

# Easement

## Maryland Inventory of Historic Properties (MIHP) Property Detail Report

**B-109**

**Patterson Park Observatory; Pagoda (Patterson Park)**

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Inventory Number: B-109

Property Name: Patterson Park Observatory; Pagoda (Patterson Park)

Address \_\_\_\_\_

Town Baltimore Zip Code \_\_\_\_\_

USGS Quadrangle(s) \_\_\_\_\_

Digitized in GIS No Number of polygons \_\_\_\_\_ designation in GIS \_\_\_\_\_

Mapped on mylar \_\_\_\_\_ Detail map code \_\_\_\_\_

Within NR district \_\_\_\_\_ Within survey district \_\_\_\_\_ Materials in vertical file \_\_\_\_\_

Other \_\_\_\_\_

### Additional Designations:

National Register       Preservation Easement       Determinations of Eligibility  
 Contributing Resource Determinations of Eligibility       Related Inventory Numbers

### Preservation Easement--Summary

Easement Name: Patterson Park Pagoda (The Observatory)

Other Name: \_\_\_\_\_

Date Recorded: 6/20/2002 Expired? \_\_\_\_\_ District Inventory Number? P

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#### **4. Observatory (Chinese Pagoda): 1891**

Opened in 1891 and enclosed on the ground story in 1892, this Oriental-influenced structure was designed by Charles H. Latrobe and constructed by Cornelius Sheehan. It is significant under NR criteria A and C for its association with the Baltimore city park system in the latter part of the 19<sup>th</sup> century and for its exotic architecture. Given Latrobe's background as a bridge designer and civil engineer, the structure's iron execution is fitting. The Pagoda is similar to one at Kew Gardens outside of London, which was based on the Tower at Nanking. The structure reflects the persistence of the Picturesque mode in park architecture even late in the century.

The four-story, 60-foot high edifice is octagonal in footprint. It is built from a prefabricated iron superstructure and rests upon a granite base. It features a series of primarily arched window openings, but each floor displays a different decorative window treatment. The upper three stories feature balconies with protective railings supported by metal brackets. The entire composition is capped by a metal roof with wide overhanging eaves. Four flights of marble steps lead to the entrance level. In 1892, eight marble vases (two at each of the four openings) were placed upon the granite base as a gift from the Trustees of Johns Hopkins University.

The Observatory was first closed to the public in the 1950s due to vandalism. A renovation in the 1960s opened it again. Today, the Observatory is enclosed by an iron picket fence (a 20th-century feature) bordered by a row of hedges and is, once again, closed to the public. Inside the fence at the foot of one of the steps stands a pair of Chinese lions given as a gift of the Taiwanese government in 1984. The observatory is currently undergoing renovation by the Butchers Hill Citizens Association.

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**PATTERSON PARK PAGODA**  
**PATTERSON PARK**  
**BALTIMORE, MARYLAND 21231**

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**EXHIBIT B**

**PATTERSON PARK PAGODA  
 PROPERTY DESCRIPTION  
 (EASEMENT AREA)**

The historical easement is a circle with a radius of 33.83 feet drawn around a center having a coordinate value of East 9045.147, South 2747.354. The easement contains 3595.46 square feet. The easement area is located in the Northwest corner of Patterson Park near the Southeast corner of Baltimore Street and Patterson Park Avenue.

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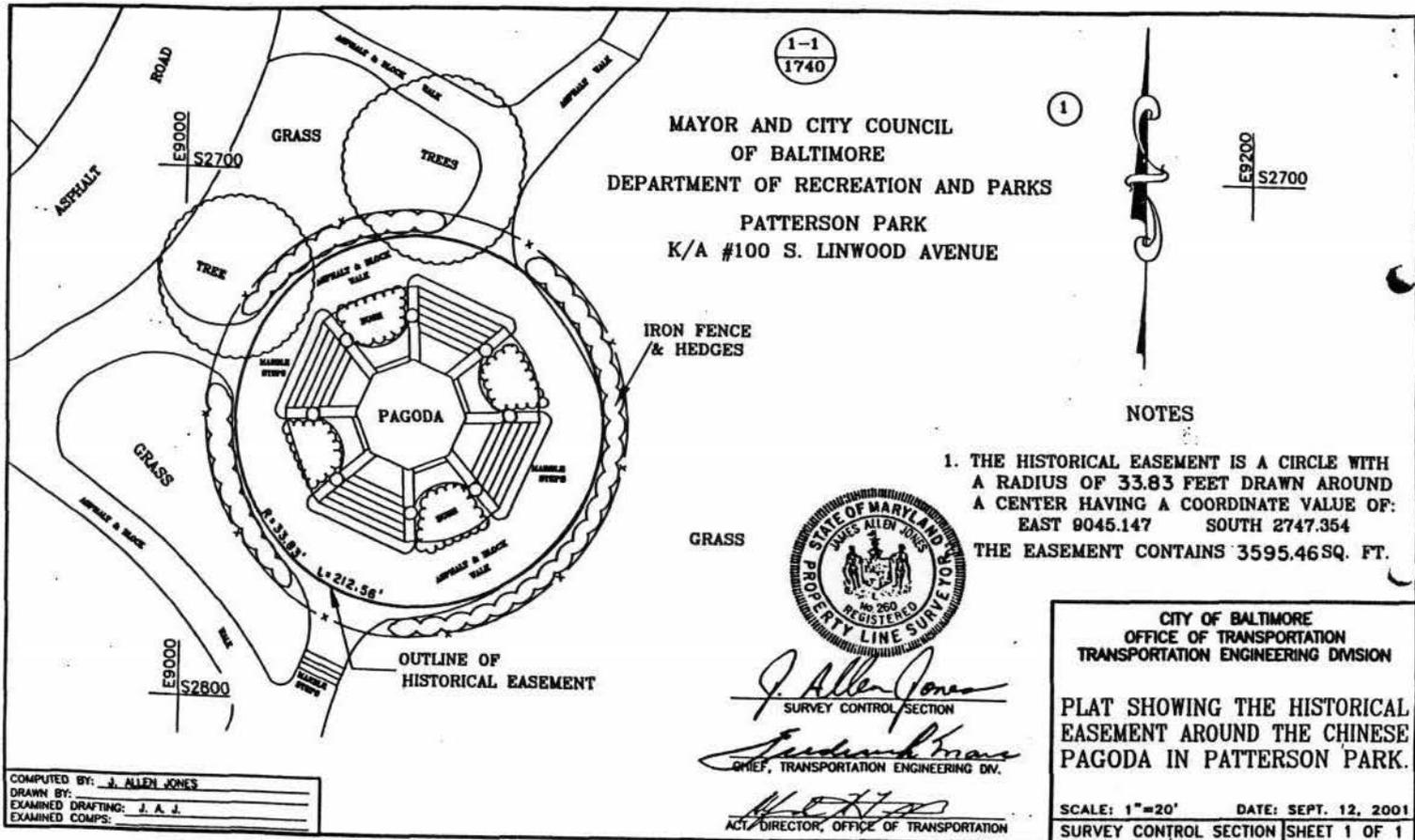
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Site Plan

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PATTERSON PARK  
K/A #100 S. LINWOOD AVENUE

NOTES  
1. THE HISTORICAL EASEMENT IS A CIRCLE WITH  
A RADIUS OF 33.83 FEET DRAWN AROUND  
A CENTER HAVING A COORDINATE VALUE OF:  
EAST 9045.147 SOUTH 2747.354  
THE EASEMENT CONTAINS 3595.46SQ. FT.



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PLAT SHOWING THE HISTORICAL  
EASEMENT AROUND THE CHINESE  
PAGODA IN PATTERSON PARK.  
SCALE: 1"=20' DATE: SEPT. 12, 2001  
SURVEY CONTROL SECTION SHEET 1 OF 1

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Typical elevation.

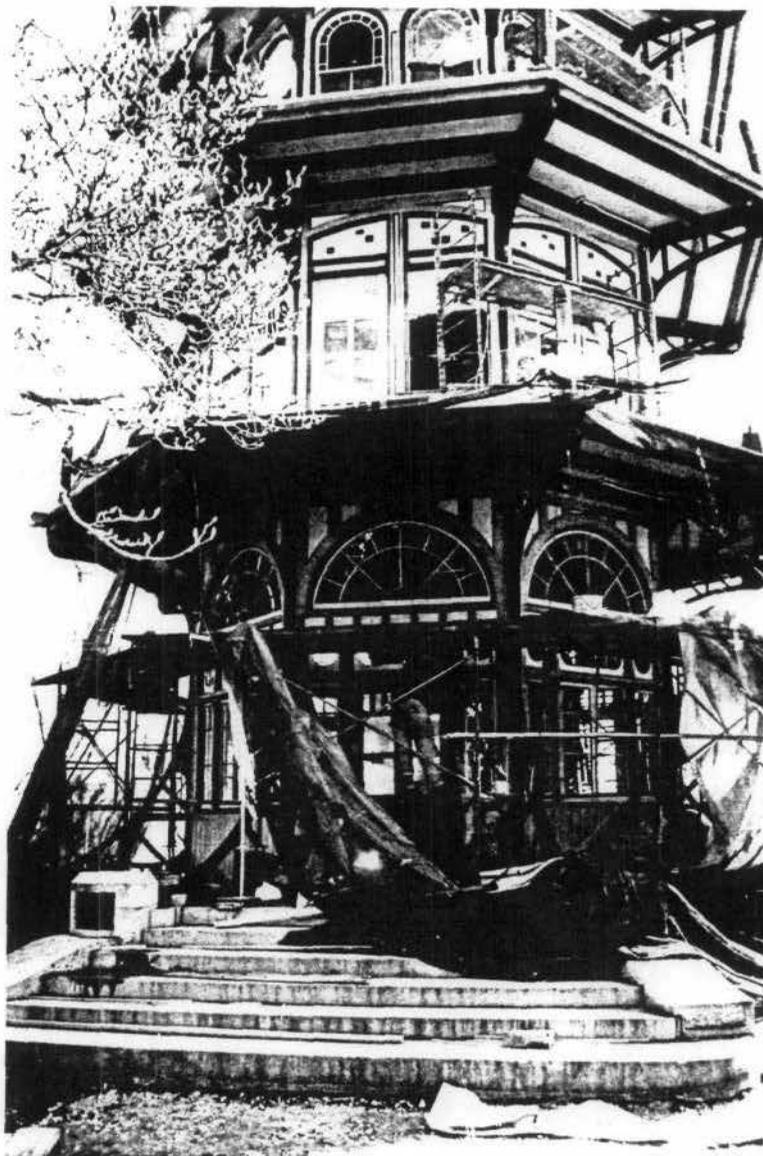
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Close-up view of the base of the pagoda during  
rehabilitation.

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View, from inside, of typical ground floor windows  
and paneling.

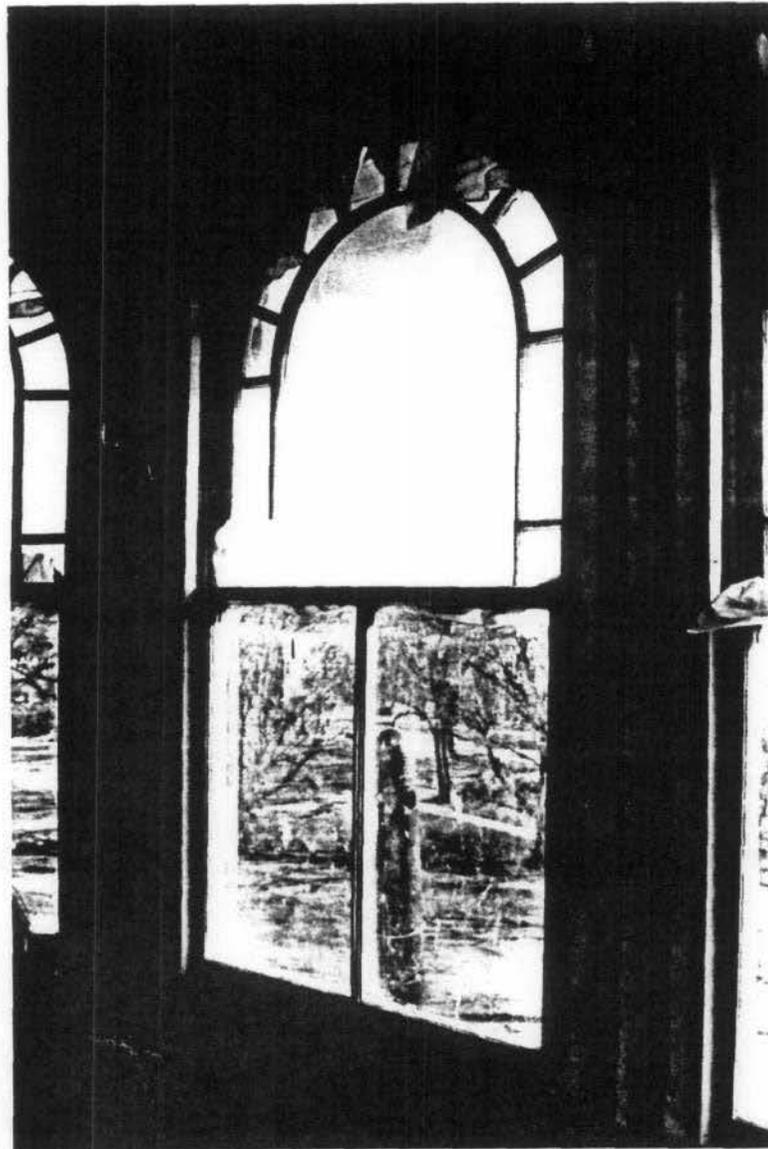
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Round-headed window, typical of upper floors.

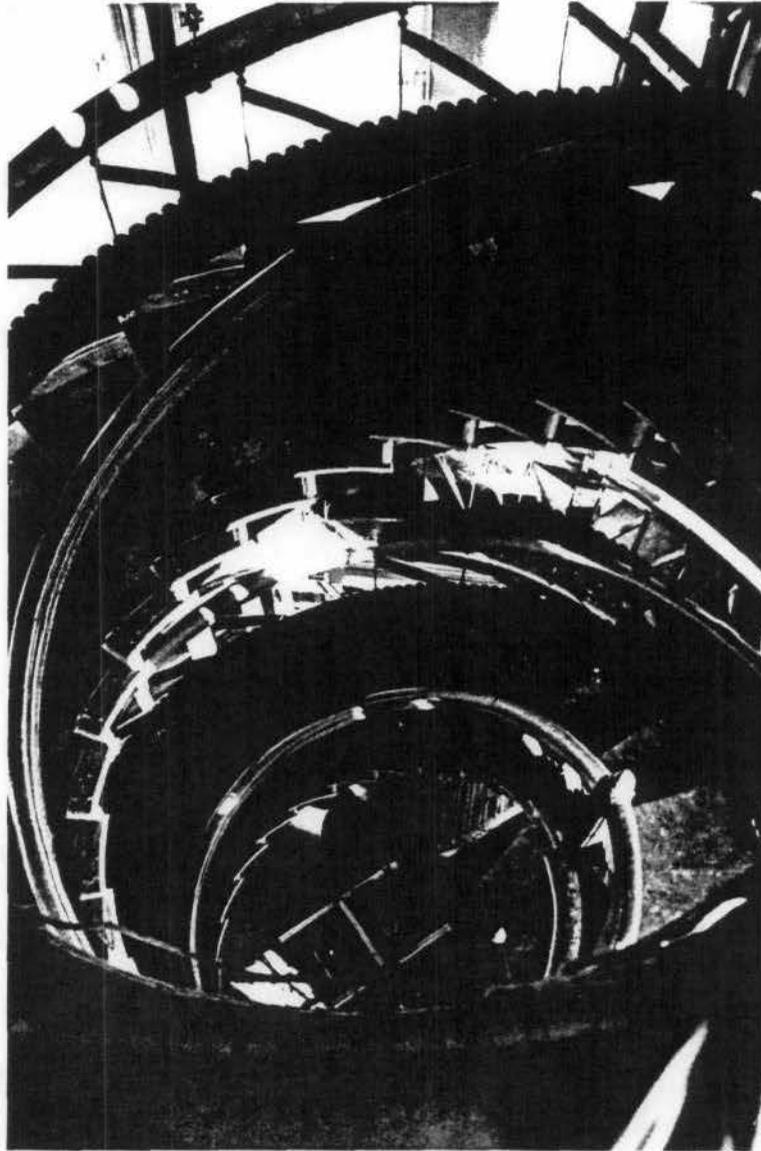
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View looking down the spiral stair.

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Contextual view of the pagoda within the park.

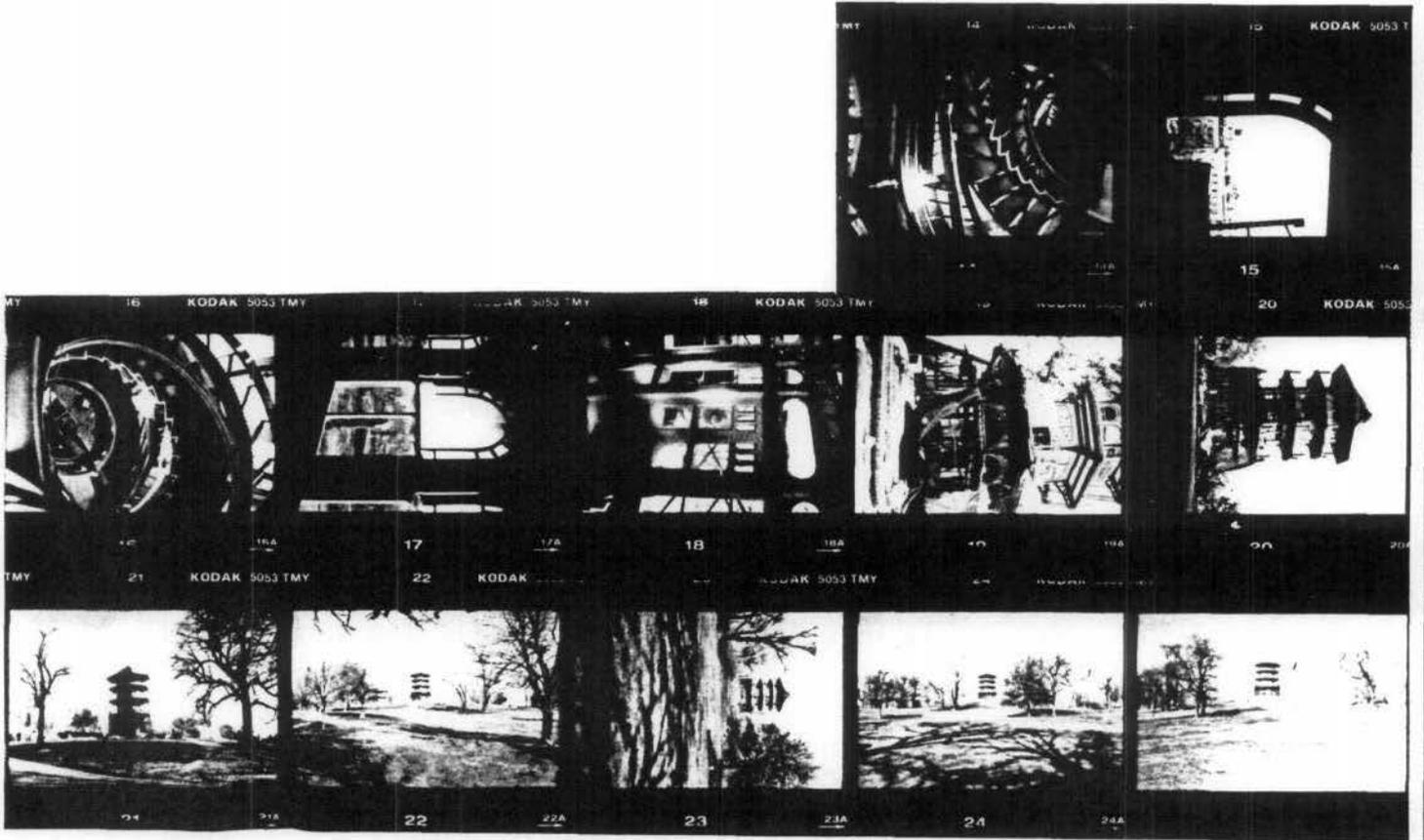
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18	View, from inside, of typical ground floor windows and paneling.
19	Close-up view of the base of the pagoda during rehabilitation.
20	Typical Elevation
21	Contextual view, looking east, of the pagoda within the park.
22	Contextual view, looking northeast, of the pagoda within the park.
23	Contextual view, looking north, of the pagoda within the park.
24	Contextual view, looking north, of the pagoda within the park.
24a	Contextual view, looking northeast, of the pagoda within the park.

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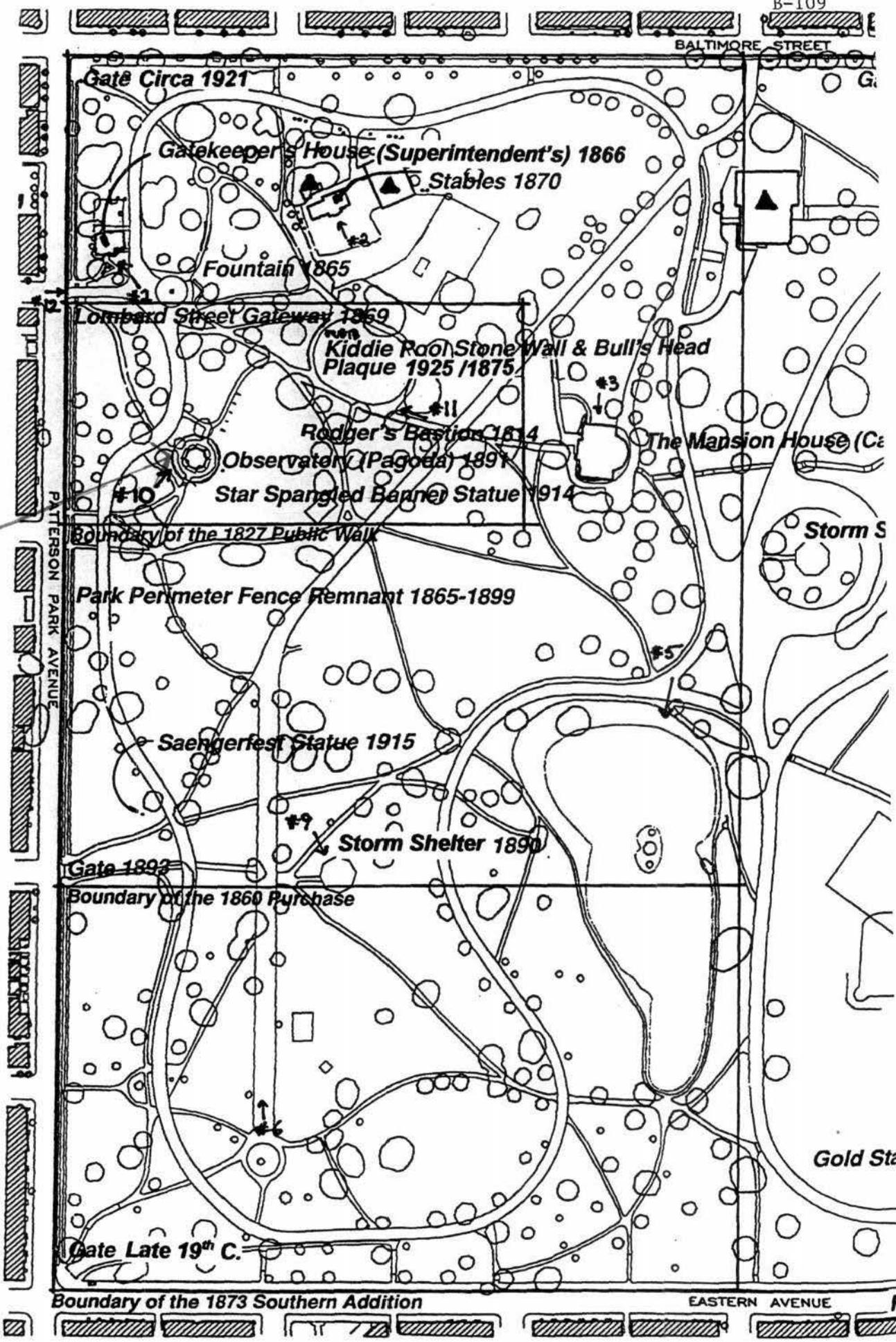
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Gate Circa 1921

Gatekeeper's House (Superintendent's) 1866

Stables 1870

Fountain 1865

Lombard Street Gateway 1869

Kiddie Pool Stone Wall & Bull's Head Plaque 1925 / 1875

Rodger's Bastion 1814

Observer (Pagoda) 1891

Star Spangled Banner Statue 1914

The Mansion House (Ca

Boundary of the 1827 Public Walk

Park Perimeter Fence Remnant 1865-1899

Saengerfest Statue 1915

Storm Shelter 1890

Gate 1892

Boundary of the 1860 Purchase

Gate Late 19th C.

Boundary of the 1873 Southern Addition

EASTERN AVENUE

PATERSON PARK AVENUE

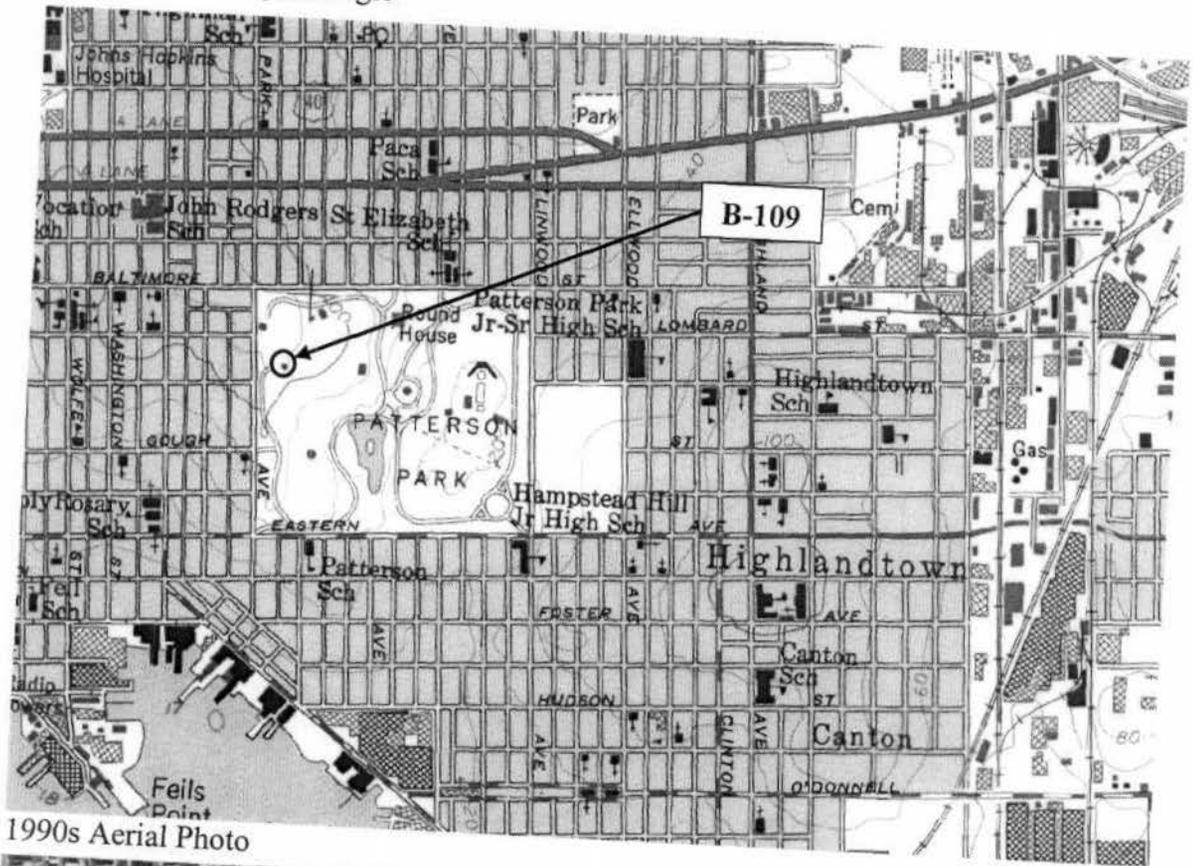
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Patterson Park Pagoda (Patterson Park Observatory)  
Baltimore East Quadrangle



1990s Aerial Photo



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Patterson Park Pagoda  
(Patterson Park Observatory)  
Baltimore East Quad



1998 Aerial Photo

