

NATIONAL REGISTER OF HISTORIC PLACES
INVENTORY - NOMINATION FORM

(Type all entries - complete applicable sections)

STATE:	
COUNTY:	
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ENTRY NUMBER	DATE

1. NAME

COMMON:
2001 Park Avenue

AND/OR HISTORIC:
Mount Royal House, (MOUNT ROYAL MANSION)

2. LOCATION

STREET AND NUMBER:
2001 Park Avenue

CITY OR TOWN:
Baltimore

STATE	CODE	COUNTY:	CODE
Maryland	19	Baltimore City	510

3. CLASSIFICATION

CATEGORY (Check One)	OWNERSHIP	STATUS	ACCESSIBLE TO THE PUBLIC
District <input type="checkbox"/> Building <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Site <input type="checkbox"/> Structure <input type="checkbox"/> Object <input type="checkbox"/>	Public <input type="checkbox"/> Private <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Both <input type="checkbox"/>	Public Acquisition: In Process <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Being Considered <input type="checkbox"/>	Occupied <input type="checkbox"/> Unoccupied <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Preservation work in progress <input type="checkbox"/>
PRESENT USE (Check One or More as Appropriate)			
Agricultural <input type="checkbox"/>	Government <input type="checkbox"/>	Park <input type="checkbox"/>	Transportation <input type="checkbox"/> Comments <input type="checkbox"/>
Commercial <input type="checkbox"/>	Industrial <input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	Private Residence <input type="checkbox"/>	Other (Specify) <input type="checkbox"/>
Educational <input type="checkbox"/>	Military <input type="checkbox"/>	Religious <input type="checkbox"/>	Most recently Norwegian
Entertainment <input type="checkbox"/>	Museum <input type="checkbox"/>	Scientific <input type="checkbox"/>	Seamen's Home
Yes: Restricted <input type="checkbox"/> Unrestricted <input type="checkbox"/> No: <input checked="" type="checkbox"/>			

4. OWNER OF PROPERTY

OWNERS NAME:
Peter G. Angelos

STREET AND NUMBER:
4 Olmstead Green

CITY OR TOWN:	STATE:	CODE
Baltimore	Maryland	21210 19

5. LOCATION OF LEGAL DESCRIPTION

COURTHOUSE, REGISTRY OF DEEDS, ETC.: Liber:JFC:2146 Folio: 109

Land Record Office of the Superior Court of Baltimore City

STREET AND NUMBER:
Room 610, Baltimore City Court House

CITY OR TOWN:	STATE:	CODE
Baltimore	Maryland	19

APPROXIMATE ACREAGE OF NOMINATED PROPERTY: 1.8

6. REPRESENTATION IN EXISTING SURVEYS

TITLE OF SURVEY:
Commission for Historical and Architectural Preservation

DATE OF SURVEY: Federal State County Local

DEPOSITORY FOR SURVEY RECORDS:
Room 402, City Hall

STREET AND NUMBER:
Room 402, City Hall

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Baltimore	Maryland	21202 19

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7. DESCRIPTION

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

DESCRIBE THE PRESENT AND ORIGINAL (If known) PHYSICAL APPEARANCE

Original Two and a half story stone, Georgian Colonial with Gothic dormer windows. Back buildings, original material unknown. First floor interior, 2 large rooms flanking central stair and hall. Shaped like a reversed L, the main section of the house overlooked Jones Falls to the east.

Alterations After a fire which gutted the interior, c. 1836, the house was "rebuilt in the old walls". (1) Later, a new portico "with fluted Doric columns and paneled roof replaced the older one and tiled terrace extended along the entire front of the house. The two old Gothic dormers in the roof were replaced with three more modern ones of greater width, with a flat roof covering each of the three opening windows on a level with those of the other stories... Judge Bond improved the library part and made some other alterations...." (2). Judge Bond installed mahogany panelling.. "the solid doors and mantel and the bookcases surrounding the room with mullioned doors and over all the heavy cornice ornamented with Wall of Troy and Egg and Dart mouldings." (3) The parlor had a "heavy cornice and Greek mouldings... the mantel handsomely fluted with central panel..." (4) At the same time, a new shingled addition in the rear "added much to the size and interior elegance of Mt. Royal but detracted from the weathered beauty of the old walls." (5) Further stone additions were made in 1926.

Originally, terraced gardens extended to Jones Falls and North Avenue, reputedly designed by the landscape artist who laid out the Hampton House gardens at about the same time. (6). The vestiges of these gardens give a unique touch to the heavily built area in which the house now stands.

1. Maryland Historical Magazine, XXXVI, No 4, December, 1931

2 Ibid

3 Ibid

4 Ibid

5 Ibid

6 Ibid

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8. SIGNIFICANCE

PERIOD (Check One or More as Appropriate)

Pre-Columbian 16th Century 18th Century 20th Century
 15th Century 17th Century 19th Century

SPECIFIC DATE(S) (If Applicable and Known) 1792

AREAS OF SIGNIFICANCE (Check One or More as Appropriate)

Aboriginal	Education	<input type="checkbox"/>	Political	<input type="checkbox"/>	Urban Planning	<input type="checkbox"/>
Prehistoric	Engineering	<input type="checkbox"/>	Religion/Phi-		Other (Specify)	<input type="checkbox"/>
Historic	Industry	<input type="checkbox"/>	losophy	<input type="checkbox"/>		
Agriculture	Invention	<input type="checkbox"/>	Science	<input type="checkbox"/>		
Art	Landscape	<input type="checkbox"/>	Sculpture	<input type="checkbox"/>		
Commerce	Architecture	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	Social/Human-			
Communications	Literature	<input type="checkbox"/>	itarian	<input type="checkbox"/>		
Conservation	Military	<input type="checkbox"/>	Theater	<input type="checkbox"/>		
	Music	<input type="checkbox"/>	Transportation	<input type="checkbox"/>		

STATEMENT OF SIGNIFICANCE (Include Personages, Dates, Events, Etc.)

Mount Royal was built by Dr. Solomon Birckhead (1761-1836) a distinguished Baltimore physician, as a summer home in 1792, shortly after his marriage. At that time, the property consisted on 320 acres, some of it farm land. Beside the house itself, there were a forge, a mill and several houses on the property, as well as the terraced gardens east of the house. Dr. Birckhead left Mt. Royal to his daughter, Christiana (d. 1858) wife of Dr. Thomas Emerson Bond (1782-1856) who was not only a practising physician, but also a Methodist Episcopal preacher. Their son, Judge Hugh Lennox Bond (1826-1893) was the next owner. He was a staunch abolitionist and Unionist who was abused by his peers as a "Black Republican". During the Civil War, Union troops camped on Mt. Royal estate, and the house was at one time an officers' club. In 1870, President Grant appointed him as Judge of Circuit Court for the 4th District, which office he held until his death. His son, Hugh Lennox Bond, Jr (1858-1922) was an attorney and acted as General Counsel of the B & O for many years. At Hugh Lennox Bond, Jr.'s death, the property, now shorn of all but about 2 of its acres, was bought by the Friends of Baltimore Meeting, Park Avenue, and, as "The Taylor", served as a retirement home for elderly Friends. In 1957, as "Norse Hill", the house served as a Norwegian Seamens' Home, owned by the Norwegian Government to provide social and welfare service for Norwegian Seamen. The program was discontinued in 1964.

This property lies in the Model Cities Area. The city is presently in the process of acquiring the Mt. Royal property under the Federal Open Space Program. After acquisition, the land will be used as a play area for neighborhood children and for children attending Early Admissions and Day Care Programs housed in the existing structure. In addition, there will be a number of other programs as proposed by the Model Cities Area Council and the Mayor's Coordinating Committee on Community Facilities.

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9. MAJOR BIBLIOGRAPHICAL REFERENCES

Maryland Historical Society Magazine, Volume XXV1, Number 4, p 311-315, December, 1931
 Baker, Marian Lewis: "Mount Royal Remembered." The Mount Royal Review. Undated.
 Bond, Allen Kerr: The Bonds of Earth. 1930
 Cordell, Eugene F: Medical Annals of Maryland, 1799-1899. 1903

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 ONE ACRE				
CORNER	LATITUDE				LATITUDE			LONGITUDE	
	Degrees	Minutes	Seconds	Degrees	Minutes	Seconds	Degrees	Minutes	Seconds
NW	°	'	"	°	'	"	°	'	"
NE	°	'	"	°	'	"	°	'	"
SE	°	'	"	°	'	"	°	'	"
SW	°	'	"	°	'	"	°	'	"

LIST ALL STATES AND COUNTIES FOR PROPERTIES OVERLAPPING STATE OR COUNTY BOUNDARIES

STATE:	CODE	COUNTY:	CODE

11. FORM PREPARED BY

NAME AND TITLE:
 Elizabeth H. Eager and Catharine F. Black

ORGANIZATION: Commission for Historical and Architectural Preservation DATE: 1969

STREET AND NUMBER:
 Room 402, City Hall

CITY OR TOWN: Baltimore STATE: Maryland 21202 CODE:

12. STATE LIAISON OFFICER CERTIFICATION

NATIONAL REGISTER VERIFICATION

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 _____

Title _____

Date _____

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

 Chief, Office of Archeology and Historic Preservation

Date _____

ATTEST:

 Keeper of The National Register

Date _____

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PROPERTY MAP FORM

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Maryland		Baltimore City	
3. MAP REFERENCE			
SOURCE:			
U.S.G.S. 7½', quadrangle Baltimore West			
SCALE: 1:24,000			
DATE: 1953			
4. REQUIREMENTS			
TO BE INCLUDED ON ALL MAPS			
1. Property boundaries where required.			
2. North arrow.			
3. Latitude and longitude reference.			

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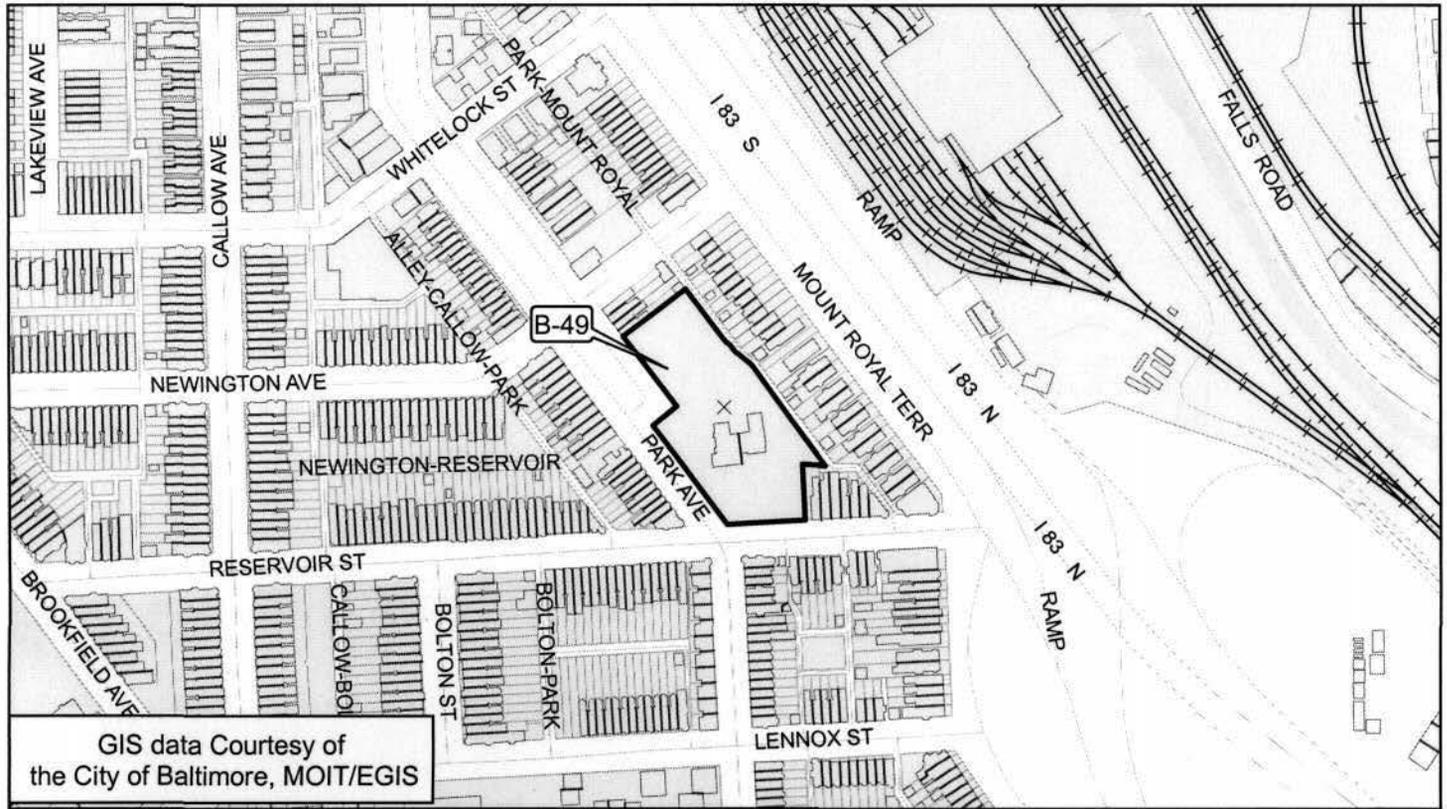
PROPERTY PHOTOGRAPH FORM

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Maryland		Baltimore City	
3. PHOTO REFERENCE			
PHOTO CREDIT: Baltimore Department of Planning-Phil Sibley			
DATE OF PHOTO: 1969			
NEGATIVE FILED AT:			
Commission for Historical and Architectural Preservation, Room 402, City Hall			
4. IDENTIFICATION			
DESCRIBE VIEW, DIRECTION, ETC.			
View of Mt. Royal, exterior from the south.			

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Mount Royal Mansion
2001 Park Avenue
Block 3448 Block 030
Baltimore City
Baltimore West Quad.





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