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1889 & ?

Zimmerman Houses
163, 165 Williams
Bel Air
Private

These two houses were built by Mrs. Zimmerman, the mother of Mrs. John Reckord who lived across the street. One was built in 1889, but which one is impossible to tell, as is the date of the second house. Careful observation will show that the houses were originally identical Victorian houses with front ells. #163 has remained so. #165 has been much altered. It has had a two story bay window tacked in beside the ell, a second story bay window accurs on the north side, the first floor has acquired a brick coat, the front porch has been modernized, and a single story brick ell has been added to the back.

The houses belonged to various members of the Reckord family until recently.

MARYLAND HISTORICAL TRUST

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INVENTORY FORM FOR STATE HISTORIC SITES SURVEY

1 NAME

HISTORIC

Zimmerman Houses
AND/OR COMMON

2 LOCATION

STREET & NUMBER

163, 165 Williams

1st

CITY, TOWN

Bel Air

CONGRESSIONAL DISTRICT

___ VICINITY OF

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 type="checkbox"/> MUSEUM
<input type="checkbox"/> STRUCTURE	<input type="checkbox"/> BOTH	<input type="checkbox"/> WORK IN PROGRESS	<input type="checkbox"/> COMMERCIAL
<input type="checkbox"/> SITE	PUBLIC ACQUISITION	ACCESSIBLE	<input type="checkbox"/> EDUCATIONAL
<input type="checkbox"/> OBJECT	<input type="checkbox"/> IN PROCESS	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> YES: RESTRICTED	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> PRIVATE RESIDENCE
	<input type="checkbox"/> BEING CONSIDERED	<input type="checkbox"/> YES: UNRESTRICTED	<input type="checkbox"/> ENTERTAINMENT
		<input type="checkbox"/> NO	<input type="checkbox"/> RELIGIOUS
			<input type="checkbox"/> GOVERNMENT
			<input type="checkbox"/> INDUSTRIAL
			<input type="checkbox"/> MILITARY
			<input type="checkbox"/> OTHER

4 OWNER OF PROPERTY

NAME

George A. Monk

Gregory O'Hensmeyer

Telephone #:

STREET & NUMBER

163 Williams

165 Williams

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 #: 1021/1059

Folio #: 658/520

STREET & NUMBER

Main Street

CITY, TOWN

Bel Air

STATE

6 REPRESENTATION IN EXISTING SURVEYS

TITLE

DATE

___ FEDERAL ___ STATE ___ COUNTY ___ LOCAL

DEPOSITORY FOR
SURVEY RECORDS

CITY, TOWN

STATE

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7 DESCRIPTION

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

163 Williams: A two and a half story L-shaped house with the ell to the street, now aluminum sided. It has a rather steeply sloped L-shaped gable roof. The windows in the gables are 1/1 double hung sash; the others are 2/2 except for a pair of 4 pane casements in the second story of the west elevation of the back building and the 6/6 windows of the second story sun porch in the northeast corner of a two story shed-roofed addition to the rear (east). The first floor west elevation of the ell has three bays (the entrance being in the south bay) while the second story has only two bays. Another entrance is in the south elevation of the ell next to where it joins the main block. The front porch has a hip roof carried on plain square posts. It continues around the ell on the south side. Two corbel capped chimneys rise from the roof ridges, one in the middle of the ell and one in the middle of the main block. There is a 9 pane over 2 panel back door near the middle of the rear elevation. This house appears to have been altered very little.

165 Williams: This house started out with the same shape. It has been altered more and to some degree unwisely. The first story has been sided in brick. A two story shed roofed ell has been added to the north half of the back of the original building, and then a single story gable roofed addition has been added to that. The north elevation has acquired a flat roofed hexagonal bay window with a molded cornice on the second story at the join of the ell with the main block. The south elevation has had a similar two story bay window tucked in between the ell and the main block and a decorative screen of cinder blocks to the front of that. The porch (shorn of its south 1/3) is now carried on double wrought iron posts too thin for good proportion. As a matter of fact, it takes some looking to see that these houses are essentially the same.

#163 has retained its integrity, #165 is mutton dressed as lamb and wearing too much lipstick at that.

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8 SIGNIFICANCE

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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 1889 & ? BUILDER/ARCHITECT

STATEMENT OF SIGNIFICANCE

These two houses identical in layout if #165 is stripped of accretions. They are typical L-shaped houses with the ell in front. Another pair were built on Roland Avenue in 1899. These were built by Mrs. Mary J. Zimmerman, the mother of Mrs. John Reckord whose house was just across Williams. The land was sold to Mrs. Zimmerman by E. Hall Richardson in 1889 (65/196); the Harford Democrat for April 12, 1889, said Mrs. Zimmerman was building one house. Which one it was and when the other was built, or for whom, is uncertain. They both formed a part of Mrs. Zimmerman's estate when she died in 1910 (will 14/100). In a codicil to the will she appointed her daughter Lydia A. Reckord and her grandson M. Atchison Reckord as executors of her will. In 1945 General Reckord, the surviving trustee, sold #163 Williams to Clinton L. Reckord (292/29) and #165 to Leland Reckord (292/395), so the corner remained a Reckord enclave. Clinton and Leland may have been living in the respective houses for a long time. Clinton sold 539 Rock Spring in 1918; of course he might simply have moved to a house not covered in the survey. Isabel, Clinton's widow sold 163 to Robert Bullis in 1967 (759/498), and he sold it to the present owner, George Allan Monk in 1971 (871/174). Leland sold 165 to Bascom Slimp Monk and his wife Dorothy Reckord Monk in 1963 (630/491) continuing the Reckord connection. The Monks must also be connected. Bascom Monk sold 165 to the present owner, Gregory V. Ottensmeyer, in 1978 (1059/520).

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9 MAJOR BIBLIOGRAPHICAL REFERENCES

Harford Democrat

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10 GEOGRAPHICAL DATA

ACREAGE OF NOMINATED PROPERTY _____

VERBAL BOUNDARY DESCRIPTION

These properties occupy the following parcels in the Town of Bel Air:

- 163 = #513
- 165 = #512

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

10 December 1979
DATE

ORGANIZATION

Town of Bel Air
STREET & NUMBER

838-8700
TELEPHONE

39 Hickory Avenue
CITY OR TOWN

STATE

Bel Air

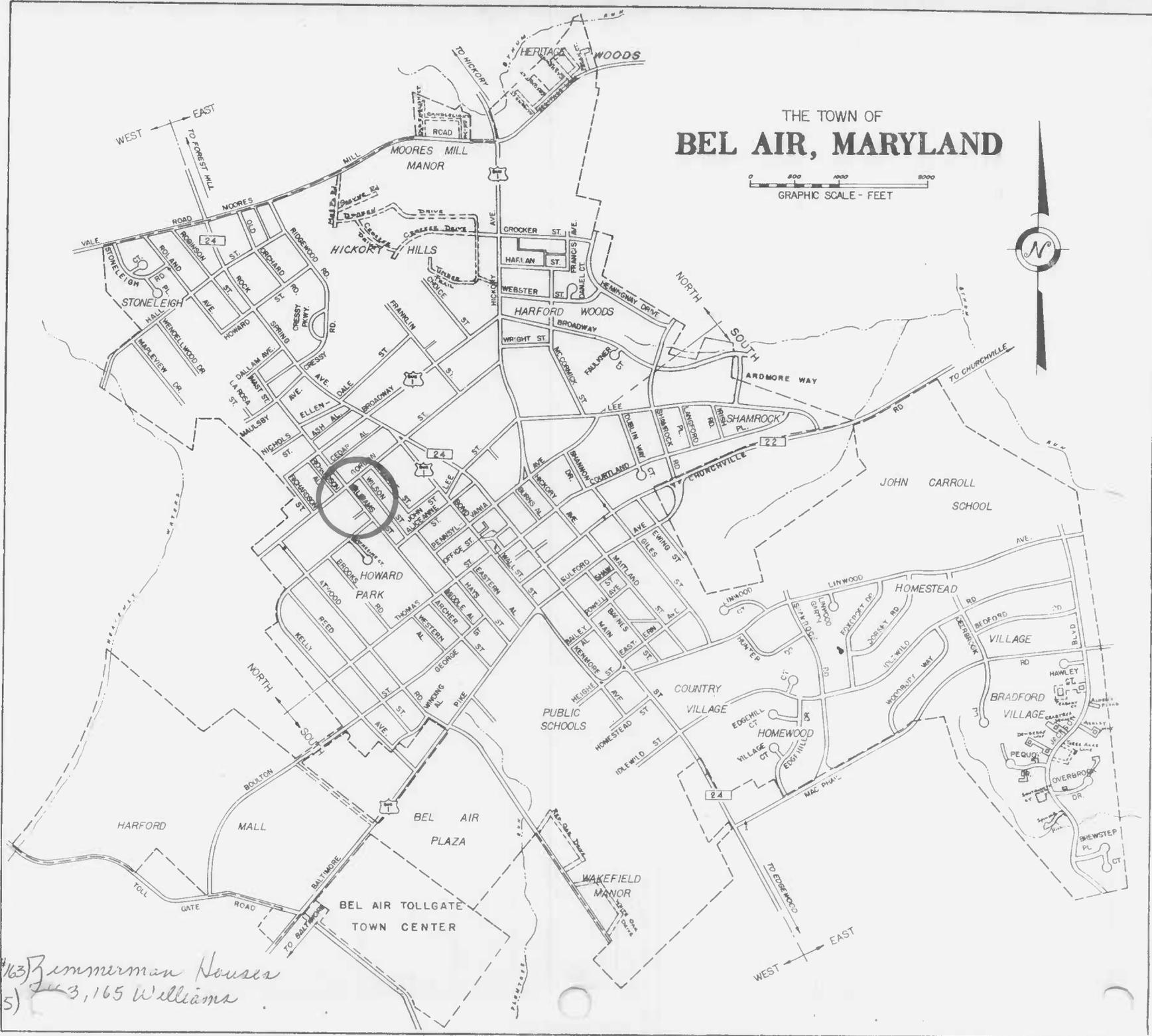
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The Maryland Historic Sites Inventory was officially created by an Act of the Maryland Legislature, to be found in the Annotated Code of Maryland, Article 41, Section 181 KA, 1974 Supplement.

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Annapolis, Maryland 21401
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HA-1500 (#163) Zimmerman Houses
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Zimmerman House, 165 S. Williams, Billerica

n + w elev

M. Larson, 1979



HA-1501

Zimmerman House, 163 Williams, Bel air
10+5 elev
M. Law, 1979



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Zimmerman House, 163 Williams, Bel Air
N & W side

M. Lauer, 1979



HA-1501

Zimmerman House, 165 S. Williams, Bel Air
w elev

M. Larew, 1979



HA-1501

Zimmerman House, 165 S. Williams, Bel Air

c. clw

M. Lewis, 1979



44-1504

Zimmerman House, 163 Williams, Bel Air
e. l. w.

M. Larew, 1979

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