

HA-1802  
1932  
Bel Air  
Private

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Barnes-Justice 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-1002

Magi No.

DOE  yes  no

## 1. Name (indicate preferred name)

historic Barnes-Justice House

and/or common

## 2. Location

street & number 710 Rockspring n/a not for publication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	
<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"/> 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 Mr. and Mrs. Edward Justice

street & number 710 Rockspring telephone no.: 879-1807

city, town Bel Air state and zip code MD 21014

## 5. Location of Legal Description

courthouse, registry of deeds, etc. Harford County Courthouse liber 601

street & number \_\_\_\_\_ folio 561

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-1502

<b>Condition</b>		<b>Check one</b>	<b>Check one</b>
<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 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 cottage has a hip-roofed front porch carried on 4 square posts. Entry is in the center bay of the facade. The only other visible elevation is the 3 bay north elevation, where windows are grouped in the center, a pair of 3/1 double-hung sash and one smaller double-hung sash, an uncommon arrangement probably explained by interior requirements.

The interior was not accessible.

# 8. Significance

Survey No. AA-1602

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 checked="" type="checkbox"/> 1800-1899	<input type="checkbox"/> commerce	<input type="checkbox"/> exploration/settlement	<input type="checkbox"/> philosophy	<input type="checkbox"/> transportation
<input 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** 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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In 1939 the Gilberts sold the property to Robert Barnes and his wife Bessie. In 1957 Barnes, then a widower, sold it to Hamilton Amos, Jr., and the Amosses sold it to the present owner, Edwin Justice in 1962.

# 9. Major Bibliographical References

Survey No. 12-1802

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

E

F

G

H

### Verbal boundary description and justification

Parcel 62 in the Town of Bel Air, 15,000 sq. ft.

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

state	code	county	code

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# 11. Form Prepared By

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organization \_\_\_\_\_ date 6-28-93

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city or town New Park state PA 17352

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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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 CROWNSVILLE, MD 21032-2023  
 501-7680

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710 Rockspring  
Bel Air, MD 21014

Owner: Edward Justice

- 601/561                    27 Sept 1962  
Hamilton Amoss, Jr., and Evelyn Louise  
to  
Edwin Justice and Jean E.  
lots 6, 7, 8, 41, 42, 43 in block B of Rockspring  
Addition (plat in plat book 2/57, Oct. 1931).
- 475/396                    24 Jan 1957  
Robert S. Barnes, s widower  
to  
Hamilton Amoss, Jr., and Evelyn Louise  
the above property  
Barnes put the property together in three purchases  
  
parcel 1, lots 6, 7, 42, 43
- 255/273                    4 Apr 1939  
Harold Gilbert and Agnes Dolores  
to  
Robert S. Barnes and Bessie A.
- 225/135                    13 Sept 1932  
Henry Webster, unmarried  
Malcolm Y. Tarring and Pauline  
to  
Harold M. Gilbert and Agnes Dolores  
part of
- 221/351                    24 November 1931  
William H. Harlan, trustee  
to  
Henry Webster  
at private sale for \$8100  
Chancery Court decree, 20 July 1929 in Henry Webster  
and William H. Harlan, executors of Edwin H. Webster  
vs. Harold H. Nesbitt, 8 acres +/- . This is the land  
which was subdivided. The land originally was part of  
Mary Dallam's land, north of Dallam's two additions.  
See 69/393, 12 Feb 1891, Mary Dallam to Edward Ferry.  
  
parcel 2, lot 8
- 259/418                    18 Apr 1940  
Anabel W. Hopkins, widow  
to  
Robert S. Barnes and Bessie A.  
lot 8 in Rockspring Addition

no citation      15 Sept 1932  
Sarah E. Ashton, widow  
to  
W. Wylie Hopkins  
lot 8

223/40              3 Dec 1931  
Harry Webster, bachelor  
to  
Sarah E. Ashton  
lots 8 and 9  
to 221/351 above

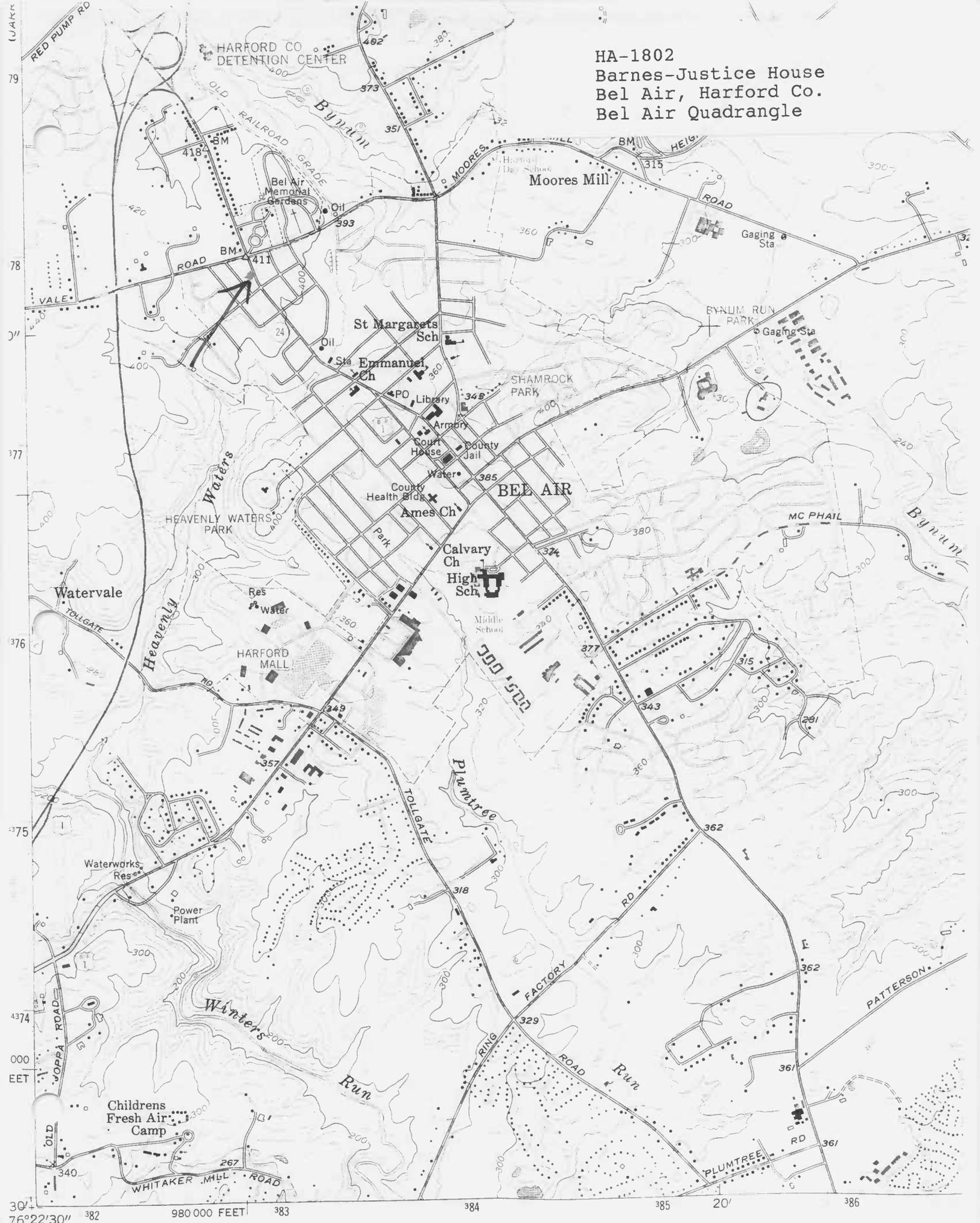
parcel 3, lot 41

263/275            18 Nov 1940  
W. Sanner Bailey and Hattie V.  
William A. Kral and Grace V.  
Permanent Building Association of Harford County  
to  
Robert S. Barnes and Bessie A.  
lot 41

263/7              24 Sept 1940  
John S. Webster and Edwin H. Webster II, executors of  
Henry Webster, will AJG 20/311 dated 16 May 1929  
to  
W. Sanner Bailey and Hattie V.  
William A. Kral and Grace V.  
each pair had an undivided half  
lots 1-5, 25-37 in block A and 35-41 in block B  
which they mortgaged

262/223          the mortgage  
25 Sept 1940  
W. Sanner Bailey and Hattie V.  
William A. Kral and Grace V.  
to  
Permanent Bldg. Assoc.  
\$4200

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Bel Air Quadrangle





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