

HA-1631  
BOOTH LOG HOUSE  
Vicinity of Bel Air  
Private

c. 1840

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INVENTORY FORM FOR STATE HISTORIC SITES SURVEY

**1 NAME**

HISTORIC

Booth Log House

AND/OR COMMON

John Handy House

**2 LOCATION**

STREET & NUMBER

NW corner Churchville Rd. (MD 22) and Prospect Mill Rd.

CITY, TOWN

Bel Air

CONGRESSIONAL DISTRICT

VICINITY OF

STATE

Maryland

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 checked="" 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 type="checkbox"/> NO	<input type="checkbox"/> MILITARY <input type="checkbox"/> OTHER

**4 OWNER OF PROPERTY**

NAME

Mr. & Mrs. John Handy, Jr.

Telephone #: (301) 734-6480

STREET & NUMBER

Churchville Rd., Schucks Corner

CITY, TOWN

Bel Air

VICINITY OF

STATE, zip code

MD 21014

**5 LOCATION OF LEGAL DESCRIPTION**

COURTHOUSE  
REGISTRY OF DEEDS, ETC

Harford County Court House

Liber #:

Folio #:

STREET & NUMBER

40 S. Main St.

CITY, TOWN

Bel Air

STATE

MD

**6 REPRESENTATION IN EXISTING SURVEYS**

TITLE

DATE

FEDERAL  STATE  COUNTY  LOCAL

DEPOSITORY FOR  
SURVEY RECORDS

CITY, TOWN

STATE

**7 DESCRIPTION**

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<b>CONDITION</b>		<b>CHECK ONE</b>	<b>CHECK ONE</b>
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> EXCELLENT	<input type="checkbox"/> DETERIORATED	<input type="checkbox"/> UNALTERED	<input type="checkbox"/> ORIGINAL SITE
<input type="checkbox"/> GOOD	<input type="checkbox"/> RUINS	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> ALTERED	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> MOVED DATE <u>1880</u>
<input type="checkbox"/> FAIR	<input type="checkbox"/> UNEXPOSED		

**DESCRIBE THE PRESENT AND ORIGINAL (IF KNOWN) PHYSICAL APPEARANCE**

The Booth Log House is a two-story log and frame house with a shed porch and asphalt shingle siding located on the northwest corner of Prospect Mill Road and Churchville Road (MD 22). It dates from about 1837-40 and has a stone foundation and gable roof with the ridge on a north-south axis. The original orientation was toward the east.

The original log section was a two-story, three-bay house with a single room on the ground floor. An enclosed winding staircase was placed in the northeast corner of the room. The small attic was reached by a ladder which is now enclosed in a closet in one of the upper rooms. The stone chimney was on the south gable end. The west elevation had a shed roofed porch. This basic plan is retained in the present house, but has been altered. The porch was enclosed and a two-story addition with a shed porch built on the south elevation, probably in the 1920's. The main entrance was relocated in this addition and faces south toward Churchville Road. The chimney was removed, although the stone foundation remains below ground in the cellar. A staircase was placed at the common wall between the addition and old section

A one-story kitchen addition was built in the late 19th or early 20th century on the north gable end. A recent remodeling of this addition lowered the floor level about 1½ feet below that of the original section.

The present exterior covering is asphalt shingles painted white. The foundation is stone and concrete and the roof is modern composition material. A frame early 20th century garage is located west of the house and a second frame building, use unknown, stands just northeast of the garage.

CONTINUE ON SEPARATE SHEET IF NECESSARY

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<input type="checkbox"/> PREHISTORIC	<input type="checkbox"/> ARCHEOLOGY-PREHISTORIC	<input type="checkbox"/> COMMUNITY PLANNING	<input type="checkbox"/> LANDSCAPE ARCHITECTURE	<input type="checkbox"/> RELIGION		
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		<input type="checkbox"/> INVENTION				

SPECIFIC DATES      c. 1840; c. 1920      BUILDER/ARCHITECT

STATEMENT OF SIGNIFICANCE

The Booth Log House is the original country house of Junius Brutus Booth and was the birthplace of his children, including Edwin Booth and John Wilkes Booth. The hand-hewn log structure is largely intact in the original section and, in spite of several subsequent alterations, the low ceilings and narrow winding stairs remain unchanged. The house was moved from its original unknown location to the Booth property in about 1837-40. It remained there after Booth built Tudor Hall, the extant Gothic Revival cottage, in 1847. In 1880, Samuel Kyle, then owner of the Tudor Hall property, moved the log house to its present location at the corner of Prospect Mill and Churchville Roads. This corner was part of the Tudor Hall farm at that period. (See the National Register nomination on Tudor Hall for additional information on the Booth family.)

**9 MAJOR BIBLIOGRAPHICAL REFERENCES**

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**10 GEOGRAPHICAL DATA**

ACREAGE OF NOMINATED PROPERTY \_\_\_\_\_

VERBAL BOUNDARY DESCRIPTION

LIST ALL STATES AND COUNTIES FOR PROPERTIES OVERLAPPING STATE OR COUNTY BOUNDARIES

STATE COUNTY

STATE COUNTY

**11 FORM PREPARED BY**

NAME / TITLE

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ORGANIZATION

Maryland Historical Trust

DATE

December 3, 1981

STREET & NUMBER

21 State Circle

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CITY OR TOWN

Annapolis

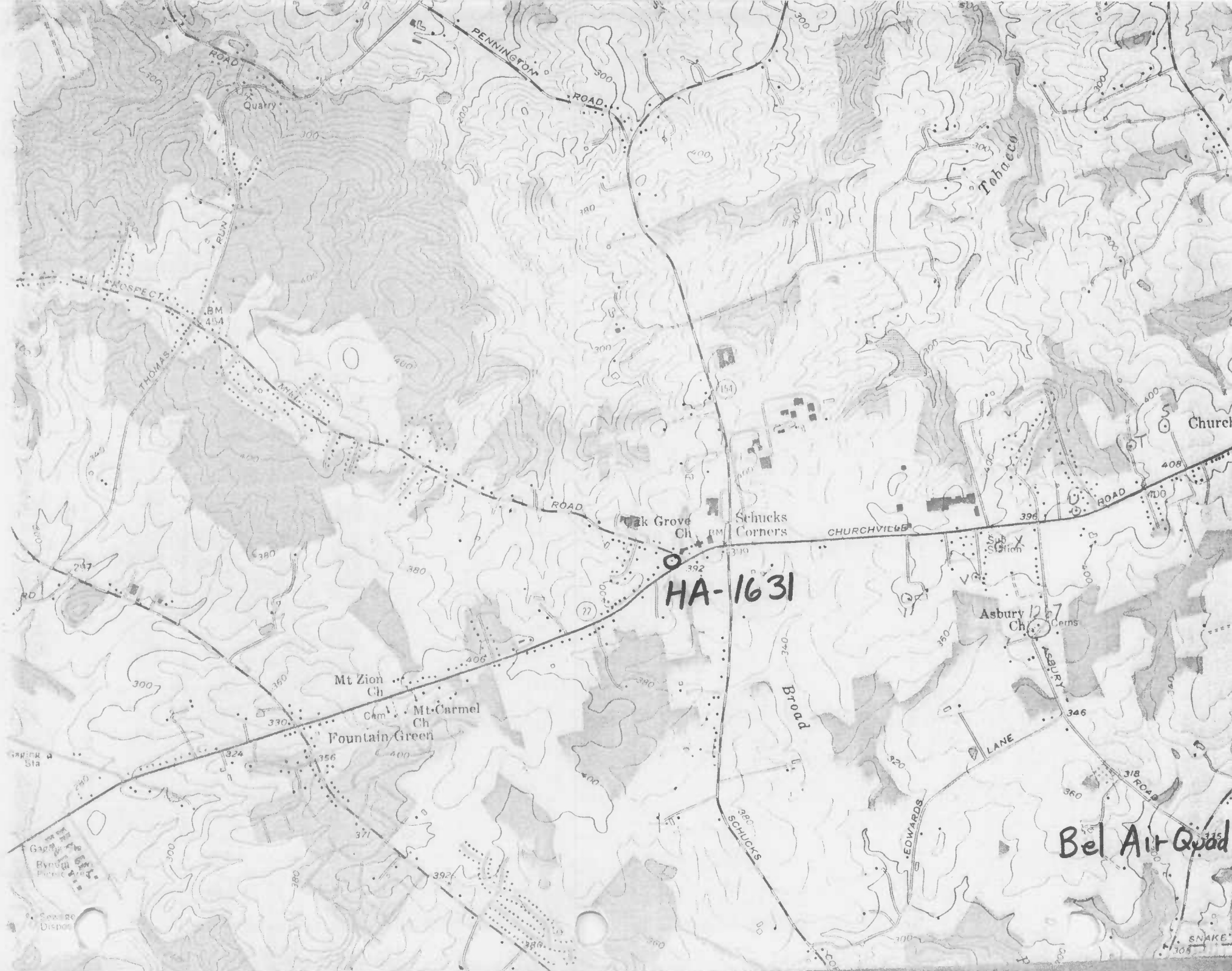
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HA-1631

Bel Air Quad

PENNINGTON ROAD

PROSPECT ROAD

ROAD

CHURCHVILLE ROAD

SCHUCKS ROAD

BROAD

EDWARDS LANE

ASBURY ROAD

318 ROAD

Quarry

RUN

.BM 454

Oak Grove Ch

Schucks Corners

Asbury Ch

Mt Zion Ch

Mt Carmel Ch

Fountain Green

Church

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Signal Sta

Garage

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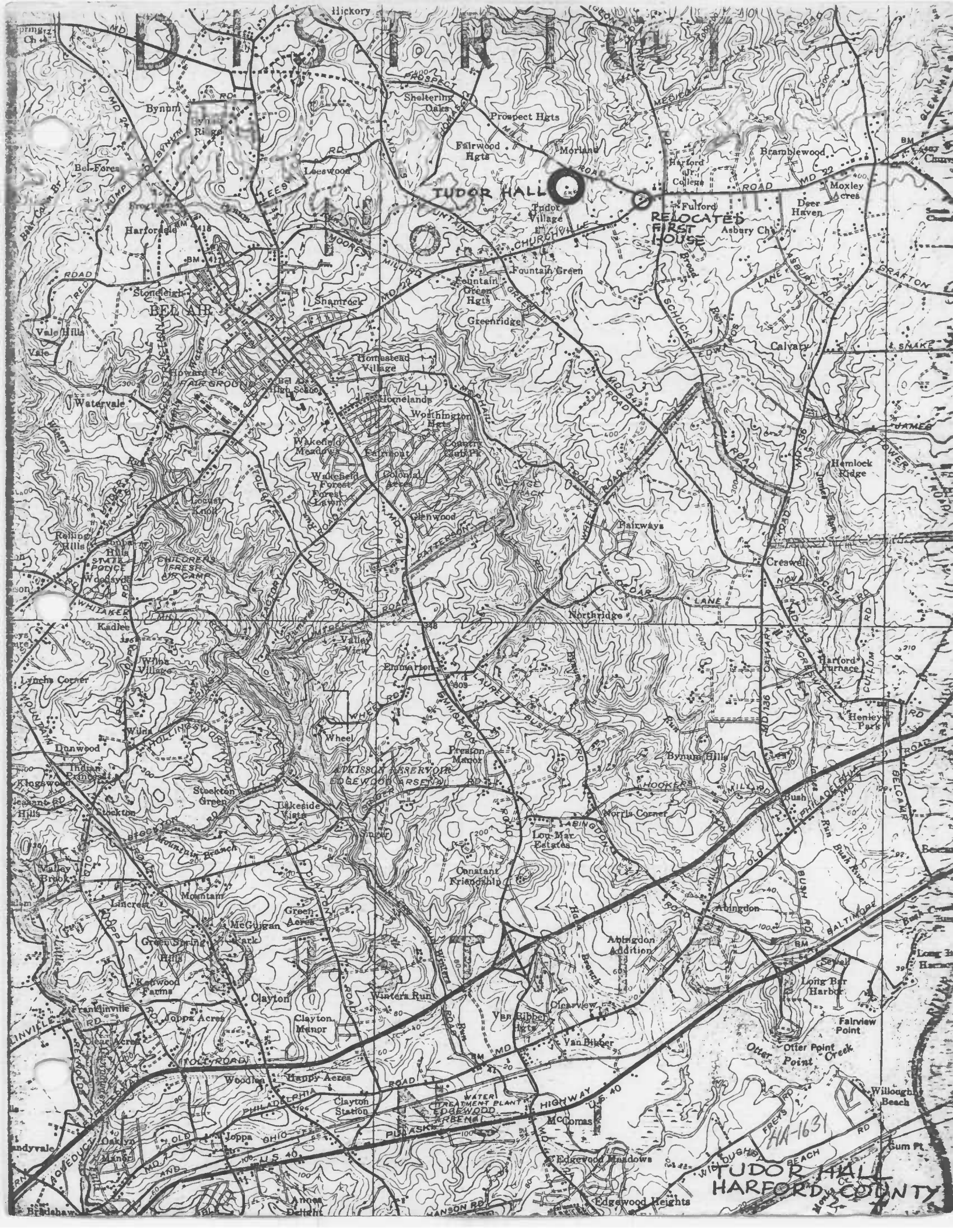
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# DISTRICT



HA-1631  
TUDOR HALL  
HARFORD COUNTY









