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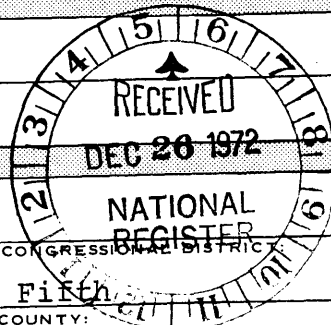
Form 10-300
(Rev. 6-72)

UNITED STATES DEPARTMENT OF THE INTERIOR
NATIONAL PARK SERVICE

NATIONAL REGISTER OF HISTORIC PLACES
INVENTORY - NOMINATION FORM

(Type all entries - complete applicable sections)

STATE:	Maryland
COUNTY:	Prince George's
FOR NPS USE ONLY	
ENTRY DATE	MAY 8 1973



1. NAME

COMMON: City of Bowie Stable Museum

AND/OR HISTORIC: Belair Stables

2. LOCATION

STREET AND NUMBER: Belair Drive

CITY OR TOWN: Bowie

STATE: Maryland

CONGRESSIONAL DISTRICT: Fifth

COUNTY: Prince George's

CODE: 24

CODE: 033

3. CLASSIFICATION

CATEGORY (Check One)	OWNERSHIP	STATUS	ACCESSIBLE TO THE PUBLIC
<input type="checkbox"/> District <input type="checkbox"/> Site <input type="checkbox"/> Object <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Building <input type="checkbox"/> Structure	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Public <input type="checkbox"/> Private <input type="checkbox"/> Both	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Occupied <input type="checkbox"/> Unoccupied <input type="checkbox"/> Preservation work in progress <input type="checkbox"/> In Process <input type="checkbox"/> Being Considered	Yes: <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Restricted <input type="checkbox"/> Unrestricted <input type="checkbox"/> No

PRESENT USE (Check One or More as Appropriate)

<input type="checkbox"/> Agricultural	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Government	<input type="checkbox"/> Park	<input type="checkbox"/> Transportation	<input type="checkbox"/> Comments
<input type="checkbox"/> Commercial	<input type="checkbox"/> Industrial	<input type="checkbox"/> Private Residence	<input type="checkbox"/> Other (Specify)	
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Educational	<input type="checkbox"/> Military	<input type="checkbox"/> Religious		
<input type="checkbox"/> Entertainment	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Museum	<input type="checkbox"/> Scientific		

4. OWNER OF PROPERTY

OWNER'S NAME: City of Bowie

STREET AND NUMBER: Tulip Grove Drive

CITY OR TOWN: Bowie

STATE: Maryland

CODE: 24

5. LOCATION OF LEGAL DESCRIPTION

COURTHOUSE, REGISTRY OF DEEDS, ETC.: Prince George's County Courthouse

STREET AND NUMBER: Main Street

CITY OR TOWN: Upper Marlboro

STATE: Maryland

CODE: 24

6. REPRESENTATION IN EXISTING SURVEYS

TITLE OF SURVEY: Maryland Register of Historic Sites and Landmarks

DATE OF SURVEY: 1972

DEPOSITORY FOR SURVEY RECORDS: Maryland Historical Trust

STREET AND NUMBER: 2525 Riva Road

CITY OR TOWN: Annapolis

STATE: Maryland

CODE: 24

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7 DESCRIPTION

CONDITION	(Check One)					
	<input type="checkbox"/> Excellent	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Good	<input type="checkbox"/> Fair	<input type="checkbox"/> Deteriorated	<input type="checkbox"/> Ruins	<input type="checkbox"/> Unexposed
	(Check One)			(Check One)		
	<input type="checkbox"/> Altered	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Unaltered	<input type="checkbox"/> Moved	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Original Site		

DESCRIBE THE PRESENT AND ORIGINAL (if known) PHYSICAL APPEARANCE

The Belair Stables are located on the eastern side of Belair Drive, approximately 1000 feet northeast of Belair Mansion circa 1742, the home of Maryland Colonial governors.

The approximate ground coverage of the stables is 8810 square feet. The property is 2 acres, or 71,294 square feet.

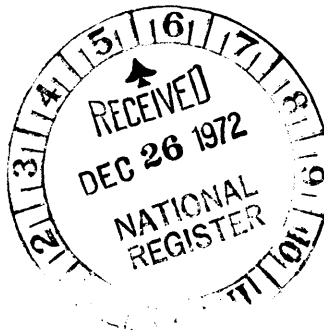
The present stables were constructed by Mr. Woodward, sometime around the turn of this century, to house his racing horses and coach team. Horses such as Gallant Fox, Nashua, and Omaha were stabled within the structure.

The original and present appearance of the structure is a "U" shaped plan, with the open end, which leads into pastures. The structure was constructed in two stages, the first section being the bottom of the "U". This section is wall bearing, constructed of local dark-brown sandstone 24 inches thick, laid in ashlar courses of random pattern on a foundation of the same material. Each side of the bottom of the "U" flanks a center arch, the focal point of the structure, and leads into the exercise yard. The entire structure has a hip roof, of green slate, with dormers on both sides of the arch. The wooden windows and sills possess diamond patterned muntin bars and a sandstone jack arch at the window heads.

The sides that flank the arch, which comprise the bottom of the "U", housed the stable master's quarters and tack room on the right, and at the left the carriage house and feed rooms.

The second stage of construction was the right and left legs of the "U", which contained the stables and box stalls. These wings are constructed of brick bearing walls, with matching slate roofs. Earth floors are within the stables and paving brick is outside the stalls, in the corridor between the exterior wall and the stalls. The ceilings are constructed of a beaded ceiling board 4" wide nailed to the bottom side of the roof joist.

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8. SIGNIFICANCE

PERIOD (Check One or More as Appropriate)

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|--|---------------------------------------|--|---------------------------------------|
| <input type="checkbox"/> Pre-Columbian | <input type="checkbox"/> 16th Century | <input type="checkbox"/> 18th Century | <input type="checkbox"/> 20th Century |
| <input type="checkbox"/> 15th Century | <input type="checkbox"/> 17th Century | <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> 19th Century | |

SPECIFIC DATE(S) (If Applicable and Known)

AREAS OF SIGNIFICANCE (Check One or More as Appropriate)

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| <input type="checkbox"/> Aboriginal | <input type="checkbox"/> Education | <input type="checkbox"/> Political | <input type="checkbox"/> Urban Planning |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Prehistoric | <input type="checkbox"/> Engineering | <input type="checkbox"/> Religion/Philosophy | <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Other (Specify) |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Historic | <input type="checkbox"/> Industry | <input type="checkbox"/> Science | <u>Sport - Horse</u> |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Agriculture | <input type="checkbox"/> Invention | <input type="checkbox"/> Sculpture | <u>Racing</u> |
| <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Architecture | <input type="checkbox"/> Landscape Architecture | <input type="checkbox"/> Social/Humanitarian | _____ |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Art | <input type="checkbox"/> Literature | <input type="checkbox"/> Theater | _____ |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Commerce | <input type="checkbox"/> Military | <input type="checkbox"/> Transportation | _____ |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Communications | <input type="checkbox"/> Music | | _____ |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Conservation | | | _____ |

STATEMENT OF SIGNIFICANCE

The importance of Belair Stables is in its association with thoroughbred horse racing and breeding at Belair Estate. Belair Estate is recognized as being the only one of the great colonial estates where breeding for the Course was carried on through three centuries.

Mr. William Woodward, noted in racing circles, and chairman of the Jockey Club (1916) built the present stables, around the turn of this century. The Stable housed foals which later became famous race horses, including two winners of the Triple Crown: Gallant Fox and Omaha.

The present stable was actively used until 1955. It was acquired by the City of Bowie in 1969 for the purpose of establishing a racing museum and library. The city is restoring the stables and placing trophies and memorabilia of the horses in the stalls.

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9. MAJOR BIBLIOGRAPHICAL REFERENCES

[Harrison, Fairfax]. The Belair Stud 1747-1761. Richmond, Virginia: Old Dominion Press, 1929.

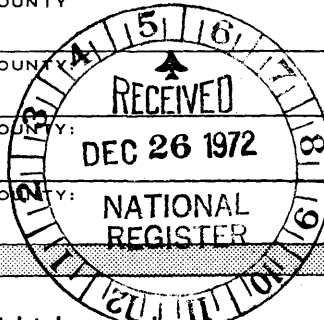
10. GEOGRAPHICAL DATA

LATITUDE AND LONGITUDE COORDINATES DEFINING A RECTANGLE LOCATING THE PROPERTY			O R	LATITUDE AND LONGITUDE COORDINATES DEFINING THE CENTER POINT OF A PROPERTY OF LESS THAN TEN ACRES		
CORNER	LATITUDE	LONGITUDE		LATITUDE	LONGITUDE	
	Degrees Minutes Seconds	Degrees Minutes Seconds		Degrees Minutes Seconds	Degrees Minutes Seconds	
NW	38° 57' 58"	76° 44' 40"		° ' "	° ' "	
NE	38° 57' 59"	76° 44' 35"		° ' "	° ' "	
SE	38° 57' 56"	76° 44' 36"		° ' "	° ' "	
SW	38° 57' 55"	76° 44' 38"		° ' "	° ' "	

APPROXIMATE ACREAGE OF NOMINATED PROPERTY: 2 acres

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 AND TITLE:
Leonard E. Fiehler, Public Facilities Director

ORGANIZATION: **City of Bowie** DATE: **November 1972**

STREET AND NUMBER:
Tulip Grove Drive

CITY OR TOWN: **Bowie** STATE: **Maryland** CODE: **24**

12. STATE LIAISON OFFICER CERTIFICATION

As the designated State Liaison Officer for the National Historic Preservation Act of 1966 (Public Law 89-665), I hereby nominate this property for inclusion in the National Register and certify that it has been evaluated according to the criteria and procedures set forth by the National Park Service. The recommended level of significance of this nomination is:

National State Local

Name: Orlando Ridout IV
Orlando Ridout IV

Title: State Liaison Officer for Maryland

Date: November 20, 1972

NATIONAL REGISTER VERIFICATION

I hereby certify that this property is included in the National Register.

Robert M. Utley
Director, Office of Archeology and Historic Preservation

Date: 5/8/73

ATTEST: [Signature]
Keeper of The National Register

Date: 4 30 73