

HA-1801
1924
Bel Air
Private

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Burcham 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

MARYLAND INVENTORY OF
HISTORIC PROPERTIES

Survey No. SH-1001

Magi No.

DOE yes no

1. Name (indicate preferred name)

historic Burcham House

and/or common

2. Location

street & number 110 W. Broadway n/a not for publication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	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> occupied	<u> </u> agriculture	<u> </u> museum
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> building(s)	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> private	<u> </u> unoccupied	<u> </u> commercial	<u> </u> park
<u> </u> structure	<u> </u> both	<u> </u> work in progress	<u> </u> educational	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> 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
	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> not applicable	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> no	<u> </u> military	<u> </u> other:

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

name Mrs. Grace M. Burcham

street & number 110 W. Broadway telephone no.: 838-6915

city, town Bel Air state and zip code MD 21014

5. Location of Legal Description

courthouse, registry of deeds, etc. Harford County Courthouse liber 244

street & number folio 7

city, town Bel Air state MD

6. Representation in Existing Historical Surveys

title

date federal state county local

repository for survey records

city, town state

7. Description

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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 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

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The entry in the east bay of the facade leads directly to the small living room which has a wide opening to the dining room behind. Next to these rooms, to the west, are 2 communicating bedrooms. The bath is north of the second bedroom, off the dining room. The kitchen takes up the whole width of the house to the rear (north). Living room and dining room have wood sheet paneling. Woodwork is plain throughout.

The bath, part of the dining room, and the kitchen are additions. They have 6-pane casement windows as do the gable ends. The rest of the windows are double-hung sash.

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 checked="" type="checkbox"/> agriculture	<input type="checkbox"/> economics	<input type="checkbox"/> literature	<input type="checkbox"/> sculpture
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<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 1924 **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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The original owner, James O'Mara, did yard work around town. Either he found the 4 room house too large for himself or his income was reduced by the depression, for he built 106 West Broadway with only 3 rooms (and no bath) in 1932 and sold this house to Curtis Burkendine. In 1936 the present owner, Mrs. Ruth Burcham, and her husband Leonard (now deceased) bought the house and, before moving in, had contractor Harry Orsburn make some changes. He took part of the second bedroom to make a bath, added to the second room on the east, which had been the kitchen, turned it into a dining room, and added the kitchen to the rear. The new part can be seen on the outside by the change in fenestration. With the exception of wood sheet paneling and wall-to-wall carpet, there have been no other changes.

9. Major Bibliographical References

Survey No. HA-1001

Harford County Land Records
Site visit, 27 April 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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Verbal boundary description and justification

Parcel 251 in the Town of Bel Air, 25 x 150

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

state	code	county	code

state	code	county	code

11. Form Prepared By

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city or town New Park state PA 17352

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Bel Air, MD 21014

owner: Leonard M. Burcham

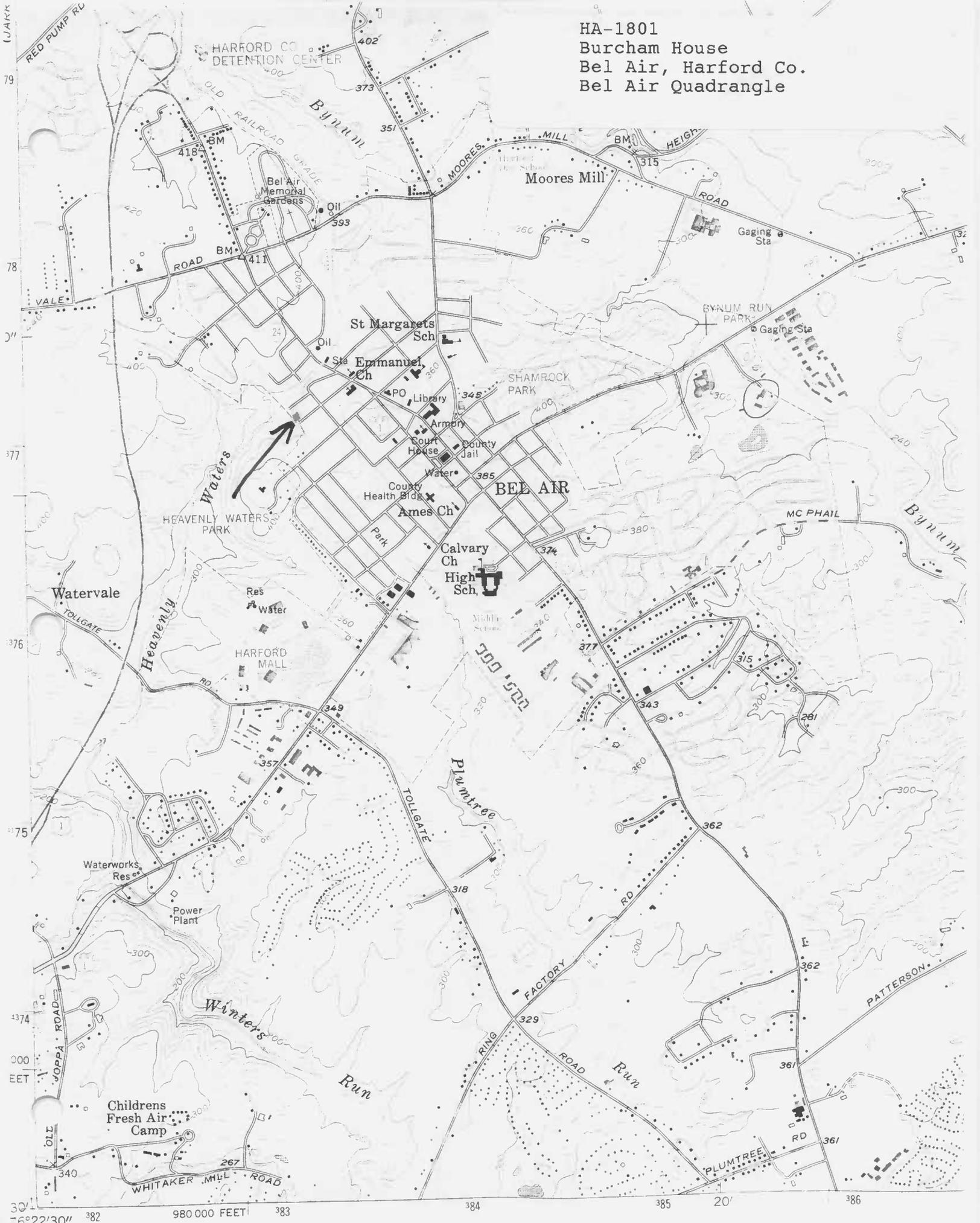
244/7 11 Dec 1936
Curtis Burkendine and Ruth
to
Leonard M. Burcham and Grace C.
lot 7 in block D of Richardson's Addition

223/331 10 June 1932
James O'Mara, bachelor
to
Curtis Burkendine

186/424 3 Apr 1924
Mary Fulton Hanna, spinster
to
James O'Mara

150/377 7 June 1915
Henrietta Rouse et al
to
Mary Fulton Hanna
Rouse et al owned Richardson's Addition

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Burcham House
Bel Air, Harford Co.
Bel Air Quadrangle





HA-1961
BORCHARDT, ROSE
LAW - 4000
AIR - 2000
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110 W. BROADWAY
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