

HA-1491

Between 1886 & 1904

House
127 Thomas
Bel Air
Private

This is another in a row of typical gable-roofed shotgun houses.

MARYLAND HISTORICAL TRUST

INVENTORY FORM FOR STATE HISTORIC SITES SURVEY

1 NAME

HISTORIC

AND/OR COMMON

House

2 LOCATION

STREET & NUMBER

127 Thomas Street

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

___COMMERCIAL

___EDUCATIONAL

___ENTERTAINMENT

___GOVERNMENT

___INDUSTRIAL

___MILITARY

___MUSEUM

___PARK

PRIVATE RESIDENCE

___RELIGIOUS

___SCIENTIFIC

___TRANSPORTATION

___OTHER:

4 OWNER OF PROPERTY

NAME

Charles V. Spalding

Telephone #: 838-8700

STREET & NUMBER

54-A N. 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 #: 813

Folio #: 114

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 small, two-bay, two-story shot-gun house is at 127 Thomas Street in the Town of Bel Air, Harford County, Maryland. Presenting a gable lighted by a 6 pane window to the street, the house has a shed porch carried on chamfered posts shading the first story of the front (north) elevation. The porch balustrade is of plain square balusters. The windows, except for the one in the first story facade, are 6/6 double-hung sash. The window in the west bay of the ground floor (north) is 2/2. The east bay holds the entrance: a 2 pane horizontal transom over the original door with a single large pane in the top and a panel below.

There is a shed addition to the rear.

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 1886 and 1904 BUILDER/ARCHITECT

STATEMENT OF SIGNIFICANCE

This small shot-gun house is typical of the workingman's housing built in Bel Air in the last quarter of the 19th century. The transom over the door and the chamfered posts supporting the porch are the only decorative elements. The house was built on parts of lots #1 and #2 in the Hays Addition. The land was in the estate of merchant Thomas Hays, wealthy Harford County land owner.

9 MAJOR BIBLIOGRAPHICAL REFERENCES

CONTINUE ON SEPARATE SHEET IF NECESSARY

10 GEOGRAPHICAL DATA

ACREAGE OF NOMINATED PROPERTY _____

VERBAL BOUNDARY DESCRIPTION

This property occupies parcel #1214 in the Town of Bel Air, 33.5' x 150'.

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 May 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.

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-1491
NEGATIVE FILE NUMBER:
UTM REFERENCES: Zone/Easting/Northing
U.S.G.S. QUAD. MAP:
PRESENT FORMAL NAME: <i>House</i>
ORIGINAL FORMAL NAME: <i>House</i>
PRESENT USE: <i>private residence, rental</i>
ORIGINAL USE: <i>"</i>
ARCHITECT/ENGINEER:
BUILDER/CONTRACTOR:
PHYSICAL CONDITION OF STRUCTURE: Excellent () Good () Fair (<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>) Poor: ()
THEME: <i>Architecture</i>
STYLE: <i>Vernacular</i>
DATE BUILT: <i>between 1886 & 1904</i>

COUNTY: <i>Harford</i>
TOWN: <i>Bell Air</i>
LOCATION: <i>127 Thomas</i>
COMMON NAME: <i>House</i>
FUNCTIONAL TYPE: <i>private residence</i>
OWNER: <i>Charles V. Spalding</i>
ADDRESS: <i>54-A-N. Main St. S Bell Air</i>
ACCESSIBILITY TO PUBLIC: Yes () No () Restricted (<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>)
LEVEL OF SIGNIFICANCE: Local (<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>) State () National ()

GENERAL DESCRIPTION:

Structural System

- Foundation: Stone () Brick () Concrete () Concrete Block ()
- Wall Structure
 - Wood Frame: Post and Beam () Balloon ()
 - Wood Bearing Masonry: Brick () Stone () Concrete () Concrete Block ()
 - Iron () D. Steel () E. Other:
- Wall Covering: Clapboard () Board and Batten () Wood Shingle () Shiplap ()
 Novelty () Stucco () Sheet Metal () Aluminum () Asphalt Shingle ()
 Brick Veneer () Stone Veneer ()
 Bonding Pattern: _____ Other: _____
- Roof Structure
 - Truss: Wood () Iron () Steel () Concrete ()
 - Other:
- Roof Covering: Slate () Wood Shingle () Asphalt Shingle () Sheet Metal ()
 Built Up () Rolled () Tile () Other: _____
- Engineering Structure:
- Other:

Appendages: Porches () Towers () Cupolas () Dormers () Chimneys () Sheds () Ells ()
 Wings () Other: _____ *plan cap*

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: 10' x 50'

Entrance Location: Thomas St

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

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

ADDITIONAL ARCHITECTURAL OR STRUCTURAL DESCRIPTION:

gable end to street windows 6/6 in thin surrounds (2nd
1st 2/2 long in w bay, entrance in 2 bay 2 pane long.
+ ransom glass pane in top of rug door shed porch, chamfered
posts, plain balusters, shed addition
3 bay side 6 pane window in gable chimney w plain cap

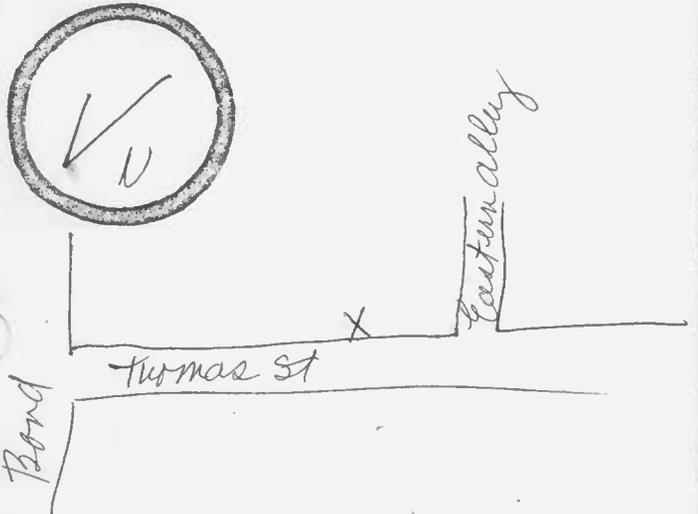
RELATED STRUCTURES: (Describe)

1 car garage

STATEMENT OF SIGNIFICANCE:

REFERENCES:

MAP: (Indicate North In Circle)



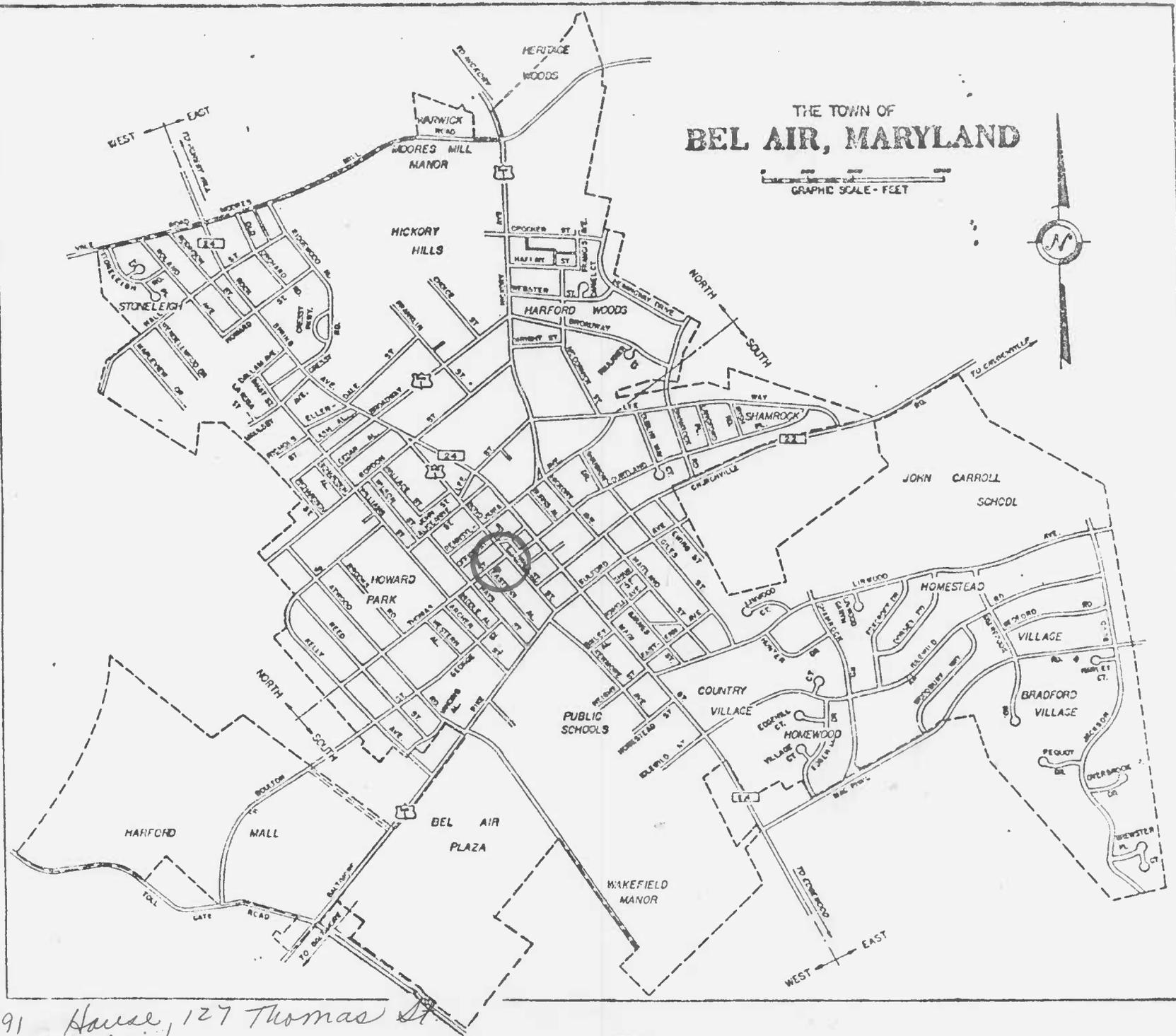
SURROUNDING ENVIRONMENT:

- Open Lane () Woodland () Scattered Buildings ()
- Moderately Built Up () Densely Built Up ()
- Residential () Commercial (✓)
- Agricultural () Industrial ()
- Roadside Strip Development ()
- Other:

M. Larew
RECORDED BY:
Town of Bel Air
ORGANIZATION:
30 May 79
DATE RECORDED:

THE TOWN OF BEL AIR, MARYLAND

GRAPHIC SCALE - FEET



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Bel Air



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