

HA-1825
1924
Bel Air
Private

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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

Maryland Historical Trust State Historic Sites Inventory Form

MARYLAND INVENTORY OF
HISTORIC PROPERTIES

Survey No. SR-1023

Magi No.

DOE yes no

1. Name (indicate preferred name)

historic Philips-Mason House

and/or common

2. Location

street & number 111 Fulford 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 n/a not for publication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	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 W. Mason

street & number 111 Fulford Ave. telephone no.: 838-5140

city, town Bel Air state and zip code MD 21014

5. Location of Legal Description

courthouse, registry of deeds, etc. Harford County Courthouse liber 248

street & number folio 500

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. HA-1529

Condition		Check one	Check one
<input 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 type="checkbox"/> altered	<input type="checkbox"/> moved date of move _____
<input checked="" 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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A shed-roofed dormer with 2 windows, a three-sided bay window in the north bay of the west elevation, and a rear addition with a continuation of the gable roof complete the simple exterior. Windows are double-hung sash and single except in the dormer and the gable-ends.

The interior was not accessible.

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 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 type="checkbox"/> 1800-1899	<input type="checkbox"/> commerce	<input type="checkbox"/> exploration/settlement	<input type="checkbox"/> philosophy	<input type="checkbox"/> transportation
<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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In 1938 James Mason, who worked for the Baltimore Gas & Electric Co., bought it. His widow lives there today.

9. Major Bibliographical References

Survey No. PA-1025

Harford County Land records.

10. Geographical Data

Acreage of nominated property _____

Quadrangle name Bel Air

Quadrangle scale 1:24,000

UTM References do NOT complete UTM references

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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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Verbal boundary description and justification

Parcel 1354 in the Town of Bel Air, 50'(Fulford) x 100'.

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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city or town New Park state PA 17352

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HA-1825
Philips-Mason House
111 Fulford Ave.
Bel Air. MD 21014

owner: James W. Mason

248/500 12 Feb 1938
Mary Cecelia Calder
to
James W. Mason
lots 4 and 5 in block C of Fulford Park, subdivided 25
Oct 1922, plat in plat book 4/6

246/325 17 July 1937
Emma E. Meiers, widow, Lillian A. Meiers and William F.
Meiers, both unmarried
to
Martin Winfield Calder

221/42 17 July 1931
Cecil O. Philips and Bernice K.
to
Emma E. Meiers
assumes \$1600 mortgage 21 Jan 1931 to Stephenson
Hopkins

221/43 17 July 1931
Emma E. Meiers
to
her children Lillian A. and William F.
retains a life interest

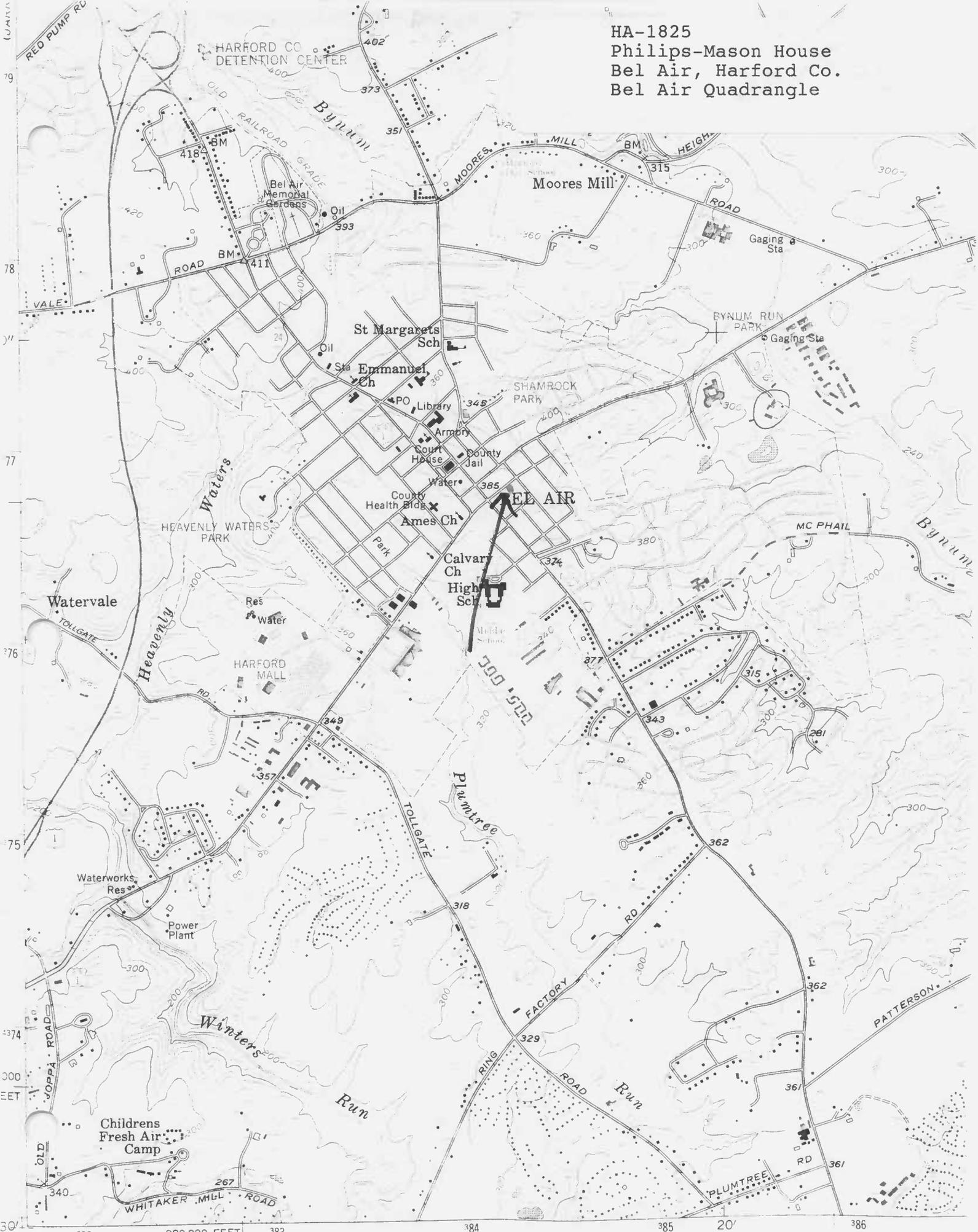
186/455 19 Apr 1924
James T. Evans and Ginevra
to
Cecil O. Phillips and Bernice K.
\$200 for lots 4 and 5, block C, Fulford Park
restrictions: no people of African birth or descent
may buy or rent
20 ft. setback

181/35 6 Nov 1922
part of
William M. Nichols, unmarried, of Hanover Co., N. Car.
to
James T. Evans
lots 4-9 block C, Fulford Park

181/7

6 Nov 1922
Stevenson A. Williams, trustee
to
William N. Nichols of New Hanover Co., N. Car.
\$5000 for several parcels
result of equity case 7 Jan 1922, Harford Bank of Bel
Air vs John A. Evans and wife.

HA-1825
Philips-Mason House
Bel Air, Harford Co.
Bel Air Quadrangle





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