDITIONAL ARCHITECTURAL OR STRUCTURAL DESCRIPTION:

side (W.) windows  $\frac{6}{6}$  plain surround lowered shutters 2nd story  
 $\frac{1}{1}$  ditto w solid panel shutters 1st story  
 facade  $\frac{4}{4}$  roundarched 2nd / 1st plate glass 1st  
 dentil cornice  
 back porch ties the two bldgs. (this + 1st Algus Bldg) together  
 plaster with colored glass on front block

RELATED STRUCTURES: (Describe)

STATEMENT OF SIGNIFICANCE:

1871 store front - Watchmaker + jeweler

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: 25 Apr 79

DATE RECORDED:

TITLE:  
WATTENSCHIEDT'S JEWELRY STORE  
117 S. MAIN

352/467                    22 January 1951  
Edward D. Higinbothom  
to  
Eugenie M. Finneran and Frances  
E. Finneran  
117 S. Main

352/464                    22 January 1951  
Eugenie M. Finneran, widow  
to  
Edward D. Higinbothom  
117 & 119 S. Main  
Straw transaction (119 S. Main was re-  
transferred by 352/466)

169/407                    30 July 1920  
Joseph Cohen and Annie, wife  
to  
John Finneran and Eugenie, wife  
\$3100

166/107                    27 October 1919  
F. Bond Boarman, William W. Bradford and  
Lavinia, wife  
to  
Joseph Cohen and Annie, wife

145/224                    6 June 1914  
Thomas H. Robinson, trustee  
to  
F. Bond Boarman and William W.  
Bradford  
Robinson was appointed in the equity  
case. Annie F. Munnikhuysen and  
Bessie D. Farnandis vs. Mary Dorsey  
Watts et al. Real estate was ordered  
to be sold.

44/337                    8 April 1882  
William Oldfield and Hannah, wife  
to  
Mary E. Farnandis  
purchase of fee \$750

42/82

4 January 1881  
August Wattenscheidt and Wilhelminia  
Bertha, wife  
to  
Mary E. Farnandis  
lease

26/215

13 June 1871  
William Oldfield  
to  
W. Bertha Wattenscheidt  
lease  
to build on the lot





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Bel air

e. + n. elev.

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