

**MARYLAND HISTORICAL TRUST  
DETERMINATION OF ELIGIBILITY FORM**

NR Eligible: yes  no

Property Name: Hygerangea Lodge (Welbourn House) Inventory Number: BA-2134  
 Address: 121 Arbutus Avenue Historic district: yes  no  
 City: Catonsville, MD Zip Code: 21228 County: Baltimore County  
 USGS Quadrangle(s): Baltimore West  
 Property Owner: David & Cynthia Lycett Tax Account ID Number: 04011900000203  
 Tax Map Parcel Number(s): 1216 Tax Map Number: 101  
 Project: I-695 Southwest Outer Loop Phase 2 Agency: FHWA/MD SHA  
 Agency Prepared By: MD SHA  
 Preparer's Name: Anne E. Bruder Architectural Historian Date Prepared: 7/28/2014  
 Documentation is presented in: Project Review and Compliance Files  
 Preparer's Eligibility Recommendation:  Eligibility recommended  Eligibility not recommended  
 Criteria: A B  C D Considerations: A B C D E F G  
*Complete if the property is a contributing or non-contributing resource to a NR district/property:*  
 Name of the District/Property: Eden Terrace  
 Inventory Number: BA-2947 Eligible:  yes Listed:  yes  
 I visited by MHT Staff  yes  no Name: \_\_\_\_\_ Date: \_\_\_\_\_

Description of Property and Justification: *(Please attach map and photo)*

Hygerangea Lodge (E. Hambleton and Emma Welbourn House) located at 121 Arbutus Avenue, faces west towards I-695. It was not directly impacted by the construction of the Baltimore Beltway between 1954 and 1960. The house is sited on a low rise overlooking Arbutus Avenue and since 2000, a new driveway has been added on the north side of the property. The exterior is clad in weathered wood shingles and the cross gable roof is of slate, with the main gable facing west. The main entry, a paneled door with multiple lights, is through a side hall entrance in the north bay of the first floor. The wrap-around porch covers the first floor on the west and south elevations and it is screen-in at the southwest corner. The porch has a shed roof clad in asphalt shingles supported by double carved posts. The porch floor is of concrete. The main entrance is from the side hall entry in the northwest (first) bay in the west façade and the entrance is lighted by the one-sash window in the north wall. The gable containing the attic (or 3rd floor area) projects beyond the plane of the south wall on the second floor and is supported by flat brackets. There are many windows. On the west façade, in the first floor the windows are contained within the porch and not visible; and in the second floor, there is a single and then a pair of windows in the two bays. All are double hung sash windows. The single one in the north bay has eight-over-eight lights, while the paired windows in the south bay both have six-over-six lights in each sash. Three windows are joined in a ribbon frame in the gable. Each window is a 2-part casement with eight lights on each side. On the north elevation, in the west bay is a square four-light fixed window that gives light to the hall. In the second bay, there is one

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 Reviewer, National Register Program Date

double hung six-over-six sash window in the first and second floors. In the center bay of the north elevation, there is a paired single sash window in the first floor, a 3-part window with casement sashes and a 3-part casement window in the attic gable. Given its position, the large window may light the stair landing or some specialized space. In the fourth bay, there are double-hung windows with eight-lights in each sash on both the first and second floor. In the fifth west bay, there is one four-light window on the first floor. The windows on this wall mirror each other. In the attic of the front gable there are shed roof dormers on both the north and south slopes of the roof. The dormers' walls are also clad in slate. There are interior chimneys on both the north and south sides of the house. On the second floor, the south elevation of the house has double hung sash window in the west bay and a projecting center bay with a side gable roof. This projecting bay does not appear to be as tall as the north projecting bay which extends three full floors through the attic.

The Welbourns purchased the property in February 1920 from the Eden Construction Company. The tax database for Baltimore County gives a construction date of 1904, which conforms to the Shingle-style design of the house. In 1933, the Welbourns sold a portion of the property to Harry V. Christie, and both families shared the property for some time. However, in the Baltimore Sun's society columns in the 1920s and 1930s, the Welbourns were frequently noted as entertaining guests at the cottage in Eden Terrace. Hambleton Welbourn was the general manager for the brush division of the Pittsburgh Plate Glass Company, and he died in 1963. Mrs. Emma Welbourn continued to live in Hygerangea Lodge until she passed away in 1978 at the age of 97. In the 1910 census she was the principal of a school in East Baltimore, and she was active in the Catonsville Garden Club. It is not clear if the Welbourns or another owner gave the house the name "Hygerangea Lodge," and SHA has not been able to identify the meaning of the word. It is not a misspelling of hydrangea, and although Hygea was the Greek goddess of health, the ending suffix "range\_" means "gently smiling" in Greek, but the whole word has no meaning in either Greek or English.

The Catonsville Library History Room does not have a historic image of the house. Hygerangea Lodge retains its original shingle cladding, windows and slate roof, and retains integrity of design, workmanship, materials, feeling, and association. In 1980, the Welbourn property was subdivided into two lots, which has reduced the historic boundary of the property. Based on research conducted as part of this project, Hygerangea Lodge is not eligible for inclusion in the National Register of Historic Places (NRHP) under Criteria A (events) or B (persons). The Hygerangea Lodge is an excellent, intact example of a Shingle style house, retaining many of its original features and is recommended as eligible for inclusion in the NRHP under Criterion C (architecture) as a contributing resource to Eden Terrace. NRHP Criterion D was not investigated as part of this study.

The boundary for Hygerangea Lodge is confined to the 30,134 square feet as shown on Baltimore County Tax Map 101, Parcel 1216, Lot 1.

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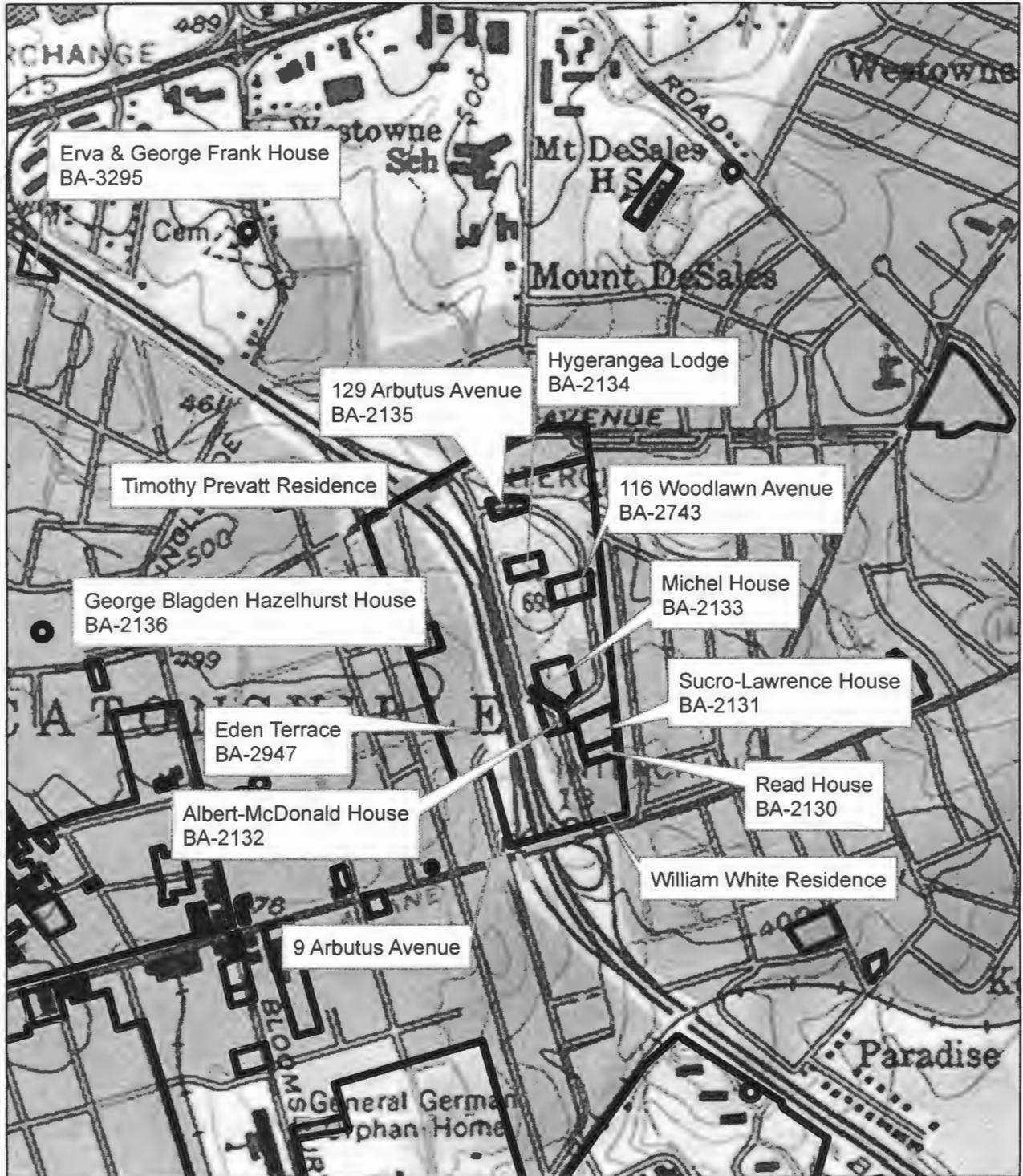
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**County:** Baltimore

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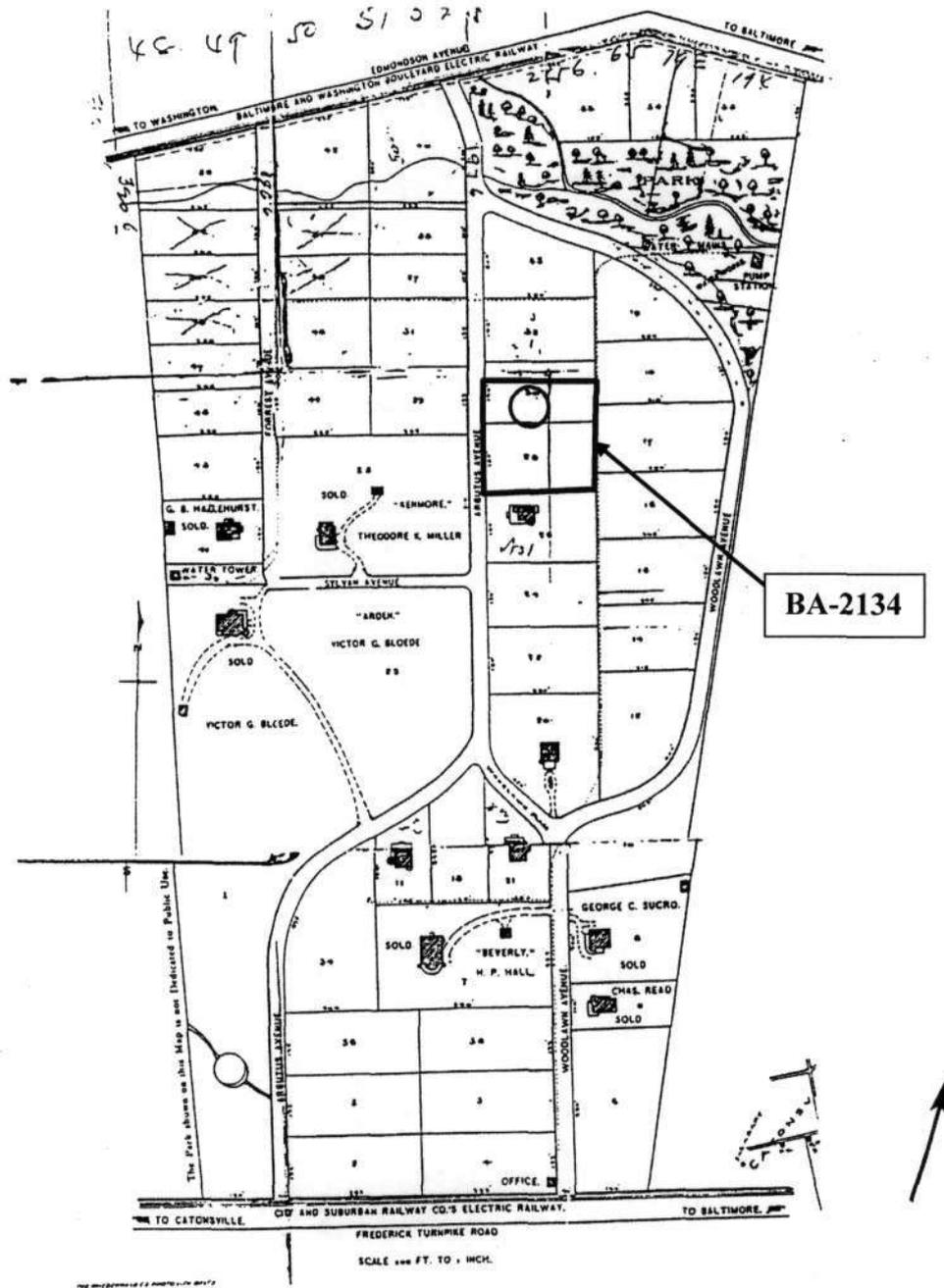
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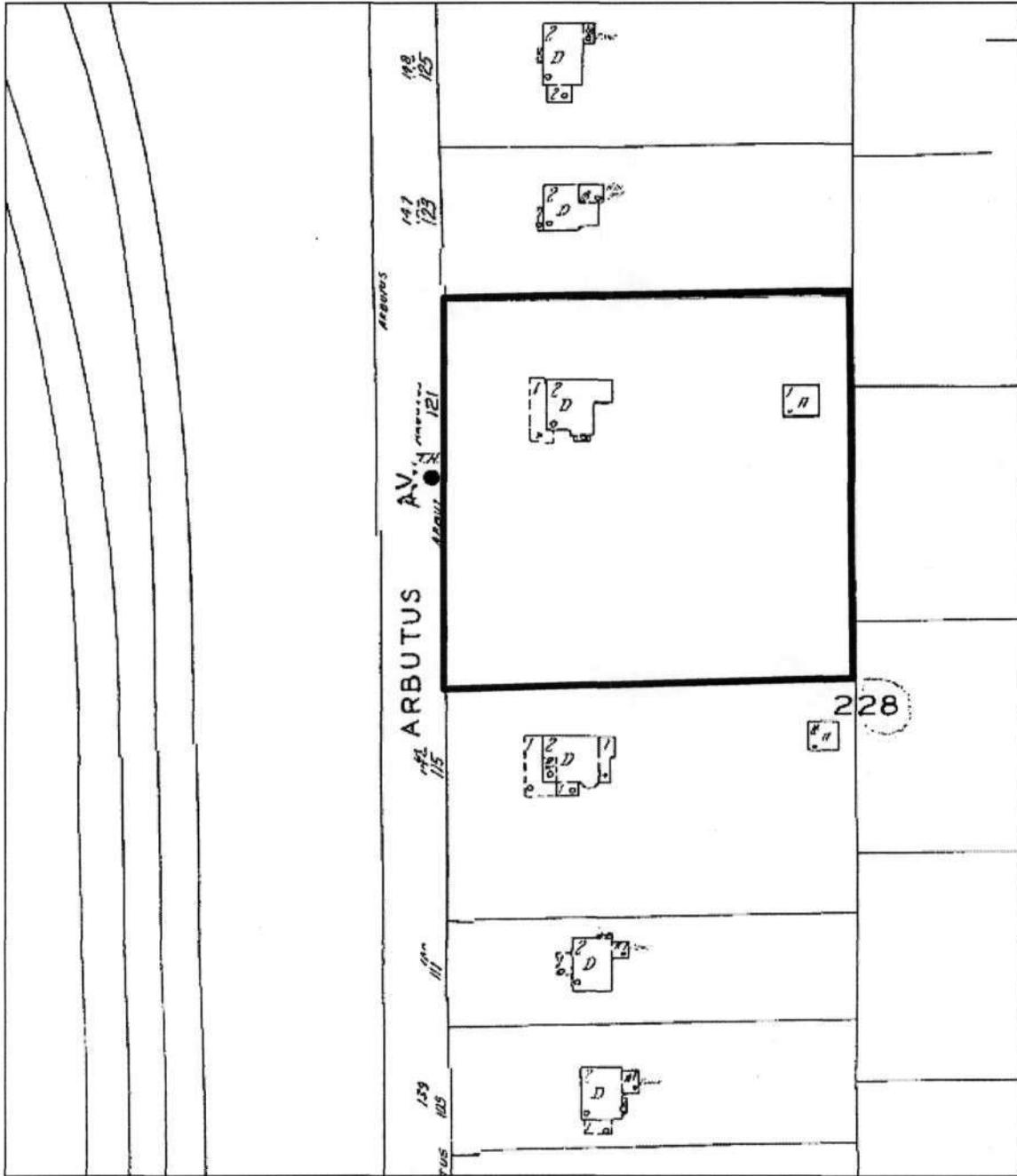
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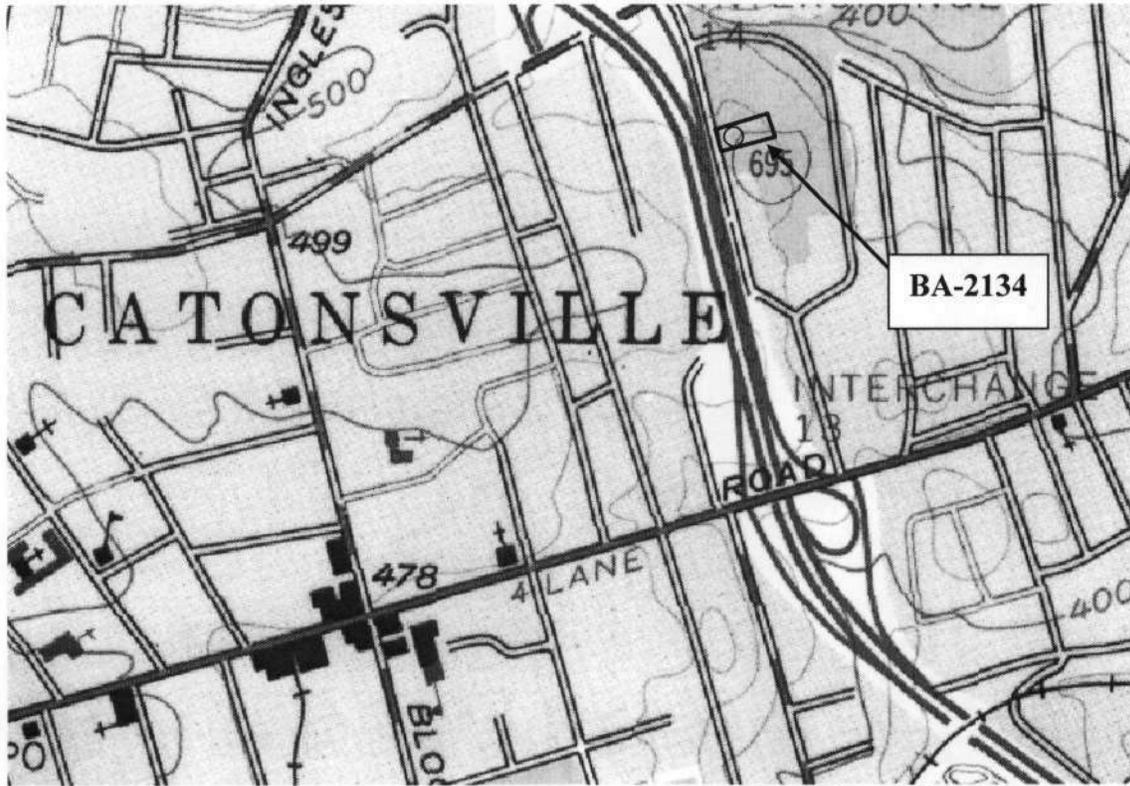


Map of Edens Terrace by 1898  
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Sanborn Map, 1958

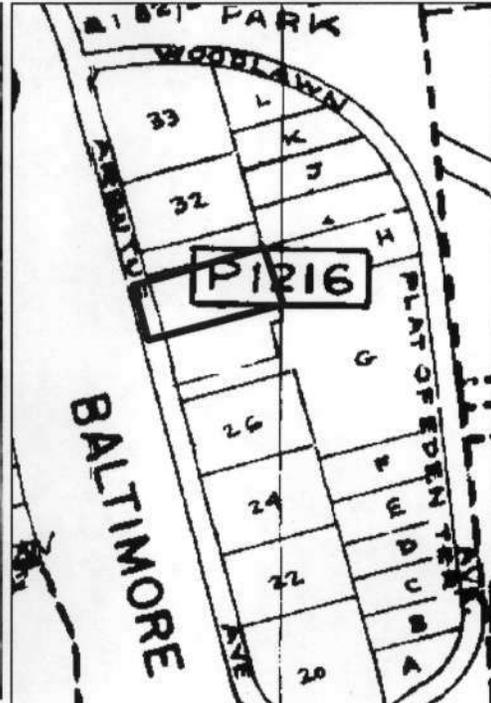


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Baltimore West quadrangle



Google Earth image, c. 2007

Tax Map 101, p. 1216, Lot 1



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Traceries, 2/2000, View looking east

