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Maulsby District
136-148 Maulsby
Bel Air
Private

This double row of 13 tenant houses, 12 single family units and one double unit (145-147), on Maulsby is a unique district of workingman's housing in Bel Air. When the railroad came to Bel Air in 1883 it brought great change. Warehouses for the expanding Harford County canning industry sprang up around the tracks and business activity around the station increased. Mrs. Mary Dallam subdivided her lands around the railroad in 1883 and called the district Major Dallam's Addition. Around 1885 these two rows of houses were built by Joseph Streett. Around 1905 it was called Streett's Row. The district may have been Bel Air's first speculative sub-division.

The houses are typical two bay shotgun houses, but they have the unusual touch of a bracketed cornice. Most of them have shed-roofed porches, although two have gable-roofed porches.

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MARYLAND HISTORICAL TRUST

INVENTORY FORM FOR STATE HISTORIC SITES SURVEY

1 NAME

HISTORIC

AND/OR COMMON

Maulsby - District

2 LOCATION

STREET & NUMBER

136 - 148 Maulsby

CITY, TOWN

Bel Air

__ VICINITY OF

CONGRESSIONAL DISTRICT

1st

STATE

Maryland

COUNTY

Harford

3 CLASSIFICATION

CATEGORY	OWNERSHIP	STATUS	PRESENT USE	
X DISTRICT	__PUBLIC	X OCCUPIED	__AGRICULTURE	__MUSEUM
__BUILDING(S)	X PRIVATE	__UNOCCUPIED	__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

Multiple: see continuation sheet

Telephone #:

STREET & NUMBER

CITY, TOWN

__ VICINITY OF

STATE, zip code

5 LOCATION OF LEGAL DESCRIPTION

COURTHOUSE, REGISTRY OF DEEDS, ETC.

Harford County Courthouse

Liber #: Multiple: see #4

Folio #:

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

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7 DESCRIPTION

CONDITION		CHECK ONE	CHECK ONE
__EXCELLENT	__DETERIORATED	X UNALTERED	X ORIGINAL SITE
X GOOD	__RUINS	X ALTERED	__MOVED DATE_____
X FAIR	__UNEXPOSED		

DESCRIBE THE PRESENT AND ORIGINAL (IF KNOWN) PHYSICAL APPEARANCE

This group of 13 tenant houses is on both sides of Maulsby just west of Mast in the Town of Bel Air, Harford County, Maryland. The basic house is a two bay shot-gun, two stories tall, covered in asphalt shingle. The windows are 6/6 double-hung sash. The roofs are flat. The only decorative touch is the brackets supporting the thin cornice at the top. Each house has a porch. Most are shed roofed carried on plain square posts. Number 137 and 141 have gable-roofed porches and thicker posts. Several porches are enclosed. Entrances alternate between west and east bays. They have a two pane transom over a glass and panel door. A single story shed addition to the rear completes these simple workingman's homes.

Number 145-47, the westernmost on the south side of the street is a duplex but is merely a double of the others.

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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 c. 1885 BUILDER/ARCHITECT

STATEMENT OF SIGNIFICANCE

This double row of 13 tenant houses, 12 single family units and one duplex (145-147), on Maulsby is a unique district of workingman's housing in Bel Air. When the railroad came to Bel Air in 1883 it caused a great deal of change. Warehouses for the expanding Harford County canning industry sprang up around the track. The business activity around the station increased, and Mrs. Mary Dallam subdivided lands she owned north of the tracks and west of Rockspring. "Major Dallam's addition to Bel Air" or Dallam's First Addition was recorded July 21, 1883, in the County land records (49/183). It consisted of 18 lots between the tracks and what is now Dallam Avenue. Most of the lots sold in the next two years. Joseph Streett bought lots #3-6 on the south side of Maulsby for $800 in October 1883 (49/236). Lots #5 and #6 house six tenant houses, five singles and a duplex, built in 1885. These are #139-147 in the Maulsby District. The date of the houses on the north side (136-148) is uncertain but the similar detailing suggests a similar date. The land, lots #11 and #12, was sold by Mrs. Dallam to Noble L. Mitchell for $700 in August 1884 (52/56). He sold them to John H. L. Watts in 1886 for $750 (57/374). The tenant houses must have been built shortly thereafter, but there is no indication in the documents. The property stayed in the Watts family until 1926 when it was sold to Joseph Kraft (195/422). There are indications that Street built 10 tenant houses in all there on Maulsby in 1884 and 1885. Perhaps he built them all, and yet the north lots (11 & 12) sold for $750 in 1886, just $50 more than they had brought in 1884. At any rate, the houses on both sides of the street are similar - speculative housing built in the last quarter of the 19th century. Their exteriors are very little changed today. The two on the south side of the street (137 and 141) have different porches. A couple of porches have been enclosed. That is all.

This area seems to have been white as Alice Anne Street was, then and later, black. Around 1905 part of it was known as Street's Row.

Today the houses on the south side, except for the duplex, are owner-occupied, and their condition shows it. Those on the north side are rental units.

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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 parcels #159-162 and #238-241 in the Town of Bel Air.

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	21 August 1979
ORGANIZATION	DATE
Town of Bel Air	838-8700
STREET & NUMBER	TELEPHONE
39 Hickory Ave.	
CITY OR TOWN	STATE
Bel Air	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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21 STATE CIRCLE
SHAW HOUSE
ANNAPOLIS, MARYLAND 21401

HISTORIC SITES SURVEY FIELD SHEET
Individual Structure Survey Form

SURVEY NUMBER: HA-1504 - HA-1515

NEGATIVE FILE NUMBER:

UTM REFERENCES:
Zone/Easting/Northing

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

PRESENT FORMAL NAME:

ORIGINAL FORMAL NAME: some

COUNTY: Harford

TOWN: Bel Air

LOCATION: 136-148 Maulsby

PRESENT USE: private residence/rental

ORIGINAL USE: tenant houses

COMMON NAME:

ARCHITECT/ENGINEER:

FUNCTIONAL TYPE: private residence

BUILDER/CONTRACTOR:

OWNER: multiple
ADDRESS: see Inventory form

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

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

THEME: Architecture

STYLE: Vernacular

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

DATE BUILT: c. 1885

GENERAL DESCRIPTION:

Structural System

1. Foundation: Stone(X)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(X)
   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(X)Towers( )Cupolas( )Dormers( )Chimneys(X)Sheds(X)Ells( )
Wings ( )Other:

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

Number of Stories: 2

Number of Bays: 2 x 3 plus shed

Entrance Location: Maulsby

Approximate Dimensions: 10' x 15'

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

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

ADDITIONAL ARCHITECTURAL OR STRUCTURAL DESCRIPTION: HA1504- HA-1515

Original: shed roof porch with plain posts
windows 6/6 ex front elev 2/2
door transom over door 2 pane door: glass & panel
decorated cornice: carved brackets
some porches enclosed
shot-gun style
last on S. side = duplex 13 of them
7 on N. side 7 units on S.
6 houses

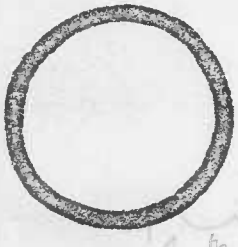
RELATED STRUCTURES: (Describe)

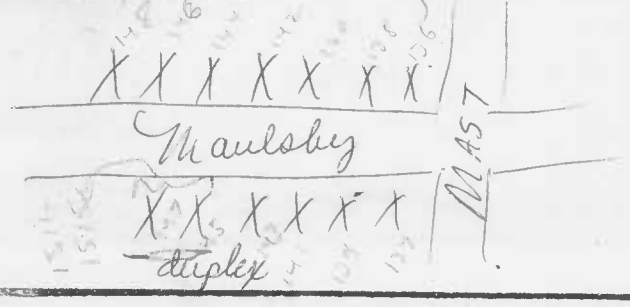
STATEMENT OF SIGNIFICANCE:

Workingman's housing

REFERENCES:

MAP: (Indicate North In Circle)





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

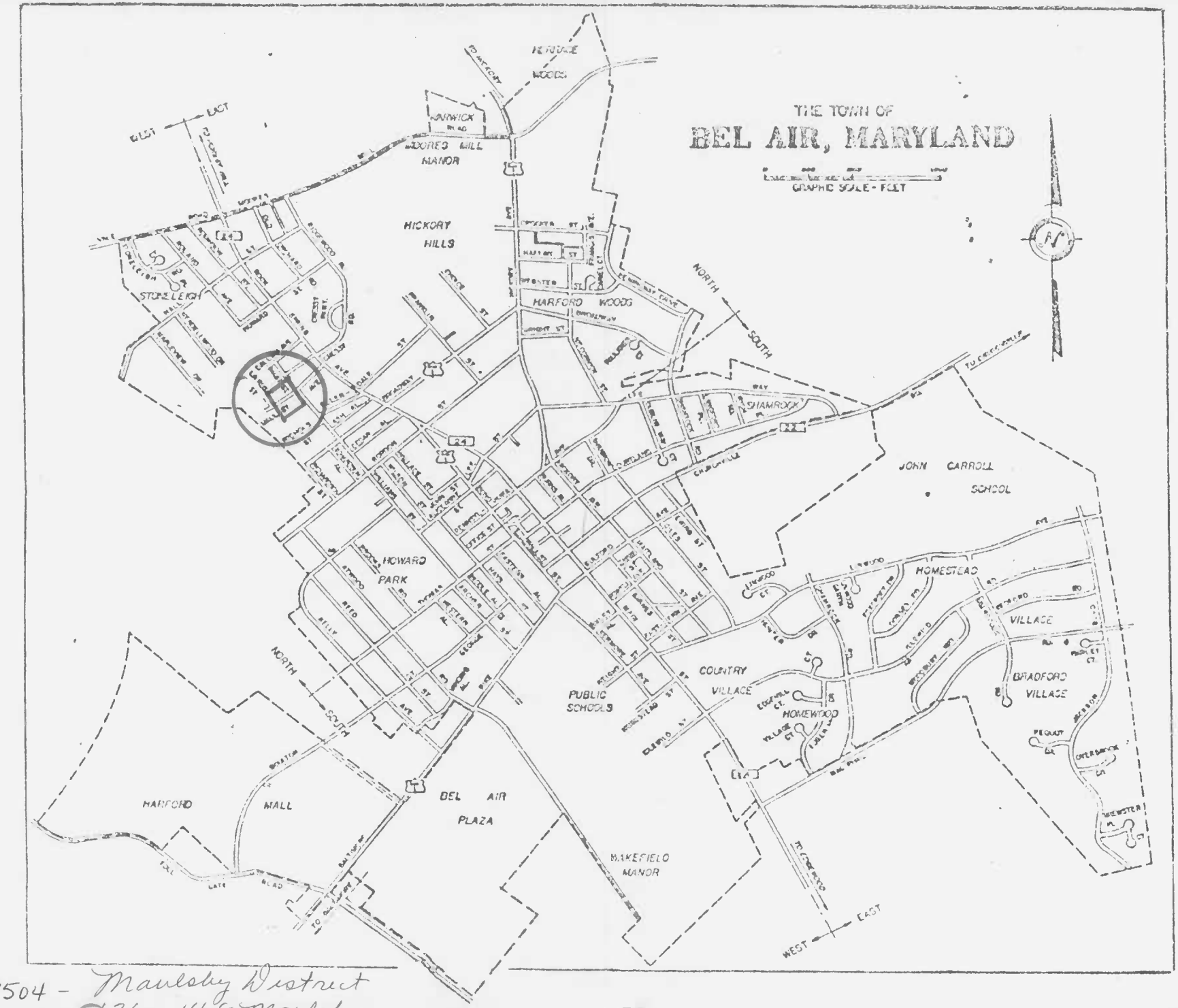
RECORDED BY: M. Larew
Town of Bel Air

ORGANIZATION:
13 August 1979

DATE RECORDED:

OWNERS: MAULSBY DISTRICT

	North Side		
136	Mr. and Mrs. Francis L. Bull 102 Powell Avenue Bel Air, Maryland 21014	644/595	no phone p. 162
138-144	William F. Matthews 150 Nichols Street Bel Air, Maryland 21014	521/128	p. 161
146	Lawrence K. Hubble 306 Robin Hood Road Havre de Grace, Maryland 21078	1049/181	p. 160
148	Albert M. Clark 148 Maulsby Bel Air, Maryland 21014	1035/187	p. 159
	South Side		
139	Joseph A. Mc Greevy 139 Maulsby Avenue Bel Air, Maryland 21014	838-4095 328/53	p. 241
137	Jesse P. Lovelace 137 Maulsby Avenue Bel Air, Maryland 21014	838-2885 1003/507	p. 242
141	Herman S. Sherman 141 Maulsby Avenue Bel Air, Maryland 21014	838-3498 479/108	p. 240
143	Lena R. Brewer 143 Maulsby Avenue Bel Air, Maryland 21014	838-4964 697/355	p. 239
145-47	Gaither C. Testerman 503 La Rosa Street Bel Air, Maryland 21014	838-3806 273/409	p. 238



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Baltimore
o side of Maulsby, looking e.
M. Larsen, 1979

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Maulsby Dist, 136-148 Maulsby, Bel Air
136 Maulsby, S + e elev
M. Larrow, 1979

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Maulsby Dist, 136-138 Maulsby Bel Air
137 Maulsby, on elev
M. Lane, 1979

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Maulsby Dist. 136-148 Maulsby, Bel Air
136 + 138 Maulsby, S&E elev
M. Larew, 1979

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Maulsby Dist. 136-146 Maulsby, Bel Air
N. side of Maulsby, looking E
M. Lauer, 1979

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H.A.
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to
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Maulsby Dist., 136-148 Maulsby, Bel Air
N. side of Maulsby, looking w.
M. Larkin, 1979

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