

PRINCE GEORGE'S COUNTY
HISTORIC SITE SUMMARY SHEET

Survey #: P.G.# 72-9-34 Building Date: circa 1910

Building Name: Juliet Hill/Ruth and Richard Brown House

Location: 604 60th Place, Fairmount Heights, Md.

Private/Residence/Occupied/Good/Inaccessible

Description:

The Hill/Brown House is a two-and-one-half story front-gabled frame dwelling, currently sheathed with beige synthetic siding with white trim. Entrance is in the third bay of the principal three-bay (south)east gable front. This east gable front is sheltered by a one-story hip-roof porch supported by plain square posts. The 2/2 windows have black louvered synthetic shutters. Trim is white, and the plain boxed cornices are returned at the gable ends. A small square single-pane window lights the loft level in the principal gable front. The house rests on a brick foundation. To the rear, a one-story addition fills in the corner of the ell, and there is an enclosed porch across the rear of the building.

Significance:

The Juliet Hill/Ruth and Richard Brown House is representative of the front-gabled urban dwellings popular in the early years of this century. It was built circa 1910 on a group of lots in the Fairmount Heights subdivision. The Hill/Brown House is representative of the front-gabled urban dwellings which were being constructed in the early years of the twentieth century. It was built by Juliet Hill, who had purchased two unimproved lots in 1907. Juliet Hill had the house built circa 1910, and then sold the house and lots to Cornelia Hager Ellis. The property was bequeathed to members of Mrs. Ellis' family, and was a rental property for a period of time. It was purchased by the Brown family in 1946, and is the home of Ruth Brown, Mayor of Fairmount Heights from 1989 to 1991.

Acreage: 8,625 square feet

Maryland Historical Trust State Historic Sites Inventory Form

1. Name (indicate preferred name)

historic Juliet Hill House

and/or common Ruth & Richard Brown House

2. Location

street & number 604 60th Place ___ not for publication

city, town Fairmount Heights ___ vicinity of congressional district 5

state MD county Prince George's

3. Classification

Category	Ownership	Status	Present Use	
<input type="checkbox"/> district	<input type="checkbox"/> public	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> occupied	<input type="checkbox"/> agriculture	<input type="checkbox"/> museum
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> building(s)	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> private	<input 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 checked="" 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 type="checkbox"/> other:

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

name Richard Brown

street & number 604 60th Place telephone no.:

city, town Fairmount Heights state and zip code MD 20743

5. Location of Legal Description

courthouse, registry of deeds, etc. Prince George's County Courthouse liber 6538

street & number 14735 Main Street folio 616

city, town Upper Marlboro state Maryland

6. Representation in Existing Historical Surveys

title None

date ___ federal ___ state ___ county ___ local

depository for survey records

city, town state

7. Description

Survey No. PG#72-9-34

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

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

The Juliet Hill/Ruth and Richard Brown House stands at 604 60th Place (originally Addison Avenue). It was built circa 1910 on lots 21-23, Block M of the Fairmount Heights subdivision, which was platted in 1900.

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8. Significance

Period	Areas of Significance—Check and justify below			
<input type="checkbox"/> prehistoric	<input type="checkbox"/> archeology-prehistoric	<input checked="" 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 checked="" 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
<input type="checkbox"/> 1800-1899	<input type="checkbox"/> commerce	<input type="checkbox"/> exploration/settlement	<input type="checkbox"/> philosophy	<input type="checkbox"/> theater
<input checked="" 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 type="checkbox"/> other (specify)

Specific dates ca. 1910 Builder/Architect

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 Juliet Hill/Ruth and Richard Brown House is representative of the front-gabled urban dwellings popular in the early years of this century. It was built circa 1910 on a group of lots in the Fairmount Heights subdivision.

The Town of Fairmount Heights is located just outside the easternmost point of the District of Columbia in Prince George's County, Maryland; it is composed of a group of early twentieth-century subdivisions that form one of the earliest planned communities for blacks in the Washington, D. C., area. The community began with the Fairmount Heights subdivision in 1900, followed by five adjoining subdivisions, the last being Sylvan Vista platted in 1923. The Town was incorporated in 1935, and grew steadily through the years before World War II.

The land which was to become Fairmount Heights consisted, during the late nineteenth century, principally of parts of the small farms of John H. Wilson, John and Caroline Silence, Samuel Hoover, Mosby Brown and John Wiessner, all clustered around the east corner of the District of Columbia. In the early years of the twentieth century, these farms were bought up and subdivided by land speculators, who then began to sell individual lots to black families, most of whom worked in the District of Columbia.

The first section of Fairmount Heights was subdivided in 1900 by Robinson White and Allen Clark (both white men) out of parts of several small farms which they had purchased from the Wilson, Godfrey, Belt and Lee families. Robinson White was a lawyer and developer who resided in the District of Columbia; Allen C. Clark was a lawyer and manager of the Equitable Life Insurance Company of Washington, D. C. White and Clark had approximately fifty acres surveyed by

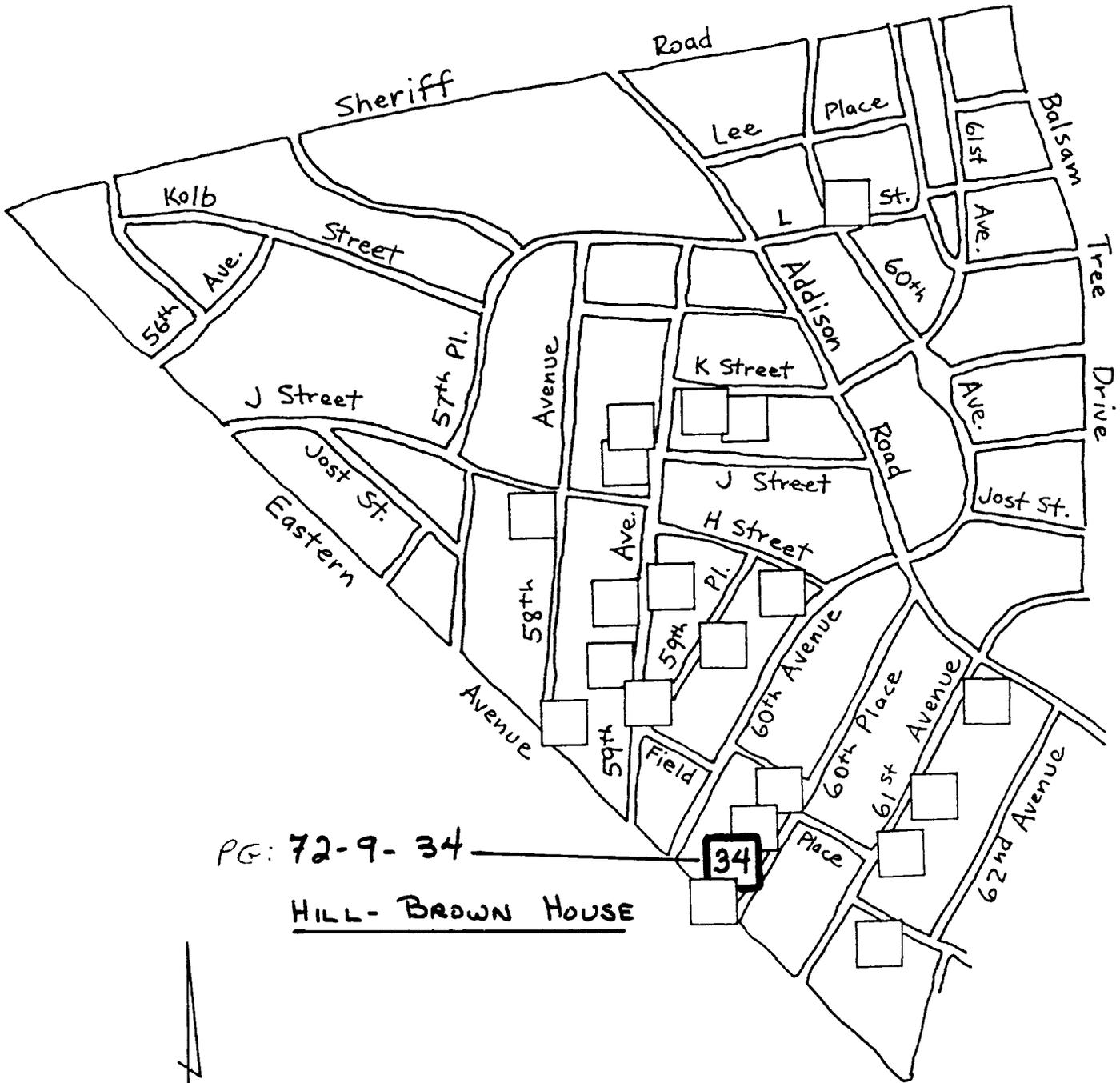
County Surveyor Edward L. Latimer, and laid out in lots and streets radiating from the northeast boundary of the District of Columbia. The deep, narrow lots were generally 25 by 125 feet; two of the streets were named for these first two developers. Sale of lots began almost immediately, and within a few years, dwellings were constructed and a community began to form.

From the beginning, blacks were encouraged to buy lots and settle in the new community. White and Clark sold the lots at relatively low prices, making home ownership finally attainable for black families. Most of the earliest purchasers of lots worked for government agencies; many built their own houses, or relied on friends and family to help with construction. Many families were quick to seize the opportunity to move out of the city, determined to progress, by hard work and amid healthful surroundings, toward a better life.

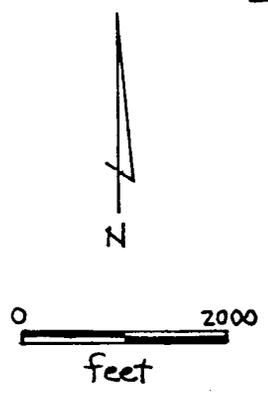
The earliest dwellings were of frame construction, modest in size and form, and many of these have not survived. Within a few years, however, several interesting and substantial houses were constructed for individuals who would make significant contributions to the development of Fairmount Heights.

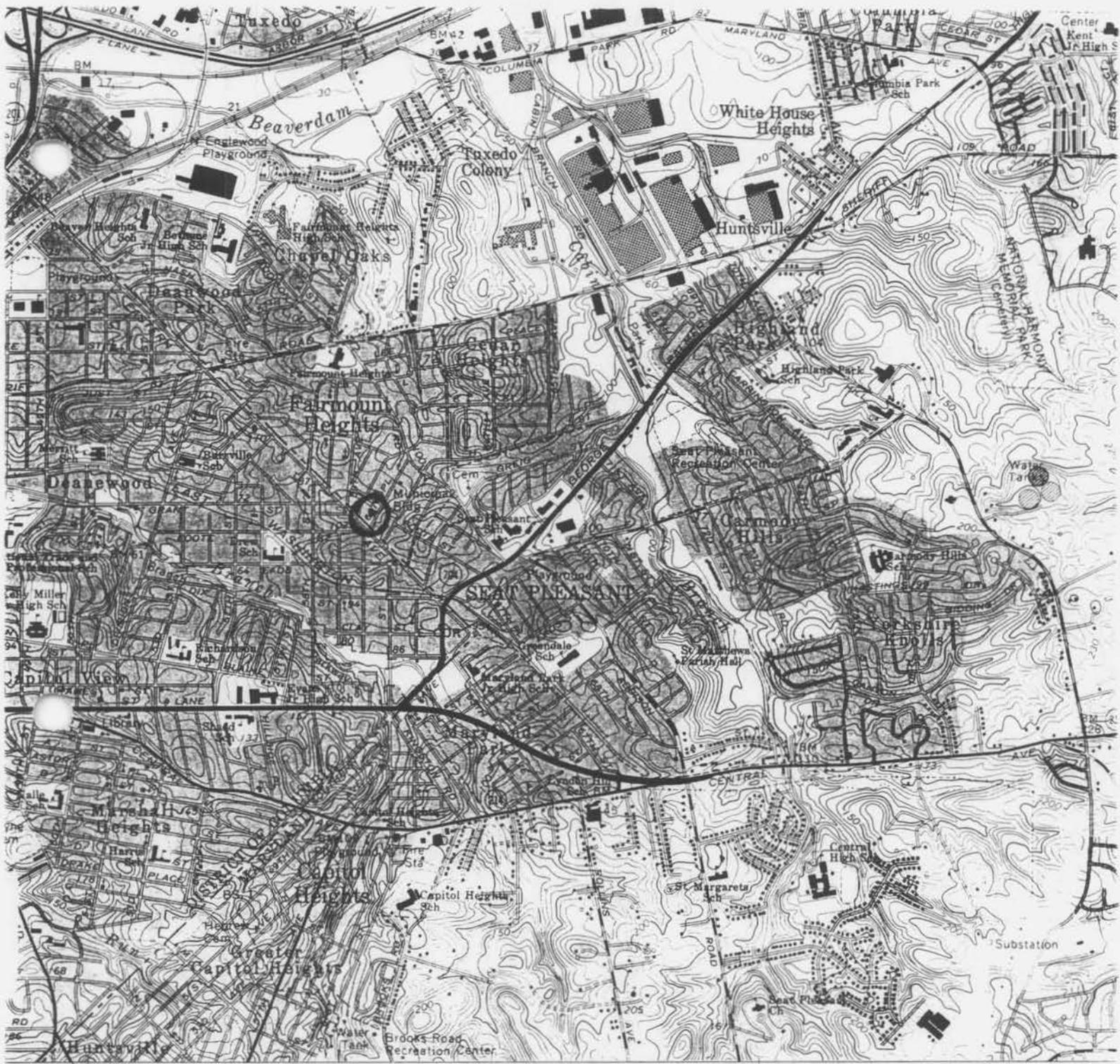
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HILL-BROWN HOUSE





DISTRICT HEIGHTS 2.3 MI.
UPPER MARLBORO 11 MI.

55'

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335000m E

INTERIOR—GEOLOGICAL SURVEY WASHINGTON D.C.—1971

76'



1 FEET
EVEL
TUM IS MEAN LOW WATER
LINE OF MEAN HIGH WATER
ATEL 1 FEET

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QUADRANGLE LOCATION

ROAD CLASSIFICATION

- Heavy-duty Light-duty
- Medium-duty Unimproved dirt
- Interstate Route U.S. Route State Road

WASHINGTON EAST, MD. — D. C.
N3852.5—W7652.5/7.5

ACCURACY STANDARDS
WASHINGTON, D. C. 20242
ABOLS IS AVAILABLE ON REQUEST

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Heli - Brown Horn
Susan L. Porel
January 1991

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604 60th Place

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