

PRINCE GEORGE'S COUNTY
HISTORIC SITE SUMMARY SHEET

Survey #: P.G. #68-13-7 Building Date: 1905

Building Name: Klein's Bakery

Location: 3849 34th Street, Mt. Rainier

Private/Shop/Occupied/Good/Accessible

Description:

3849 34th Street is a two-story with attic painted brick dwelling with a rectangular plan. The main (west) facade fronts on 34th Street and is two bays wide. It appears to be an addition built c. 1930 and has a horizontal parapet with a molded metal cornice concealing a flat roof. The remainder of the building is clearly of an earlier date. It is surmounted by a hip roof with dormers, all sheathed with grey slate. The main facade contains a storefront with plate glass display windows on rectangular bases at the first story. The shop entry is mitred to face the northwest toward the intersection of 34th Street and Bunker Hill Road. The original main block of the building is visible on the north (Bunker Hill Road) facade. It has a projecting enclosed porch sheltered by a metal sheathed hip roof. The porch roof is supported by four evenly spaced square brick piers. There is a centered double entry door and the porch is fenestrated with multi-pane floor-to-ceiling windows. The second story has single 1/1 double-hung sash windows with arched lintels. The attic story contains two hip-roof dormers. Centered between the dormers is a brick chimney visible above the slope of the roof.

Significance:

Known historically as Klein's Bakery, the building at 3849 34th Street is significant as an early example of 20th century mixed-use architecture. Occupying a prominent site at the southeast corner of the intersection of 34th Street and Bunker Hill Road, it is one of the oldest buildings within the Mt. Rainier commercial area. It was designed to accommodate a local business in the basement and west half of the first story, the Klein Bakery. The remainder of the building housed the family of the baker, John Klein. Klein acquired Lot 1 at the corner of 34th Street and Bunker Hill Road in 1906, Lot 2 in 1908 and the rear 35 feet of adjacent Lot 5 in 1915. In an early photograph (c. 1905) the building had a facade-wide covered porch at the first story along 34th Street sheltering a large multi-paned shop window at left and an entry door at center. Another entry at right apparently led to the upstairs residential portion of the building. The two-story flat roof addition along 34th Street was added sometime between 1921 and 1939. The family operated their bakery until at least 1928. The building is also significant as the site of the first meeting of the Mt. Rainier Volunteer Fire Department in February of 1911. Ownership of the property remained within the Klein family until June of 1953. Since 1983 it has housed a religious bookstore operated by the Whosoever Will Church of God.

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1. Name (indicate preferred name)

historic Klein's Bakery (Mt. Rainier Home Bakery)

and/or common Whosoever Will Church of God Bookstore

2. Location

street & number 3849 34th Street (also 3401 Bunker Hill Rd.) not for publication

city, town Mt. Rainier vicinity of congressional district 5

state Maryland 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 checked="" 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 type="checkbox"/> private residence
<input type="checkbox"/> site	Public Acquisition	Accessible	<input type="checkbox"/> entertainment <input checked="" 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 Whosoever Will Church of God

street & number 8009 Allendale Road telephone no.: (301)699-5008

city, town Landover state and zip code Maryland 20785

5. Location of Legal Description

courthouse, registry of deeds, etc. Prince George's County Courthouse liber 5733

street & number Main Street folio 669

city, town Upper Marlboro state Maryland

6. Representation in Existing Historical Surveys

title Historic Sites and Districts Plan

date 1981 federal state county local

^m depository for survey records Historic Preservation Commission, Room 4010, C.A.B.

city, town Upper Marlboro state Maryland

7. Description

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.

3849 34th Street is a two-story with attic painted brick dwelling with a rectangular plan (see Slide #36). The main (west) facade fronts on 34th Street and is two bays wide. The present west facade appears to be an addition built c. 1930 and has a horizontal parapet with a molded metal cornice concealing a flat roof. The remainder of the building is clearly of an earlier date. It is surmounted by a hip roof with dormers, all sheathed with grey slate.

The main (west) facade contains a storefront with plate glass display windows on rectangular bases at the first story. The storefront entrance is a single non-historic metal and glass door with an arched transom, now obscured. The shop entry is mitred to face the northwest toward the intersection of 34th Street and Bunker Hill Road. The second story of the 1930's addition contains on the 34th Street side, pairs of 1/1 double-hung sash windows with arched lintels. The addition's mitred corner and north wall each contain single 1/1 double-hung sash windows.

The original main block of the building's is visible on the north (Bunker Hill Road) facade. It has a projecting enclosed porch sheltered by a metal sheathed hip roof. The porch roof is supported by four evenly spaced square plan brick piers. There is a centered double entry door and the porch is fenestrated with multi-pane floor-to-ceiling windows. The second story of the north facade is fenestrated by single 1/1 double-hung sash windows with arched lintels. The attic story contains two hip-roof dormers each with a pair of 1/1 double-hung sash windows. Centered between the dormers is a brick chimney visible above the slope of the roof. Projecting from the northern edge of the building's rear (east) facade as an extension of the Bunker Hill Road facade is a single bay two-story brick ell with a gable roof covered in slate. The ell has fenestration consistent with the hip roof portion of the north facade and contains a single 1/1 double-hung sash window at the second story. The south and east facades of the building are similarly fenestrated. There is a one story semi-octagonal projecting bay on the east side of the south facade.

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
<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/humanitarian
<input type="checkbox"/> 1700-1799	<input type="checkbox"/> art	<input type="checkbox"/> engineering	<input type="checkbox"/> music	<input type="checkbox"/> theater
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> 1800-1899	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> commerce	<input type="checkbox"/> exploration/settlement	<input type="checkbox"/> philosophy	<input type="checkbox"/> transportation
<input type="checkbox"/> 1900-	<input type="checkbox"/> communications	<input type="checkbox"/> industry	<input type="checkbox"/> politics/government	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> other (specify) Local history
		<input type="checkbox"/> invention		

Specific dates 1905 **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.

CONTRIBUTING

Known historically as Klein's Bakery, the two story with attic brick building at 3849 34th Street (Block 1, Lots 1, 2 and part of Lot 5, Rhode Island Avenue Addition to Mt. Rainier) is significant as an early example of 20th century mixed-use architecture. Occupying a prominent site at the southeast corner of the intersection of 34th Street and Bunker Hill Road, it is also one of the oldest buildings within the Mt. Rainier commercial survey area. As an early mixed-use building it was designed and built to accommodate a local business in the basement and west half of the first story, the Klein Bakery. The remainder of the building housed the family of the baker, John Klein.

Klein acquired Lot 1 at the corner of 34th Street and Bunker Hill Road in February of 1906, Lot 2 in April of 1908 and the rear 35 feet of adjacent Lot 5 in 1915.¹ The earliest portion of the building was apparently erected on Lot 1 by 1907 when assessment records first indicated an improvement valued at \$1,800.² In an early photograph (c. 1905) the building had a facade-wide covered porch at the first story along 34th Street sheltering a large multi-paned shop window at left and an entry door at center. Another entry at right apparently led to the upstairs residential portion of the building. The second story was fenestrated with three evenly spaced 2/2 double-hung sash windows with decorative shutters. In addition, the present two-story brick ell on the north portion of the rear (east) facade apparently replaced a one-story frame ell at the same location.³ The present enclosed porch on the north (Bunker Hill Road) facade and the two-story flat roof addition along 34th Street were added sometime between 1921 and 1939, probably around 1930. The enclosed porch is directly above the area in the basement containing the bakery's ovens.⁴

The family operated their bakery at this location until at least 1928.⁵ The building is also significant as the site of the first formal meeting of the Mt. Rainier Volunteer Fire Department in February of 1911.⁶ Ownership of the property remained within the Klein family until June of 1953 when it was sold to Louis T. Litko (see Chain of Title). Since 1983 the building has housed a religious bookstore operated by the Whosoever Will Church of God, whose church has been located at 4009 34th Street since 1982.⁷

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STATE HISTORIC SITES INVENTORY FORM
Statement of Significance (continued)

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Notes

- 1 Prince George's County Land Records, 30:189, 47:28, 108:251.
- 2 Prince George's County Assessment Records; 1907, p. 65.
- 3 See Photograph p. 29, City of Mt. Rainier, Maryland 75th Anniversary Book, 1985.
- 4 See Sanborn Fire Insurance Maps, 1921, p. 5; 1939, p. 202.
- 5 Nelson's Suburban Directory, 1912, 1918, 1927-1928.
- 6 City of Mt. Rainier, p. 112.
- 7 Ibid, p. 115.

Chain of Title
3849 34th Street
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5733:669
19 July 1983
Deed

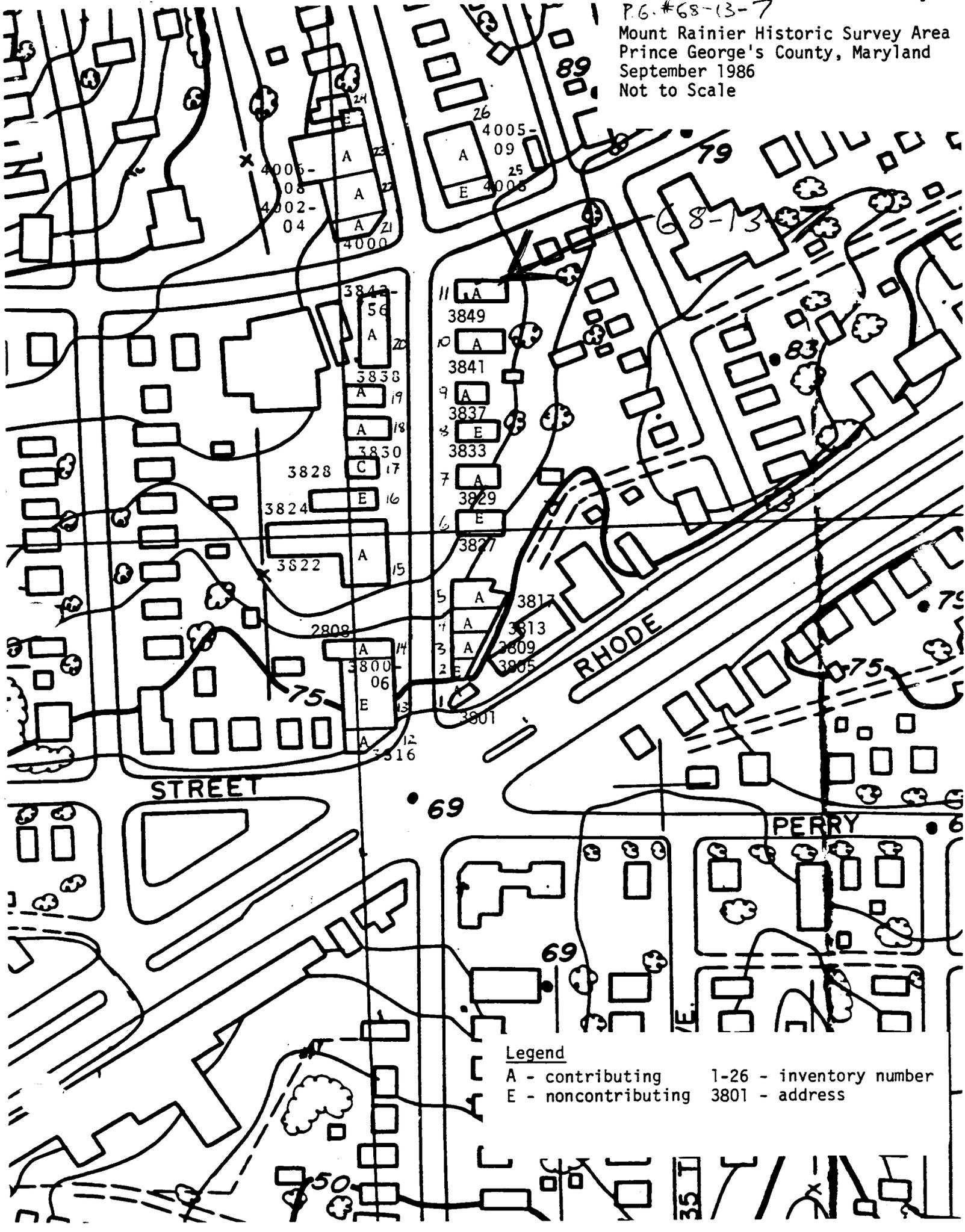
Otto Gerhardt to Whosoever Will Church of God. Grantor conveys Lots 1, 2 and the rear 35 feet of Lot 5 in Block 1, Rhode Island Avenue Addition to Mt. Rainier. Plat recorded JWB5:694 or A:6. Same obtained from Louis T. Litko and Frances M. Harry, 1 March 1976, 4608:157.

4608:157
1 March 1976
Deed

Louis T. Litko and Frances M. Harry to Otto Gerhardt. Grantors convey Lots 1, 2 and part of 5 in Block 1. Same obtained from John Klein, 4 June 1953, 1628:354.

1628:354
4 June 1953
Deed

John Klein to Louis T. Litko and Frances M. Harry. Grantor conveys Lots 1, 2, and part of 5 in Block 1. Part of Lot 5 obtained from David M. Nesbit, 6 November 1915, 108:251, same obtained from Willard D. and Nancy N. Bigelow 9 June 1915, 108:249. Lot 1 obtained from W. D. Bigelow, E. S. Spalding and J. Harris Rogers, 2 February 1906, 30:189. Lot 2 obtained from W. D. Bigelow, E.S. Spalding and J. Harris Rogers, 3 April 1908, 47:28. To clear title, this deed is made.



Legend
 A - contributing 1-26 - inventory number
 E - noncontributing 3801 - address



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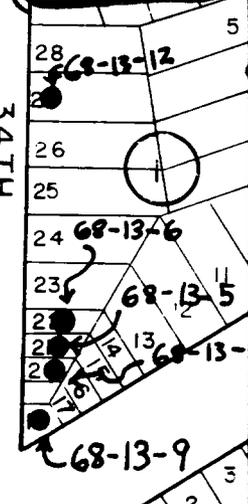
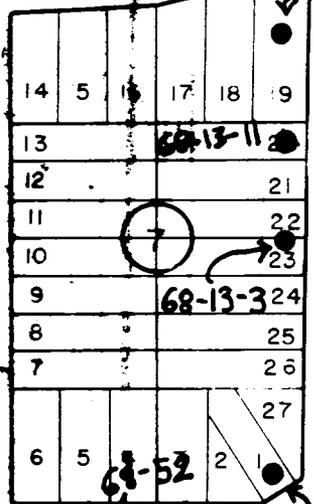
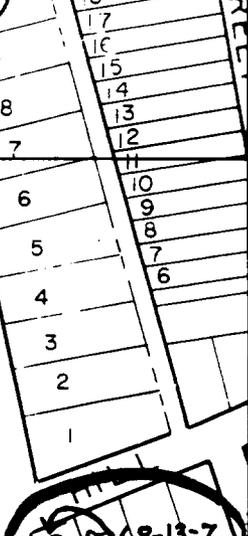
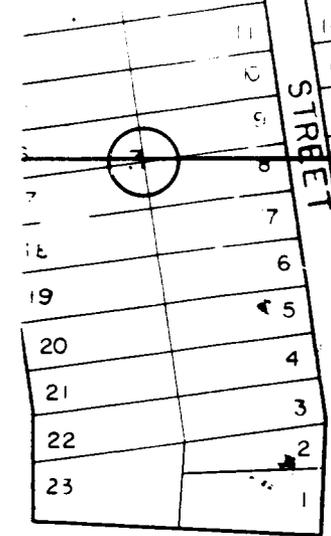
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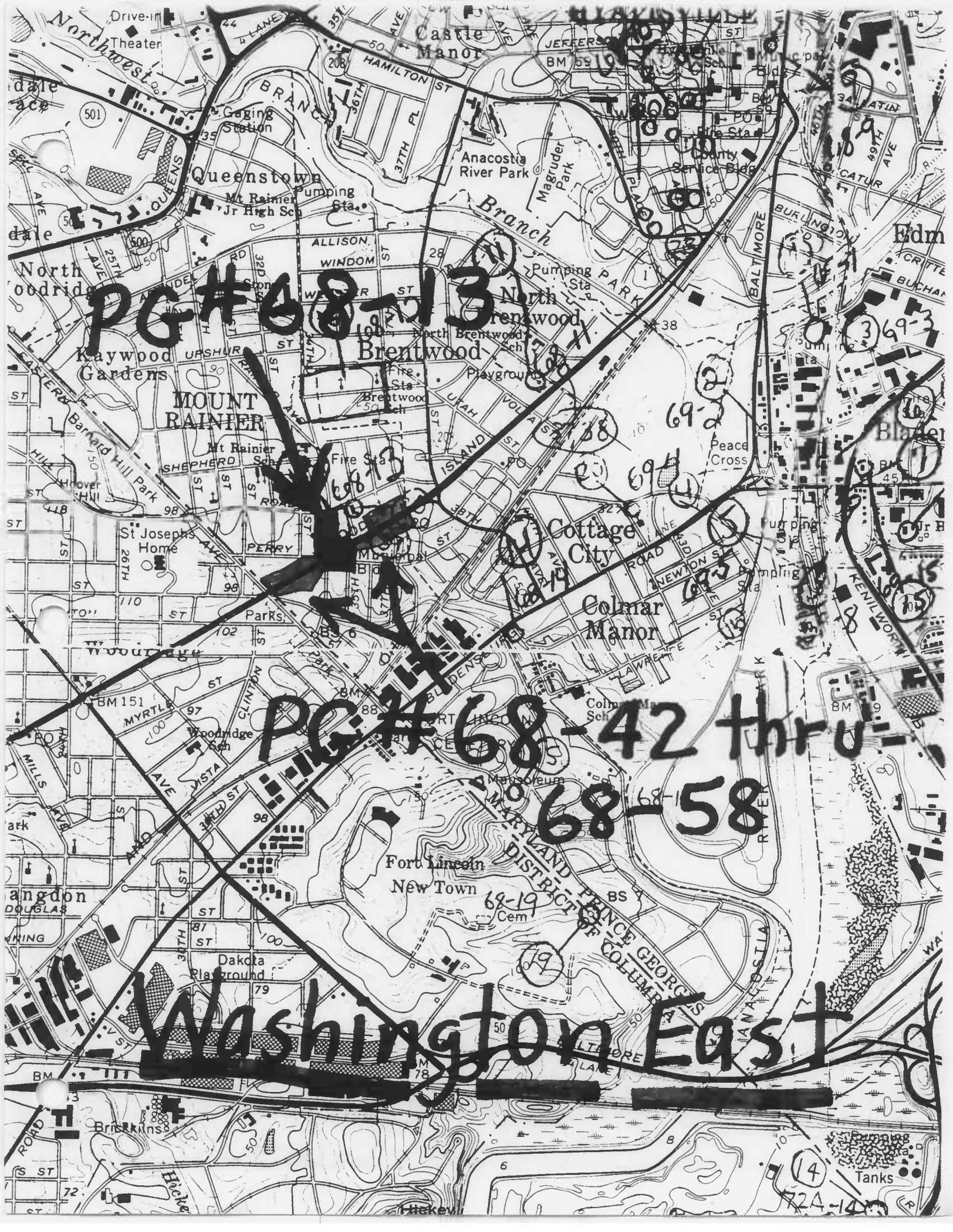
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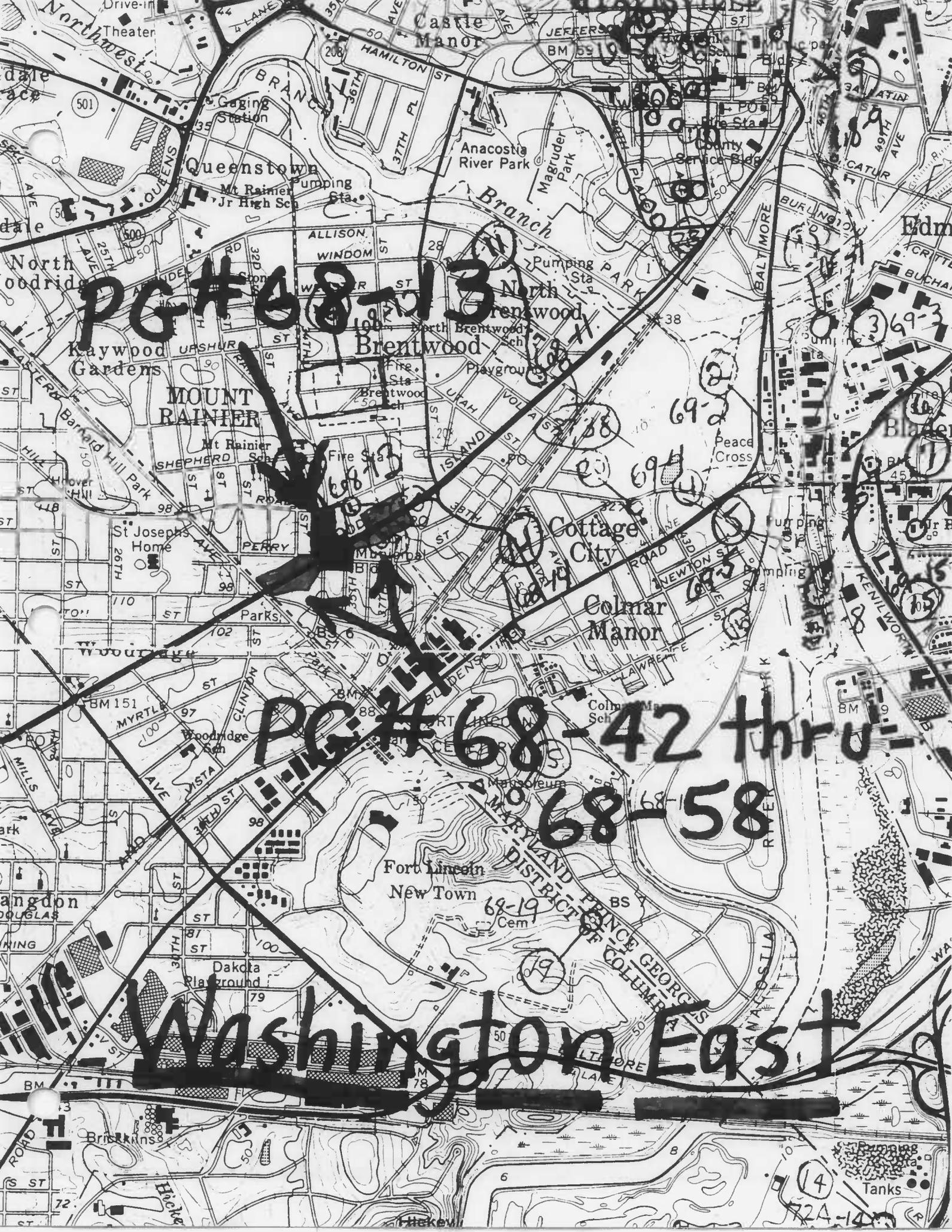




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