

Ward Name: **Hill District**

Motto: "Over all things I stand"



Colours: Black and white

Device: *Per chevron wavy Sable and Argent, three towers countercharged.*
Originally, the Hill was blazoned "Sable a mount argent in base". The towers were added after its company defended Marilenev in the Traladaran

Patron: Petra

Prior:

Captain:

Overview: This is the posh area of town; the streets are all brick; the neighbourhood broken up into numerous small walled estates. These estates belong to many of the more powerful persons in town (including the Torenescus) – although the mighty Radu family does not live here. The Hill actually does in part, lie on the lowest slopes of the hill where the Duke's Stronghold is built. [GAZ1/K:KoA]

Ambassadors' Quarter – Duke Stefan eventually acquired about 3 blocks of this area and set its estates over to the dwellings of official ambassadors to Karameikos. Guard Patrols are common, and the ambassadors have their own retainers for additional protection. [GAZ1/K:KoA]

Hill Market – This small marketplace serves The Hill; in addition to ordinary foods and services, you can find many businesses selling delicacies, expensive imports, and the like. Not surprisingly it is the most upscale of the markets in Specularum. [GAZ1/K:KoA]

North Market – This is an open marketplace serving the north end of town; it has characteristics similar to that of the *Lesser Merchant District* (exotic foods and crafts; wide range of goods). [GAZ1/K:KoA].

Demographics: Population: c1,500 in 53 blocks
Traladaran/Thyatian

Torenescu clan control 7 blocks.

Torenescu stronghold, guilders, and other "old guard"
Traladaran nobility, plus the ambassadors and rich Thyatians.

More multicultural than the Stronghold district, but not in the "New Karamaikan" style. Center of the political life. Typical buildings include walled villas, many-windowed mansions and the like. *[agathokle/the Piazza]*

History:

Since the original establishment of Fomorian homestead on the site of the present-day Ducal stronghold, the area now known as "The Hill" has undergone many changes. When the wooden fort was transformed into a stone fortress (cBC2100) the slopes of The Hill were used as workcamps. The Fomorian-built fortress and its surroundings fell into ruins at the time of the great earthquakes that created Mirror Bay (BC1750). A massive tomb was built on the remains of the Fomorian fortress by Nithian-led Traldar cBC1500, and again the slopes of The Hill provide accommodation and workshops for the construction workers. Once construction is complete, the surrounding structures are levelled to the ground. Rumours exist that there is at least one secret tunnel that runs from the depths of the tomb under the slopes with a concealed entrance somewhere beyond the old worksite. By BC1400, the tomb has fallen into disrepair, and only its top half emerges from the ground. The slopes begin to be used as grazing land by farmers. By BC1100, the village of Marilenev is now a firmly established walled town, ruled by a dynasty of Traldar kings. Over the next centuries Marilenev's population grows and new residences appear on The Hill. Following the arrival of the Thyatians after AC900, the area of The Hill undergoes significant change as the old buildings are demolished and new residences erected in the style of the Thyatian upper class who seek to live in close proximity to the Governor's residence in the castle built on the site of the original Fomorian homestead and Traldar tomb.

Monuments & Public Buildings:

Churches & Temples: Old Church of Thyatis Columbarium
Church of St Moira the Pure

Inns & Taverns: 1 Inn + adjacent stables

4 Taverns

Buildings:

The majority of buildings on The Hill are residential. The two market areas contain shops and businesses of a more elite/exotic nature than elsewhere in the city. As well as food stores and clothing shops there are craftsmen's workshops, studios for various artists, sculptors, fine metal workers and the like.

Buildings identified:

- H1 Moneychangers' Guildhall
- H2 Goldsmiths' Guildhall
- H3 Torenescu Manor & Plaza
- H4 Ambassadors' Row
- H5 House of Akatrina the Painter
- H6 Old Church of Thyatis Columbarium
- H7 Hill Graveyard
- H8 Capital Armorer
- H9 Ebonov House

- H10 House of Emmet
- H11 House of Samasus
- H12 Garvil's Manor
- H13 Dragos' Manor
- H14 Boris' House
- H15 Sergei's House
- H16 Torenescu Warehopuse
- H17 Stephano's House
- H18 Nichola's House
- H19 Lord Dimitrios' Jouse
- H20 Torenescu Clan members' houses
- H21 Simion's House
- H22 Guest House
- H23 Granary
- H24 Inn
- H25 Stables (x3)
- H26 Tavern (x4)
- H27 Bath house (x2)
- H28 District Revenue Office
- H29 District Court House
- H30 District Administrative Office

- H31 Church of St Moira the Pure

Notable Residents:

<i>Surname</i>	<i>Name</i>	<i>Role</i>	<i>Affiliation</i>
de Leon y Valdez	Marianita Lucia	Glantrian ambassador	Ambassadors
Flintfoot	Jenkin	Five Shires ambassador	Ambassadors
ibn Hamid	Abdallah	Ylari ambassador	Ambassadors
Nordenshield	Bolto	Rockhome ambassador	Ambassadors
Osteric	Cornel	Thyatian ambassador	Ambassadors
Schonberg	Gunther	Ierendian ambassador	Ambassadors
Voll	Aladan	Minrothaddan ambassador	Ambassadors
Whitehall	Estella	Darokinian ambassador	Ambassadors
Windbreaker	Rufien	Retired archer & Thyatian Ambassador aide	Ambassadors
	Shalander	Alfheim ambassador	Ambassadors

Specularum City Book Design Notes

Levinik	Dimitri	Guildmaster	Apothecaries' Guild
	Ergal	Necromancer & Representative of the Black Eagle	Black Eagle Barony
Kantianos	Trebonius	Guildmaster	Dyers' Guild
Silverbeard	Thorur	Guildmaster	Goldsmiths' Guild
Cordelius	Bartran	Minister of Trade	Karameikan Gov
Hyraksos	Constans	Ambassador to Rockhome	Karameikan Gov
Porius	Cassius	Captain of the South End	Karameikan Gov
Strolojca	Anton	Vice-minister of Finances	Karameikan Gov
Tisza	Valdo	Minister of Finances	Karameikan Gov
Tormandros	Lucas	Townmaster	Karameikan Gov
Yarol	Zogrev	Minister of State	Karameikan Gov
Draconius	Diomedes	General of the 4th Division	Karameikan Military
Hyraksos	Devon	Navy ensign	Karameikan Military
Hyraksos	Lucius	Minister of War	Karameikan Military
Gaddis	Katarina	Retired artist & wife of Admiral Hyraksos	Lesser aristocracy
Korrigan	Alexius	Seneschal	Lesser aristocracy
Lutescu	Ivana	Wife of Aloysius Vandevic	Lesser aristocracy
Thrakius	Flavius	Black sheep	Lesser aristocracy
Thrakius	Marius	Head of House Thrakius	Lesser aristocracy
Vandevic	Laina	Daughter of Aloysius Vandevic	Lesser aristocracy
Yuschiev	Mikhail	Adventurer & Minor noble	Lesser aristocracy
Azuros	Ioan	Guildmaster	Moneychangers' Guild
Torenescu	Simeon	Guildmaster	Scriveners' Guild
Findilius	Marcus	Guildmaster	Tailors' Guild
Dracul	Ordana		Torenescu family
Ebonos	Allaina	Wife of Dmitrios	Torenescu family
Torenescu	Alexandr	Head of family, Warden of the Moneylenders' Guild	Torenescu family
Torenescu	Boris	Warden of the Moneylenders' Guild	Torenescu family
Torenescu	Nichola	Wife of Zogrev Yarol	Torenescu family
Torenescu	Pavel		Torenescu family
Torenescu	Sergei	Ambassador to Glantri	Torenescu family
Torenescu	Stephanos	Fop	Torenescu family
	Dmitrios	Beggar chief	Torenescu family
	Theosius	Aide to Simeon Torenescu	Torenescu family

Law Enforcement & Crime: A Company of the Street Regiment of the City Guard stationed at a guardhouse on the edge of Bricktop District provides patrol of this area
See AllanP's article at the Vauts - <http://www.pandius.com/speccgrd.html>

Other Notes: