

HA-1836
1925
Bel Air
Private

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Chilcoat 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:

 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

Magi No.

DOE yes no

1. Name (indicate preferred name)

historic Chilcoat House

and/or common

2. Location

street & number 327 E. Broadway n/a not for publicationcity, town Bel Air ___ vicinity of congressional district 3rdstate 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 Peter J. Schlehr

street & number 327 E. Broadway telephone no.: 838-9221city, town Bel Air state and zip code MD 21014

5. Location of Legal Description

courthouse, registry of deeds, etc. Harford County Courthouse liber 956street & number folio 546city, 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

Survey No. AA-1830

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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On entering, one faces the closed string, straight run stair case with square newel and balusters, a bit more steeply pitched than those of its neighbors because of the single run. The living room occupies the whole front of the house. Its fireplace in the middle of the south wall was originally the popular white brick, but it is now marble with a paneled mantel and over mantel. The dining room is to the south through the typical wide opening. Beside it to the east is the kitchen with 1950s metal cabinets. To the rear of these rooms is the L-shaped family room addition, open to the kitchen and reached from the dining room through a swinging 15-pane door. The connecting slope of the roof, observed outside, provides a high ceiling to the north where the window in the master bedroom has been replaced by French doors and a wooden balconet of turned balusters which provides both light to the bedroom and a romantic element to the design. Grooved first floor woodwork topped by a slight cornice is recent.

There are 3 bedrooms and a bath upstairs.

8. Significance

Survey No. HA-1835

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
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<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
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		<input type="checkbox"/> invention		<input type="checkbox"/> other (specify)

Specific dates c. 1925 **Builder/Architect** McComas Bros.

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 McComas Brothers held the house as a rental. In 1941, in the division of property at the death of the two men, Mary McComas, the widow of Emory McComas, acquired the property. She sold it to H. Douglas Chilcoat and his wife, Rita, in 1959. Mr. Chilcoat was Clerk of the Court for Harford County.

The current owners are Peter and Sandra Schlehr. They have made a number of changes to the house, the most prominent being the addition to the rear, which houses the family room. The odd roofline of the addition, which connects to the roof of the house in a sort of T-shape, provides the family room with a high ceiling. The window of the master bedroom, which now overlooks the family room, has been replaced by French doors and a small balconet of wooden spindles, providing both light to the room and a touch of romance to the rooms. The Schlehers also changed their white brick fireplace in the living room, giving it a marble hearth and face and a colonial mantel and over-mantel. Woodwork has acquired a slight cornice at the top. The door connecting the dining room with the family room is a 15 pane swinging door, which echoes the 15 pane original front door. The kitchen has been opened up, although not enlarged, and the space now flows into the family room.

9. Major Bibliographical References

Survey No. HA-1030

Harford County Land Records.
Site visit, 24 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

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	Zone	Easting	Northing

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Verbal boundary description and justification

Parcel 393 in the Town of Bel Air, 60' (Broadway) x 215'.

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

state	code	county	code
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11. Form Prepared By

name/title	<u>Dr. Marilyn M. Larew</u>		
organization		date	<u>7-9-93</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.

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Chilcoat House
327 East Broadway
Bel Air, MD 21014

owner: Peter J. Schlehr

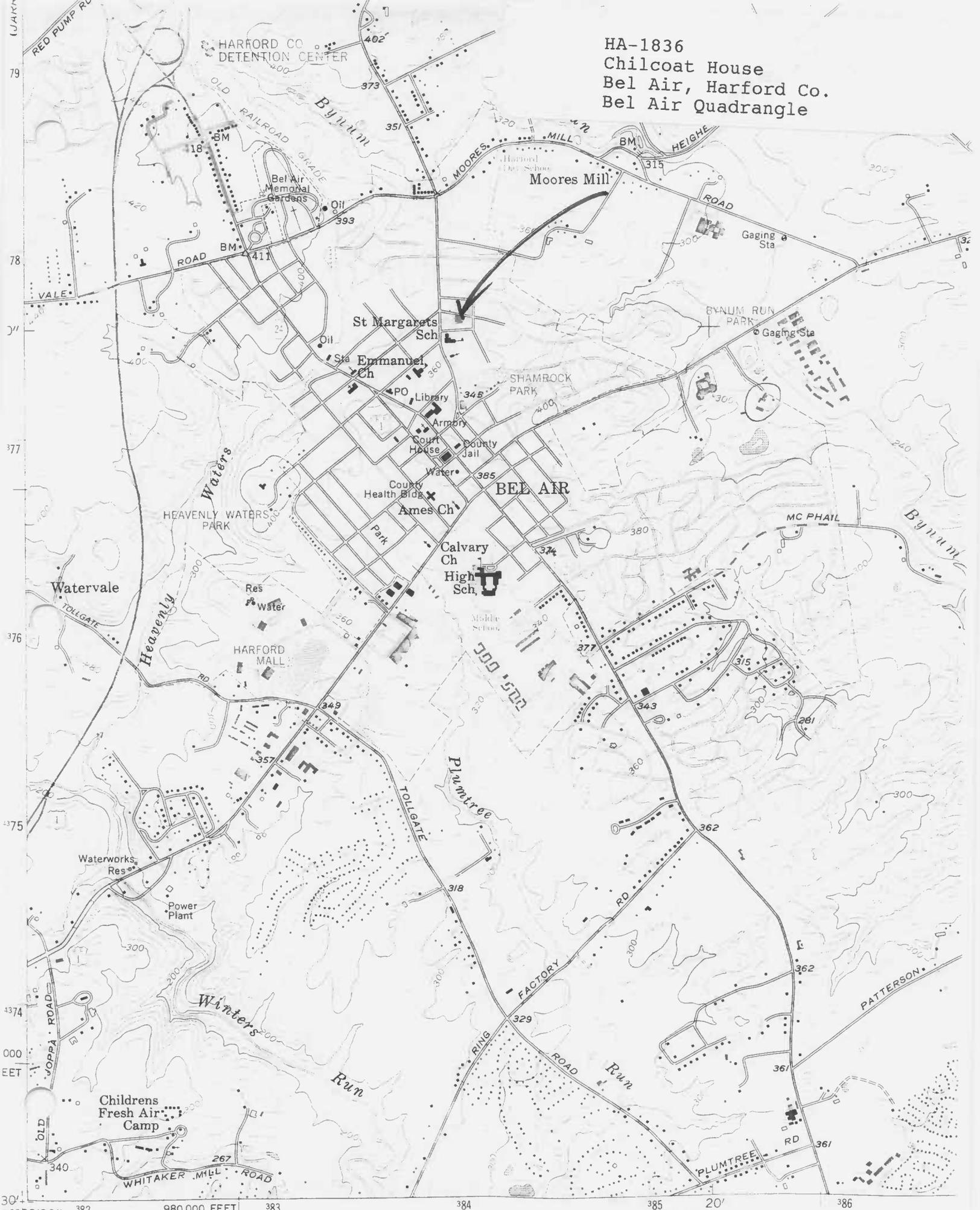
- 956/546 15 August 1974
H. Douglas Chilcoat and Rita
to
Peter J. Schlehr and Sandra
part of lot 23, all of 24 and 25, part of 26, 68 and
69, and all of 70 in block B, Ingleside
This untidy description results from the property lines
getting confused in this block. There was a grand re-
survey in 1972. See below.
- 896/145 12 April 1972
Zero, Inc.
to
H. Douglas Chilcoat and Rita
the above land. It was originally lots 23-25 and 69-
71.
- 896/141 12 April 1972
The Rikpens, the Chilcoats, Sara Broumel, and Flossie
Wallis
to
Zero, Inc.
The owners of 315, 321, 327, and 333 East Broadway
conveyed their property to Zero in straw deeds because
of the confusion in property lines had caused a re-
survey. Zero Inc. conveyed the property back with the
new descriptions.
- 537/32 9 October 1959
Mary McComas
to
H. Douglas Chilcoat and Rita
lots 23-23 and 69-71 block B, Ingleside
- 265/205 10 April 1941
Mary McComas, trustee
to
self
Mrs. McComas was trustee for the sale of real estate in
an equity case to divide the property of M. Stanley
McComas and Emory McComas, trading as McComas Brothers.
Both brothers were dead. Mary was the widow of Emory.
This property is item 12 in the list.

191/391 25 Feb 1925
John T. Monahan and Margaret
to
M. Stanley and Emory A. McComas

191/256 19 Jan 1925
Nannie E. Richardson
to
John T. Monahan and Margaret

183/265 12 May 1923
J. Edwin Webster and wife
to
Nannie E. Richardson
Webster sub-divided Ingleside in 1923.

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Bel Air Quadrangle





327 E. BROADWAY
BEL AIR