

PRINCE GEORGE'S COUNTY
HISTORIC SITE SUMMARY SHEET

Survey #: P.G. #68-13-9 Building Date: ca. 1907, 1912

Building Name: Mt. Rainier Drugstore/Mikules Pharmacy

Location: 3801-3803 34th Street, Mt. Rainier, Maryland

Private/Commercial/Occupied/Good/Accessible

Description

3801-3803 34th Street is a two story, two-by-four bay, brick commercial building with a rectangular plan on a parged brick foundation with a horizontal parapet concealing an east sloping shed roof. The bays of the west (34th Street) facade each contain a tall multi-paned window at the first story and a double-hung window at the second story. The entrance bay is mitred to face southwest, towards the intersection of 34th Street and Rhode Island Avenue. The entry has a single wood and plate glass door with a segental arch transom. Above the entry at the second story, is a multi-light double-hung window. The south (Rhode Island Avenue) facade is four bays wide. On the west half of the first story is a large, old, single-pane shop window with a fixed, multi-light arched transom above. The easternmost bay of the south facade contains a single, narrow, double-hung window. There are segmented arch lintels with a triple row of corbelled brick headers above the windows of all facades. The corners of the facades are articulated by a single row of corbelled bricks. A painted crown molded cornice of wood or metal surmounts a horizontal parapet, concealing a shed roof.

Significance

The building at 3801-3803 34th Street is significant for its contribution to the architectural and commercial development of downtown Mt. Rainier. The building is an important example of early 20th century mixed-use construction. The building occupies a prominent site at the northeast corner of the intersection of 34th Street and Rhode Island Avenue. William S. Rogers and Joseph S. Farden, real estate brokers, maintained offices in Mt. Rainier. They made an improvement valued at \$1,100 by 1907. By 1912 additional improvements had been made. In that same year the assessment was reduced by \$1,100 with an indication that this improvement had been burned. By 1912 the building's first story housed a drug store operated by Cordelia Mikules, who with her son Alexander, a clerk, lived above the store. Mikules operated the drug store until at least 1918. Ownership of the building remained within the Mikules family until 1974. Although some important early architectural features have been lost, the present condition of the building still contributes to the streetscape as an articulate expression of early 20th century commercial construction.

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Magi No.

DOE yes no

1. Name (indicate preferred name)

historic Mt. Rainier Drugstore/Mikules Pharmacyand/or common Odd-Even Thrift Shop

2. Location

street & number 3801-3803 34th Street not for publicationcity, town Mt. Rainier vicinity of congressional district 5state 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 checked="" type="checkbox"/> building(s)	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> private	<input type="checkbox"/> unoccupied	<input checked="" 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 checked="" type="checkbox"/> yes: unrestricted	<input type="checkbox"/> government
	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> not applicable	<input type="checkbox"/> no	<input type="checkbox"/> industrial
			<input type="checkbox"/> military
			<input type="checkbox"/> museum
			<input type="checkbox"/> park
			<input type="checkbox"/> scientific
			<input type="checkbox"/> transportation
			<input type="checkbox"/> other:

4. Owner of Property (give names and mailing addresses of all owners)

name William Holton and Beulah Smithstreet & number 3801 34th Street telephone no.:city, town Mt. Rainier state and zip code Maryland 20712

5. Location of Legal Description

courthouse, registry of deeds, etc. Prince George's County Courthouse liber 4872street & number Main Street folio 555city, town Upper Marlboro state Maryland

6. Representation in Existing Historical Surveys

title Historic Sites and Districts Plandate 1981 federal state county localdepository for survey records Historic Preservation Commission, M-NCPPC, CAB, Rm. 4010city, 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 type="checkbox"/> good	<input type="checkbox"/> ruins	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> altered	<input type="checkbox"/> moved date of move _____
<input checked="" 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.

3801-3803 34th Street is a two story, two-by-four bay, brick commercial building with a rectangular plan on a parged brick foundation with a horizontal parapet concealing an east sloping shed roof. (See Slides #49). The bays of the west (34th Street) facade each contain a tall multi-paned window at the first story and a double-hung window at the second story. The entrance bay is mitred to face southwest, towards the intersection of 34th Street and Rhode Island Avenue. The entry has a single wood and plate glass door with a segental arch transom. Above the entry at the second story, is a multi-light double-hung window. The south (Rhode Island Avenue) facade is four bays wide, only two of which are fenestrated at the first story. On the west half of the first story is a large, old, single-pane shop window with a fixed, multi-light arched transom above. The easternmost bay of the south facade contains a single, narrow, double-hung window. Across the second story are four, multi-paned, double-hung windows; two at the extremes edges of the facade and two flanking a raised brick pier at the center articulating a projecting brick chimney. There are segmented arch lintels with a triple row of corbelled brick headers above the windows of all facades. The corners of the facades are articulated by a single row of corbelled bricks. A painted crown molded cornice of wood or metal surmounts a horizontal parapet, concealing a shed roof.

century.. An early photograph indicates that the building at least for a time contained several projections that are no longer extant. There was a two-story, two-bay projection attached to the northern edge of the present 34th Street facade. There was also a raised and covered porch sheltering the corner entry door. The corner entry facade was originally fronted by a multi-sided projecting bay at the second story, topped by a tall, metal-clad conical roof.⁴

By 1912 the building's first story housed a drug store operated by Cordelia Mikules, who with her son Alexander, a clerk, lived above the store in the building's second floor apartment Cordelia Mikules operated the drug store until at least 1918.⁵ Ownership of the building remained within the Mikules family until 1974 (see Chain of Title).

Notes

- 1 Prince George's County Land Records, 25:179
- 2 Nelson's Suburban Directory, 1912.
- 3 Prince George's County Assessment Records, E.D. 17, 1907 p. 135; 1912, p. 109.
- 4 See photograph p. 33, City of Mt. Rainier 75th Anniversary Book, 1985.
- 5 Nelson's Suburban Directory, 1912, 1918.

9. Major Bibliographical References

Survey No. P.G.#68-13

See Notes, #8

10. Geographical Data

Acreege of nominated property _____

Quadrangle name Washington East

Quadrangle scale _____

UTM References do NOT complete UTM references

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B	<input type="text"/>	<input type="text"/>	<input type="text"/>
	Zone	Easting	Northing

C	<input type="text"/>	<input type="text"/>	<input type="text"/>
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Verbal boundary description and justification

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

state	code	county	code
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11. Form Prepared By

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organization Historic Preservation Commission date March 1988

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city or town Upper Marlboro state Maryland 20772

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.

The survey and inventory are being prepared for information and record purposes only and do not constitute any infringement of individual property rights.

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Annapolis, Maryland 21401
(301) 269-2438

Chain of Title
3801-3803 34th Street
P.G.#68-13-9

4872:555
28 December 1977
Deed

Adelene Bickerdyke, et al to William H. Holton and Beuluh Smith. Grantors convey west half of Lot 17 and all of Lot 18, Rhode Island Avenue Addition to Mt. Rainier. Plat recorded JWB5:694 or A:6. Same obtained from Roberta Mikules, 22 February 1974, 4353:701.

4353:701
22 February 1974
Deed

Roberta Mikules, representative T. Leonard Mikules (deceased) to Adelene Bickerdyke, et al. Grantors convey part of Lot 17 and all of Lot 18 in Block 1. Same obtained from Cordelia L. Mikules, 1958, Orphen's Court No. A12473.

A12473
1958
Will

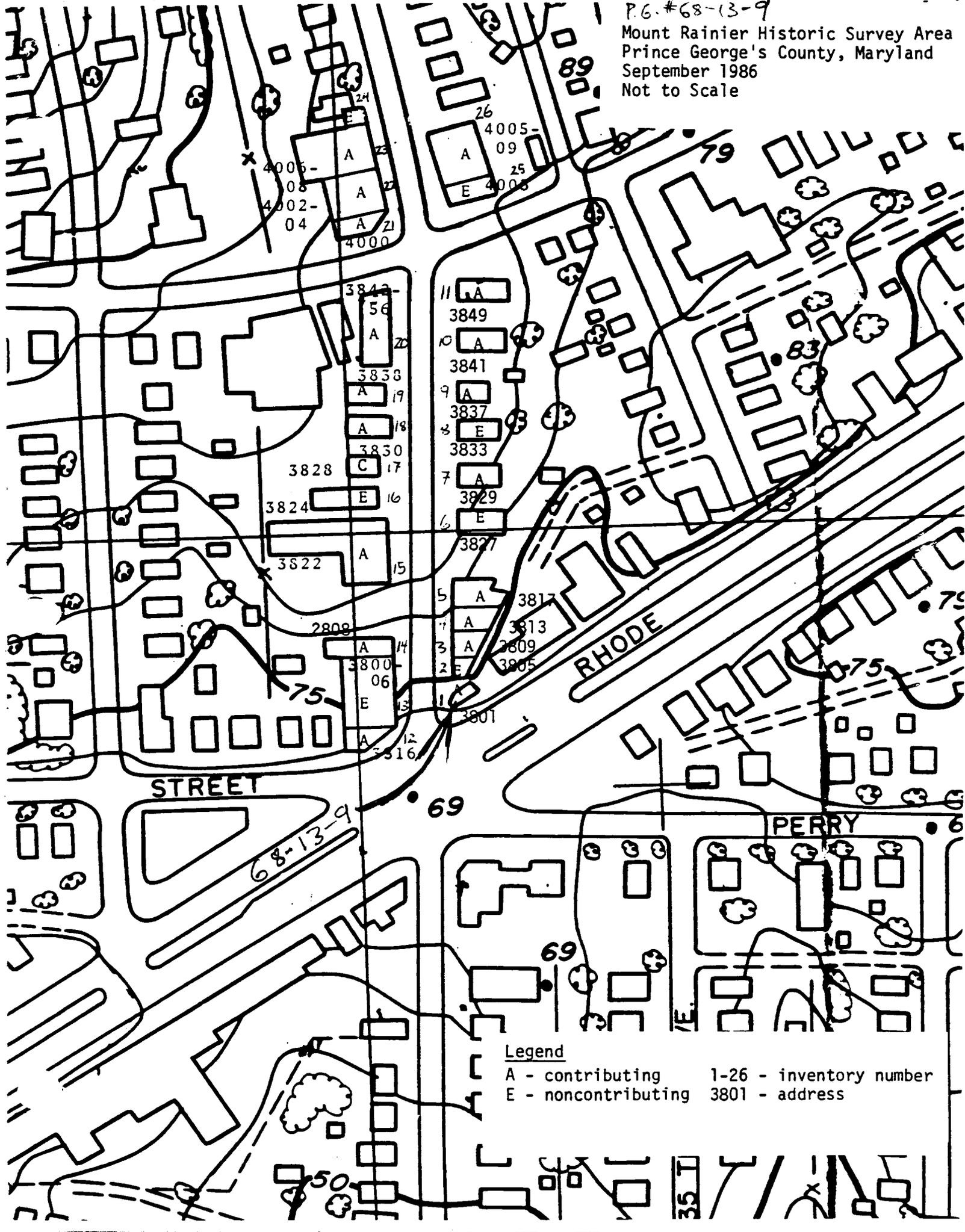
Cordelia L. Mikules (deceased) to Adelene Bickerdyke (nee Mikules), Mary Bornviri (nee Mikules) and T. Leonard Mikules. Grantor conveys part of Lot 17 and Lot 18 in Block 1. Same obtained from William S. Rogers, et al, 11 March 1915, 106:352.

106:352
11 March 1915
Deed

William S. and Martha B. Rogers and Joseph S. Farden to Cordelia L. Mikules. Grantors convey part of Lot 17 and Lot 18 in Block 1. Same obtained from W. D. Bigelow, et al, 6 October 1905, 25:179.

25:179
6 October 1905
Deed

William D. Bigelow, Edwin S. Spalding and J. Harris Rogers to William S. and Martha B. Rogers and Joseph S. Farden. Grantors convey part of Lot 17 and Lot 18 in Block 1. To clear title, this deed is made.



Legend

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



STREET

HILL

ROAD

North

68-13-8

68-13-7

68-43

AVENUE

68-42

34TH

ISLAND

68-13-3

68-13-5

68-13-4

68-13-9

68-13-2

68-13-1

PERRY

STREET

RHODE

STREET

68-13-10

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WELLS

AVENUE

STREET

COLUMBIA

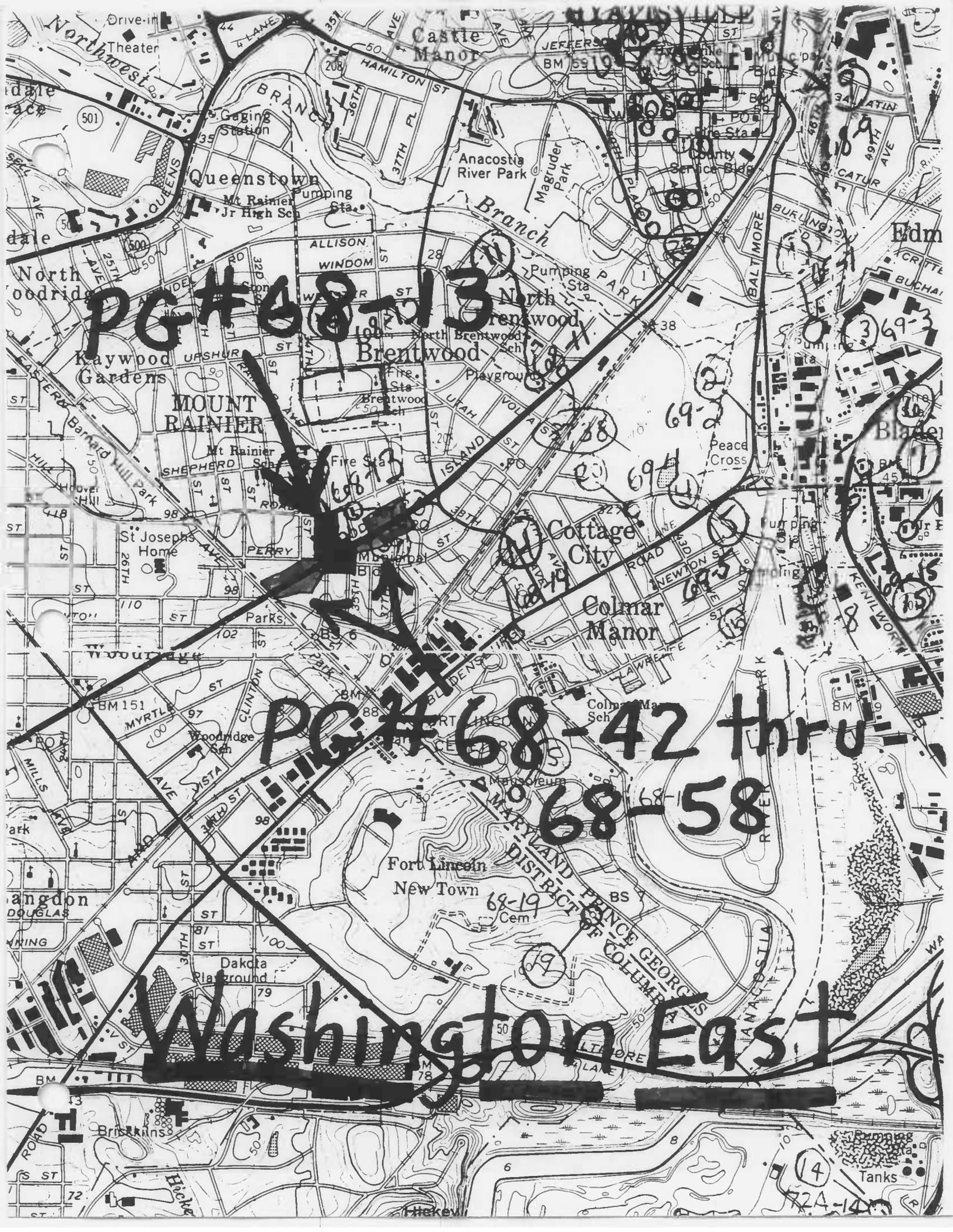
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OTIS

OAK

MOUNT RAINIER
COTTAGE



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WASH DC

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Mikulas Building
Prince George's County, MD
Howard Berger

Fall, 1987

SW

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