

ABSTRACT
WA-I-398
Fountain Rock
St. James Vicinity
private

19th Century

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**United States Department of the Interior
Heritage Conservation and Recreation Service**

**National Register of Historic Places
Inventory—Nomination Form**

See instructions in *How to Complete National Register Forms*
Type all entries—complete applicable sections



1. Name

historic Fountain Rock

and/or common Bai Yuka

2. Location

College Road

street & number

___ not for publication

city, town St. James vicinity of congressional district Sixth

state Maryland code 24 county Washington code 043

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 checked="" type="checkbox"/> building(s)	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> private	<input type="checkbox"/> unoccupied	<input type="checkbox"/> commercial
<input type="checkbox"/> structure	<input type="checkbox"/> both	<input type="checkbox"/> work in progress	<input type="checkbox"/> educational
<input type="checkbox"/> site	Public Acquisition	Accessible	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> private residence
<input type="checkbox"/> object	<input type="checkbox"/> in process	<input type="checkbox"/> yes: restricted	<input type="checkbox"/> religious
	<input type="checkbox"/> being considered	<input type="checkbox"/> yes: unrestricted	<input type="checkbox"/> scientific
		<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> no	<input type="checkbox"/> transportation
			<input type="checkbox"/> other:

4. Owner of Property

name Mrs. Mary S. Brugh

street & number

city, town St. James ___ vicinity of state Maryland 21781

5. Location of Legal Description

courthouse, registry of deeds, etc. Washington County Courthouse Liber: 210
Folio: 76

street & number West Washington Street

city, town Hagerstown state Maryland 21740

6. Representation in Existing Surveys

title Maryland Historical Trust
Historic Sales Inventory has this property been determined eligible? ___ yes no

___ federal state ___ county ___ local

depository for survey records

city, town _____ state _____

7. Description

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Condition

excellent
 good
 fair

deteriorated
 ruins
 unexposed

Check one

unaltered
 altered

Check one

original site
 moved date _____

Describe the present and original (if known) physical appearance

Bai Yuka, named an Indian term for "Fountain Rock", is a large Greek Revival style farmhouse located in Washington, County, Maryland. Characteristic of its style it has its principal facade in a pedimented gable wall. The house is a two story, four bay structure, eight bays in length. It is distinguished by its prominent gable facade with its molded pediment accented by a large round window. Architectural evidence indicates that the house was built in parts, the earliest being some time in the second quarter of the 19th century. The most obvious element remaining from this early period is the Federal style, curved hanging staircase. The present form of the house is Greek Revival and this appearance is the result of additions and renovations of the mid 19th century. Bai Yuka's architectural both interior and exterior comes from this period. The 1929 additional renovations included modernizations of plumbing and electricity. An unusual feature of the 1929 period was the installation of French pictorial wallpaper which matches that in the White House diplomatic reception room.

The house and property has been known as "Bai Yuka" and is located at the end of an alley of trees leading from College Road in a westerly direction at St. James, Maryland. It stands on an area of level ground facing east. The east front wall has a pedimented gable in which is centered a large round window. The house is quite long with the south elevation having eight bays. There is a three bay recessed porch along part of the north side.

Windows vary in size and placement. Those at the first story of the main section are elongated to form French doors. Two pairs of openings are set quite close together in the central area of the front wall. Windows in the front section have diamond pane casements. Elsewhere, six over six sash or rectangular pane casements are used. Some three over six sashes are used in the upper story of the addition.

The present main entrance is located in the north elevation in the second bay from the east end. It is a wide, low opening having a door with four large glass panes. Other doors are large with two panels. Some have diamond pane transoms. A one story porch with a low hipped roof extends around three sides of the front section. A covered walkway with lattice work sides leads from the back of the house to service buildings behind.

The interior has been decorated in the Greek Revival style characteristically used in the 1850s. The trim around the architraves is large, compound, curvilinear molding. At the upper corners, the trim pieces butt into square corner blocks with a turned design.

There are two and four panel doors of the 1850s period consistently throughout the house. Most of the doors are hung with large, five knuckle, butt hinges stamped "T & G Clark and Best Broad." This is a late stamp of the earlier Thomas Clark hardware company. The "Best Broad" hinge dates from the mid 19th century.

There are a few marble front fireplaces that are indicative of the mid 19th century. Two are upstairs in bedrooms, one is downstairs in the library.

One survival of an earlier period is the Federal style spiral staircase with slender circular section walnut handrails. The ballusters are round and tapered and delicate carved scroll work is applied to the ends of the risers.

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Name: Fountain Rock
County: Washington
State: Maryland

DESCRIPTION

A major renovation took place again in 1929 when Kenneth Bonner bought the property. His major additions were a cedar lined closet under the first floor portion of the staircase. Door moldings and side paneling carefully match the older 1850s material. Mr. Bonner did add two features: the Colonial Revival archway enlarged from a doorway leading from the stair room to the living room and the Colonial Revival fireplace mantel in the living room. He also managed to obtain wallpaper from France that is like the wallpaper in the White House Diplomatic Reception room. The colorful hand painted scenes by Jean Zuber of Al-Sacs-Lorraine, France, depict Boston Harbor, West Point, New York City Harbor, Natural Bridge and Niagra Falls.

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
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		<input type="checkbox"/> invention		<input type="checkbox"/> other (specify)

Specific dates

Builder/Architect

Statement of Significance (in one paragraph)

Bai Yuka is significant for its architecture as a relatively high style example of Greek Revival in a rural county where accouterments of that style are usually limited to simple trabeated entrances and wood work trim. The temple form is highly unusual in this area of Maryland. Additionally, the house retains a significant amount of period woodwork and other decorative elements, most notably the symmetrically molded architraves with decorated corner blocks and the marble mantel pieces which reflect the temple form. Two distinctive elements in the house are important for their association with other periods in its history. One is the Federal style curving stair which predates the Greek Revival period and the other is the unusual French scenic wallpaper installed ca. 1929. Throughout its history, the house has been associated with prominent Washington County families and was the home of the first headmaster of adjoining St. James School in 1842.

HISTORY AND SUPPORT

This large two story house with a pedimented gable front shows definite stylistic influence of the Greek Revival period. It stands on property which was part of the estate of General Samuel Ringgold, a man of great wealth who owned approximately 17,000 acres of land in Washington County, made up for the most part of the grant Conococheague Manor, later called Ringgold's Manor. General Ringgold maintained a lavish life style and eventually squandered his fortune. At his death in 1829, his remaining property was sold to pay his debts. At the time of his death, Ringgold was living with his son-in-law in Frederick. Prior to that time he occupied a large and opulent mansion house on the site of Claggett Hall of St. James School east of this house. This mansion, also known as Fountain Rock, burned in 1926. This portion of Ringgold's estate was purchased by Jacob Hollingsworth. Apparently he did not reside here, but rather lived in Hagerstown.

The architectural elements of Bai Yuka suggest that it was built sometime during the second quarter of the 19th century or slightly later. It appears unlikely, however, that either Ringgold or Hollingsworth built the house. Hollingsworth sold the property in two transactions, one in 1836 to John B. Claggett (SS/97) for 501 acres and one to John S. Rowland for 118 acres in 1837. (TT/169). According to the present owner, the house was the home of the first headmaster of St. James School, Mr. Claggett, in 1842.

9. Major Bibliographical Reference

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St. James School, St. James School. St. James, Md: 1967.
Washington County Land Records.
Williams, T.J.C., History of Washington County. Hagerstown, Md: Mail Publishing Company, 1906.

10. Geographical Data

Acreeage of nominated property 10 Acres

Quadrangle name _____

Quadrangle scale _____

UMT References

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Verbal boundary description and justification

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Reserving approximately 10 acres [±] of ground around the structure such that the structure is squarely located in the center of approximately nine acres [±]. An additional one acre [±] provides for a 50' right-of-way 840' long from College Road. Beginning at a point on

List all states and counties for properties overlapping state or county boundaries

state	code	county	code

11. Form Prepared By

name/title Paula Stoner, Architectural Historian

organization Preservation Associates, Inc. date January 1981

street & number 109 West Main Street, Box 202 telephone 301-432-5466

city or town Sharpsburg state Maryland 21782

12. State Historic Preservation Officer Certification

The evaluated significance of this property within the state is:
 national state local

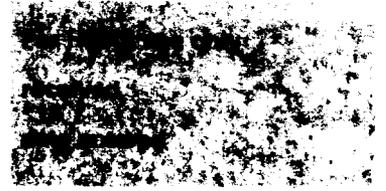
As the designated State Historic Preservation Officer for the National Historic Preservation Act of 1966 (Public Law 89-665), I hereby nominate this property for inclusion in the National Register and certify that it has been evaluated according to the criteria and procedures set forth by the Heritage Conservation and Recreation Service.

State Historic Preservation Officer signature _____
title _____ date _____



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County: Washington
State: Maryland

VERBAL BOUNDARY DESCRIPTION

on College Road, go northwest 840', thence northeast 240', thence northwest 630', thence southwest 630', thence northeast 340', thence southeast 840', thence northeast 50' to the point of beginning

MARYLAND HISTORICAL TRUST

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 District 2
 Map 62
 Parcel 54
 MAGI # 2206065404

INVENTORY FORM FOR STATE HISTORIC SITES SURVEY

1 NAME

HISTORIC

AND/OR COMMON

Fountain Rock

2 LOCATION

STREET & NUMBER

College Road

CITY, TOWN

St. James

VICINITY OF **Hagerstown**

CONGRESSIONAL DISTRICT

6

STATE

Maryland

COUNTY

Washington

3 CLASSIFICATION

CATEGORY

- DISTRICT
- BUILDING(S)
- STRUCTURE
- SITE
- OBJECT

OWNERSHIP

- PUBLIC
- PRIVATE
- BOTH
- PUBLIC ACQUISITION**
- IN PROCESS
- BEING CONSIDERED

STATUS

- OCCUPIED
- UNOCCUPIED
- WORK IN PROGRESS
- ACCESSIBLE**
- YES: RESTRICTED
- YES: UNRESTRICTED
- NO

PRESENT USE

- AGRICULTURE
- MUSEUM
- COMMERCIAL
- PARK
- EDUCATIONAL
- PRIVATE RESIDENCE
- ENTERTAINMENT
- RELIGIOUS
- GOVERNMENT
- SCIENTIFIC
- INDUSTRIAL
- TRANSPORTATION
- MILITARY
- OTHER

4 OWNER OF PROPERTY

NAME

Mary S. Brugh

Telephone #: _____

STREET & NUMBER

CITY, TOWN

St. James

VICINITY OF

STATE, zip code

Maryland 21781

5 LOCATION OF LEGAL DESCRIPTION

COURTHOUSE,
 REGISTRY OF DEEDS, ETC.

Washington County Court House

Liber #: **210**

Folio #: **76**

STREET & NUMBER

West Washington Street

CITY, TOWN

Hagerstown

STATE

Maryland 21740

6 REPRESENTATION IN EXISTING SURVEYS

TITLE

DATE

FEDERAL STATE COUNTY LOCAL

DEPOSITORY FOR
 SURVEY RECORDS

CITY, TOWN

STATE

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7 DESCRIPTION

CONDITION		CHECK ONE	CHECK ONE
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> EXCELLENT	<input 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 < 50%	<input type="checkbox"/> MOVED DATE _____
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DESCRIBE THE PRESENT AND ORIGINAL (IF KNOWN) PHYSICAL APPEARANCE

This Greek Revival Style two story house, "Fountain Rock" is located at the end of an alley of trees, leading from College Road in a westerly direction at St. James, Maryland. It stands on an area of level ground with its gable end facing east. It is a two story, four bay stone and brick structure completely sheathed with stucco. The front wall has a pedimented gable in which is centered a large round window. The house is quite long with the south elevation having seven bays, the two westernmost of which would appear to be an addition. From the north side, the front section of the house consists of two bays, followed by a two story recess three bays in length. The last two bays toward the west end project to the width of the full roof span of the back section.

Windows vary in size and placement. Those at the first story of the main section are elongated to form French doors. Two pairs of openings are set quite close together in the central area of the front wall. Windows in the front section have diamond pane casements. Elsewhere, six over six sash or rectangular pane casements are used. Some three over six sashes are used in the upper story of the addition.

The present main entrance is located in the north elevation in the second bay from the east end. It is a wide, low opening having a door with four large glass panes. Other doors are large with two panels. Some have diamond pane transoms. Presumably original main entrances were in the center bays of the east elevation. A one story porch with a low hipped roof extends around three sides of the front section. A two story porch spans the recessed area of the north wall where other entrances are located. A covered walkway with lattice work sides leads from the back of the house to service buildings behind.

The roof is sheathed with slates. Two ~~symmetrically~~ placed chimneys rise from inside the front or east wall. Another extends from along the north wall and a fourth is located inside the west end wall.

The door in the north wall of the main block enters into a broad hall which extends across the front sections. In the hallway is a curved stair. Also worthy of note about the interior was paneled wall paper forming a mural on the walls of the first story room west of the stair hall.

The house is in excellent condition and stands on a tract containing 65.1 acres part of "Conococheague Manor" and "Fountain Rock."

8 SIGNIFICANCE

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
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		<input type="checkbox"/> INVENTION		

SPECIFIC DATES BUILDER/ARCHITECT

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Architecturally, the house is particularly significant as a relatively high style Greek Revival example. The interior with its prominent staircase and original 19th century wall paper is also notable.

9 MAJOR BIBLIOGRAPHICAL REFERENCES

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CONTINUE ON SEPARATE SHEET IF NECESSARY

10 GEOGRAPHICAL DATA

ACREAGE OF NOMINATED PROPERTY 65.1 acres

VERBAL BOUNDARY DESCRIPTION

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

STATE	COUNTY
STATE	COUNTY

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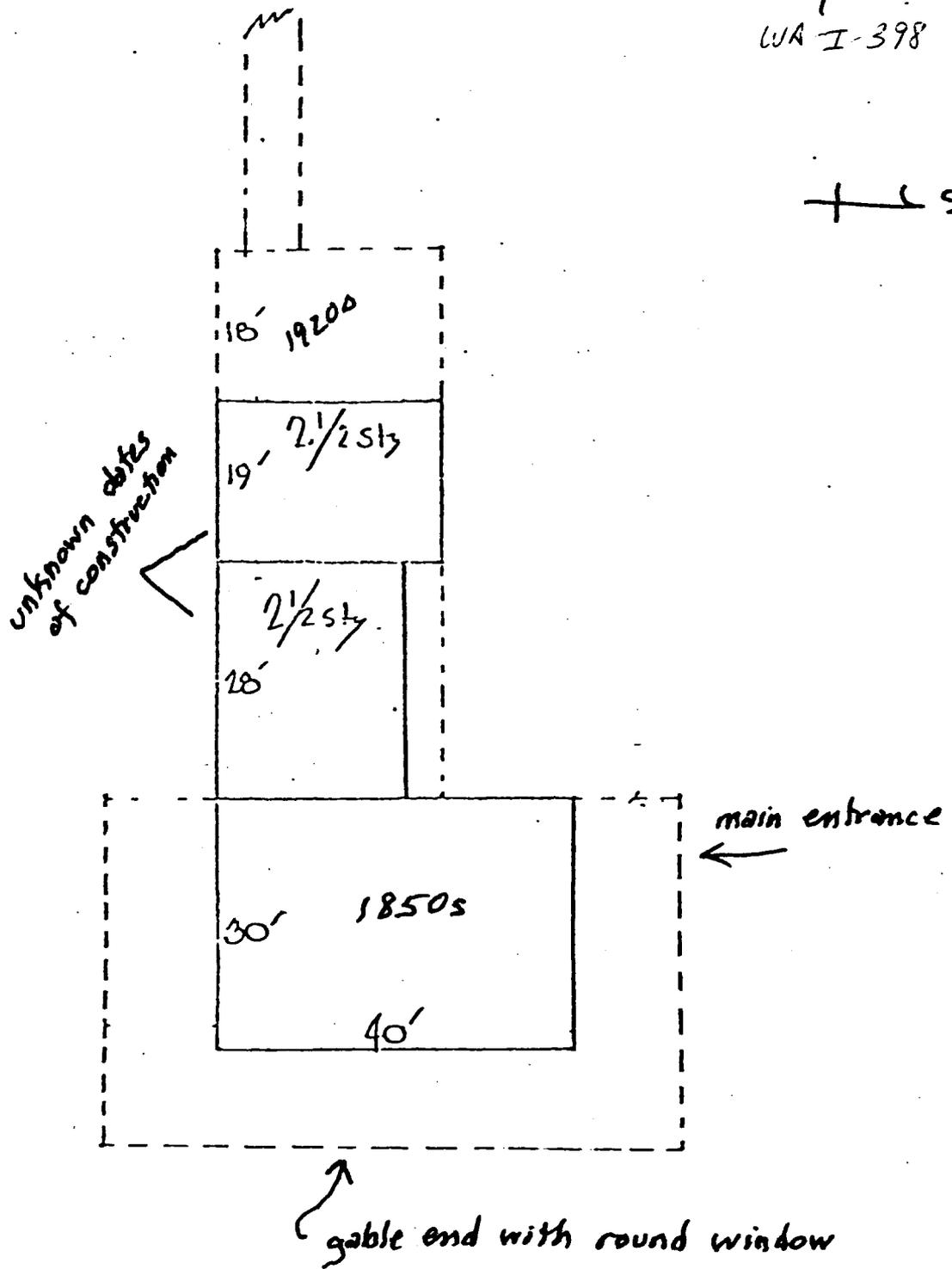
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Paula Stoner Dickey, Consultant	
ORGANIZATION	DATE
Washington County Historical Sites Survey	December 1977
STREET & NUMBER	TELEPHONE
County Office Building, 33 West Washington Street	791-3065
CITY OR TOWN	STATE
Hagerstown	Maryland 21740

The Maryland Historic Sites Inventory was officially created by an Act of the Maryland Legislature, to be found in the Annotated Code of Maryland, Article 41, Section 181 KA, 1974 Supplement.

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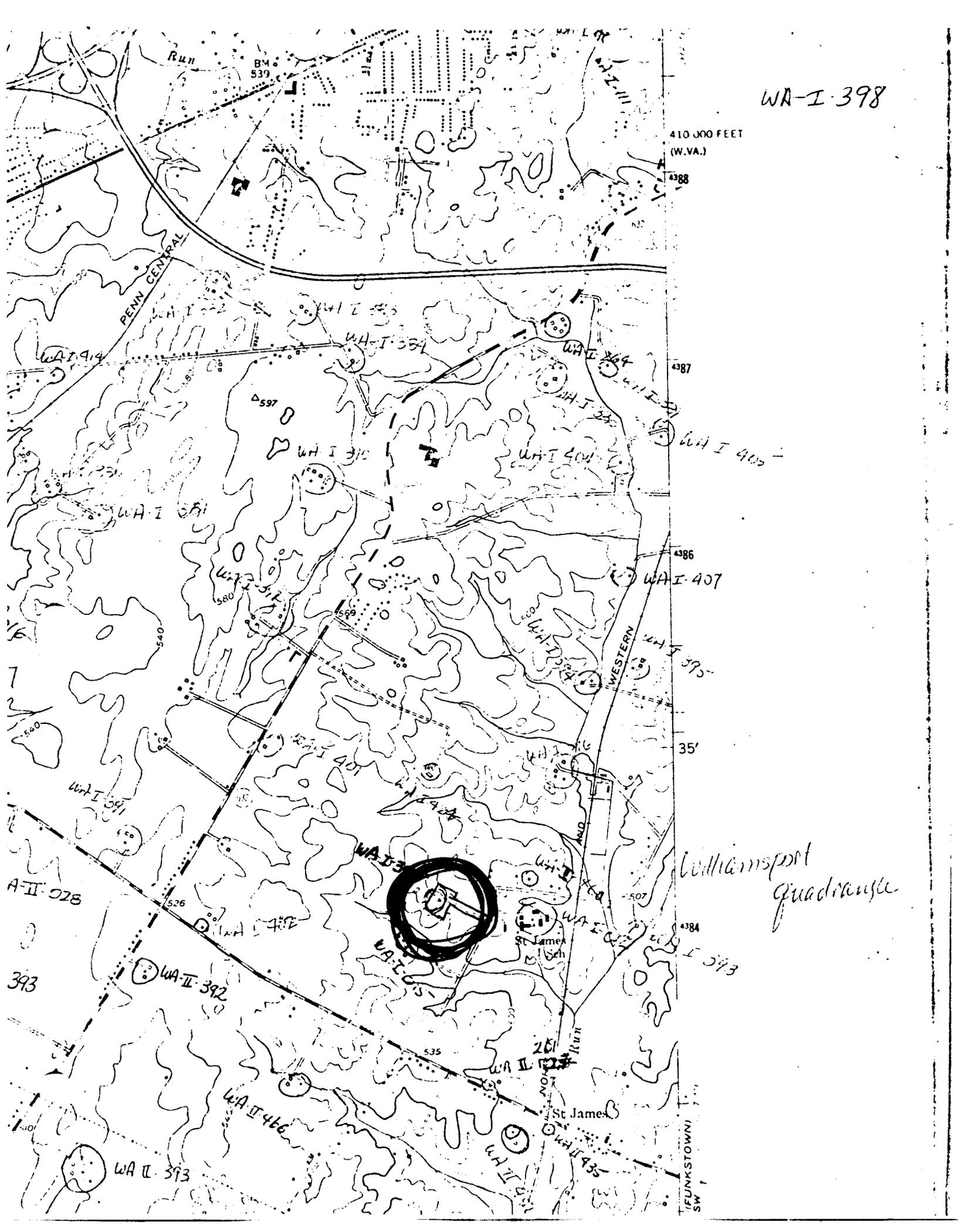
RETURN TO: Maryland Historical Trust
 The Shaw House, 21 State Circle
 Annapolis, Maryland 21401
 (301) 267-1438

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