

CDBG SURVEY YEAR: 12

SURVEY NO.: B-3958

AREA: Johnston Square Historic District

MAGI NO.: 0439584602

ADDRESS: 1000 N. Valley Street

CURRENT NAME: Opportunities Industrialization Center of Baltimore



BLOCK: 1183 LOT: 51

LOT SIZE: 89'-2"x94'

HEIGHT: 3 stories

MATERIALS: Brick/Stone

CONDITION: Good

OWNER: Opportunities Industrialization Center of
ADDRESS: Baltimore, Inc.

USE: Commercial

ACCESSIBLE: Yes; restricted

DESIGNATION:

LIBER/FOLIO: CWM 4159-495

HISTORIC NAME: St. John's Male School

DATE: 1893

ARCHITECT/BUILDER: John K. Stack/C. Sheehan & Son

STYLE (IF APPROPRIATE): Romanesque revival

DESCRIPTION:

St. John's Male School, located at 1000 N. Valley Street at the corner of E. Eager Street in Baltimore City is a three-story rectangular brick structure with rock-faced brownstone and granite trim and a hipped slate roof set on a raised basement. The principal elevation faces onto Homewood Avenue and is three bays wide. The end bays are matching projecting corner towers that are four stories high and have a grouping of three windows in each story. The corners of the fourth story have turrets with conical roofs that project through the denticulated cornice. Both towers have broached spires, the right proper one being taller and having a lucarne. The central bay has a projecting portal with a compound round arch with brick infill around metal double doors and topped by a denticulated cornice. The portal is flanked on each side by a rectangular window. The second and third stories are dominated by a round arch, with a diocletian window and a denticulated cornice. A gabled eyebrow dormer is centered on the roof. The Eager Street elevation is five bays wide, the left-proper bay being the tower, and identical to its Valley Street elevation. In the first and second stories are groups of three rectangular windows in the three right-proper bays, and a round arched doorway with brick infill, topped by a round arched window, in the fourth bay from right-proper. In the third story are round arched windows, two in the right-proper bay and four evenly spaced across the central three bays. The right-proper bay is topped by a pediment.

SIGNIFICANCE:

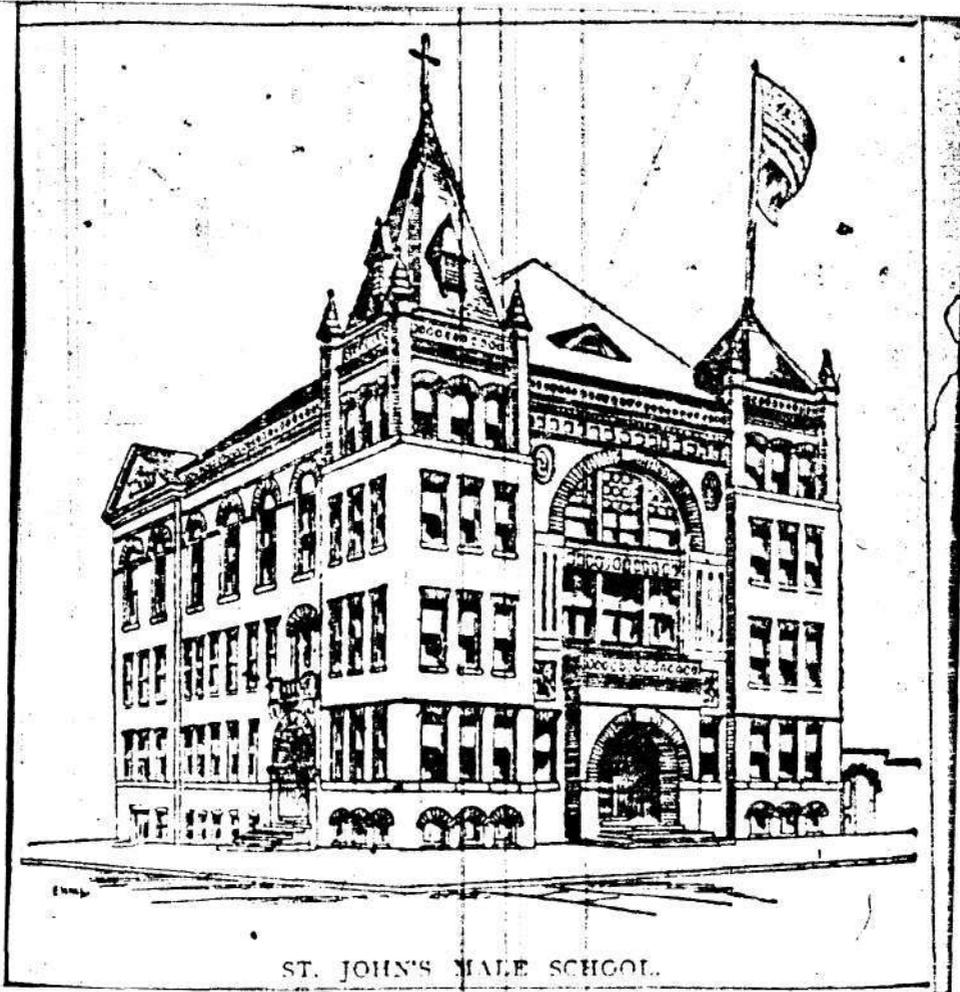
AREA: Architecture

LEVEL: local

St. John's Male School is easily the most significant piece of architecture in the Johnston Square Historic District, and the only Romanesque style building there. St. John's parish was organized in 1853 and the school began several years later. The cornerstone of the present structure was laid on 20 May 1893 and the building completed a little over a year later at a total cost, including furniture, of \$50,000. Built of sand bricks and black mortar, the building held twelve classrooms, a library, a billiard room and gymnasium, and large meeting hall. The architect, John K. Stack, was an alumnus of the school who first appeared in the city directories in 1875. He is variously listed as an architect, a draughtsman, and a builder, and worked for his father's firm, John Stack & Sons, carpenters, from 1894 to 1907, when the firm apparently dissolved. He was on his own then until some time in the 1930's, when he disappeared altogether. Stack is the probable designer of St. Joseph's Catholic Church of 1902 at 1501 E. Oliver Street. City authorities condemned the building in 1951, prompting the expenditure of \$100,000 for renovation, which included interior toilets. The building continued as a school for a time before becoming offices for various community assistance organizations.

SOURCES: St. John Evangelist Church, 1853-1953; Sun, 2 May 1883 p.8, Col. 5; American, 28 May 1893, p.15, Col. 7, City Directories.

SURVEYOR AND DATE: Kenneth M. Short, May 1987



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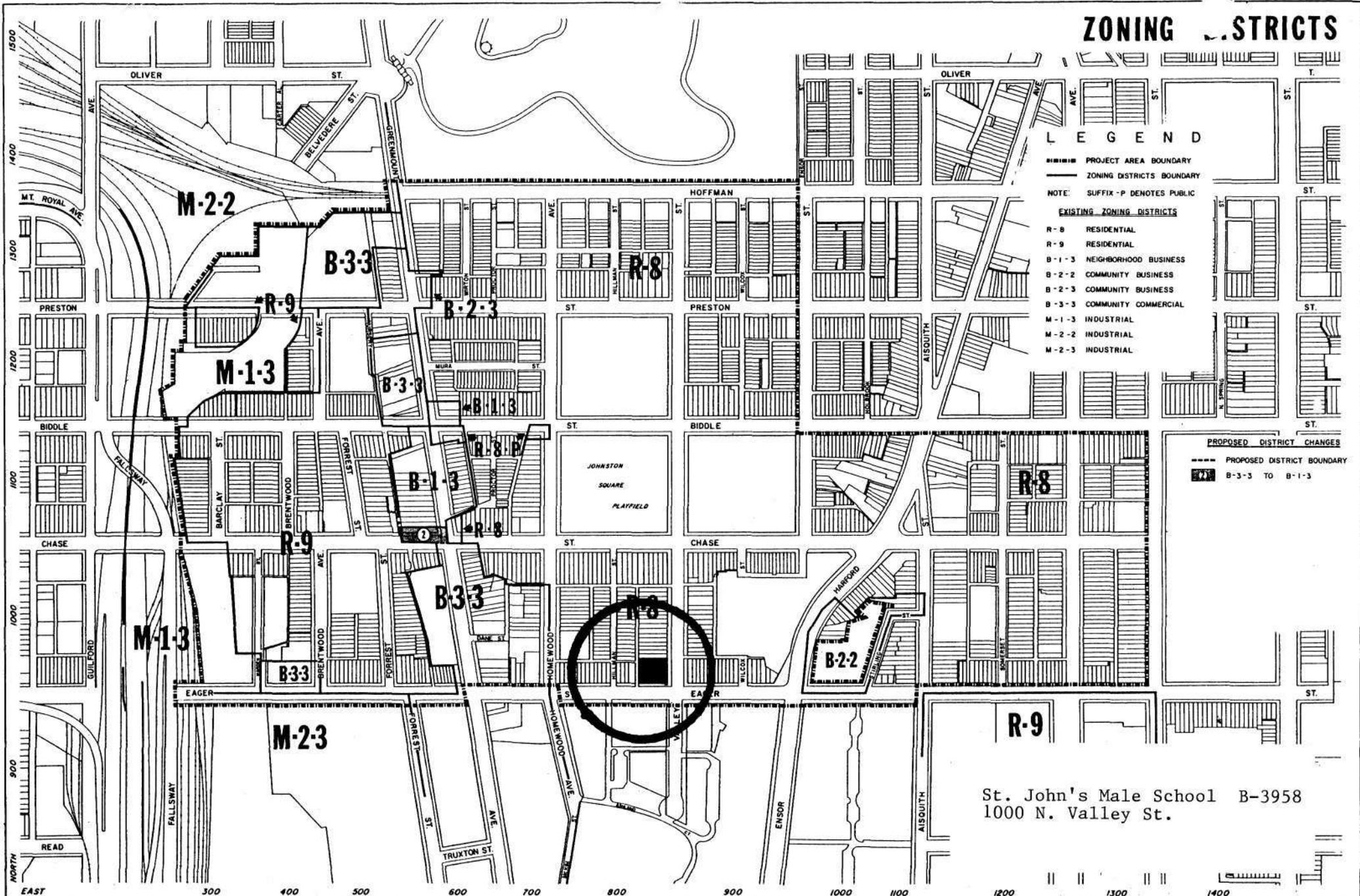
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LEGEND

- PROJECT AREA BOUNDARY
- ZONING DISTRICTS BOUNDARY
- NOTE: SUFFIX -P DENOTES PUBLIC
- EXISTING ZONING DISTRICTS**
- R-8 RESIDENTIAL
- R-9 RESIDENTIAL
- B-1-3 NEIGHBORHOOD BUSINESS
- B-2-2 COMMUNITY BUSINESS
- B-2-3 COMMUNITY BUSINESS
- B-3-3 COMMUNITY COMMERCIAL
- M-1-3 INDUSTRIAL
- M-2-2 INDUSTRIAL
- M-2-3 INDUSTRIAL

PROPOSED DISTRICT CHANGES

- PROPOSED DISTRICT BOUNDARY
- B-3-3 TO B-1-3



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1000 N. Valley St.

JOHNSTON SQUARE

PLANNING DIVISION



DEPARTMENT OF HOUSING AND COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT



BALTIMORE, MARYLAND

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DATE: 2/16/77
DRAWN BY: S.A.K.
APPROVED:

REVISION:
1/28/78
3/28/78
4/8/78
6/18/80

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EXHIBIT

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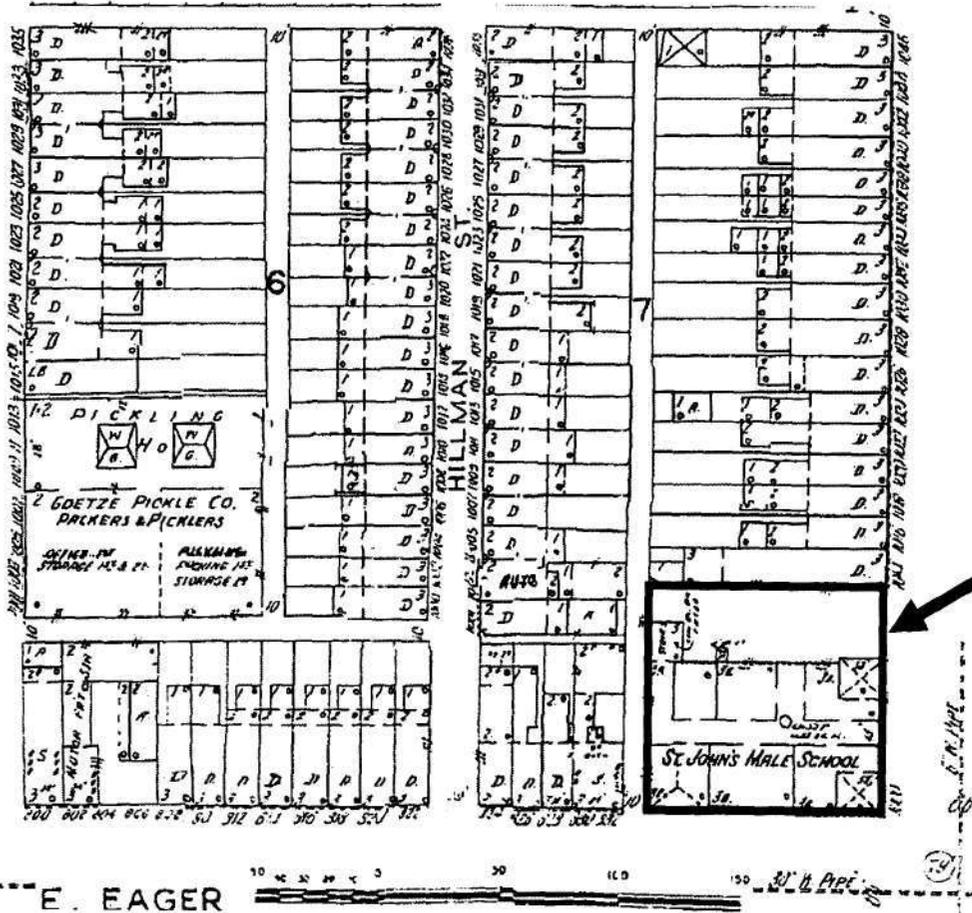
St. John's Male School, site

1000 N. Valley Street

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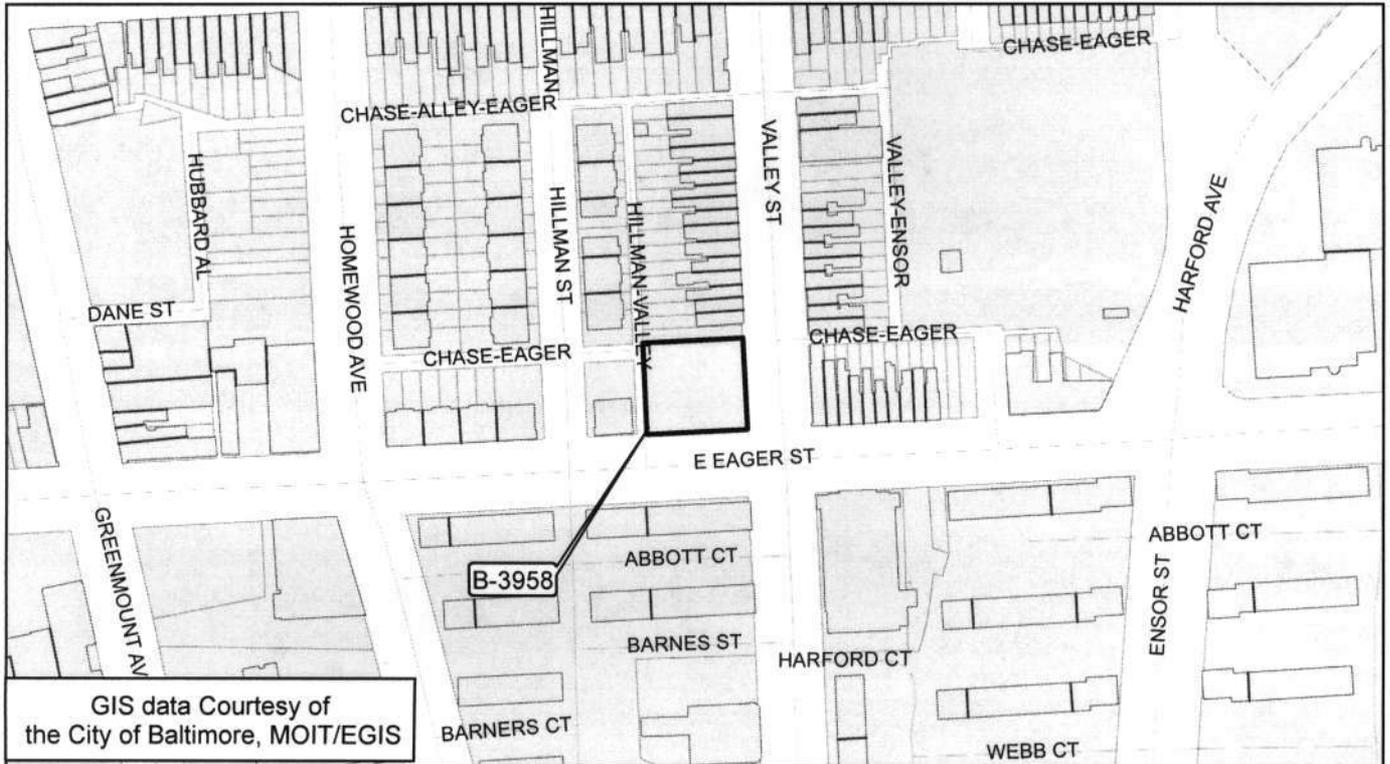
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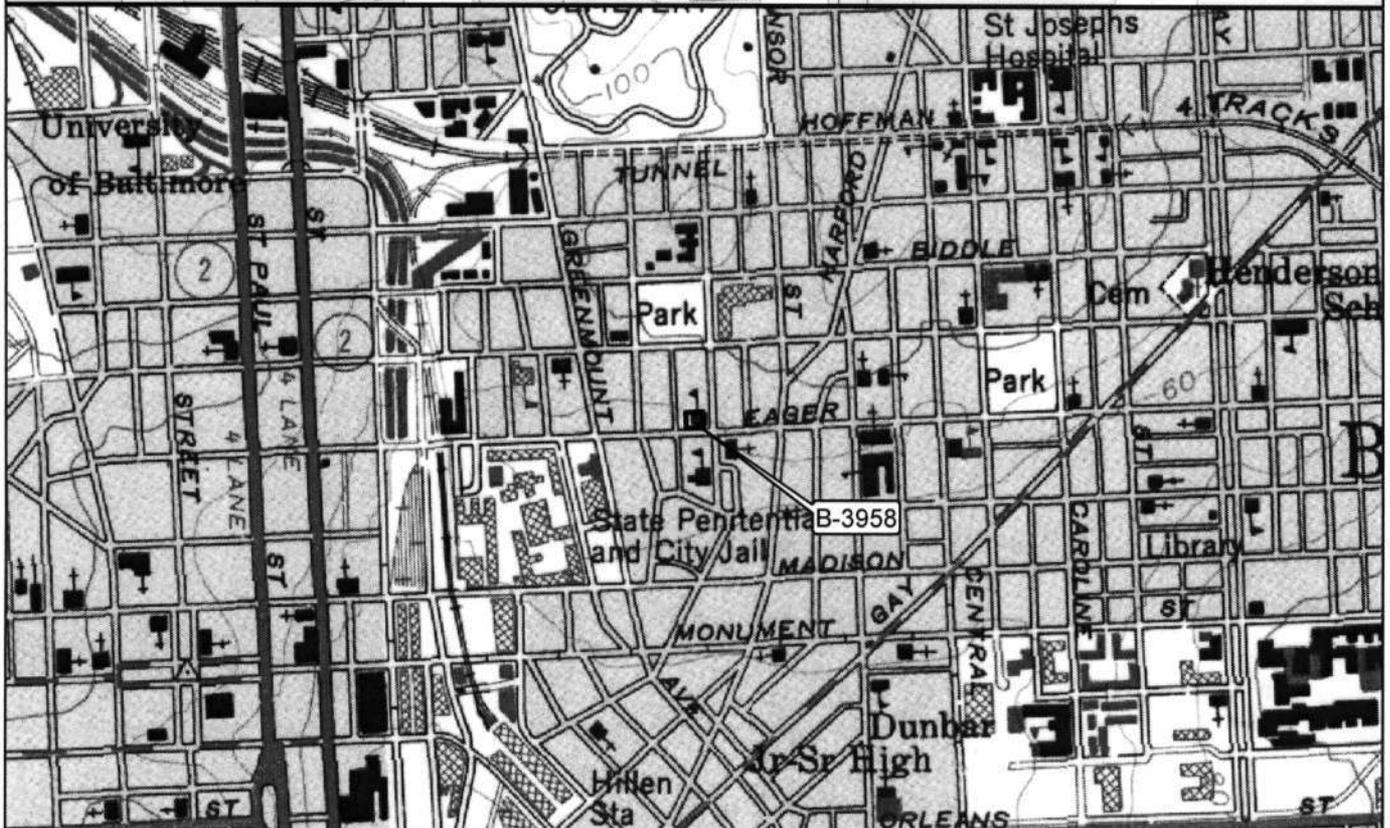


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St. John's Male School
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Block 1183, Lot 051
Baltimore City
Baltimore East Quad.

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1000 N. Valley St.

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East elevation

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Southeast corner view

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South elevation-gable detail
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South elevation-1st story-date plaque
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