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FRAMEWORK FOR IDENTIFYING COMPREHENSIVE PLAN DATA

HISTORIC CONTEXT:

MARYLAND COMPREHENSIVE HISTORIC PRESERVATION PLAN DATA

Geographic Organization:

3. Piedmont

Chronological/Developmental Period:

_x_ 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

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DOE __yes __no

Maryland Historical Trust
State Historic Sites Inventory Form

1. Name (indicate preferred name)

historic Peverley House

and/or common

2. Location

street & number 419 Choice St. n/a not for publication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	
___ district	___ public	x occupied	___ agriculture	___ museum
x building(s)	x private	___ unoccupied	___ commercial	___ park
___ structure	___ both	___ work in progress	___ educational	x private residence
___ site	**Public Acquisition**	**Accessible**	___ entertainment	___ religious
___ object	___ in process	___ yes: restricted	___ government	___ scientific
	___ being considered	___ yes: unrestricted	___ industrial	___ transportation
	x not applicable	x no	___ military	___ other:

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

name M. E. Sudbrink

street & number 419 Choice St. telephone no.: unlisted

city, town Bel Air state and zip code MD 21014

5. Location of Legal Description

courthouse, registry of deeds, etc. Harford County Courthouse liber 1550

street & number folio 757

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. [illegible]

Condition		Check one	Check one
X excellent	___ deteriorated	___ unaltered	X original site
___ good	___ ruins	X altered	___ moved date of move _____
___ fair	___ 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 floorplan is more regular but by no means symmetrical. Entering directly into the living room, one faces an open string straight run staircase with square posts and balusters and unusual brackets formed by strips of molding. The fieldstone fireplace flanked by bookcases topped by small paned casement windows is now encased in a white reeded colonial mantel. The dining room is to the rear through French doors. To the north of the living room is the enclosed porch, which now houses the owner's grand piano and more book cases. Behind and to the south are a den and the kitchen, reached by a hall that parallels the staircase. A hall from the kitchen leads to the bath and bedroom addition built for the owner's elderly mother. A short service hall links the dining room and kitchen; a small pantry with built in glass and paneled cupboards leads off the hall to the south. Floors are Tupelo poplar and the woodwork has a small bead at the bottom of the lintels and a cornice at the top. Mill work came from the saw mill of the first owner, Sydney Peverley. Six panel doors, where they show, and 5 panel, where they don't, complete the wood work.

Upstairs are 4 bedrooms, each pair linked by a bathroom. The basement is paneled in 1950s knotty pine.

Original elements include the pantry cupboards, a kitchen dresser, original tubs in the upstairs bathrooms, and one inset medicine cabinet flanked by original light fixtures.

8. Significance

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Period	Areas of Significance—Check and justify below			
___ prehistoric	___ archeology-prehistoric	___ community planning	___ landscape architecture	___ religion
___ 1400–1499	___ archeology-historic	___ conservation	___ law	___ science
___ 1500–1599	___ agriculture	___ economics	___ literature	___ sculpture
___ 1600–1699	x architecture	___ education	___ military	___ social/ humanitarian
___ 1700–1799	___ art	___ engineering	___ music	___ theater
___ 1800–1899	___ commerce	___ exploration/settlement	___ philosophy	___ transportation
x 1900–	___ communications	___ industry	___ politics/government	___ other (specify)
		___ invention		

Specific dates 1925 **Builder/Architect** unknown

check: Applicable Criteria: __A __B x C __D
and/or
Applicable Exception: __A __B __C __D __E __F __G

Level of Significance: __national __state x local

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

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The area on Choice Street became a family enclave. The couple had purchased the lot from Carolyn's parents, Edmund P.H. Harrison and Caroline W. Harrison, who built a house nearby (as yet unlocated) the following year. Mrs. Harrison was the sister of Bessie Webster Harlan, the wife of Judge Harlan, whose "grove" was mentioned in the Aegis article (and of J. Edwin Webster, the developer of Ingleside in 1923). They later sold some of their property to the south to their daughter, Charlotte Peverley Silver, and her husband, William L. Silver II. Mrs. Silver lives there today.

This is essentially a two family house. Mrs. Peverley died in 1973. Mr. Peverley lived there until his death in 1980, when the house passed to Donald and Mary Sudbrink. Mrs. Sudbrink owns the house currently.

The public rooms of the house are large and elegant, perfect for entertaining. According to the current owner, Charlotte Peverley Silver's wedding was held at home, and so many people crowded into the living room that the I-beam under it cracked.

The house is not much changed. The Sudbrinks added a bedroom-bath suite to the north off the kitchen in 1980 to accommodate Mrs. Sudbrink's elderly mother. The kitchen appears to have been renovated in the 1950s. It has metal cabinets from that period. The mantel in the living room is inspired by Colonial Williamsburg and may also date to the 1950s. The original fireplace can be seen under it. These alterations were done by the Peverleys.

9. Major Bibliographical References

Survey No. HA-1623

Harford County Land Records.
Site visit, 4 May 1993.

10. Geographical Data

Acreage of nominated property _____

Quadrangle name Bel Air

Quadrangle scale 1:24,000

UTM References do NOT complete UTM references

	Zone	Easting	Northing		Zone	Easting	Northing
A				B			
C				D			
E				F			
G				H			

Verbal boundary description and justification

Parcel 309 in the Town of Bel Air, 35,191 sq. ft.

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. Marilynn M. Larew		
organization		date	7-9-93
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owner: Mary E. Sudbrink

1550/757 3 May 1989
Donald L. Sudbrink and Mary E.
to
Mary E. Sudbrink
divorce settlement

112//574 17 June 1980
Sydney D. Peverley, Jr., personal representative of estate of Sydney D. Peverley, Sr., deceased
to
Donald L. Sudbrink and Mary E.
$79,000
Carolyn Harrison Peverley died 17 Jan 1973
4 parcels, 3 conveyed by Carolyn's parents to the Peverleys, part of 125/130 28 July 1908 William H. Harlan to Caroline W. Harrison

parcel 1
193/113 -- Apr 1925
Caroline W. Harrison and Edmund P.H. Harrison
to
Carolyn Harrison Peverley and Sydney D.
100 ft. on Choice by 150 ft. deep

parcel 2
195/54 15 Aug 1925
the same
to
the same
20 ft. on Choice by 150 ft. deep

parcel 3
225/446 5 Apr 1933
the same to the same
200 ft on Choice by 150 ft. deep
minus 528/512 1959, 650/363 1964, and 1111/530 1979 from the Peverleys to Charlotte Peverley Silver (a daughter) and William L. Silver II.

parcel 4
280/206 2 Nov 1943
Edmund P.H. Harrison, Jr. and Mirian
to
Sydney D. Peverley and Carolyn H.
124 by 120 next to 193/113
from 276/480 9 Apr 1943 John L.G. Lee, trustee to Harrison Jr.

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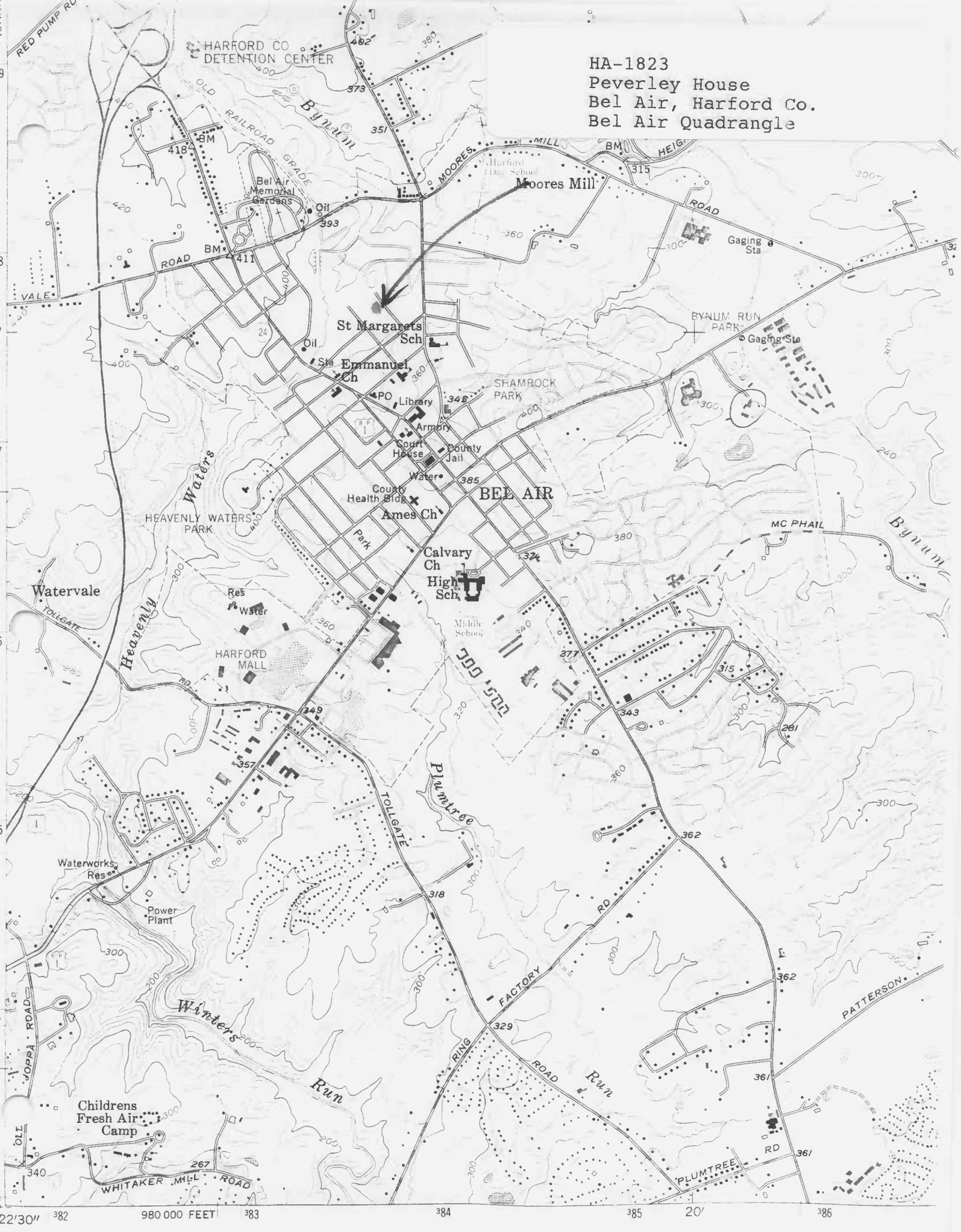

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