

Name/Address: House, 5601 Newbury Street
Construction Date: ca. 1900-1910
Town/Vicinity: Mount Washington
County: Baltimore City
Access: private

Summary Description:

This former single-family dwelling, now converted to a business, dates to the turn-of-the-century. It is located at the fringes of the center of the Mount Washington Community, founded in 1853-54 along the Baltimore & Susquehanna/Northern Central Railway tracks. The house is a typical example of the American Foursquare style, popular during the first quarter of the twentieth century. It is a two-story, two-bay-wide, frame, asbestos-sided, single-family dwelling. The house features a hip roof clad in asphalt shingles, cornice brackets, and an interior corbelled cap brick chimney now coated in furnace paint. The facade includes paired 6/6 wood sash windows balanced by a single 6/6 sash window. The entrance is located on the north side of the west (facade) elevation. A full-width, one-story shed roof porch spans the facade, It has been partially enclosed as a front office (2/3 of porch is enclosed). A one-story shed roofed addition spans the rear of the house. The house sits on a solid rubblestone foundation. A concrete block garage (mid-twentieth century) is located south of the house.

Statement of Significance

This turn-of-the-century single-family dwelling is located at the fringes of the historic center of Mount Washington, a planned community founded in 1853-54 around the former female seminary commonly known as Mount Saint Agnes. Mount Washington is "considered by some sources to be Baltimore's first suburb" (B-4495). The boundaries of the local Mount Washington District (B-4495) do not contain this structure. The reengineering of Kelly Avenue through Mount Washington has cut off this part of Newbury Street from the more cohesive center of the village. This building is not architecturally distinctive, and no known events or people significant to the history of the locality, state, or nation are known to have been associated with the former house, therefore it does not appear individually eligible for listing in the National Register under criteria A, B, or C. It is located outside the cohesive village center, which would preclude it from inclusion as a contributing resource in the boundaries of a potential Mount Washington National Register Historic District.

Maryland Historical Trust State Historic Sites Inventory Form

MARYLAND INVENTORY OF
HISTORIC PROPERTIES

Survey No. B-1311

Magi No.

DOE yes no

1. Name (indicate preferred name)

historic House, 5601 Newbury Street (preferred)

and/or common Sessel Eckhart Roofing

2. Location

street & number 5601 Newbury Street

not for publication

city, town Baltimore (Mount Washington)

vicinity of congressional district

state Maryland

county Baltimore City

3. Classification

Category

- district
 building(s)
 structure
 site
 object

Ownership

- public
 private
 both

Public Acquisition

- in process
 being considered
 not applicable

Status

- occupied
 unoccupied
 work in progress

Accessible

- yes: restricted
 yes: unrestricted
 no

Present Use

- agriculture
 commercial
 educational
 entertainment
 government
 industrial
 military

- museum
 park
 private residence
 religious
 scientific
 transportation
 other:

4. Owner of Property (give names and mailing addresses of all owners)

name Sessel S. and Bernadette M. Eckhart

street & number 1310 Asbury Road

telephone no.:

city, town Baltimore

state and zip code 21209

5. Location of Legal Description

courthouse, registry of deeds, etc. Maryland Department of Real Estate and Taxation

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street & number accessed online at <<http://www.DAT.state.md.us>>

folio 3307/107

city, town

state

6. Representation in Existing Historical Surveys

title Cultural Resources Investigations for Proposed Construction of Double Track, North Half, Central Light Rail, Baltimore & Baltimore Co., MD

date 1999

depository for survey records Maryland Historical Trust

federal state county local

city, town Crownsville

state MD

7. Description

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Condition

- excellent
 good
 fair

- deteriorated
 ruins
 unexposed

Check one

- unaltered
 altered

Check one

- original site
 moved

date of move

Prepare both a summary paragraph and a general description of the resource and its various elements as it exists today.

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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"/> 1400-1499	<input type="checkbox"/> archeology-historic	<input type="checkbox"/> conservation	<input type="checkbox"/> law
<input type="checkbox"/> 1500-1599	<input type="checkbox"/> agriculture	<input type="checkbox"/> economics	<input type="checkbox"/> literature
<input type="checkbox"/> 1600-1999	<input type="checkbox"/> architecture	<input type="checkbox"/> education	<input type="checkbox"/> military
<input type="checkbox"/> 1700-1799	<input type="checkbox"/> art	<input type="checkbox"/> engineering	<input type="checkbox"/> music
<input type="checkbox"/> 1800-1899	<input type="checkbox"/> commerce	<input type="checkbox"/> exploration/settlement	<input type="checkbox"/> philosophy
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> 1900-	<input type="checkbox"/> communications	<input type="checkbox"/> industry	<input type="checkbox"/> politics/government
		<input type="checkbox"/> invention	

Specific dates: ca. 1900-1910

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.

Statement of Significance

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History

Most of historic Mount Washington is located within the local Mount Washington Historic District, created by City Ordinance 86 (6/16/1988). Mount Washington is "considered by some sources to be Baltimore's first suburb" (B-4495). The village was founded along the Northern Central Railway in 1853-54. The railroad enabled residents and summer retreat visitors access to and from Baltimore via a 15-minute train ride.

Reverend Elias Heiner and real estate speculator George Gelbach, Jr., were responsible for the development and settlement of Mount Washington. The two, along with Thomas Dixon, initiated the planning of the community in 1853. Heiner founded a female seminary atop a hill overlooking the Mount Washington Mill village of Washingtonville, located across the NCR tracks to the east. The college was chartered in 1856 as the first college for women organized under the auspices of the Reformed Church. The centerpiece of the campus is a building designed and built in the Octagon Mode, popularized in the 1850s by the writings of Orson S. Fowler. The female college closed in 1861, and was replaced by the Mt. Saint Agnes Academy in 1867.

Concurrent with the founding of the college, Thomas Dixon was developing a suburban community known as Dixon Hill to the west of the campus. Dixon is also credited as the architect of the Octagon building, built in 1855. The center of Mount Washington, located on the railroad tracks, was the location of the commercial, civic, and religious buildings, the development of which was sponsored by George Gelbach. Most of the early buildings were constructed of either frame or stone. Developed by plan, Mount Washington, including Dixon Hill was designed to provide a respite from city life.

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MARYLAND HISTORICAL TRUST REVIEW

Eligibility recommended _____

Eligibility not recommended _____

Criteria: A B C D

Considerations: A B C D E F G None

Comments: _____

Reviewer, Office of Preservation Services

Date

Reviewer, NR Program

9. Major Bibliographical References

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- Williams, Robert L. n.d. Personal notes and compiled information on the history of the NCR. Original documents, maps, drawings.

10. Geographical Data

Acreeage of nominated property: 11,229 sq. feet

Quadrangle name Baltimore West 7.5'

Quadrangle scale 1:24,000

UTM Reference do NOT complete UTM references

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Verbal boundary description and justification

Boundaries correspond to the legal parcel associated with the building. Map 27, Section 17, Block 4700, Lot 4

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

state	code	county	code
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state	code	county	code
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11. Form Prepared By

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date 10/1999

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state Virginia

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.

return to: Maryland Historical Trust
DHCP/DHCD
100 Community Place
Crownsville, MD 21032

**PRESERVATION VISION 2000; THE MARYLAND PLAN
STATEWIDE HISTORIC CONTEXTS**

I. Geographic Region:

- Eastern Shore (all Eastern Shore counties, and Cecil)
 Western Shore (Anne Arundel, Calvert, Charles, Prince George's and St. Mary's)
 Piedmont (Baltimore City, Baltimore, Carroll, Frederick, Harford, Howard, Montgomery)
 Western Maryland (Allegany, Garrett and Washington)

II. Chronological/Developmental Periods:

- Rural Agrarian Intensification A.D. 1680-1815
 Agricultural-Industrial Transition A.D. 1815-1870
 Industrial/Urban Dominance A.D. 1870-1930
 Modern Period A.D. 1930-Present
 Unknown Period (prehistoric; historic)

III. Historic Period Themes:

- Agriculture
 Architecture, Landscape Architecture, and Community Planning
 Economic (Commercial and Industrial)
 Government/Law
 Military
 Religion
 Social/Educational/Cultural
 Transportation

IV. Resource Type:Category: BuildingHistoric Environment: VillageHistoric Function(s) and Use(s): DOMESTIC: single dwellingKnown Design Source: none

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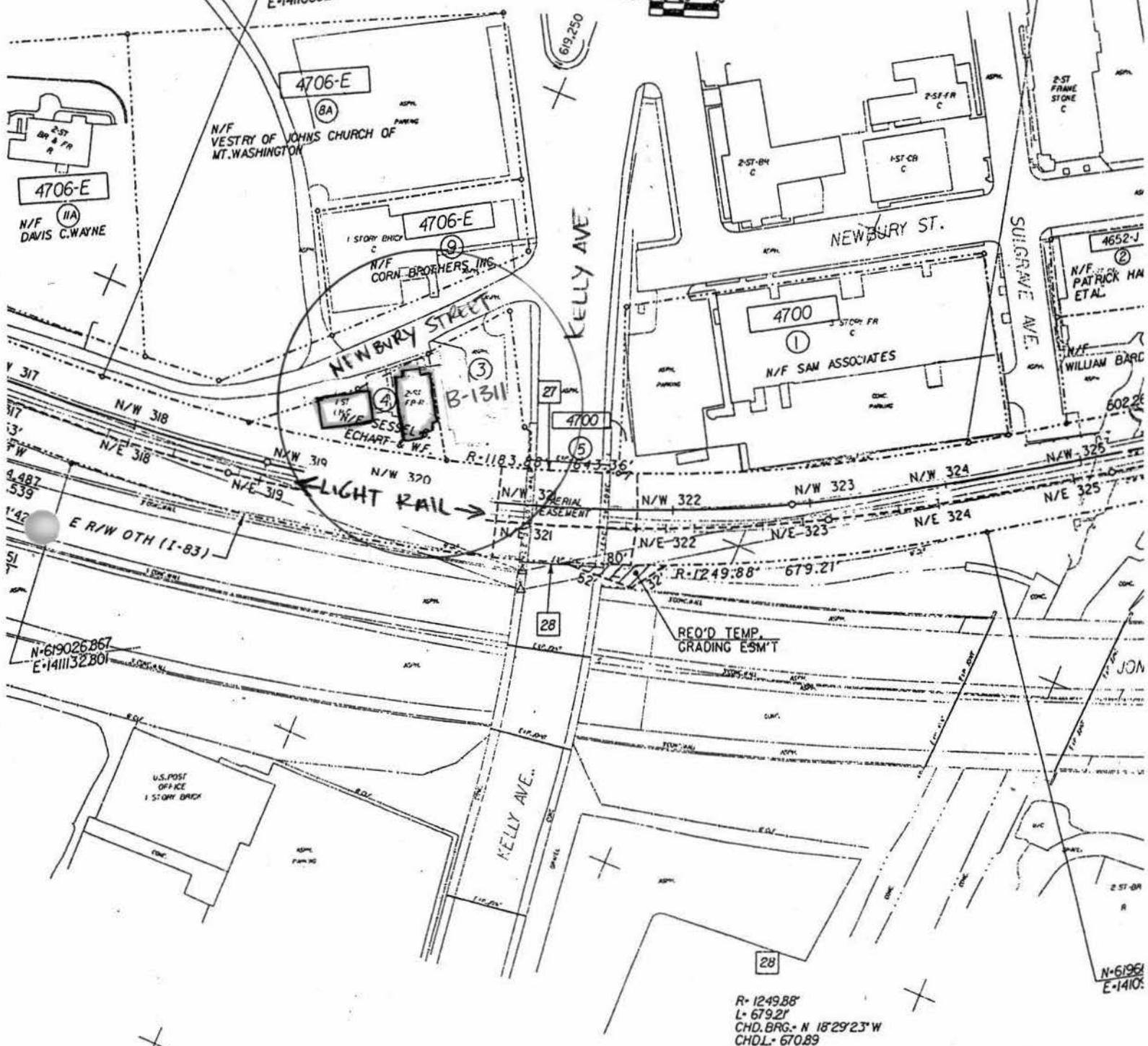
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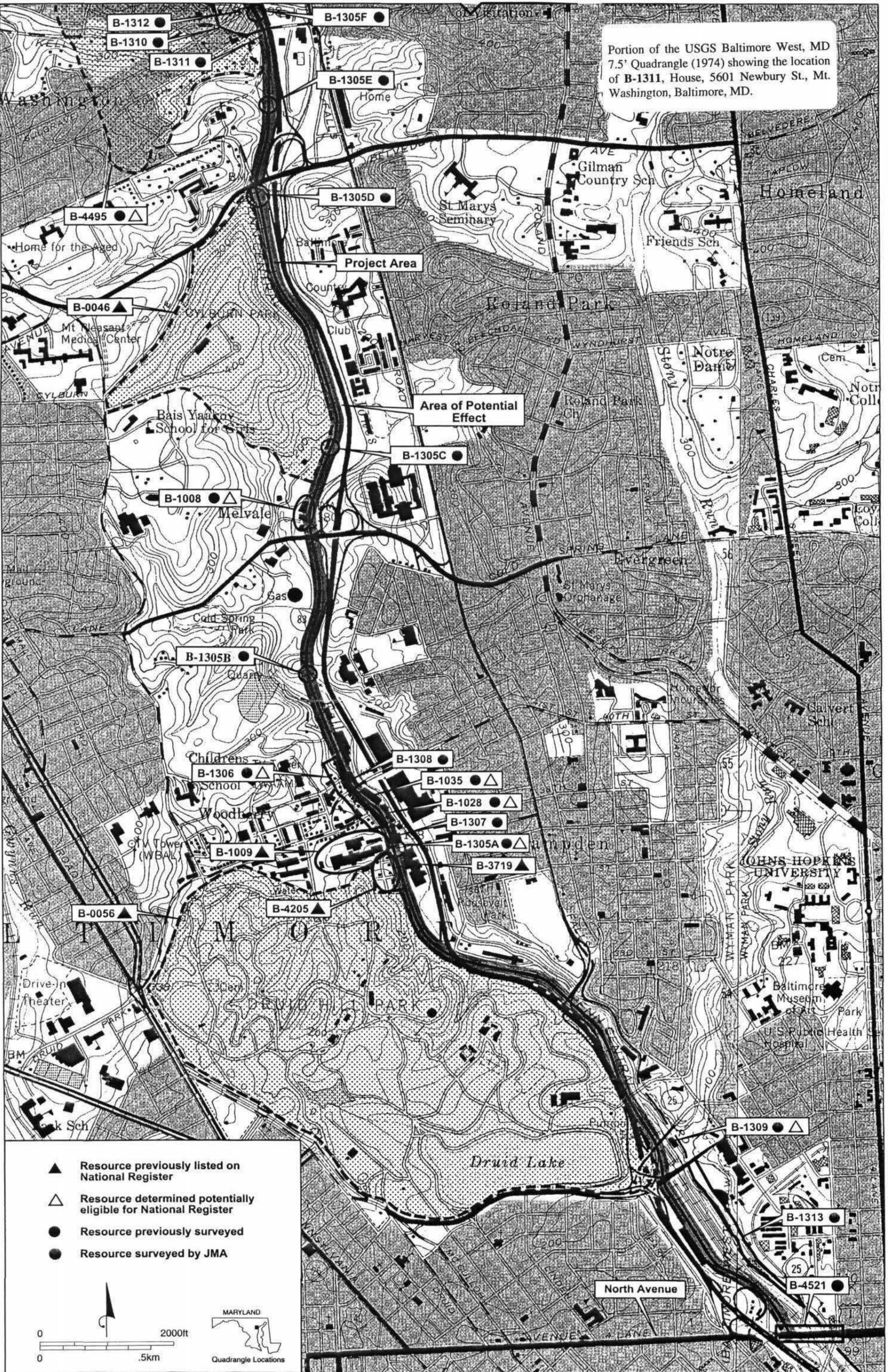
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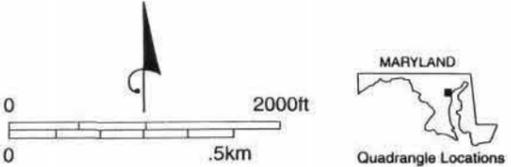


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CHDL - 670.89

Portion of the USGS Baltimore West, MD 7.5' Quadrangle (1974) showing the location of B-1311, House, 5601 Newbury St., Mt. Washington, Baltimore, MD.



- ▲ Resource previously listed on National Register
- △ Resource determined potentially eligible for National Register
- Resource previously surveyed
- Resource surveyed by JMA



B-1311



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1000 W. 14TH ST. FALLS

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House, 5601 Newbury Street, Mt. Washington
Baltimore, MD

K. CULLANE

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MD SHPO

Facade (W) ELEVATION - VIEW TO EAST



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House, 5601 Newbury Street, Mt. Washington

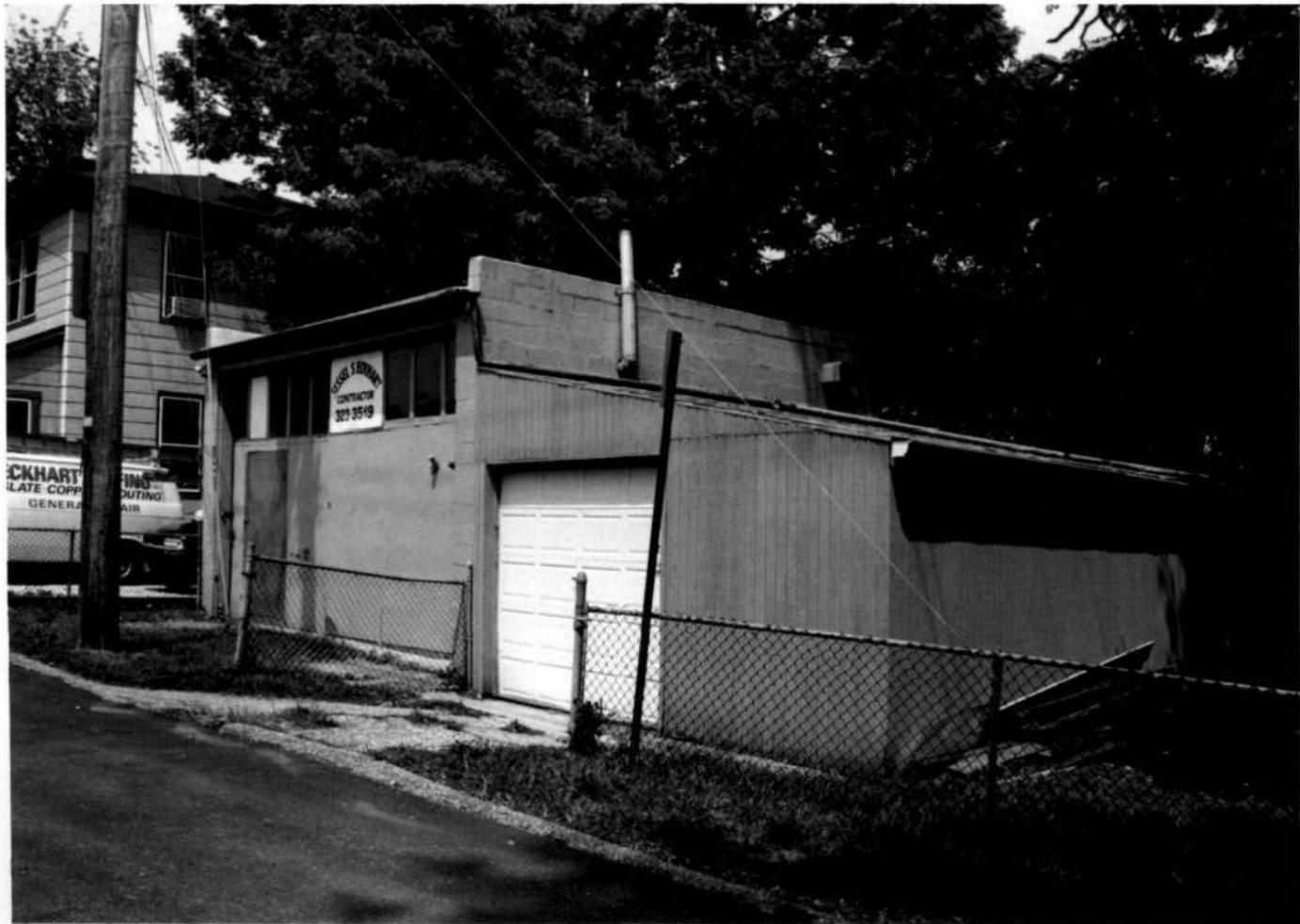
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3/4 VIEW TO NE.



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CONCRETE BLOCK GARAGE SOUTH OF MAIN HOUSE.
VIEW TO NE.