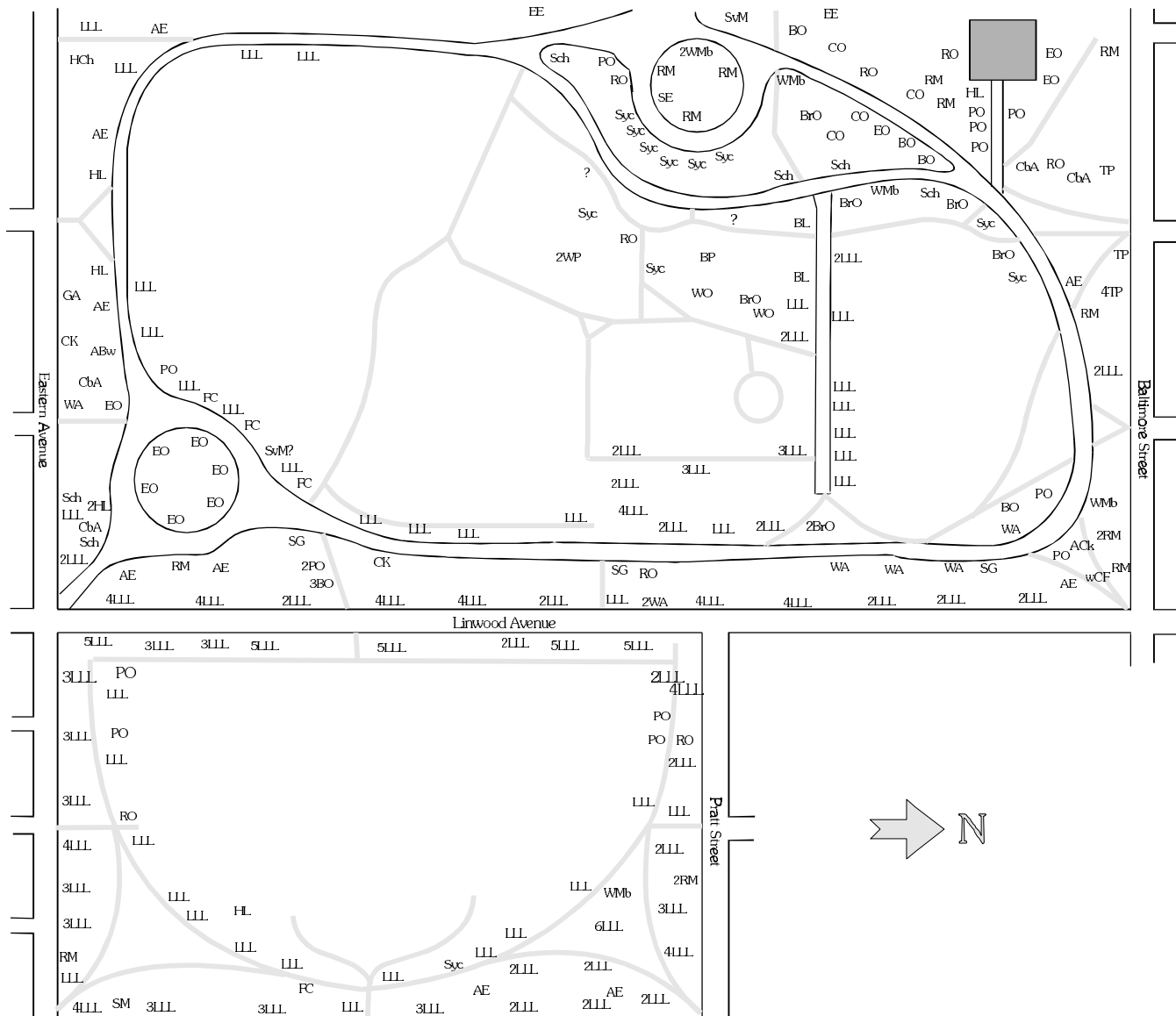


Patterson Park, Baltimore City



"On the 24th of January, 1827, William Patterson addressed to Jacob Small, the then mayor of Baltimore, a letter, in which he proposed to present to the city two adjoining squares of ground containing about five or six acres, on Hampstead Hill, on the south side of Smith Street, and opposite Loudenslagers tavern, to be used as a public walk or park by the citizens of Baltimore..."

"On the evening of July 13, 1853, the park was formally introduced to the public. There were some twenty thousand citizens present to witness the display of fireworks and take part in the ceremonies of the occasion..."

"On entering [the main] gate a large fountain is immediately in front. It has a marble basin fifty feet in diameter, in which are numerous fish of different kinds. A column rises in the centre, surmounted by a jet which throws water to a height of twenty feet in an umbrella-shape..."

"The conservatory, with the tropical plants which it contains, and the numerous beautiful flower-beds arranged in different ways around it, is one of the great attractions of this park. The buildings in the park are such as are necessary for the convenience of the public. Among them are the refectory, pavilion, pagoda, ladies room near the lake, bird-house, etc. The pavilion was erected during the summer of 1869". J. Thomas Scharf, *History of Baltimore City and County*, 1881, pp 276-277.