

HA-1812  
Early 1920's  
Bel Air  
Private

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Cassilly-Coale 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

## 1. Name (indicate preferred name)

historic Cassilly-Coale House

and/or common

## 2. Location

street & number 138 Hickory Ave. n/a not for publication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 Ms. Carole L. Bowen

street & number 820 Chesney Lane telephone no.: 879-3113

city, town Bel Air state and zip code MD 21014

## 5. Location of Legal Description

courthouse, registry of deeds, etc. Harford County Courthouse liber 1821

street & number Bel Air folio 62

city, town Bel Air state MD

## 6. Representation in Existing Historical Surveys

title

date \_\_\_\_\_ federal \_\_\_\_\_ state \_\_\_\_\_ county \_\_\_\_\_ local

depository for survey records

city, town Bel Air state MD

## 7. Description

Survey No. RA-1312

<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	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 broken lines of the gable roof that suggests the house has been expanded, but the outline of the present structure is consistent with that on the 1930 Sanborn map, if a rear ell not visible from the street exists. The map even documents the open parking space to the south. The area over it, now enclosed, may have been a sleeping porch. The exterior brick chimney rises between the main block and this room to the south. The interior was not available.

# 8. Significance

Survey No. HA-1812

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/
<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** early 1920s      **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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Captain Richardson died in 1924 at the age of 81. His heirs sold the property in 1942 to Charles William Coale. It stayed in the Coale family until 1990 when Thomas R. Coale sold it for \$118,500 to J. Robert Martin and his son. They sold it in 1992 to real estate agent Carole Bowen for \$125,000. It is on the market.

# 9. Major Bibliographical References

Survey No. PA-1812

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	<input type="text"/>	<input type="text"/>	<input type="text"/>
	Zone	Easting	Northing

B	<input type="text"/>	<input type="text"/>	<input type="text"/>
	Zone	Easting	Northing

C	<input type="text"/>	<input type="text"/>	<input type="text"/>
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D	<input type="text"/>	<input type="text"/>	<input type="text"/>
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E	<input type="text"/>	<input type="text"/>	<input type="text"/>
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F	<input type="text"/>	<input type="text"/>	<input type="text"/>
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G	<input type="text"/>	<input type="text"/>	<input type="text"/>
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H	<input type="text"/>	<input type="text"/>	<input type="text"/>
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## Verbal boundary description and justification

Parcel 597 in the Town of Bel Air, 101/72' x 155' average.

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

state	code	county	code

# 11. Form Prepared By

name/title	<u>Dr. Marilyn M. Larew</u>		
organization		date	<u>6-28-93</u>
street & number	<u>RD 1 Box 219 New Park Rd.</u>	telephone	<u>717-993-3557</u>
city or town	<u>New Park</u>	state	<u>PA 17352</u>

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.

The survey and inventory are being prepared for information and record purposes only and do not constitute any infringement of individual property rights.

return to: Maryland Historical Trust  
 Shaw House  
 21 State Circle  
 Annapolis, Maryland 21401  
 (301) 269-2438

TO COMMUNITY PLACE  
 CROWNSVILLE, MD 21032-2023  
 514-7600

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138 Hickory Ave.  
Bel Air, MD 21014

owner: Carole L. Bowen

- 1821/62                    30 Apr 1992  
J. Robert Martin and J. Robert Martin Jr.  
to  
Carole L. Bowen  
\$125,000
- 1688/566                  31 Dec 1990  
Thomas R. Coale and Carol B. by Irvin L. Brown, their  
attorney  
to  
J. Robert Martin and J. Robert Martin Jr.  
\$118,500
- 956/387                   13 Aug 1974  
Myrtle M. White Coale, personal representative of  
estate of Charles William Coale, Sr.  
to  
Thomas R. Coale and Carol B.  
Coale, Sr.'s will TLA 34/69 21 Feb 1968  
Maria Louise Coale has died
- 273/94                    11 May 1942  
William H. Richardson, Jr. and Bessie G. of Austin,  
Texas; Julian A. Richardson and Elsie M., of Los  
Angeles, Calif.; Julia Richardson Fitzgerald and Nugent  
E. of Knoxville, Tenn.; Harry P. Hill, widower, of  
Travis County, Texas  
to  
Charles William Coale and Maria Louise  
William H. Richardson died with will AJG 21/59. He  
left his land to his sons and daughters. Nena R. Hill,  
wife of Harry, is dead.
- 186/104                   7 Dec 1923  
Thomas A. Cassilly, Jr., and Elsie H.  
to  
William H. Richardson of Austin, Texas  
\$5000
- 171/140                   17 July 1920  
John L.G. Lee and Caroline H.  
to  
Thomas A. Cassilly, Jr.  
\$350

part of:

122/190            26 Oct 1907  
 Otho S. Lee and Helen A. Bradshaw Lee  
 to  
 John L.G. Lee  
 3 lots, this is #1  
 Richardsons owned property to the north. The rest is  
 property surrounding the Lee home place.

plus:

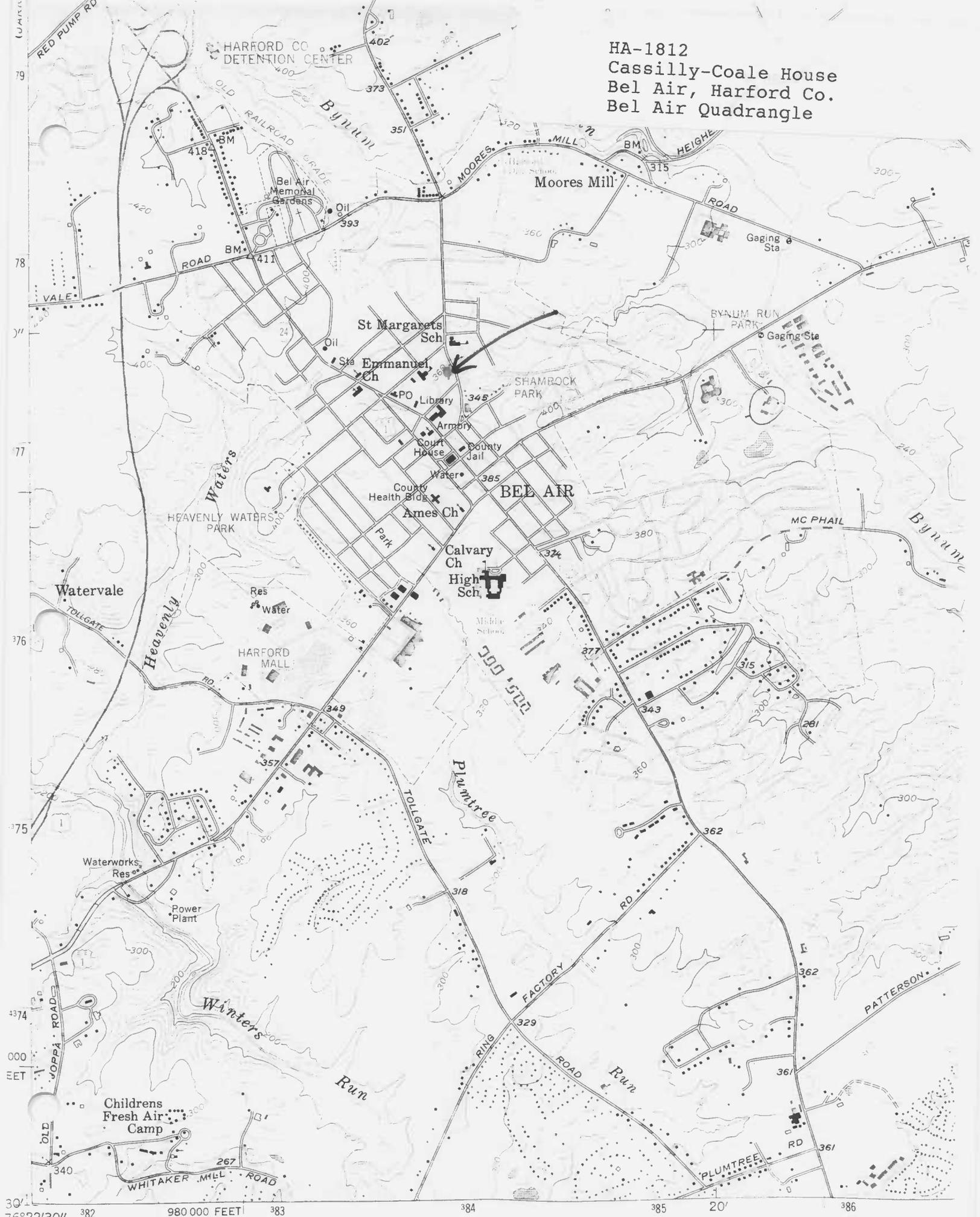
171/20            17 May 1920  
 Alice M. Bedford and E. Hall  
 to  
 Thomas A. Cassilly, Jr.  
 \$3500  
 land devised to Alice M. Bedford by Frank Michael  
 Martin, will JA 16/35

147/408            27 May 1915  
 Mary E. O'Donnell and George E.  
 to  
 Frank M. Martin  
 \$1200

139/22            26 Oct 1912  
 John L.G. Lee  
 to  
 Mary E. O'Donnell, wife of George E.  
 \$1500

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Bel Air Quadrangle





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