

Pimlico Public School #223  
B-5262  
4849 Pimlico Road  
Baltimore  
Date of Construction: 1912, 1925, 1970  
Access: Private

### **Capsule Summary**

Pimlico Public School No. 223, is located at Pimlico Road and Thorndale Avenue and was constructed in 1912. The 1912 construction consisted of a single structure with a U-shaped ground plan built in the Classical style. Three additional buildings were completed in 1925—another school building, a gymnasium, and a heating plant. All buildings added in 1925 reflect the Romanesque Revival style. The school building was connected to the southeast end of the 1912 school by a covered walkway. The 1925 addition was designed by architects Buckler & Fenhagen and built by the Charles L. Stockhausen Company. In 1970, a sizable addition to the 1925 school building was built to replace a portable classroom building.

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## 1. Name of Property (indicate preferred name)

historic Pimlico School; Pimlico Public School #223 (preferred name)  
 other Pimlico Elementary/Middle School No. 223

## 2. Location

street and number 4849 Pimlico Road \_\_ not for publication  
 city, town Baltimore \_\_ vicinity  
 county

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

name Mayor and City Council  
 street and number 4849 Pimlico Road telephone 443-984-2000  
 city, town Baltimore state MD zip code 21215-6040

## 4. Location of Legal Description

courthouse, registry of deeds, etc. Clarence M. Mitchell Courthouse, 6th Floor liber folio  
 city, town Baltimore tax map 27 tax parcel 19, 4793, 019 tax ID number 27194793 019

## 5. Primary Location of Additional Data

- Contributing Resource in National Register District
- Contributing Resource in Local Historic District
- Determined Eligible for the National Register/Maryland Register
- Determined Ineligible for the National Register/Maryland Register
- Recorded by HABS/HAER
- Historic Structure Report or Research Report at MHT
- Other: \_\_\_\_\_

## 6. Classification

Category	Ownership	Current Function		Resource Count	
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<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> building(s)	<input type="checkbox"/> private	<input type="checkbox"/> commerce/trade	<input type="checkbox"/> recreation/culture	<u>4</u>	<u>2</u> buildings
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<input type="checkbox"/> site		<input type="checkbox"/> domestic	<input type="checkbox"/> social		_____ structures
<input type="checkbox"/> object		<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> education	<input type="checkbox"/> transportation		_____ objects
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		<input type="checkbox"/> health care	<input type="checkbox"/> vacant/not in use		
		<input type="checkbox"/> industry	<input type="checkbox"/> other:		
				<b>Number of Contributing Resources previously listed in the Inventory</b>	
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## 7. Description

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### Condition

excellent       deteriorated  
 good             ruins  
 fair               altered

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

Pimlico School, or Pimlico Public School No. 223, is located at Pimlico Road and Thorndale Avenue and was constructed in 1912 (Attachment 1). The 1912 construction consisted of a single structure with a U-shaped ground plan (Attachment 2). Three additional buildings were completed in 1925—another school building, a gymnasium, and a heating plant (Attachments 3 and 4). The school building was connected to the southeast end of the 1912 school by a covered walkway. The 1925 addition was designed by architects Buckler & Fenhagen and built by the Charles L. Stockhausen Company. In 1970, a sizable addition to the 1925 school building was built to replace a portable classroom building. The 1912 school is built in the Classical style. All buildings added in 1925 reflect the Romanesque Revival style.

#### *Pimlico School (1912)*

A symmetrical two-story building with a raised basement, the Pimlico School (1912) fronts Pimlico Road at Thorndale Avenue. It is clad in Flemish bond brick on the first and second stories and in rusticated ashlar stone on the raised portion of the basement. A flat roof with stone-coped, shaped parapet walls with blind paneling caps the building. A stone cornice below the parapet walls and a water table emphasize the horizontal plane. The U-shaped ground plan features a half-story infill wing at the rear of the structure, providing space for an enlarged basement. Groupings of windows generally appear in sets of five with some variation on the main façade.

#### **West Elevation (Main Façade)**

The west elevation, or main façade, faces Pimlico Road and is divided into five bays (Figure 1). All of the windows and doors have been replaced. The first- and second-story grouped windows are four-light hopper windows with a four-light fixed pane surmounted by a fixed panel, while the basement windows are eight-light fixed windows with metal screens. Lintels and lug sills on this elevation are stone. The central bay includes the main entryway as well as a single window at the second story surmounted by an inscription stone and bas relief. The entryway is emphasized by a porch with a copper three-part entablature and balustrade supported by Doric order columns and pilasters on stone wing walls. Two sets of asymmetrical double doors are united under a single round arch with keystone. Seven concrete steps provide access to the entrance. Flanking the central bay are two symmetrical bays with two windows on the basement floor, a grouping of three windows on the first floor, and a grouping of four windows on the second floor. The two outermost bays project out from the vertical surface of the building and are fenestrated with groupings of five windows at the first and second floors and five individual windows on the basement floor.

#### **North and South Elevations**

The north and south elevations are identical (Figure 2). The three-bay elevations feature a projecting east bay with groupings of five windows on the first and second stories. The basement story has five individual windows directly aligned with the window groupings of the first and second floors. The central bay is slightly recessed and has a segmented arch doorway with deep reveal and keystone. The double door is asymmetrical, as seen on all doorways. The door is accessed by seven concrete stairs with wing walls. A blind panel and window surmount the doorway. The bay to the west of center is without fenestration. A large rectilinear, stone blind panel is centered on this bay. The blind panel on the north elevation includes a school sign that reads "PIMLICO \ ELEMENTARY/MIDDLE \ SCHOOL."

#### **East Elevation**

The rear of the building, or east elevation, is U-shaped. The U-shape is partially infilled by the raised basement. The east elevation has less ornamentation than the rest of the building. The brickwork is laid in common bond pattern, and there is no water table, stone cornice, or blind panels. The east elevation has two projecting ends with a recessed central portion. The interior of the U-shape has a brick cornice. Both the south and north wings have stepped parapet walls with stone coping and paired eight-light hopper windows under a stone lintel surmounted by a header course on the second story. The south wing differs from the north wing in that it has a one-story addition association with the construction of the 1925 school building. The addition was added as part of the covered walkway linking the 1912 school to the 1925 school building. It is fenestrated with a doorway with transom surmounted by a flat arch

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lintel and an oculus window that is infilled with brick. The north wing has a double door under a segmented arch lintel on the first floor and the basement floor. A metal side stair provides access to the first-floor doorway.

The three-bay central portion of this elevation is recessed from the north and south ends, forming the U-shaped ground plan. The raised basement, however, projects out from the vertical surface of the north and south wings, forming the enlarged basement. Two windows under stone lintels are present on the north elevation of this projection. Due to the addition of the covered entrance on the south end, only one window remains on the south elevation of the projection. There are two four-light windows and a central door on the east elevation of the basement projection. On the east elevation of the central recessed section of the main building, there is no fenestration on the first floor, but the second floor has three segmented arch windows with stone lug sills. On either side of the central recessed portion, there are two segmented arch windows on the second floor of the north and south wings. A brick chimney with stove pipe is located between the recessed central portion and the south wing.

### **Interior of 1912 Building**

The 1912 building is currently not in use and has been fully secured. There is no available access to the building's interior without authorization and equipment to un-secure the building. The date the building was fully vacated and its current interior condition or historic fabric is unknown

### *Pimlico School Building (1925)*

The Pimlico School Building, built in 1925, is north of the 1912 Pimlico School and faces east. The 1925 building now serves as the main school building. Built in the Romanesque Revival style, it features relatively simple forms and strong ornamentation. Multiple belt courses and corbeling emphasize the horizontal plane. The three-story brick structure sits atop a stone wall foundation and has a rectilinear ground plan. It is clad in Flemish bond brick. A covered walkway connecting this structure to the original 1912 Pimlico School is affixed to the north elevation, and a sizable addition completed in 1970 completely obscures the south elevation.

### **West Elevation (Main Façade)**

The main façade, or west elevation, is symmetrical with three bays defined by broad brick panels surmounted by stone gargoyles (Figure 3). The parapet walls have a denticulated cornice and arched corbelling at their base. The first story is separated from the second by a stone entablature. Two additional stone string courses run above and below the rectangular windows on the first floor. The main entrance is set within a shallow porch with gabled top and an arch supported by two Corinthian order columns and pilasters and is located in the second or central bay. The tympanum is paneled, and the gable is denticulated. There is a single transom above the double door, and a rectangular window on either side of the porch. Six rectangular windows on the second and third stories complete the central bay. The two flanking bays have seven rectangular windows each on the first floor and six windows on each upper floor. The second- and third-floor windows are surrounded by six pointed arches supported by engaged Corinthian order columns that rise from the first-floor entablature. The pointed arch tympanums alternate between herringbone and header course brickwork. The second- and third-floor windows have stone lug sills and brick segmented arch lintels and are separated by multiple header courses. The first-floor windows have flat arch lintels and brick slip sills. All windows on this elevation are six-light fixed windows atop single-light hopper windows.

### **North Elevation**

The north elevation includes a one-story covered walkway with six round arches and a flat roof that connects to the original 1912 Pimlico School. The round arches have since been infilled with brick, and the walkway is now enclosed. A double door was installed in one of the round arches, and an entrance door is located at the east end of the walkway, which is connected to the central bay of the main block. This asymmetrical double door under a round arch is surmounted by a stepped parapet wall. Two concrete steps provide access to the doorway. The main block of the north elevation consists of three bays and has a single brick string course above the third

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floor. The entablature above the first floor on the main façade is repeated in the east bay only. The first story of the west and central bays is obscured by the covered walkway. The central bay of the main block projects out from the vertical surface of the building and repeats the pointed arch window surrounds prominent on the main façade. Two pointed arches with a single engaged Corinthian order column between them surround two windows on the second floor and two windows on the third floor. The west bay features two recessed panels, in which are four rectangular windows. Two windows on the third floor have flat arch lintels and stone slip sills. Segmented arches surmount the second floor windows. The east bay has no fenestration. Two blind panels mimic the windows of the west bay. Decorative brickwork embellishes the parapet walls on the east and west parapets.

### East Elevation

The five-bay east elevation is reminiscent of the main façade but has less ornamentation (Figure 4). The three central bays repeat the pointed arch window surrounds but are without the engaged Corinthian columns, being supported by simple pilasters. There are six windows on each of the floors in the three central bays. These three bays are slightly recessed from the vertical surface of the building and do not have parapet walls but brick corbelling. The two outer bays, however, are identical and have plain parapets with stone coping. A denticulated brick string course caps the third floor on these two bays, and the stone entablature is continued above the first floor. A soldier course is located at the water table. A single door with a flat arch lintel and stone sill is centered on the first floor. It is surmounted by a square four-light window. The second- and third-floor windows are continuous and feature three four-light windows with a single-light window and fixed panel between them. The south bay is partially obscured by the 1970 addition, and the entry door is no longer visible.

### South Elevation

The first floor of the south elevation is obscured by the addition completed in 1970 (Figure 5), but the fenestration and ornamentation on the second and third floors are identical to the north elevation. The addition abuts the first floor of the 1925 school building and was designed to fit around the projecting central bay of the earlier structure. The addition also abuts the 1925 Pimlico Auditorium Gymnasium.

The 1970 addition is composed of two parts. The eastern block has a three-story rectilinear form with a flat roof (Figure 6). The one-story western portion is irregular in form and affixed to both the 1925 school building and gymnasium (Figures 7 and 8). Based on aerial photographs, this portion appears to be an auditorium with classrooms on the south and west sides. The entire addition is clad in stretcher bond brickwork. The parapet walls are clad with stone panels and capped with metal coping. Vertical stone panels surround the windows on all elevations. A triple stack interior chimney is adjacent to the exterior smoke stack of the original school heating plant.

### Interior of 1925 Building

The main entrance to the school is through the 1925 portion of the building, on the west elevation facing the courtyard and Pimlico Road. The lobby has its original finishes; plaster walls and ceiling, and a terrazzo floor with a stone perimeter. There are two stone steps up to the main north south running corridor, which is the first floor level. The plaster wall and floor tile finishes appear to be original and generally intact, indicating that the double-loaded corridor layout has not been significantly modified since 1925. Non-original drop acoustical tile ceilings are found throughout building and accommodate the fluorescent lighting and modern fixtures. The plaster wall, floor tile, and drop acoustical tile ceiling treatments continue throughout the second and third floors.

The stairwells, one located at each end of the corridor, are original to the 1925 construction. The modifications are limited to vinyl treads installed on the terrazzo steps and several different railings installed along the walls. At the second and third floors, there are double doors (non-historic) that open directly into the corridor. While the doors have been replaced with modern style fire doors for fire code reasons, the surrounds and the windows in the interior wall around the door have not been modified significantly. The doors

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are flanked by sidelights, with a transom with two sidelight windows above. The windows are divided light, and maintain the original fire-rated wire glass.

### *Pimlico Auditorium Gymnasium (1925)*

The Pimlico Auditorium Gymnasium was built in 1925 in the Romanesque Revival style. It features a vaulted portico with Ionic order columns, Roman arches, and a three-part entablature. It is rectilinear in form and has a single story on a raised basement. The brick is laid in the Flemish bond pattern, and the roof is flat with gabled parapets. A projecting stone water table surrounds the building, which sits atop a stone foundation. The gymnasium was originally linked to the main school building by a covered walkway. The covered walkway was removed during the 1970 addition.

### **North Elevation (Main Façade)**

The three-bay main façade features a gabled parapet with a three-part entablature and decorative brickwork (Figure 9). The projecting center bay forms the portico, which is accessed by six brick stairs flanked by sloped wing walls. The portico is gabled and has arched corbelling. There is an inscription stone centered within the gable but is without an inscription. Three Roman arches are recessed from the vertical surface of the central bay and provide access to the interior of the recessed vaulted portico, which is stone. Two Ionic order columns and pilasters support the arches. There are five brick infilled panels within the portico. The central panel includes a double door that serves as the main entrance to the gymnasium. It is surmounted by an inscription stone that reads "Auditorium Gymnasium \ Erected AD MCMXXV." The central panel is flanked by two small bas reliefs and two smaller infilled panels. Two stone stairs provide access to the doorway while six brick stairs with stone-capped wing walls provide access to the portico. The flanking bays are without fenestration and have a flat roof and entablature.

### **East Elevation**

The east elevation is obscured by the 1970 addition, which abuts the gymnasium on this side. It appears to have been identical to the west elevation except for a projecting doorway on the southeast corner and the absence of the stone water table. The one-story projection has a flat roof with parapet walls and an arched double doorway facing east with a brick double stair providing access to it. A soldier course replaces the stone water table on the majority of this elevation. Many of the windows were infilled with brick at the time of the 1970 addition. Only two windows remain adjacent to the projecting doorway in addition to the single oculus window above the doorway projection.

### **South Elevation**

The south elevation, like the main façade, has three bays (Figure 10). The roofline mimics that of the north elevation in that the central bay has a gabled parapet wall flanked by two flat portions, all capped with a stone entablature. The east and west bays have a single narrow rectangular window with brick surround and stone lug sill on the first floor. One additional window below the water table, at the basement level, is present on the east bay only. It has been infilled with brick. The projecting central bay is without fenestration.

### **West Elevation**

The west elevation has seven bays and is capped by a decorative brick parapet with a denticulated cornice (Figure 10). There are five louvered vents on the basement story only in the five internal bays. The two outer bays do not have basement fenestration. The first bay has a small rectangular window with brick surround and stone lug sill surmounted by an infilled oculus window. A small louvered vent is located in the upper north corner. The seventh bay has the same rectangular window as the first, but it is surmounted by a large rectangular louvered vent. A continuous arcade of round arches composes the five central bays, which are identical. Each contains two rectangular windows set in round arches. The bays are divided vertically by a single blind arch. The rectangular windows are a combination of eight-light fixed windows and a single-light awning window surmounted by a paneled tympanum. The blind arches have header course tympanums above a soldier course. Both the blind arches and windows have stone lug sills.

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### **Interior of the Pimlico Auditorium Gymnasium**

The Gymnasium is still in use, and is in its original condition as a combined auditorium and gymnasium with a stage at the south end and a balcony at the north end. This combined use was likely the reason for the main entrance door facing the school's Pimlico Road courtyard. There are steel open web trusses that span the space and support the gable roof. The wood floors, paneled-front wood stage, and paneled wood balcony railing, and plaster walls are in good condition and well maintained.

### *School Heating Plant*

The school heating plant was built in 1925 and is behind the 1925 school building. It is rectilinear in form with a gable roof and parapet gables. The roof is pierced by two vents on the east end of the building. An exterior smoke stack is also located on this end of the structure. The north and south elevations are divided into five bays each. The single bay west elevation has a central double door entrance with a transom under a round arch surround with paneled tympanum. The doorway is surmounted by a blind panel centered above. The east elevation is pierced only by the steel connection between the external smoke stack and the heating plant. The south elevation is obscured by the adjoining 1970 addition. Fenestration is not visible.

### **Interior**

Interior access to this building was not granted for purposes of this survey, but the maintenance space is still in the basement level of the plant footprint, accessed from the main corridor of the 1970s addition.

### *1970s Addition/ School Expansion*

The 1970s addition to the school was a complete expansion of the facility, which occupies a majority of the southeast corner of the site's footprint. The vast footprint accommodates a new auditorium with theater style seating and sloped floor, a large cafeteria, library, and a new main classroom wing. The expansion connects the 1925 buildings together with a long corridor that runs east-west along the south edges of the 1925 main building and plant. Both the interior and exterior design of the 1970s expansion is period to the date of construction, with tile and painted concrete block walls on the interior.

## 8. Significance

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Period	Areas of Significance	Check and justify below		
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**Specific dates**      1912, 1925, 1970      **Architect/Builder** Buckler & Fenagen/Charles L. Stockhausen

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**Construction dates**      1912, 1925, 1970

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Evaluation for:

National Register       Maryland Register       not evaluated

Prepare a one-paragraph summary statement of significance addressing applicable criteria, followed by a narrative discussion of the history of the resource and its context. (For compliance projects, complete evaluation on a DOE Form – see manual.)

### Summary

Pimlico Public School #223 was built in 1912. A large campus addition was completed in 1925, and a modern addition was added in 1970.

### History

Pimlico dates to 1699 when an Englishman named the area for a London suburb. The first tracts were surveyed for Captain John Oldton and Thomas Hedge. Mr. Oldton built a fort known as Oldton's Garrison, from which Garrison Avenue derives its name. By the 1870s, the area was a well wooded, park-like local resort area. The old Gentlemen's Driving Park, south of Belvedere Avenue from the present Pimlico race track, was a center of society and harness racing. In 1873, the first Preakness race was held here, marking the start of the race track's fame.<sup>1</sup>

Beginning in 1900, a movement for improvements such as better roads and schools was led by George Iverson, John White, and T. Carroll Roberts. In 1910, Morris Wolf opened a general store in heart of Pimlico and began buying property for commercial development. Pimlico Public School #223 was constructed in 1912. Sanborn maps from 1915 indicate the school property contained two houses.<sup>2,3</sup>

In 1918, Pimlico was annexed into Baltimore City. In 1919, Dr. George D. Strayer of Columbia University, an international expert in school matters, surveyed the Baltimore schools, which resulted in the adoption of the reorganization of the schools from eight elementary grades and four high school grades to a 6-3-3 system—elementary with kindergarten to 6th grade, junior high with 7th to 9th grades, and high school with 10th to 12th grades—and a \$22 million program for school construction.<sup>4,5</sup>

Funds from the program included a campus addition to Pimlico School, or Pimlico Public School No. 223, located at Pimlico Road and Thorndale Avenue. The additions included a school building, gymnasium, and power plant and were designed by architects Buckler & Fenhagen. The building contract was awarded on December 30, 1924, to the Charles L. Stockhausen Company at

<sup>1</sup> Burke Davis, "Charm of Old Pimlico Peek Out from Clutter of New Fronts" (*Baltimore Sun*, November 9, 1950). Pimlico (Baltimore) vertical file, Maryland Room, Enoch Pratt Library, Baltimore, Maryland.

<sup>2</sup> Ibid.

<sup>3</sup> Insurance Maps of Baltimore, Maryland, Volume 10, Sanborn Map Company, 1915.

<sup>4</sup> "Public Schools of City Have Made Great Progress." School Houses – Baltimore vertical file, Maryland Room, Enoch Pratt Library, Baltimore, Maryland.

<sup>5</sup> "Building Our Public Schools." School Houses – Baltimore vertical file, Maryland Room, Enoch Pratt Library, Baltimore, Maryland.

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\$233,698; the heating contract to the H.E. Crook Company, Inc., at \$42,462; the plumbing contract to Lloyd E. Mitchell, Inc., at \$21,895; and the electrical contract to Henry Alexander, Inc., at \$18,270. The building contract total was \$316,325. The buildings were completed on November 16, 1925. The school capacity was 680 pupils.<sup>6</sup>

### Riggin Buckler & G. Corner Fenhagen

Winning the 1912 design competition for the Federal Reserve Bank of Richmond (Virginia) led three young Baltimore architects to form Sill, Buckler & Fenhagen Architects in 1916. Sill departed the partnership for independent practice in 1921 and served as Green Mount Cemetery's architectural consultant from about 1917 to his death in 1926. Riggin Buckler (1882–1955) and G. Corner Fenhagen (1884–1955) continued in practice as Buckler & Fenhagen. In 1946, they added the names of two younger partners, and the firm was Buckler, Fenhagen, Meyer & Ayres. Later the firm was Meyer & Ayres; then Meyer, Ayres & Saint; Meyer, Ayres, Saint & Stewart; Ayres, Saint, Gross. The firm continues as Ayers Saint Gross.<sup>7, 8</sup>

Buckler & Fenhagen's buildings are among the most distinguished of their era, particularly the Federal Reserve Bank in Richmond, Virginia (1920); the Baltimore City College (won by competition of 18 in 1924, completed in 1928); and the Green Mount Cemetery Mausoleum (1928–1929). Buckler and Fenhagen both died in 1955.<sup>9</sup>

### Other projects by Buckler & Fenhagen include:

- Green Mount Cemetery Mausoleum (1928–1929)
- The Epiphany Episcopal Chapel and Church House – Odenton, Maryland (Buckler) (1918)
- Sixty frame cottages for the U.S. Housing Commission for Aberdeen Proving Ground, Post Road and E. Bel Air Ave., Aberdeen, Maryland (1918)
- Greenhill, the E. Francis Riggs House, Prince George's County, Maryland (1920)
- The Federal Reserve Bank, Richmond, Virginia (1920)
- Govans Branch, Enoch Pratt Free Library, 5714 Bellona Ave., Baltimore, Maryland (1921)
- Roland Park Branch, Enoch Pratt Free Library, Roland Ave., Baltimore, Maryland (1923)
- Baltimore City College on 33rd Street and the Alameda, Baltimore, Maryland (1928)
- St. Matthew's U.C.C. Church, Mayfield, 3400 Norman Ave., Baltimore, Maryland (1929)
- Wiley H. Bates High School in Annapolis (1932)
- Carroll County Courthouse wing enlargement (1935)
- Shriver Hall at Johns Hopkins Homewood Campus (1952–1954)
- Sculptures of Daniel Coit Gilman & William H. Welch in Shriver Hall (Fenhagen)
- Dozens of public schools, private residences, and commercial buildings<sup>10</sup>

<sup>6</sup> "Extensive School Program Being Carried Out by City is Attracting Attention from All Parts of Country," *Baltimore Municipal Journal* (March 10, 1927). Schools – Baltimore vertical file, Maryland Room, Enoch Pratt Library, Baltimore, Maryland.

<sup>7</sup> "Green Mount Cemetery" (n.d.). Available at <http://www.greenmountcemetery.com/greenmount-cemetery-features-architecture.html>. Viewed June 15, 2012.

<sup>8</sup> Ayers Saint Gross website (n.d.) Available at <http://asg-architects.com>. Viewed June 15, 2012.

<sup>9</sup> "Green Mount Cemetery" (n.d.).

<sup>10</sup> Ibid.

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A high marriage and birth rate during World War I led to the use of portable buildings to provide additional room for the area's rapidly growing school population. These were small, one-room frame buildings that were intended to handle overflows of students from brick school buildings. They were built on concrete blocks a foot or so off the ground and painted yellow with tan trim. The 1929 Sanborn Map indicates that one portable building was located near the school and that in one of the houses, the first floor was converted into a classroom.<sup>11,12</sup>

Virtually no school buildings were constructed during the Great Depression and World War II, and schools consequently faced a tremendous backlog of needs. The backlog was increased by development of new areas of the city after the war. In addition, the baby boom during and after the war increased the number of pupils from 26, 843 in October 1945 to 131,955 in September 1952. School officials anticipated an enrollment increase of another 30,000 by September 1958.<sup>13</sup>

Interestingly, Pimlico Public School No. 223 was closed during the war and possibly earlier. It reopened in September 1947. A new, larger portable was constructed to handle an overflow of students. It contained six classrooms and two for an auditorium. A number of renovations were undertaken to reopen the school. In 1946, the 1912 school building and the 1925 school building, power plant, and gymnasium received new roofs. In 1947, the portable classroom was painted, the plumbing was repaired, the roofing was completed, and the school received general repairs. General repairs may have included conversions of space into classrooms, storerooms, workrooms, offices, libraries, cafeterias; remodeling of classrooms, libraries, offices for more efficient educational uses; carpentry jobs; plastering; repairs or construction of stairways; installation of cabinets; and/or relocation of portable classrooms. In addition, three basement rooms were equipped and used for a kitchen and a dining room for 239 lunches.<sup>14</sup>

The 1951 and 1953 Sanborn maps indicate that the smaller house on the property had been removed and the larger one was being used as a clinic.<sup>15</sup>

In the early 1960s, Baltimore authorities became concerned about the condition of the schools. In 1967, a private consultant reported to the Planning Commission and the Board of School commissioners that 34 Baltimore schools and 24 portable classrooms were obsolete and should be replaced.<sup>16</sup> Consequently, the portable classroom building at Pimlico Public School No. 223 was replaced with a large school addition in 1970. The addition was designed by Harrison and Crain Architects. The Pikesville, Maryland, firm provides design work for residential and commercial properties throughout Baltimore County.

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## 10. Geographical Data

Acreage of surveyed property 6.913 acres  
Acreage of historical setting 6.913 acres  
Quadrangle name Baltimore West

Quadrangle scale: 1:24,000

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### Verbal boundary description and justification

Ward 27, Section 19, Block 4793, Lot 019 is the legal description of the historic and existing property boundary.

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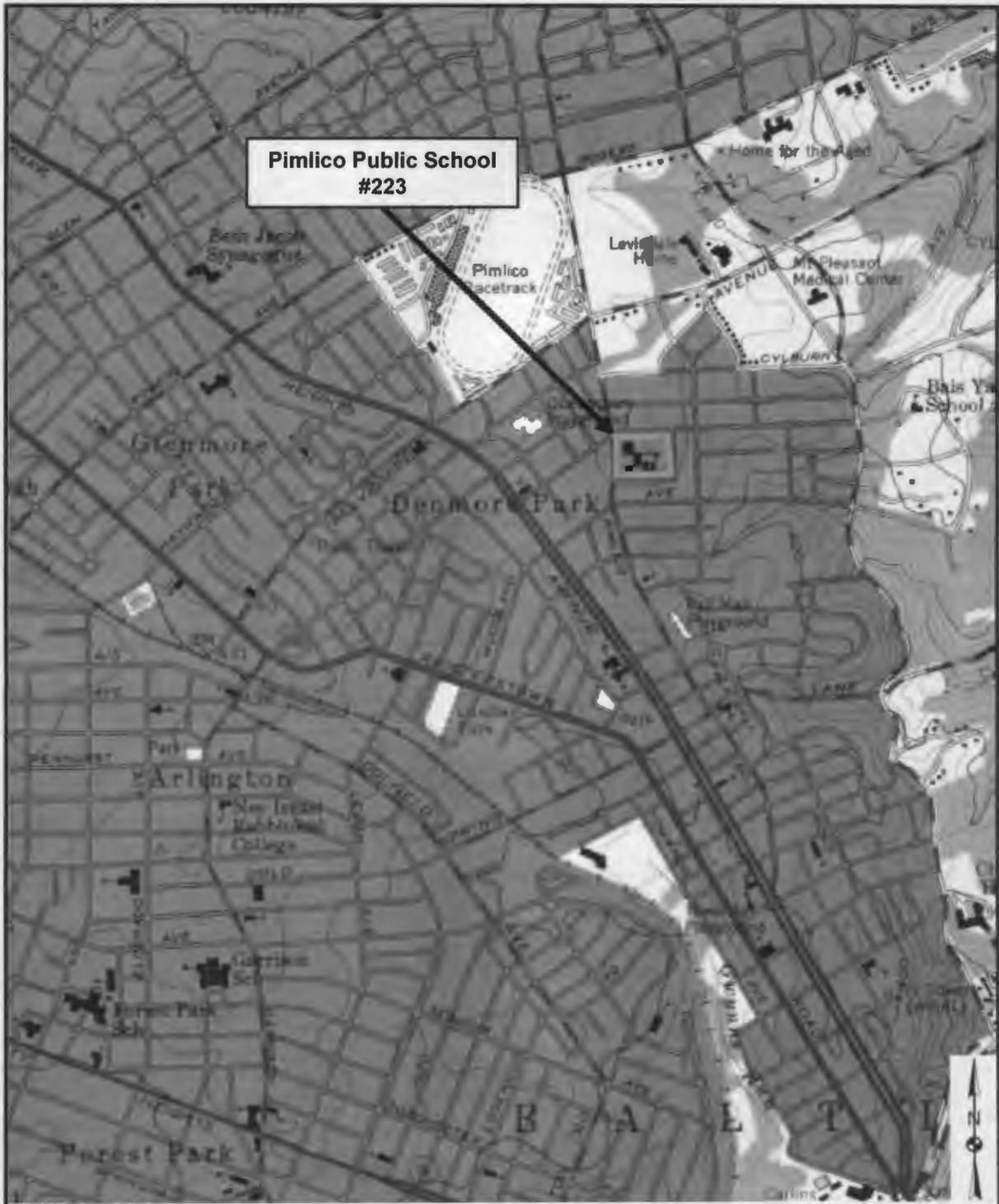
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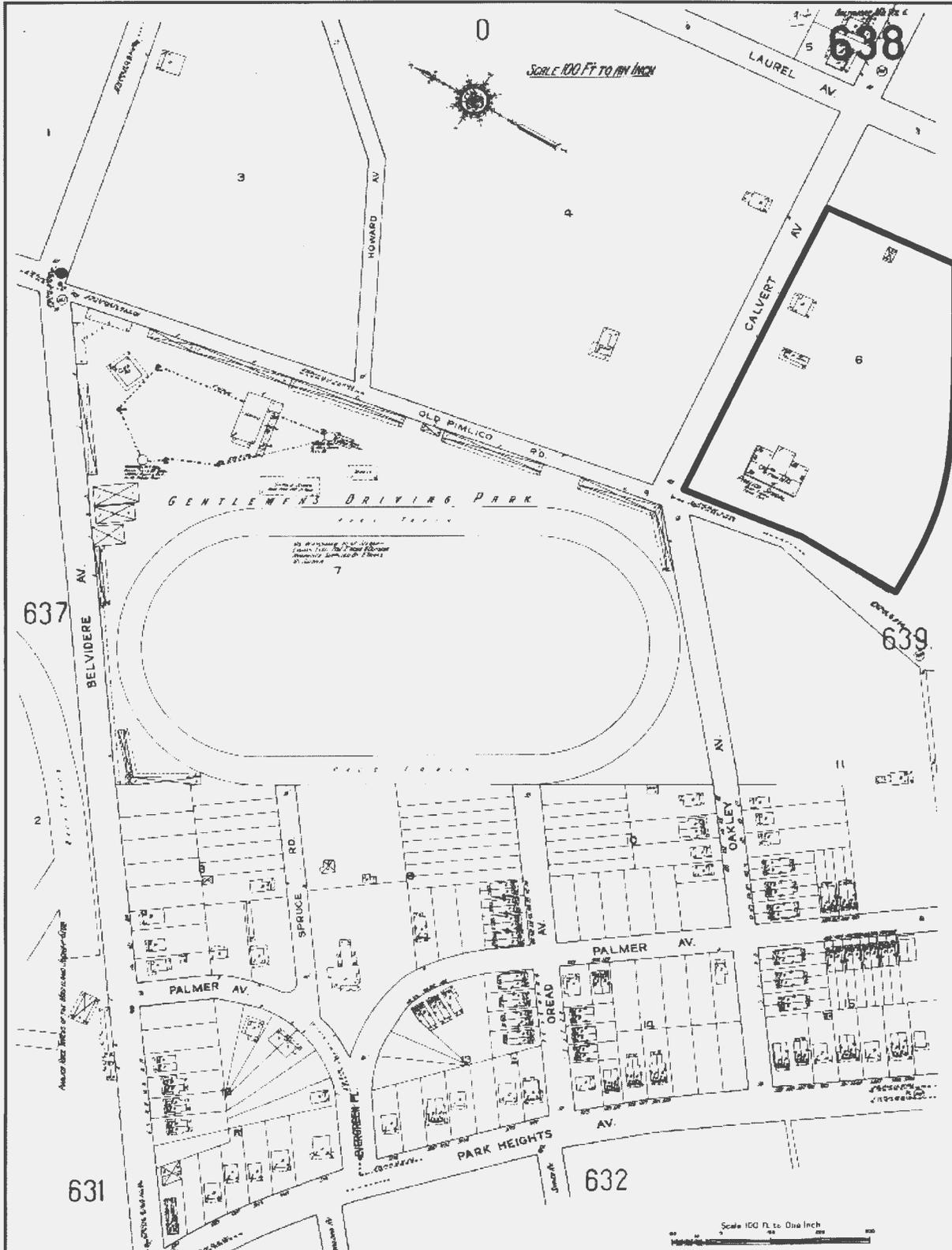
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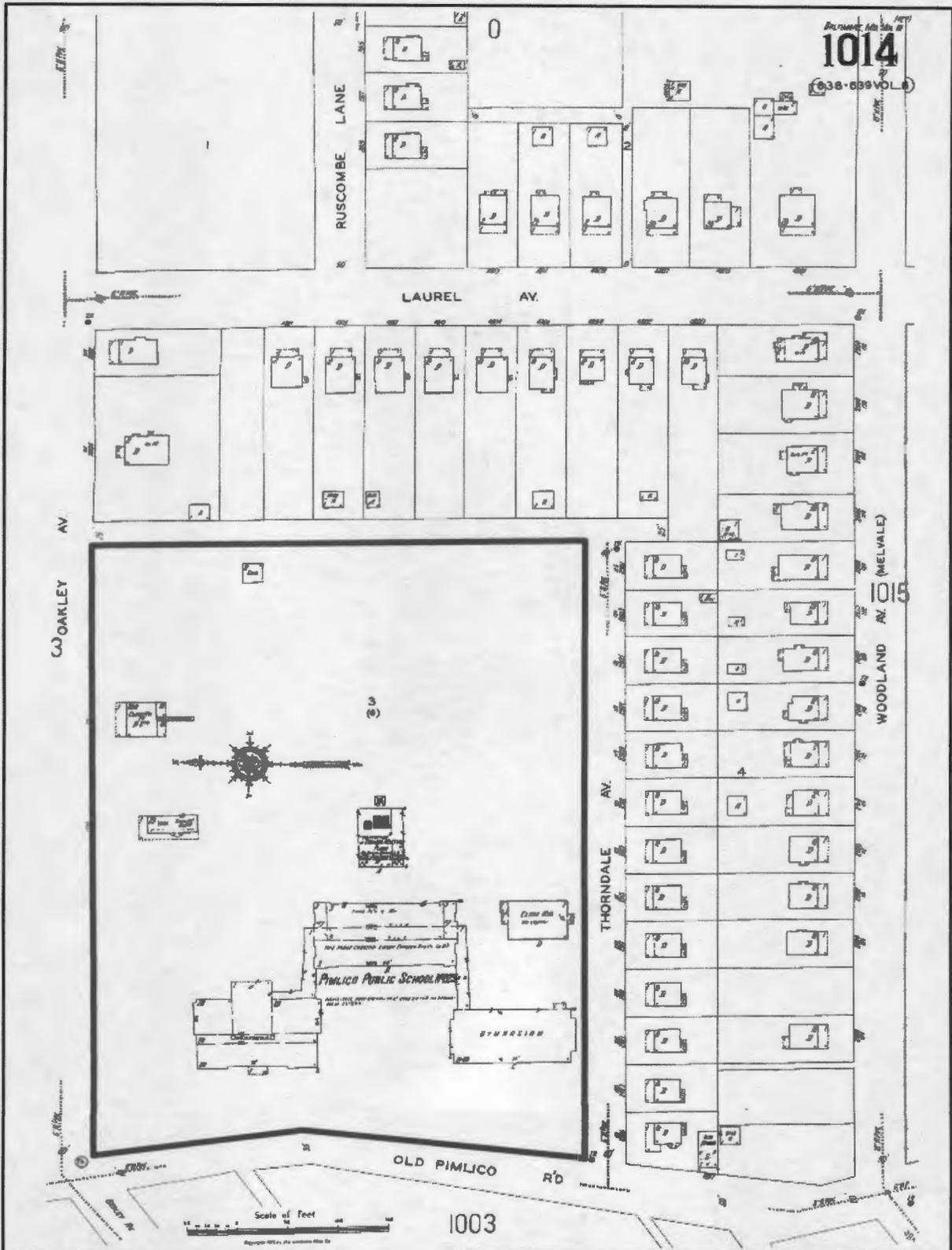
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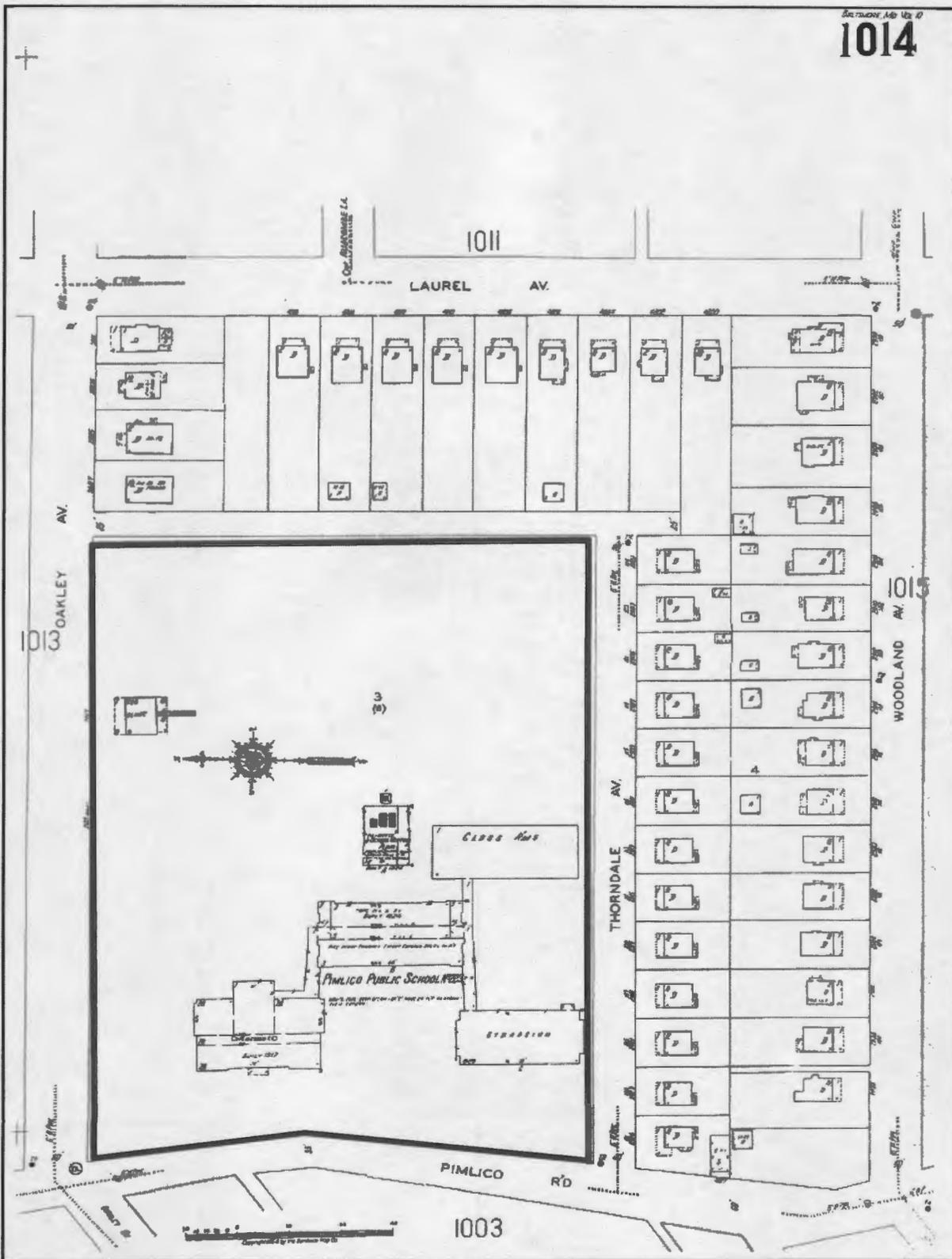
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PROJECT	Baltimore Housing	1914 Sanborn Insurance Map	
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SOURCE	Sanborn Insurance Map		Attachment 2



PROJECT	Baltimore Housing	1929 Sanborn Insurance Map	
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PROJECT	Baltimore Housing	1953 Sanborn Insurance Map	
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<b>PROJECT</b> Baltimore Housing	<b>Photo Map Key, Pimlico Public School #223</b>	
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Digital Photo Log

MIHP # B-5262  
Pimlico Public School #223

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1912 BUILDING

PIMLICO PUBLIC SCHOOL # 223

BALTIMORE, MARYLAND

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PIMLICO SCHOOL, 1912 BUILDING, MAIN FACADE, LOOKING EAST.

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PIMLICO  
ELEMENTARY/MIDDLE  
SCHOOL

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PIMLICO SCHOOL, 1912 BUILDING, WEST ELEVATION (LEFT) AND SOUTH  
ELEVATION (RIGHT), LOOKING NORTHEAST.

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1925 BUILDING

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PIMLICO SCHOOL. 1925 BUILDING, MAIN FACADE, LOOKING  
SOUTHEAST.

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PIMLICO ELEMENTARY SCHOOL No. 238  
PIMLICO ROAD AND GORLEY AVENUE  
BALTIMORE, MARYLAND  
HARRISON AND CRAIN ST. ARCHITECTS

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1970 ADDITION

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PIMLICO SCHOOL, 1970 ADDITION, PAINTING, LOOKING NORTHEAST.

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(RIGHT), LOOKING NORTHEAST.

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1970 ADDITION

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PIMLICO SCHOOL, 1970 ADDITION, SOUTH ELEVATION (LEFT) AND EAST ELEVATION  
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ELEVATION (RIGHT), LOOKING NORTHEAST.

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1925 GYMNASIUM

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PIMLICO SCHOOL, 1925 GYMNASIUM, MAIN FACADE, LOOKING SOUTH.

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PIMLICO SCHOOL, 1925 GYMNASIUM, WEST ELEVATION (LEFT) AND SOUTH  
ELEVATION (RIGHT), LOOKING NORTHEAST.

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1925 SCHOOL HEATING PLANT

PIMLICO PUBLIC SCHOOL #223

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PIMLICO SCHOOL, 1925 SCHOOL HEATING PLANT, NORTH ELEVATION (LEFT) AND  
WEST ELEVATION (RIGHT), LOOKING SOUTHEAST.

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# Addendum to Maryland Historical Trust Maryland Inventory of Historic Properties Form

Inventory No. B-5262

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**Name of Property:** Pimlico School; Pimlico Public School #223  
**Location:** 4849 Pimlico Road, Baltimore City, Maryland

This addendum is provided to accompany and document the interior photographs required as a condition of Baltimore City's Department of Housing and Community Development's compliance. For an interior description, please refer to the text incorporated into the MIHP form.

The attached interior photographs include the 1925 and 1970s portions of the school. The 1912 portion is sealed and not in use in 2013.

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B-5262_2013-09-19_12	1970s auditorium
B-5262_2013-09-19_13	1970s cafeteria
B-5262_2013-09-19_14	1970s lobby from main entrance courtyard
B-5262_2013-09-19_15	1925 gymnasium/auditorium showing stage
B-5262_2013-09-19_16	1925 gym showing balcony
B-5262_2013-09-19_17	1925 gymnasium

Photographer: Robyn Chrabaszcz

Paper and Ink combination used:  
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Detail of 1912 Elevation

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Detail of 1912 west elevation

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Main Corridor (1925)

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Second Floor Corridor (typ)

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Restroom (typical)

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Stairwell door and transom; second floor shown;  
typical upper floors

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Typical classroom (1925 Building)

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1970s corridor

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1970s auditorium

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1970s Cafeteria

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1970s lobby from main entrance courtyard

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1925 gymnasium/auditorium showing stage  
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1925 gym showing balcony

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1925 gym

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