

HA-1796
Between 1915 and 1930
Bel Air
Private

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Putnam House
Bel Air, Harford Co.

FRAMEWORK FOR IDENTIFYING COMPREHENSIVE PLAN DATA

HISTORIC CONTEXT:

MARYLAND COMPREHENSIVE HISTORIC PRESERVATION PLAN DATA

Geographic Organization:

3. Piedmont

Chronological/Developmental Period:

11. Industrial/Urban Dominance 1870-1930

12. Modern Period 1930 - present

Prehistoric/Historic Period Theme:

2. Architecture, Landscape Architecture, and Community
Planning

Resource Type:

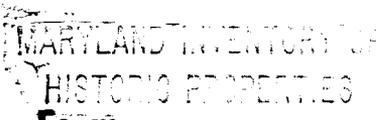
Category: Architecture

Historic Environment: Urban

Historic Function and Use: Private Residence

Known Design Source: unknown

Maryland Historical Trust State Historic Sites Inventory Form



Survey No. SH-1796

Magi No.

DOE yes no

1. Name (indicate preferred name)

historic Putnam House

and/or common

2. Location

street & number 112 W. Gordon St. n/a not for publication

city, town Bel Air vicinity of congressional district 3rd

state MD county Harford

3. Classification

Category	Ownership	Status	Present Use
<u> </u> district	<u> </u> public	<u>X</u> occupied	<u> </u> agriculture <u> </u> museum
<u>X</u> building(s)	<u>X</u> private	<u> </u> unoccupied	<u> </u> commercial <u> </u> park
<u> </u> structure	<u> </u> both	<u> </u> work in progress	<u> </u> educational <u>X</u> private residence
<u> </u> site	Public Acquisition	Accessible	<u> </u> entertainment <u> </u> religious
<u> </u> object	<u> </u> in process	<u> </u> yes: restricted	<u> </u> government <u> </u> scientific
	<u> </u> being considered	<u> </u> yes: unrestricted	<u> </u> industrial <u> </u> transportation
	<u>X</u> not applicable	<u>X</u> no	<u> </u> military <u> </u> other:

4. Owner of Property (give names and mailing addresses of all owners)

name Mr. and Mrs. Denis Canavan

street & number 112 W. Gordon St. telephone no.: 836-8279

city, town Bel Air state and zip code MD 21014

5. Location of Legal Description

courthouse, registry of deeds, etc. Harford County Courthouse liber 1040

street & number folio 102

city, town Bel Air state MD

6. Representation in Existing Historical Surveys

title

date federal state county local

depository for survey records

city, town state

7. Description

Survey No. RA-179c

Condition		Check one	Check one
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> excellent	<input type="checkbox"/> deteriorated	<input type="checkbox"/> unaltered	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> original site
<input type="checkbox"/> good	<input type="checkbox"/> ruins	<input type="checkbox"/> altered	<input type="checkbox"/> moved date of move _____
<input type="checkbox"/> fair	<input type="checkbox"/> unexposed	<input type="checkbox"/> unknown	

Prepare both a summary paragraph and a general description of the resource and its various elements as it exists today.

Contributing resource count: one

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The hipped front porch is carried on 3 round posts; there is a rose trellis on the east side. Windows are 3/1 double-hung sash, flanked by black plastic shutters in front, except for the one in the gable. Fenestration of the 2 bay east elevation is regular, except for the small window in the middle of the second story. It probably lights the bathroom. The west elevation, however, has irregular window spacing. The front (south) bay downstairs is blank. It probably has the staircase. The rear bay has double windows, possibly the kitchen. An enclosed shed porch is in back.

The interior was not accessible.

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
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		<input type="checkbox"/> invention		

Specific dates betw. 1915 and 1930 **Builder/Architect** unknown

check: Applicable Criteria: A B C D
and/or

Applicable Exception: A B C D E F G

Level of Significance: national state local

Prepare both a summary paragraph of significance and a general statement of history and support.

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Carrie Putnam died and Mr. Putnam remarried. He died in 1946 and left the property to his widow, Emma, for her life or until she remarried, with the remainder to his sons William and Walter. In 1954 William and Walter conveyed their interest to Emma and Herbert J. and Tamsye Miller. The Millers died before Emma, who got sole ownership. She died in 1977, and the property was sold to the present owners, Denis and Barbara Canavan.

9. Major Bibliographical References

Survey No. RA-1790

Harford County Land Records.

10. Geographical Data

Acreeage of nominated property _____

Quadrangle name Bel Air

Quadrangle scale 1:24,000

UTM References do NOT complete UTM references

A
 Zone Easting Northing

B
 Zone Easting Northing

C

D

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H

Verbal boundary description and justification

Parcel 449 in the Town of Bel Air, 50' (W. Gordon) x 284'.

List all states and counties for properties overlapping state or county boundaries

state	code	county	code

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11. Form Prepared By

name/title Dr. Marilyn M. Larew

organization _____ date 6-21-93

street & number RD 1 Box 219 New Park Rd. telephone 717-993-3557

city or town New Park state PA 17352

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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Bel Air, MD 21014

owner: Denis D. Canavan

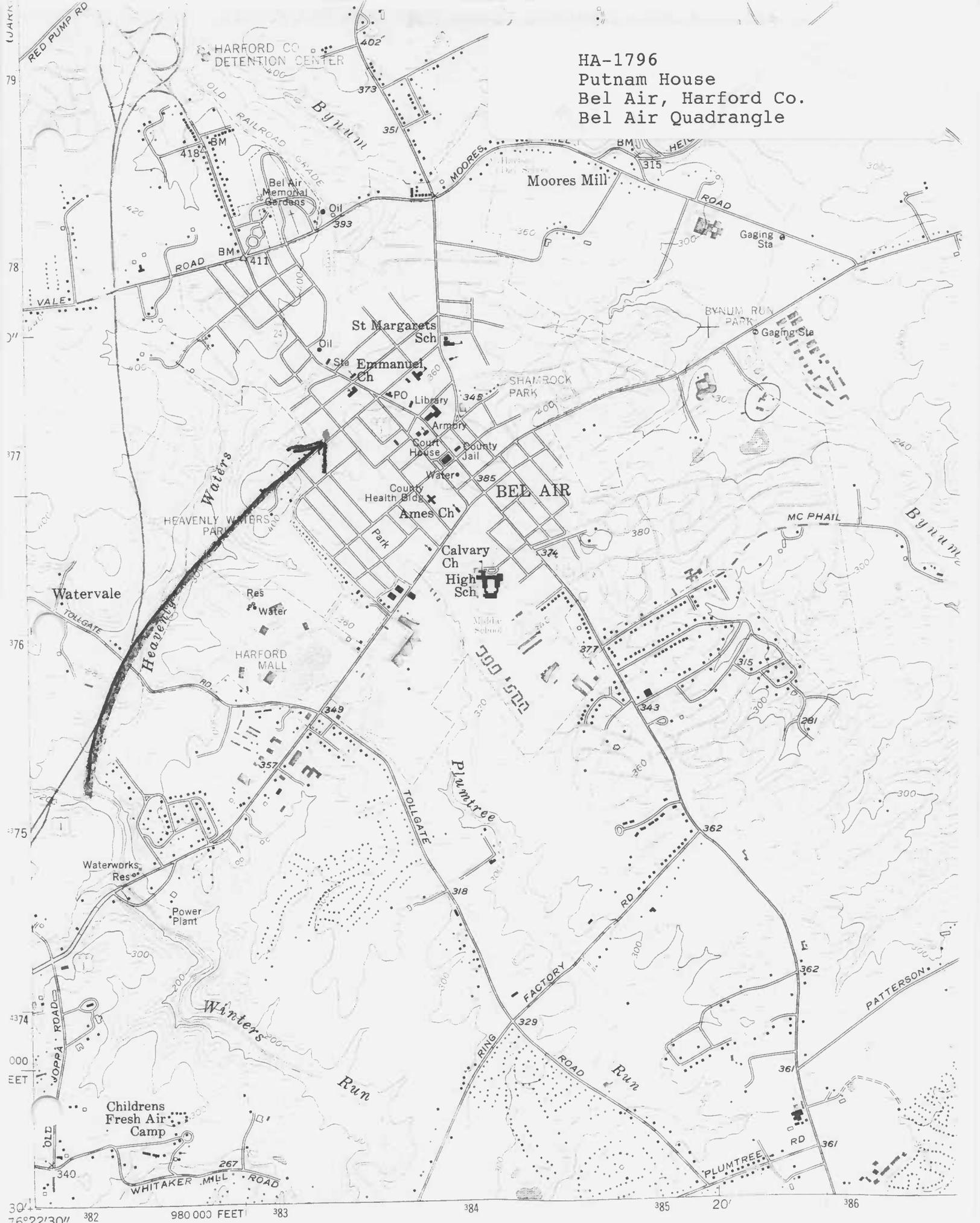
1040/102 6 Sept 1977
Blaine Herbert Hans and Charles Edward Hanslovksy,
personal representatives of the estate of E. Mildred
Putnam
to
Denis [sic] David Canavan and Barbara P.
lots 30 and 31, block E, Richardson's Addition

147/476 24 June 1915
Henrietta Rouse and husband
to
Walter A. Putnam and Carrie L.
the Rouses owned Richardson's Addition

Carrie died and Walter got title
Walter married Emma Mildred Putman
Walter died 9 Oct 1946. Will AJG 21/472 left it to
Emma Mildred for life or until she remarried, with
remainder to his sons William F. Putnam and Walter L.
Putnam

420/538 17 Sept 1954
Walter Putnam and wife and William Putnam and wife
conveyed all their title to Emma Mildred and Herbert J.
Miller and Tamsye M. Miller
Herbert Miller died 8 Nov 1959
Tamsye Miller died 21 Nov 1975, and Emma Mildred got
title. She died 4 Jan 1977. Will JGM 36/111.

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Putnam House
Bel Air, Harford Co.
Bel Air Quadrangle





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