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John Mifflin Hood Monument

Architectural Survey File

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Easement

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DETERMINATION OF ELIGIBILITY FORM**

NR Eligible: yes ☐
no ☒

Property Name: John Mifflin Hood Monument Inventory Number: B-4268
Address: Preston Gardens park in 300 block of N. St. Paul St. Historic district: ☐ yes ☒ no
City: Baltimore Zip Code: 21202 County: Baltimore City
USGS Quadrangle(s): Baltimore East
Property Owner: unknown--not in Maryland real property tax database Tax Account ID Number: not available
Tax Map Parcel Number(s): _____ Tax Map Number: _____
Project: Red Line Corridor Transit Study Agency: Mass Transit Administration
Agency Prepared By: John Milner Associates, Inc.
Preparer's Name: Katherine Larson Farnham Date Prepared: 1/18/2006
Documentation is presented in: Enoch Pratt Free Library--Maryland Room vertical files; MHT Easement; Baltimore Sun website
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: _____
Inventory Number: _____ Eligible: ☐ yes ☐ no Listed: ☐ yes ☐ no
Site visit by MHT Staff ☐ yes ☒ no Name: _____ Date: _____

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

The John Mifflin Hood Statue consists of a life-size bronze figure of Hood, dressed in a frock coat and clothing of his era and carrying a rolled map in his left hand, set atop a round marble base column. The base has a dark bronze garland on its front, and its top is adorned with a carved decorative band featuring leaves, square sunbursts, and railroad train wheel motifs. The statue is located in a shaded area of Preston Gardens surrounded by a low evergreen hedge, and the statue faces east and downhill.

John Mifflin Hood (1843-1906) was a prominent figure in the history of Maryland railroads. He began working as an engineering assistant for the railroads at age 16, served as an lieutenant engineer in the Confederate Army during the Civil War, and went on to a long career in railroad engineering, during which he was nicknamed "the General" by western Maryland farmers. From 1874 to 1902, he worked for the Western Maryland Railroad, where he began as vice president of the faltering, publicly supported railroad and within three months was promoted to president and general manager. He was instrumental in turning the Western Maryland Railroad around and making it a success, constructing profitable new lines, spurring considerable development in the western part of the state, encouraging further investment by the city, and forging strong trade relationships between Baltimore and the western counties. The city of Baltimore sold its ownership stake in the Western Maryland Railroad at a huge profit in 1902, at which time Hood accepted the presidency of United Railways, the predecessor to Baltimore's public transit system. After the Baltimore Fire

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Eligibility recommended ☒ Eligibility not recommended ☐
Criteria: ☐ A ☐ B ☒ C ☐ D Considerations: ☐ A ☒ B ☐ C ☐ D ☐ E ☒ F ☐ G

MHT Comments: *Criterion C: expresses aesthetic of the period.*

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Reviewer, Office of Preservation Services

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Reviewer, National Register Program

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of 1904, money generated by the Western Maryland under Hood's leadership was pivotal in rebuilding the burned downtown district, and, having contributed some of his own fortune, he is credited with playing an important role in the reconstruction of Baltimore after the fire. Two years after Hood's death, the city appropriated \$10,000 to build a memorial to him in recognition of his work, and the statue was created by sculptor Richard E. Brooks and unveiled on May 11, 1911 by one of Hood's grandsons. The Hood statue was originally placed at Hopkins Place, at the corner of Baltimore and Linerty streets, where it overlooked a burned and rebuilt area of the city. By the early 1960s, however, this location was slated for redevelopment and construction of the Civic and Charles centers, and the Arts Commission approved moving the Hood statue to quieter quarters in Preston Gardens. The new site was directly below the Western Maryland Railroad's president's office windows in the Commercial Credit Building. Despite objections from one of Hood's grandsons, the statue was moved in early 1963 and has remained at Preston Gardens since that time. The Maryland Historical Trust has an easement on it. At present, there are ideas to move the statue again to a location in front of Pennsylvania Station.

Along with memorializing the man himself, the John Mifflin Hood statue is considered by some to be one of few public memorials of the Great Baltimore Fire of 1904, a major event in the city's history. Though NRHP criteria typically exclude commemorative resources from consideration, Despite the relocation of the statue, Hood was a figure of transcendental importance and no other Baltimore properties or resources associated with him have been identified. This statue is probably the most important extant resource associated with his life and work, and in and of itself represents a fine example of an early twentieth century memorial monument. Given the lack of other public memorials to him and to the 1904 Great Fire, the John Mifflin Hood Statue is recommended eligible for the NRHP under Criteria A and B, and Criteria Considerations B, C, and F.

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Eligibility recommended _____

Eligibility not recommended _____

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1. Confederate Women's Monument - Charles Street and University Parkway.
2. Harris Bust - Wyman Park Drive and Wyman Parkway.
3. Lee-Jackson Monument - Art Museum Drive and Wyman Park Drive.
4. Poe Monument - Wyman Park Drive and 29th Street.
5. Union Soldiers and Sailors Monument - Charles Street and 29th Street.
6. Sun Dial - Druid Park Lake Drive and Lake Drive.
7. Wallace Monument - Lake Drive west of Druid Lake.
8. Wagner Bust - Druid Hill Park east of Fowl Lake.
9. Boy with a Goose - Druid Hill Park, Children's Zoo, west of Railroad Station.
10. Lt. Col. William H. Watson Monument - North Avenue and Mount Royal Terrace.
11. Confederate Soldiers and Sailors Monument - 1400 block Mount Royal Avenue.
12. Maryland Line Monument - Cathedral Street and Mount Royal Avenue.
13. Negro Heroes of the United States Monument - Monument Square, 100 block North Calvert Street.
14. Calvert Statue - Baltimore City Courthouse steps, 100 block North Fayette Street.
15. John Mifflin Hood Monument - Preston Gardens, 300 block Saint Paul Street.

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Location List

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IDENTIFICATION OF PRINTS OF THE BRONZES

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Wallace Monument

- 1A - View looking southwest
- 2A - View looking northwest
- 3A - View looking east
- 4A - View looking southeast

John Mifflin Hood Monument

- 34A - View looking northeast
- 35A - View looking west
- 36A - View looking northwest

Wagner Bust

- 6A - View looking southwest
- 7A - View looking northeast
- 8A - View looking southeast
- 9A - View looking northeast

Boy with a Goose

- 10A - View looking northeast
- 11A - View looking northwest
- 12A - View looking southwest
- 13A - View looking south

Lt. Col. William H. Watson Monument

- 14A - View looking southwest
- 15A - View looking northwest
- 16A - View looking northwest

Confederate Soldiers and Sailors Monument

- 17A - View looking northwest
- 18A - View looking north
- 19A - View looking southeast
- 20A - View looking southwest

Maryland Line Monument

- 21A - View looking west
- 22A - View looking west
- 23A - View looking northeast
- 24A - View looking northeast

Negro Heroes of the United States Monument

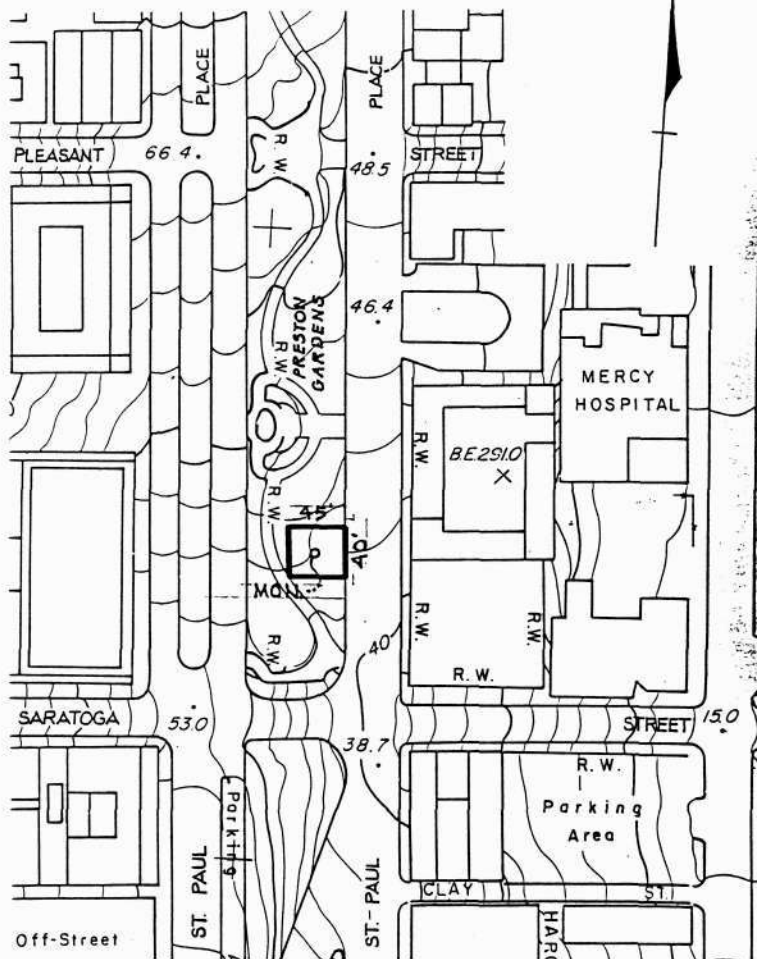
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- 26A - View looking south
- 27A - View looking southeast
- 28A - View looking northeast
- 29A - View looking southeast
- 30A - View looking north

Calvert Statue

- 31A - View looking east
- 32A - View looking northeast
- 33A - View looking east

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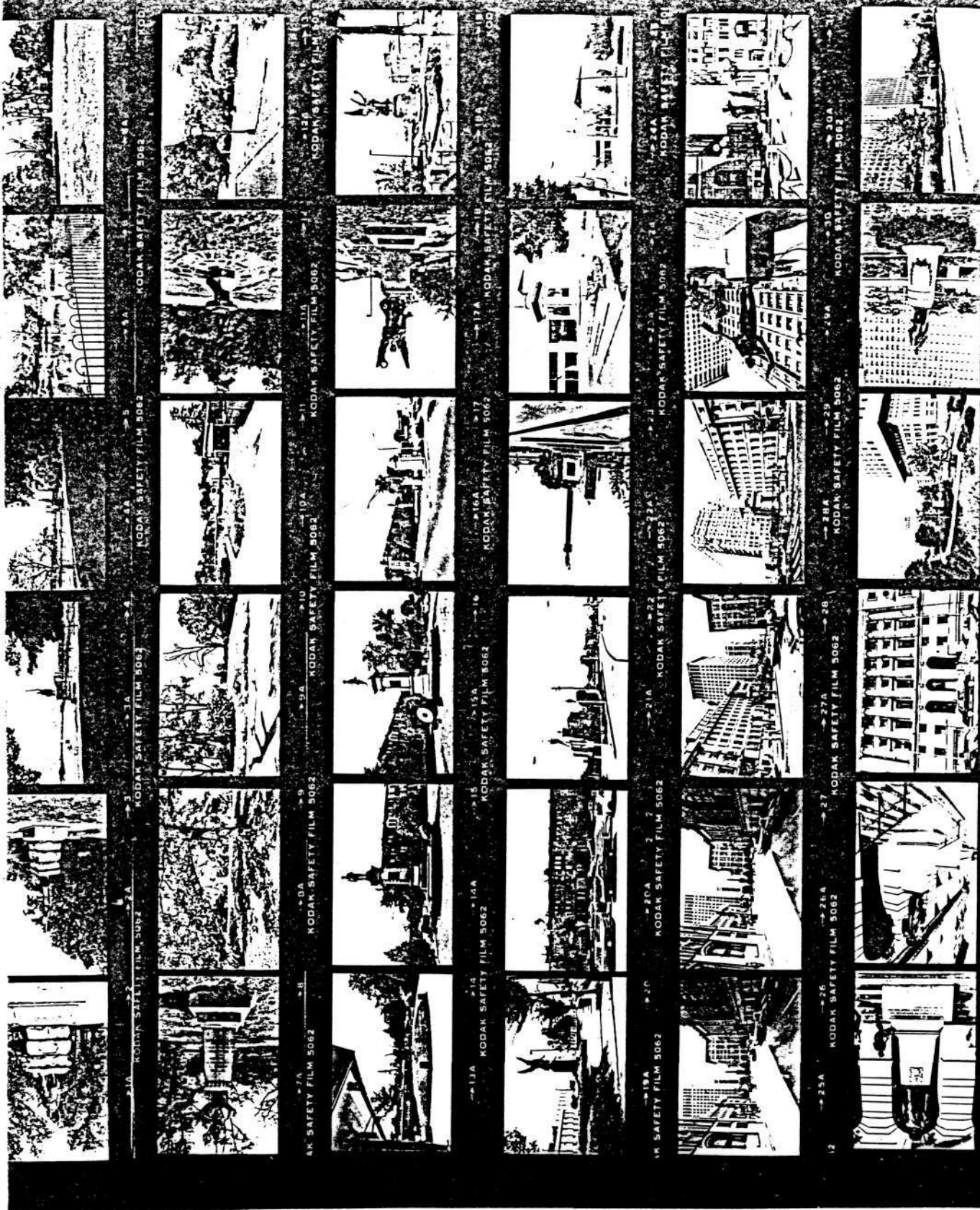
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