PRINCE GEORGE'S COUNTY

HISTORIC SITE SUMMARY SHEET

Survey #: P.G.#68-13-10 Building Date: ca. 1930

Building Name: Sanitary Grocery Company

Location: 3401 Perry Street, Mt. Rainier

Private/Religious/Occupied/Good/Accessible

Description

3401 Perry Street is a one-story buff brick commercial building with an essentially rectangular plan and three primary facades. The north facade fronts on Perry Street and contains a projecting show window with vertical panes of plate glass resting on a rectangular brick base. Above the show window is a fixed, multi-paned transom. The entrance facade is mitered to face northwest, towards the intersection of Perry Street, 34th Street and Rhode Island Avenue. The west facade fronts 34th Street and its northern half contains a show window, identical to, but slightly larger than the one on Perry Street. The show windows and the entrance are sheltered by a single suspended metal canopy. A low relief, molded string course of concrete or stone unites the three facade. The building is surmounted by a shaped parapet decorated with small, inset, diamond-shaped panels of concrete or stone. With the exception of the entry door and sidelights, which are modern, the remainder of the building appears to have maintained its original configuration.

Significance

3401 Perry Street (west 30 feet of Lot 1, Block 6, Rhode Island Avenue Addition to Mt. Rainier) is an excellent and virtually intact example of 1930's storefront architecture that makes a significant contribution to the early 20th century commercial context of downtown Mt. Rainier. This site is known to have been improved as early as 1907, when its then owner, Charles Piggott was assessed for an improvement valued at $1,700. The present building was erected by the Sanitary Grocery Company around 1930 as one of its several locations in Mt. Rainier. The storefront currently houses The Word Christian Center, one of five churches in the survey area.

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DOE ___yes ___no

Maryland Historical Trust
State Historic Sites Inventory Form

1. Name (indicate preferred name)

historic: Sanitary Grocery Company

and/or common: The Word Christian Center

2. Location

street & number: 3401 Perry Street ___ not for publication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	
___ district	___ public	X occupied	___ agriculture	___ museum
X building(s)	X private	___ unoccupied	___ commercial	___ park
___ structure	___ both	___ work in progress	___ educational	___ private residence
___ site	**Public Acquisition**	**Accessible**	___ entertainment	X religious
___ object	___ in process	___ yes: restricted	___ government	___ scientific
	___ being considered	___ yes: unrestricted	___ industrial	___ transportation
	X not applicable	X no	___ military	___ other:

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

name: William E. and Anne M. Ford

street & number: 6406 Naval Avenue telephone no.:

city, town: Lanham state and zip code: Maryland 20706

5. Location of Legal Description

courthouse, registry of deeds, etc.: Prince George's County Courthouse liber 5611

street & number: Main Street folio 804

city, town: Upper Marlboro state: Maryland

6. Representation in Existing Historical Surveys

title: Historic Sites and Districts Plan

date: 1981 ___ federal ___ state X county ___ local

depository for survey records: Historic Preservation Commission, M-NCPPC, CAB, Rm. 401

city, town: Upper Marlboro state: Maryland 20772

7. Description

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Condition		Check one	Check one
___ excellent	___ deteriorated	___ unaltered	X original site
X good	___ ruins	X altered	___ moved date of move _____
___ fair	___ unexposed		

Prepare both a summary paragraph and a general description of the resource and its various elements as it exists today.

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8. Significance

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Period	Areas of Significance—Check and justify below			
___ prehistoric	___ archeology-prehistoric	___ community planning	___ landscape architecture	___ religion
___ 1400–1499	___ archeology-historic	___ conservation	___ law	___ science
___ 1500–1599	___ agriculture	___ economics	___ literature	___ sculpture
___ 1600–1699	X architecture	___ education	___ military	___ social/humanitarian
___ 1700–1799	___ art	___ engineering	___ music	___ theater
___ 1800–1899	X commerce	___ exploration/settlement	___ philosophy	___ transportation
X 1900–	___ communications	___ industry	___ politics/government	___ other (specify)
		___ invention		

Specific dates 1930 **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

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Notes

1 Prince George's County Assessment Records, E.D. 16, 1907, p. 105.

2 Program for the Completion of Rhode Island Avenue, Mt. Rainier, Maryland, October 15, 1932, p. 2.

9. Major Bibliographical References

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See Notes, #8

10. Geographical Data

Acreage of nominated property _____

Quadrangle name Washington East

Quadrangle scale _____

UTM References do NOT complete UTM references

	Zone	Easting	Northing		Zone	Easting	Northing
A				B			
C				D			
E				F			
G				H			

Verbal boundary description and justification

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

state	code	county	code
state	code	county	code

11. Form Prepared By

name/title Howard S. Berger, Consultant

organization Historic Preservation Commission date March 1988

street & number 14741 Gov. Oden Bowie Drive telephone 952-4609

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.

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Annapolis, Maryland 21401
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PS-2746

Chain of Title
3401 Perry Street
PG #68-13-10

5611:804 1 December 1982 Deed	Herbert W. and Catherine M. Reichelt to William E. and Anne M. Ford. Grantors convey part of Lot 1 in Block 6 (west 30 feet of Lot 1), Rhode Island Avenue Addition to Mt. Rainier. Plat recorded JWB5:694 or A:6. Same obtained from Harry L. and Anna E. Carpel, 7 November 1945, 811:495.
811:495 7 November 1945 Deed	Harry L. and Anna E. Carpel to Herbert W. and Catherine M. Reichelt. Grantors convey part of Lot 1 in Block 6. Same obtained from Sanitary Grocery Company, Inc., 2 December 1935, 430:344.
430:344 2 December 1935 Deed	Sanitary Grocery Company, Inc. to Harry L. Carpel. Grantor conveys part of Lot 1 in Block 6. Same obtained from Frederick G. and Martha E. Kayhoe, 5 February 1929, 331:307.
331:307 5 February 1929 Deed	Frederick G. and Martha E. Kayhoe to Sanitary Grocery Company, Inc. Grantors convey part of Lot 1 in Block 6. Same obtained from Joseph and Lillian Berkowitz, 4 February 1929, 331:285.
331:285 4 February 1929 Deed	Joseph and Lillian Berkowitz to Frederick G. Kayhoe. Grantors convey part of Lot 1 in Block 6. Same obtained from Joseph J. Baylin, 7 November 1928, 325:29.
325:29 7 November 1928 Deed	Joseph J. Baylin to Joseph and Lillian Berkowitz. Grantor conveys part of Lot 1 in Block 6. Same obtained from Joseph and Lillian Berkowitz, 7 November 1928, 325:28.
325:28 7 November 1928 Deed	Joseph and Lillian Berkowitz to Joseph J. Baylin. Grantors convey part of Lot 1 in Block 6. Same obtained from Annie and Abraham Berkowitz, 22 March 1922, 190:423.
190:423 22 March 1922 Deed	Annie and Abraham Berkowitz to Joseph Berkowitz. Grantors convey Lot 1 in Block 6. Same obtained from Joseph Berkowitz, 22 March 1912, 79:218.
79:218 22 March 1912 Deed	Joseph Berkowitz to Annie Berkowitz. Grantor conveys Lot 1 in Block 6. Same obtained from Charles H. and Julia R. Piggott, 14 April 1909, 48:515.
48:515 14 April 1909 Deed	Charles H. and Julia R. Piggott to Joseph Berkowitz. Grantors convey Lot 1 in Block 6. Same obtained from W. D. Bigelow, et al 13 August 1905, 24:563.

24:563 13 August 1905 Deed	W. D. Bigelow, E. S. Spalding and J. Harris Rogers to Charles H. Piggott. Grantors convey Lot 1 in Block 6. To clear title this deed is made.

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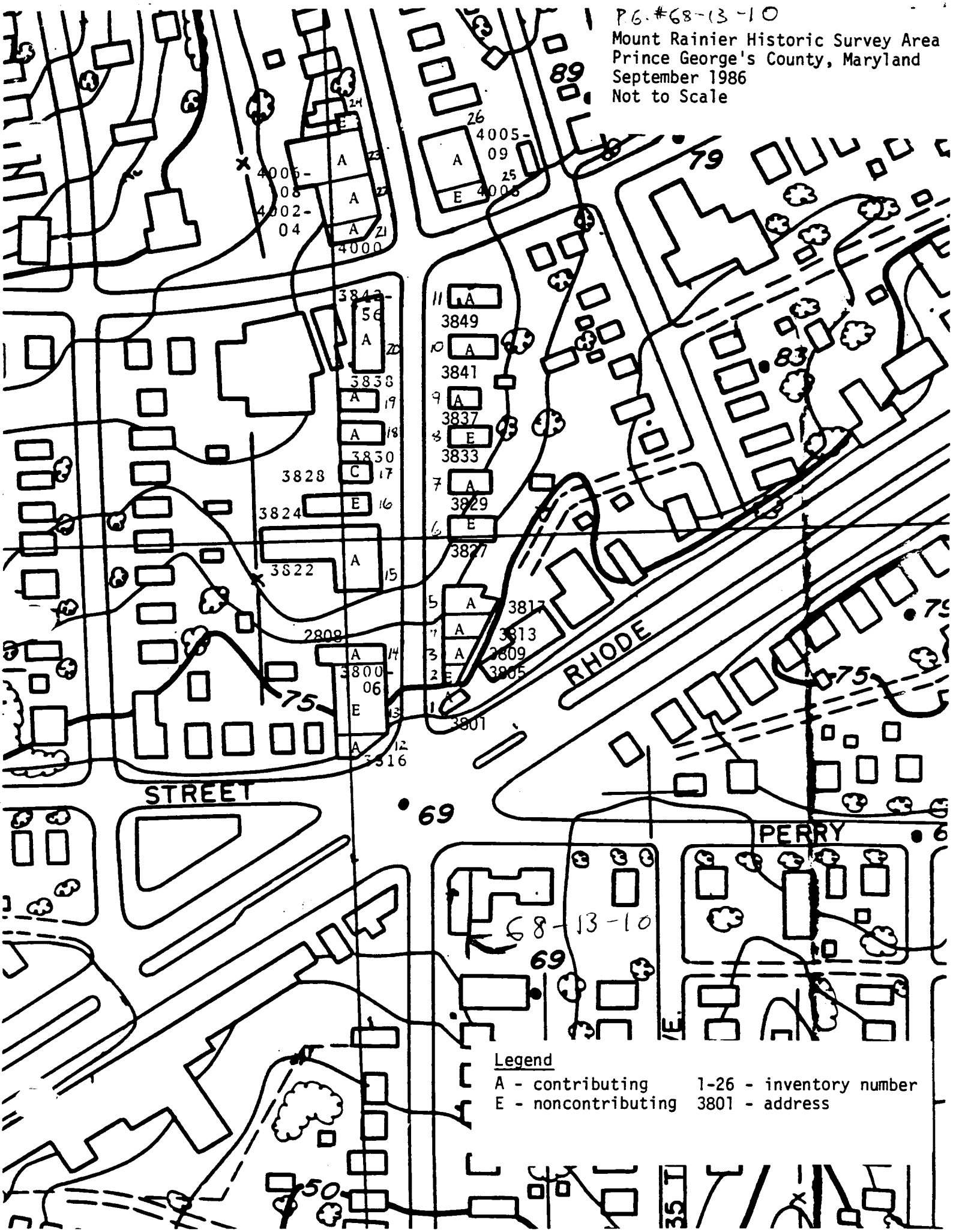
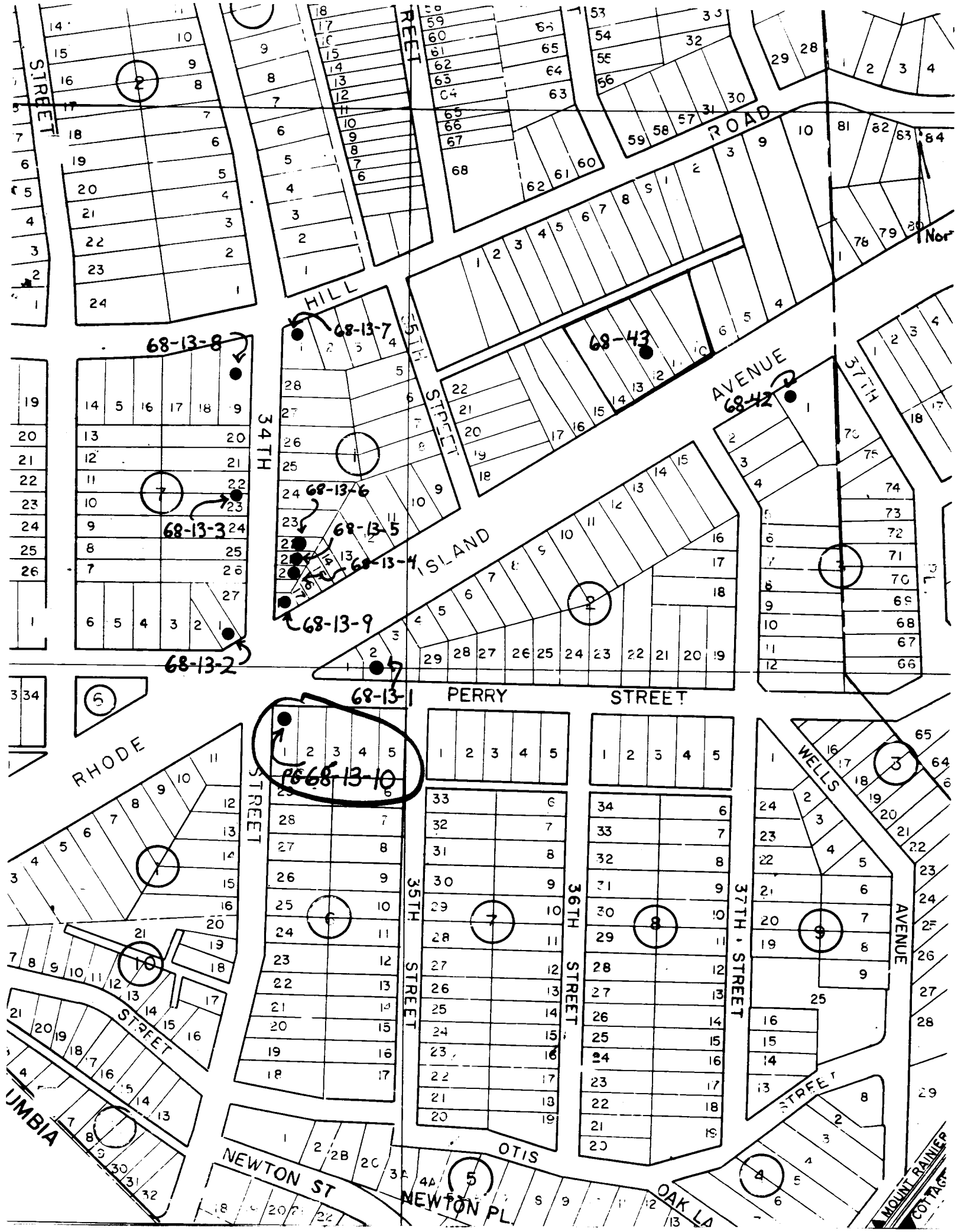
Mount Rainier Historic Survey Area
Prince George's County, Maryland
September 1986
Not to Scale





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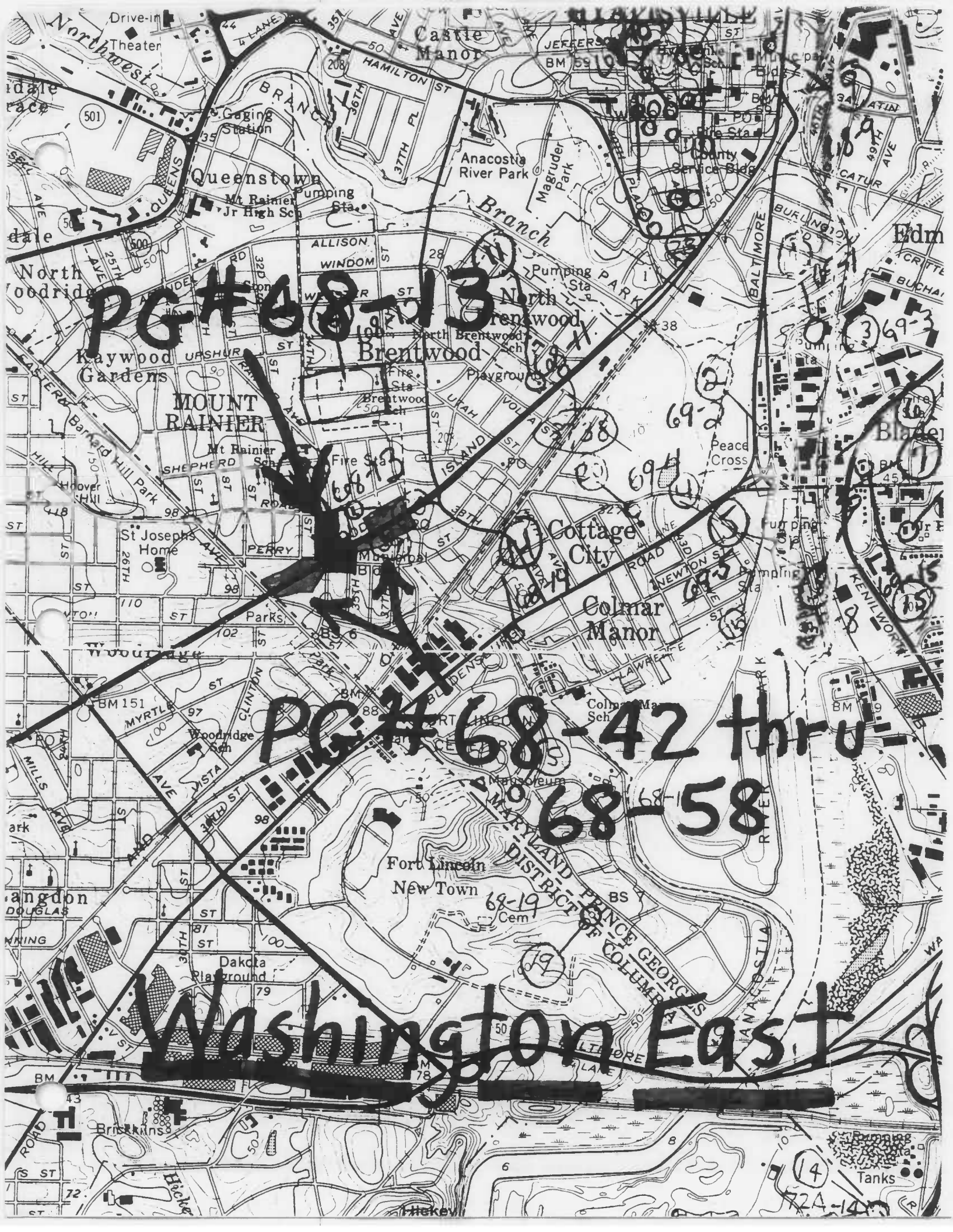
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MOUNT RAINIER
Cottage City
Colmar Manor
Fort Lincoln New Town
MARYLAND PRINCE GEORGES DISTRICT OF COLUMBIA
Dakota Playground
Woodridge
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Tanks
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