

HA-1799
1932
Bel Air
Private

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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

 x 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

MARYLAND INVENTORY OF
HISTORIC PROPERTIES

Survey No. HA-1799

Magi No.

DOE yes no

1. Name (indicate preferred name)

historic House

and/or common

2. Location

street & number 106 W. Broadway na not for publication

city, town Bel Air vicinity of congressional district 3rd

state MD 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 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	Public Acquisition	Accessible	<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"/> not applicable	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> no	<input type="checkbox"/> military	<input type="checkbox"/> other:

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

name James V. Farrell

street & number 108 W. Broadway telephone no.: 836-8481

city, town Bel Air state and zip code MD 21014

5. Location of Legal Description

courthouse, registry of deeds, etc. Harford County Courthouse liber 1436

street & number folio 207

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. A-1799

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 of move _____
<input type="checkbox"/> fair	<input type="checkbox"/> unexposed			

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

Contributing resource count: one

This cottage at 106 W. Broadway is a simple working-man's house in a block of 4 similar houses, the smallest of the lot and perhaps the smallest of its kind remaining in town. Facing south, it is a 2 bay, single story clapboard house.

The gable roof has a slight slope; extended and carried on 3 slender square posts, it forms the porch. As the black and white photos were taken, this porch was being enclosed. Originally 3 rooms without bath, it has since acquired a bath and 2 small rectangular bays, the one on the east elevation with 2 windows and the one on the west elevation with one. A brick stove chimney east and north of center completes this little house.

The interior was not accessible.

8. Significance

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riod	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/
<input type="checkbox"/> 1700-1799	<input type="checkbox"/> art	<input type="checkbox"/> engineering	<input type="checkbox"/> music	<input type="checkbox"/> humanitarian
<input type="checkbox"/> 1800-1899	<input type="checkbox"/> commerce	<input type="checkbox"/> exploration/settlement	<input type="checkbox"/> philosophy	<input type="checkbox"/> theater
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> 1900-	<input type="checkbox"/> communications	<input type="checkbox"/> industry	<input type="checkbox"/> politics/government	<input type="checkbox"/> transportation
		<input type="checkbox"/> invention		<input type="checkbox"/> other (specify)

Specific dates c. 1932 **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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O'Mara had built and occupied the Burcham house [HA-1801] two doors west at 110 W. Broadway in 1924 but found its 4 rooms too large. The bath and bay window on the east side were added after 1950 by William O. Finney, who occupied it after his wife died and he sold his house [HA-1786] around the corner at 310 Williams Street to his son Donald. The intervening owners, Herman and Bertha Pyle, were the parents of Finney's wife, Evelyn. She inherited it and the Herman Pyle house [HA-1799] next door at 108 W. Broadway. Mr. Pyle had a bakery shop on Main St., north of Lee St.

As the survey is being completed, it appears that the front porch is being enclosed.

9. Major Bibliographical References

Survey No. HA-1779

Harford County Land Records
Interview with Grace Burcham 27 Apr 1993
Interview with Pearl Keithley 4 May 1993

10. Geographical Data

Acreeage of nominated property _____

Quadrangle name Bel Air

Quadrangle scale 1:24,000

UTM References do NOT complete UTM references

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Zone	Easting			Northing					

B

Zone	Easting			Northing					

C

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Verbal boundary description and justification

Parcel 252 in the Town of Bel Air, 75'[W. Broadway] x 150'. Includes H. 1800.

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

state code county code

state code county code

11. Form Prepared By

name/title Dr. Marilyn M. Larew

organization _____ date 5-27-93

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

city or town New Park state PA 17352

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Annapolis, Maryland 21401
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100 COMMUNITY PLAZA
CROWNSVILLE, MD 21032-2023
514-7600

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House
106 W. Broadway

HA-1800
Pyle House
Bel Air, MD 21014

owner: James V. Farrell owns both on one title

1436/207 3 Sept 1987
Donald R. Lam
to
James V. Farrell
\$85,000
lots 4, 5, 6 in block D of Richardson's Addition

1380/776 26 Feb 1987
Donald C. Finney and William H. Finney
to
Donald Lam
\$68,680

927/872 1 June 1973
William O. Finney, widower
to
Donald C. Finney and William H. Finney

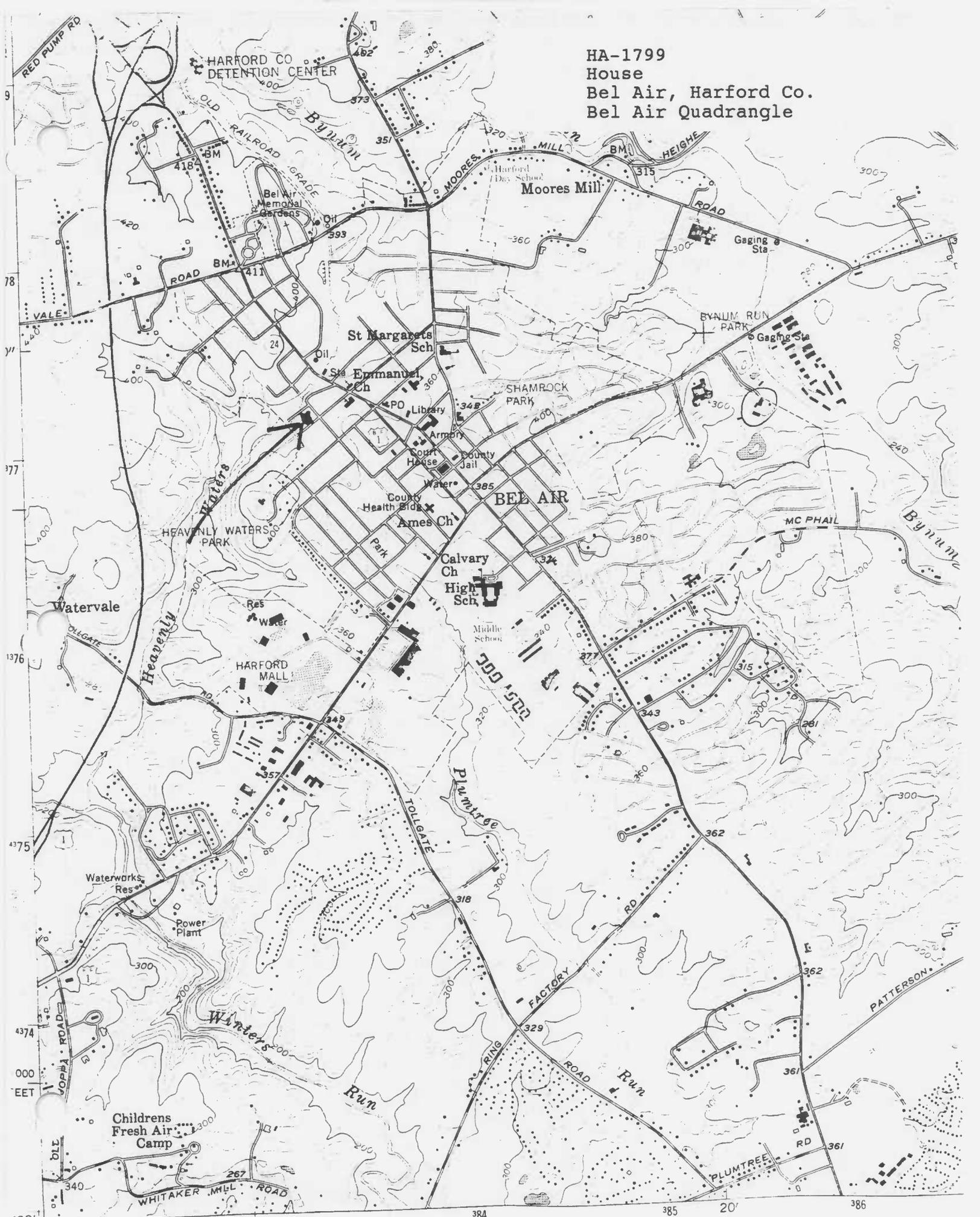
620/67 6 June 1963
Zero, Inc.
to
William O. Finney and Evelyn Pyle Finney

620/65 6 June 1963
Evelyn P. Finney
to
Zero, Inc.
Evelyn inherited it from her mother, Bertha C. Pyle.
Herman, her father, had died. These deeds are to put
William on.

242/14 20 July 1936
W. Wylie Hopkins, Trustee
to
Herman B. Pyle and Bertha C.
Hopkins was trustee to sell real estate as the result
of a suit (#10002, Equity Docket 2/19) between W. Wylie
Hopkins, Administrator, et al, and Dean & Foster (N.
Howard Dean and Joseph T. Foster). He sold it
privately to the Pyles.

- 223/417 19 July 1932
Howard S. O'Neill and M. Madeline and
Farmers & Merchants National Bank of Bel Air
to
James O'Mara
- 213/253 15 Aug 1929
John L. G. Lee, assignee in mortgage of Jacob Doxen and
Elizabeth
to
Howard S. O'Neill
\$50
- 174/236 the mortgage
 5 May 1921
Jacob A. Doxen and Elizabeth
owe
Charles L. Vail and Cornelia H.
\$3200
- 173/177, 178 5 May 1921
Doxen and wife to and from V. Page Evans
possibly to get Elizabeth on
- 153/488 6 Dec 1916
J. Grover Davis and M. Agnes
to
Jacob Doxen
assumes 3 mortgages on 3 parcels
parcel 2 is 4, 5, 6, the mortgage is \$180 (149/459),
29 May 1915
- 150/152 29 May 1915
Henrietta Rouse, et al
to
J. Grover Davis
Rouse et al own Richardson's Addition

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Bel Air Quadrangle





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