

Maryland Historical Trust State Historic Sites Inventory Form

1. Name (indicate preferred name)

historic Samuel Hill House

and/or common Stone House at the Mount Washington Campus of the
Enslow House; University of Baltimore

2. Location

street & number Enslow Avenue ___ not for publication

city, town Baltimore City ___ vicinity of congressional district 2nd

state Maryland county Baltimore City

3. Classification

Category	Ownership	Status	Present Use	
<input type="checkbox"/> district	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> public	<input type="checkbox"/> occupied	<input type="checkbox"/> agriculture	<input type="checkbox"/> museum
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> building(s)	<input type="checkbox"/> private	<input checked="" 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 type="checkbox"/> private residence
<input type="checkbox"/> site	Public Acquisition	Accessible	<input type="checkbox"/> entertainment	<input type="checkbox"/> religious
<input type="checkbox"/> object	<input type="checkbox"/> in process	<input 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 checked="" type="checkbox"/> not applicable	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> no	<input type="checkbox"/> military	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> other: vacant

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

name University of Baltimore

street & number Charles Street at Mount Royal Avenue telephone no.: (301) 727-6350

city, town Baltimore state and zip code Maryland

5. Location of Legal Description

courthouse, registry of deeds, etc. Baltimore City Courthouse, Room 610 liber MLP 6262

street & number St. Paul and Lexington Streets folio 107

city, town Baltimore state Maryland

6. Representation in Existing Historical Surveys

title None

date ___ federal ___ state ___ county ___ local

pository for survey records

city, town state

7. Description

Survey No. B-4041

Condition		Check one	Check one
<input type="checkbox"/> excellent	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> deteriorated	<input type="checkbox"/> unaltered	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> original site
<input type="checkbox"/> good	<input type="checkbox"/> ruins	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> altered	<input type="checkbox"/> moved
<input type="checkbox"/> fair	<input type="checkbox"/> unexposed		date of move _____

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

The Samuel Hill House is located in the woods south of Enslow Avenue in the Mount Washington section of Baltimore. The house faces southeast and is built into a slope. The southeast elevation is three stories; the northwest elevation is two stories.

The house appears to have been built in the mid-19th Century.

The house is constructed of coursed rubble with the largest stones at the corners. The walls are approximately sixteen inches thick. The stone or main section is three bays wide and one room deep. A one bay by one bay addition abuts the southwest elevation. The c. 1940 addition is of frame construction with a stucco finish. The roof, which covers both the main section and the addition, is a low-pitched gable. The ridge of the roof parallels the front facade. A brick chimney projects through the roof at the east corner.

On both the basement and first stories of the front facade, doorways are flanked by 6/6 windows. The doorways are not centered between the windows nor are the windows located equidistant from the corners. The door on the first story has a transom. Two 6/6 windows are located on the second story, one above the doorways and one in the west bay. Between these windows is a small window set high in the wall.

All of the 6/6 windows have wood lintels and sills. Both of the first-story windows have brickwork laid in a pattern of repeated indentations. On each side of the window opening is a section of brick which extends from the lintel to the sill. Five course sections are differentiated by width, either fifteen inches wide (two stretchers) or twelve inches wide (one stretcher, one header). The appearance is quoin-like. Similar brickwork is seen on the first-story windows on the northeast and northwest facades as well. While other materials evince a mid-19th Century construction, this brickwork may indicate that the stone walls were constructed earlier.

The addition has a doorway at the basement level and a doorway on the first story.

A two-story frame porch shelters the entire length of the basement and first stories and wraps around the east corner. The shed-roofed porch is supported by plain timbers and poured concrete piers. On the first story of the

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"/> religion
<input type="checkbox"/> 1400-1499	<input type="checkbox"/> archeology-historic	<input type="checkbox"/> conservation	<input type="checkbox"/> law	<input type="checkbox"/> science
<input type="checkbox"/> 1500-1599	<input type="checkbox"/> agriculture	<input type="checkbox"/> economics	<input type="checkbox"/> literature	<input type="checkbox"/> sculpture
<input type="checkbox"/> 1600-1699	<input type="checkbox"/> architecture	<input type="checkbox"/> education	<input type="checkbox"/> military	<input type="checkbox"/> social/
<input type="checkbox"/> 1700-1799	<input type="checkbox"/> art	<input type="checkbox"/> engineering	<input type="checkbox"/> music	<input type="checkbox"/> humanitarian
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<input type="checkbox"/> 1900-	<input type="checkbox"/> communications	<input type="checkbox"/> industry	<input type="checkbox"/> politics/government	<input type="checkbox"/> transportation
		<input type="checkbox"/> invention	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> local history	<input type="checkbox"/> other (specify)

Specific dates

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.

The Samuel Hill House is one of the few remaining houses in the Mount Washington section of Baltimore City which dates from the second quarter of the 19th Century.

The house is located on an early Baltimore County land grant known as "Edwards and Wills Valleys and Hills" and "The Enlargement". The tracts were purchased in 1735 by Robert Boone of Anne Arundel County. Following their marriage in 1737, Thomas Boone, son of Robert, and Sarah Cockey Boone settled on the land. The Boone and Cockey families are among the earliest settlers of Baltimore County. The property remained in the Boone family for a century. Two residences are noted in the 1783 and 1798 tax assessments, but neither of these buildings is known to exist today.

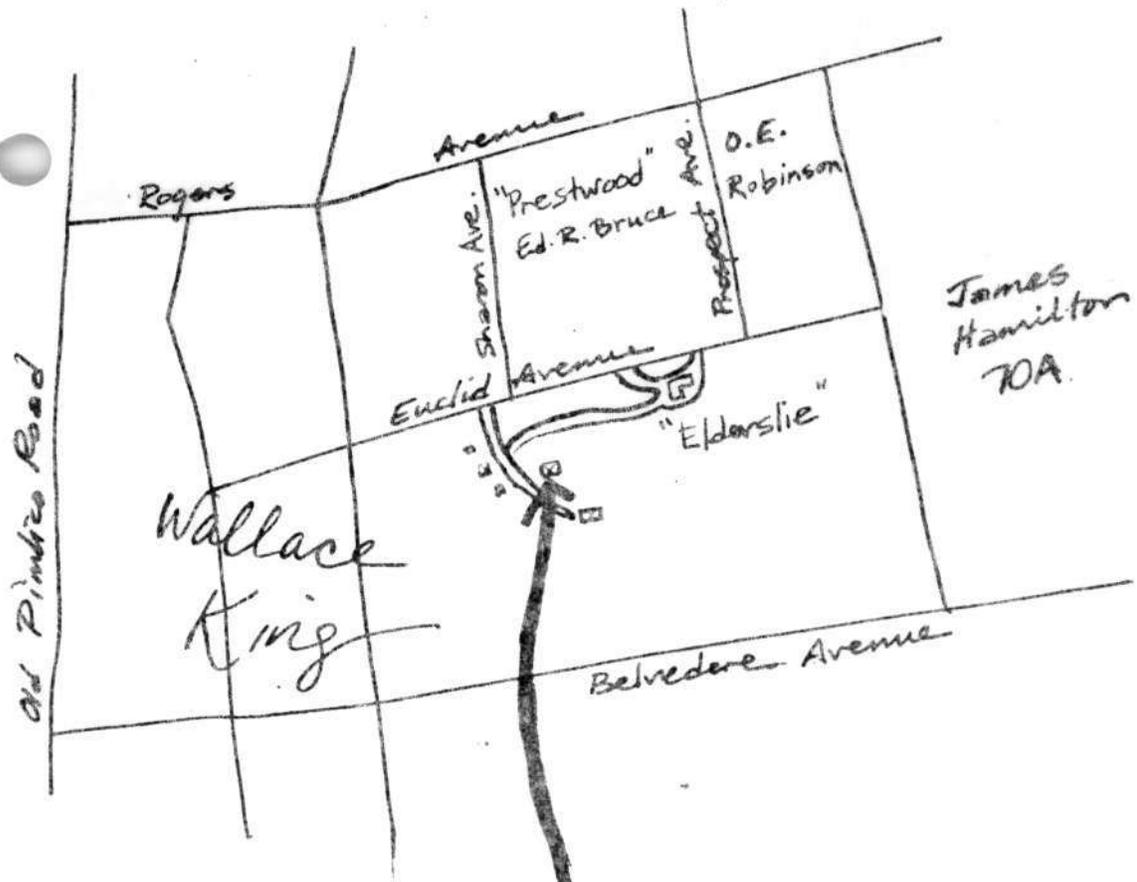
In 1835, the property passed to Samuel Hill. His name appears on the 1850 Sidney Map of the City and County of Baltimore, Maryland. Material evidence (machine-made nails, circular-sawn floor joists etc..) supports the theory that the existing house was built during Hill's ownership. Joseph A. Ramsey, Trustee for the estate of Samuel Hill, sold 88 acres to Joseph Fattle for \$5,540.00 in 1853.

Sixteen years later (1869) Fattle sold the house to Wallace King for \$25,000.00. The nearly five-fold increase in value since the previous sale is at least partially due to the increasing development of the area as a commuter suburb for nearby Baltimore City. Wallace King was a Baltimore City merchant, the "Brother" in William King & Brother, dealers in imported and specialty window glass. The Wallace King estate, Elderslie, appears on the 1898 and 1915 Bromley atlases of the County. The main house is shown located east of the stone house and close to Euclid Avenue (now Enslow Avenue). Four outbuildings and a drive are shown near the stone house which is the only surviving building of Elderslie. In 1919, forty-six square miles of

Baltimore County including this tract were annexed to Baltimore

Sketch of 1898 Bromley Atlas

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note this bldg.
shown as stone
building

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7.1 Description (continued)

porch, there are square wooden posts connected by a simple waist-level rail. Nail and paint marks indicate that two lower rails have been removed.

The northeast gable wall has a 6/6 window with wood lintel and sill on each story. A circular attic vent is centered on the board-and-batten gable end. The porch continues from the east corner across this elevation.

On the northwest facade, there are three 6/6 windows on each story. All of the windows have wood lintels and sills and four have louvered shutters. The window opening on the second story of the addition is the same size as the other windows. Two wooden steps lead to the door on the first story of the addition.

The southwest facade of the addition has a single opening on the first floor with two, small 6-light casement windows separated by a mullion. A similar mullion divides the larger window opening on the second story. The gable end treatment is identical to the northeast facade.

On the interior, the joists supporting the first floor are circular sawn. One joist section located near the center of the house has been filled in with smaller joists suggesting that a stairway has been removed.

There are three rooms on the first floor. The trim around the front (southeast) door and transom is simple with a single bead along the inside edge. Mid-19th Century machine-made nails are visible in the door fragment. A similar door and frame lead to the basement stair at the northwest corner of the room. The southwest wall of the middle room is the original gable end wall of the stone section. A door near the northwest wall has trim identical to the front door. A section of this wall, several feet wide and extending from the floor to the roofline has been removed. This may have been the location of the original fireplace and chimney.

An open-string stair rises along the northwest wall of the middle room to the second-floor hall. The stair has simple brackets and turned newel posts. The stair crosses a window opening which may indicate that the stair is an addition to the original plan. The third first floor room is the kitchen located in the addition.

On the second story, there are two rooms in the original stone section (with a modern bathroom added between) and one room in the addition. Two closets located along the northwest wall at each end of the stair have machine-made nails and simple trim.

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7.2 Description (continued)

There is documentary and material evidence that the building was extensively altered in 1941. The addition, the roof, the porch, the chimney, the bathroom, the interior built-in bookcases (along the notheast wall), the plaster and most of the molding were probably added at this time.

Although the stone walls appear stable, the house is in deteriorating condition. There are holes and loose boards in the porch floor. The porch steps are rotted. Several shutters lay scattered about the yard. No window glass remains and nearly all of the window muntins are broken. For security purposes, most, but not all, of the window and door openings have been covered with boards or filled in with concrete blocks. The interior is vandalized and strewn with debris. The walls are covered with spray-painted graffiti. Only fragments remain of the doors and stair balustrade.

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8.1 Significance (continued)

Baltimore County including this tract were annexed to Baltimore City in 1919.

The executors of the estate of Rebecca Lanier King, daughter of Wallace King, assigned a mortgage on the property, that had been secured by Frieda Taubman in 1930, to the Johns Hopkins University and the Johns Hopkins Hospital in 1935. Six years later, the property was sold by Johns Hopkins to the Boys School of St. Paul's Parish. The St. Paul's School for Boys already owned land northeast of this property where the main school building (MHT Survey No. B-3689) was located. The stone building was converted to a "lower school" at this time. In 1952, the entire school property was sold to the current owner, the University of Baltimore.

The house has been vacant for years. It is threatened by vandalism and neglect.

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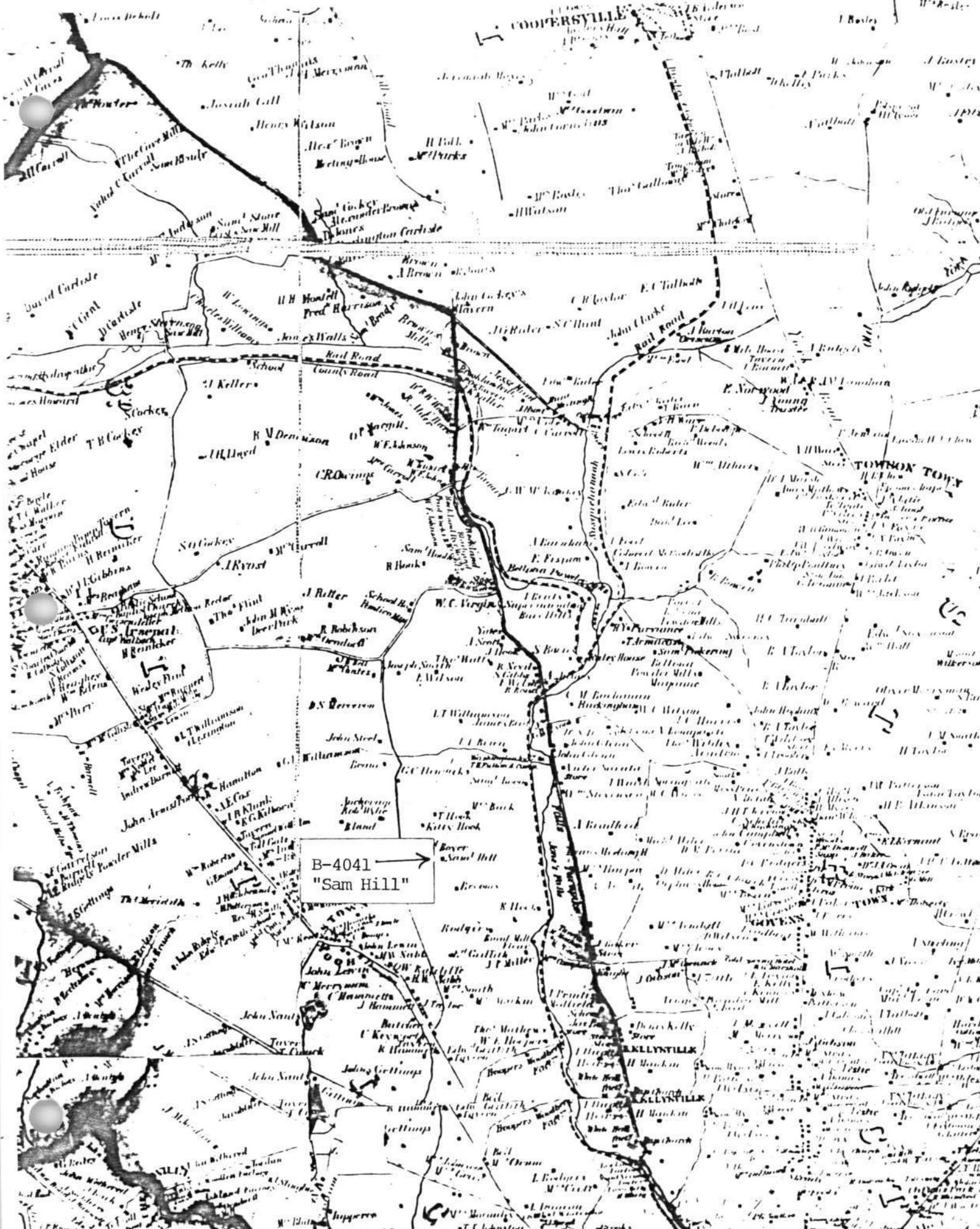
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"Sam Hill"



B-4041 Located on
"Wallace King"
property

NINTH DISTRICT 1877 ATLAS

BALTIMORE WEST QUADRANGLE
MARYLAND

7.5 MINUTE SERIES (TOPOGRAPHIC)

SW/4 BALTIMORE 15' QUADRANGLE

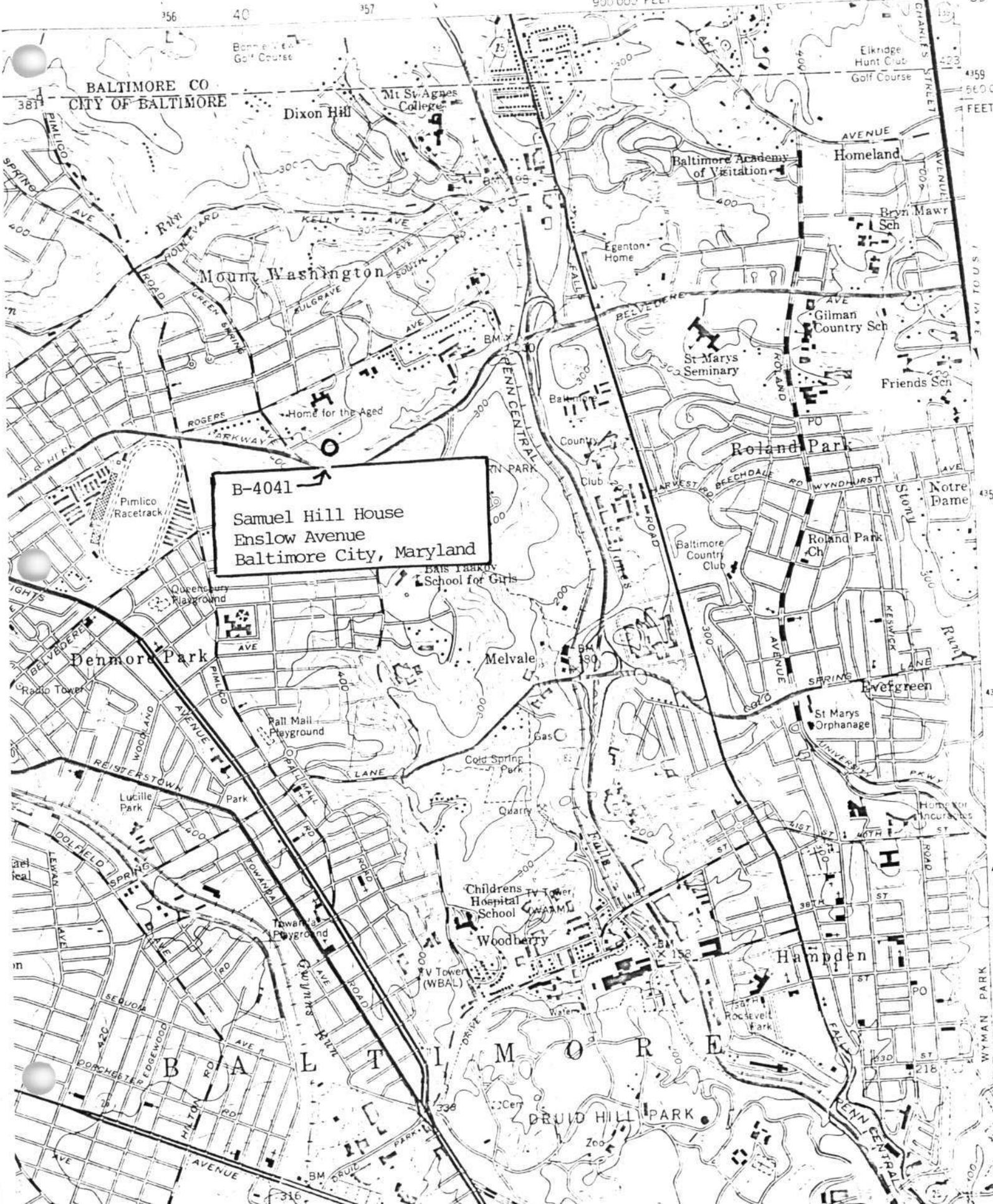
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176° 37' 30"

39° 15'



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Enslow Avenue
Baltimore City, Maryland



Samuel Hill House
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camera facing east

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Mount Washington Campus

University of Baltimore

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northwest elevation of house

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northwest elevation of house

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northwest elevation and porch detail

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northwest elevation, window detail

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northeast elevation

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southeast elevation of house

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southeast elevation of house

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