

## SUMMARY

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BODT-SINDELAR HOUSE  
2927 Churchville Road  
Churchville, Maryland 21028  
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Probably built in 1913 by W. Archer Bodt, the decorative Bodt-Sindelar House reflects the tastes of the more cosmopolitan Aberdeen rather than modest Churchville. The carved exposed eaves, tripartite window in the north gable end, and wide molded fascia, as well as the orientation with the gable end towards the road recall the less pretentious houses built along West Bel Air Avenue in Aberdeen. The Bodts were canners and since Aberdeen was the great canning center, they were undoubtedly inspired by what they saw there.

INVENTORY FORM FOR STATE HISTORIC SITES SURVEY

**1 NAME**

HISTORIC

AND/OR COMMON

Bodt-Sindelar House

**2 LOCATION**

STREET & NUMBER

2927 Churchville Road (south side of Md. Rte. 22, east of Md. Rte. 136)

CITY, TOWN

Churchville

CONGRESSIONAL DISTRICT

\_\_\_ VICINITY OF

STATE

Maryland 21028

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

**4 OWNER OF PROPERTY**

NAME

Judy Sindelar

Telephone #:

STREET & NUMBER

2927 Churchville Road

CITY, TOWN

Churchville

\_\_\_ VICINITY OF

STATE, zip code

Maryland 21028

**5 LOCATION OF LEGAL DESCRIPTION**

COURTHOUSE  
REGISTRY OF DEEDS, ETC.

Harford County Courthouse

Liber #:

Folio #:

STREET & NUMBER

40 South Main Street

CITY, TOWN

Bel Air

STATE

Maryland 21014

**6 REPRESENTATION IN EXISTING SURVEYS**

TITLE

DATE

\_\_\_ FEDERAL \_\_\_ STATE \_\_\_ COUNTY \_\_\_ LOCAL

DEPOSITORY FOR  
SURVEY RECORDS

CITY, TOWN

STATE

# 7 DESCRIPTION

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CONDITION		CHECK ONE	CHECK ONE
<input type="checkbox"/> EXCELLENT	<input type="checkbox"/> DETERIORATED	<input type="checkbox"/> UNALTERED	<input 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

This two-story, el-shaped clapboard house is located on the south side of Churchville Road (Md. Rte. 22), east of Calvary Road (Md. Rte. 136).

The house is oriented with its north gable end facing the road, and the south leg of the ell running east-west with its east end flush with the east side of the north section. The north section is three bays wide and two bays deep, with one center brick chimney in the west end of the south section and one in the center of the south roof slope. The roof has carved exposed eaves and a wide fascia board with molded edges that also extends across the north gable end. A hip-roofed porch with carved posts and brackets spans the north end and extends along the west side of the north section. A partially-enclosed, shed-roofed porch also spans the south side of the south section. Windows have 1/1 sash and wide trim, with entablatures with a narrow molded cornice.

In general, each bay contains a window, with the following exceptions: in the north (or front) end; an entrance in the west bay and, in the gable, a round-arched tripartite window; in the north side of the south section, an entrance in the westernmost bay, and in the east end a two-story, 3-sided bay window with a dentelled cornice. The south side of the south section has a one-room addition on the second from the west bay of the second story; and entrances in the two center bays of the first story.

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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 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

BUILDER/ARCHITECT

## STATEMENT OF SIGNIFICANCE

Said to have been built in 1913 by W. Archer Bodt, architectural features do indeed concur with an early 20th Century date. Land Records muddle rather than clarify the picture. In 1904, David E. Harlan sold 26 acres known as "The Old Orchard Field" he had inherited from his mother, Margaret Harlan, to William A. Bodt.<sup>1</sup> William A. Bodt also purchased several other lots of about the same size on the south side of Churchville Road. In 1912 he sold a four acre parcel - it is not clear which farm this came off of - to his son, W. Archer Bodt<sup>2</sup>, who promptly took out a \$360 mortgage for "the balance of the purchase price of the land". W. Archer Bodt sold back the 4-acre lot to his father in 1936<sup>3</sup>, and the inventory of William A. Bodt in 1937 credits him with a 4-acre lot and dwelling house worth \$4000 and a 2-acre lot and house worth \$3000.<sup>4</sup>

In any event, the house is a handsome one with rather more ornamental detail than one is accustomed to in Churchville. The carved exposed eaves, tripartite window in the north gable end, and wide molded fascia that continues around the north end, as well as the orientation with the gable end towards the road, recall the relatively more metropolitan and cosmopolitan character of Aberdeen. This is appropriate since the Bodts were canners, with their cannery (now gone) located farther east on Churchville Road, and Aberdeen was the transport center for most of Harford County's canneries.

1. Liber WSF 113, Folio 14.
2. Liber JAR 139, Folio 52.
3. Liber SWC 244, Folio 1.
4. Estate #10,431.

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**9 MAJOR BIBLIOGRAPHICAL REFERENCES**

Land, Will and Equity Records of Harford County  
 Interview with Cloyce Bodt 11/79  
 Interview with Paul Harlan 2/80

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**10 GEOGRAPHICAL DATA**

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

VERBAL BOUNDARY DESCRIPTION

LIST ALL STATES AND COUNTIES FOR PROPERTIES OVERLAPPING STATE OR COUNTY BOUNDARIES

STATE COUNTY

STATE COUNTY

**11 FORM PREPARED BY**

NAME / TITLE

Natalie Shivers, Historic Sites Surveyor

ORGANIZATION

Historic District Commission of Harford County

DATE

6/80

STREET & NUMBER

45 South Main Street

TELEPHONE

838-6000 X207

CITY OR TOWN

Bel Air

STATE

Maryland 21014

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 Annapolis, Maryland 21401  
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Title Search

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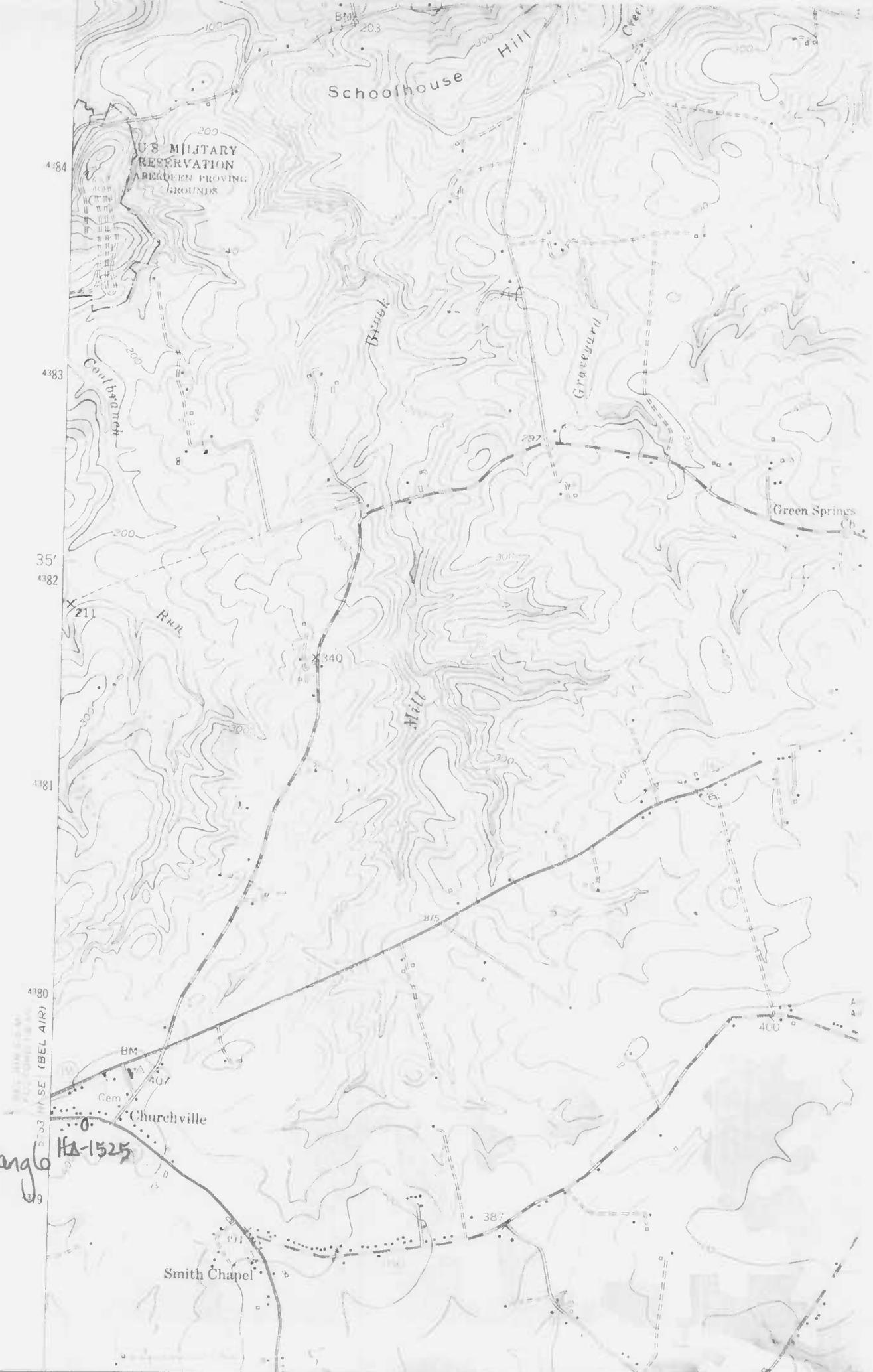
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|-----|---------------------------|-------------------|---|
| 1.  | 800/482                   | December 27, 1968 | Grantor: Bertha Depuy Davis, widow<br>Grantee: Rodney Wm. & Judith Elinor Sindelar<br>Acreage: 0.93 Acres   |
| 2.  | GRG 369/172               | February 4, 1952  | Grantor: Wm. M. Fiske 7 wife, Grace Hamilton Fiske<br>Grantee: Robert W. & Bertha Depuy Davis, Jr.<br>Acreage: 2 parcels: GRG 311/48<br>GRG 344/246 |
| 3.  | GRG 344/246               | June 29, 1950     | Grantor: Carl & Eva G. Todd<br>Kent R. Ferrell, widower<br>Grantee: Wm. M. & Grace H. Fiske<br>Acreage: 0.396 Acres                                 |
| 4.  | GRG 323/262               | November 22, 1948 | Grantor: Emma C. Billingslea, widow<br>Reo Gilmer Nelson & wife,<br>Sarah Jane<br>Grantee: Kent R. Ferrell, Carl Todd<br>Acreage: 3.32 Acres        |
| 5.  | GCB 255/366               | May 2, 1939       | Grantor: Lida & Levering O. Willis<br>Grantee: Eugene & Emma C. Billingslea<br>Acreage: 4 Acres   |
| 6.  | SWC 248/469               | January 29, 1938  | Grantor: W. Archer Bodt<br>Emma C. & Eugene Billingslea<br>Grantee: Lida & Levering O. Willis<br>Acreage: 3 (4) Acres                               |
| 7.  | Will Records<br>ALJ 20/67 | 1922              | Will of Wm. August Bodt; heirs, W. Archer Bodt, Emma C. Billingslea, Lida Willis  |
| 8.  | SWC 244/1                 | December 9, 1936  | Grantor: W. Archer Bodt<br>Grantee: Wm. A. Bodt<br>Acreage: 4 Acres   |
| 9.  | JAR 176/400               | February 24, 1922 | Grantor: Robert H. Archer, Jr.,<br>widower<br>Grantee: W. Archer & Mayme J. Bodt<br>Acreage: 4 Acres  |
| 10. | JAR 176/399               | February 24, 1922 | Grantor: W. Archer & Mayme J. Bodt<br>Grantee: Robert H. Archer, Jr.<br>Acreage: 4 Acres  |

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| 11. JAR 139/52               | November 13, 1912 | Grantor: Wm. A. Bodt & wife, Annie A.<br>Grantee: W. Archer Bodt<br>Acreage: 4 Acres  |
| 12. WSF 113/14               | April 8, 1904     | Grantor: David E. & Catharine F.<br>Harlan of Middletown, Ohio<br>Grantee: Wm. A. Bodt<br>Acreage: 26 A, 2 R, 8 <input type="checkbox"/><br>"Old Orchard Field" |
| 13. Will Records<br>HTB 13/3 | 1903              | Will of Margaret Harlan to David<br>Harlan<br>"The Old Orchard Field"   |

Aberdeen  
USGS Quadrangle  
Map

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Churchville, Md. 21028  
Natalie Shivers 11/79  
North



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Natalie Shivers 11/79  
Southwest