PRINCE GEORGE'S COUNTY

HISTORIC SITE SUMMARY SHEET

Survey #: P.G. #68-13-11 Building Date: c. 1910

Building Name: W. F. Harper & Son, Inc./General Contractors

Location: 3830 34th Street, Mt. Rainier, Maryland

Private/Commercial/Occupied/Good/Inaccessible

Description

3830 34th Street is a two-story frame dwelling with a rectangular plan and a gable roof, altered for commercial use. The main (east) facade is gable-ended and contains a storefront with a centered wood and glass single door entry flanking projecting plate glass windows. To the north of the storefront is a single wood door entry with transom leading to the upper story. The first story of the east facade is sheathed with vertical wood siding and the storefront entry is sheltered by a retractable cloth awning. There is a narrow wooden projecting, facade-wide cornice separating the first and second story. The second story and remainder of the building is sheathed with asphalt shingles. There are two widely spaced, 1/1 sash double-hung windows at the second story of the main facade. The gable end attic has a louvered ventilation opening. The east and west facades have widely spaced 1/1 sash double- hung windows at the first and second stories. The fenestration of the storefront, north entry door and sheathing are non-historic and incompatible with the otherwise early or original character of the dwelling which now houses an office on the first floor and appears to contain apartments above. The nature and condition of any early fabric beneath the present sheathing is not discernible.

Significance

The two-story frame building at 3830 34th Street (Block 7, Lot 20, Roger's Second Addition to Mt. Rainier) contributes to the character of the early 20th century streetscape in the survey area. The building was originally erected as a two-story frame dwelling and has been altered, at least in part, for commercial purposes. The first story storefront is now occupied by W.F. Harper and Sons, Inc., a general contracting firm. The original dwelling on Lot 20 was apparently erected by 1910, when assessment records first indicate an improvement valued at $900. In its early configuration, the improvement appears to be the two-story frame dwelling (with a one-story facade-wide front porch and faceted projecting bay on the south facade) that is evident in a 1921 fire insurance map. The present main (34th Street) facade is apparently a two-story addition to the front of the original dwelling and was erected by 1939. The present gable end facade and second story fenestration would seem to be a compatible extension of the original structure and are consistent with other facades in the survey area. The materials and configuration of the present storefront are non-historic and may be an alteration of the one built by 1939.

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DOE __yes __no

Maryland Historical Trust
State Historic Sites Inventory Form

1. Name (indicate preferred name)

historic

and/or common W.F. Harper & Son, Inc./General Contractors

2. Location

street & number 3830 34th 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	X commercial	___ park
___ structure	___ both	___ work in progress	___ educational	X private residence
___ site	**Public Acquisition**	**Accessible**	___ entertainment	___ 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 Joan S. Harper

street & number 12206 Northwood Drive telephone no.: (301) 627-5336

city, town Upper Marlboro state and zip code Maryland 20772

5. Location of Legal Description

courthouse, registry of deeds, etc. Prince George's County Courthouse liber 5318

street & number Main Street folio 451

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 M-CPPC Historic Preservation Commission, Rm. 4010, C.A.B.

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

___ prehistoric
___ 1400–1499
___ 1500–1599
___ 1600–1699
___ 1700–1799
___ 1800–1899
_X_ 1900–

Areas of Significance—Check and justify below

___ archeology-prehistoric
___ archeology-historic
___ agriculture
_X_ architecture
___ art
___ commerce
___ communications
___ community planning
___ conservation
___ economics
___ education
___ engineering
___ exploration/settlement
___ industry
___ invention
___ landscape architecture
___ law
___ literature
___ military
___ music
___ philosophy
___ politics/government
___ religion
___ science
___ sculpture
___ social/humanitarian
___ theater
___ transportation
___ other (specify)

Specific dates c. 1910 **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. 17, 1910, p. 145.

2 Sanborn Insurance Map, 1921, p. 4.

3 Sanborn Insurance Map, 1939, p. 201, 1939 corrected to 1954, p. 201.

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
3830 34th Street
P.G.#68-13-11

5318:451 30 September 1980 Deed	Joan S. Harper, representative, Philip H. Harper (deceased) to Joan S. Harper. Grantors convey Lot 20 in Block 7, Roger's Second Addition to Mt. Rainier. Plat recorded BDS1:48. Same obtained from William F. Harper, Jr. and Philip H. Harper, 9 February 1980, 5228:740.
5228:740 9 January 1980 Deed	William F. Harper, Jr. and Philip H. Harper to Philip H. Harper. Grantors convey Lot 20 in Block 7. Same obtained from Dominic P. and Anna N. DeSarno, 6 January 1966, 3261:587.
3261:587 6 January 1966 Deed	Dominic P. and Anna N. DeSarno to William F. Harper, Jr. and Philip H. Harper. Grantors convey Lot 20 in Block 7. Same obtained from Margaret E. and Margaret S. Burroughs, 24 August 1961, 2589:116.
2589:116 24 August 1961 Deed	Margaret E. and Margaret S. Burroughs to Dominic P. and Anna N. DeSarno. Grantors convey Lot 20 Block 7. Same obtained from Robert B. and Evelyn C. Mathias, 5 July 1955, 1933:352.
1933:352 5 July 1955 Deed	Robert B. and Evelyn C. Mathias to Margaret E. and Margaret S. Burroughs. Grantors convey Lot 20 in Block 7. Same obtained from William A. and Margaret E. Burroughs, 5 July 1955, 1933:350.
1933:350 5 July 1955 Deed	William A. and Margaret E. Burroughs to Robert B. and Evelyn C. Mathias. Grantors convey Lot 20 in Block 7. Same obtained from Alfred and Jean Cohan, 26 February 1952, 1472:310.
1472:310 26 February 1952 Deed	Alfred and Jean Cohan to William A. and Margaret E. Burroughs. Grantors convey Lot 20 in Block 7. Same obtained from Eugene J. and Maud C. Racca, 31 December 1951, 1464:289.
1464:289 31 December 1951 Deed	Eugene J. and Maud C. Racca to Alfred and Jean Cohan. Grantors convey Lot 20 in Block 7. Same obtained from Jacob Heckman and Paul Lewis, 21 October 1946, 905:273.
905:273 21 October 1946 Deed	Jacob Heckman and Paul Lewis to Eugene J. and Maud C. Racca. Grantors convey Lot 20 in Block 7. Same obtained from Nathan Gildenhorn and Bessie Gildenhorn, 1 April 1946, 828:235.
828:235 1 April 1946 Deed	Nathan Gildenhorn, surviving tenant, Sophie Gildenhorn and Bessie Gildenhorn to Jacob Heckman and Paul Lewis. Grantors convey Lot 20 in Block 7.

	Same obtained from George A. and Mary E. Brown and Charles R. Brown, 14 May 1935, 425:153.
425:153 14 May 1935 Deed	George A. and Mary E. Brown and Charles R. Brown to Nathan L. and Sophie Gildenhorn. Grantors convey Lot 20 in Block 7. Same obtained from Henry E. and Mollie P. Soper, 24 November 1922, 190:114.
190:114 24 November 1922 Deed	Henry E. and Mollie P. Soper to George A. Brown and Charles R. Brown. Grantors convey Lot 20 in Block 7. Same obtained from Ernest H. Shinn, agent, 9 February 1920, 148:375.
148:375 9 February 1920 Deed	Ernest H. Shinn, agent William W. Bon Durant to Henry E. and Mollie P. Soper. Grantor conveys Lot 20 in Block 7, through default of mortgage from Gabrielle Heudier, 3 September 1919, 132:448.
132:448 3 September 1919 Mortgage	Gabrielle Heudier to William W. Bon Durant. Grantor conveys Lot 20 in Block 7. Same obtained from William W. and Helen L. Bon Durant, 3 September 1918, 137:119.
137:119 3 September 1918 Deed	William W. and Helen L. Bon Durant to Gabrielle Heudier. Grantor convey Lot 20 in Block 7. Same obtained from American Security and Trust Company, 23 September 1908, 49:4.
49:4 23 September 1908 Deed	American Security and Trust Company to William W. Bon Durant. Grantors conveys Lot 20 in Block 7. To clear title, this deed is made.

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Mount Rainier Historic Survey Area
Prince George's County, Maryland
September 1986
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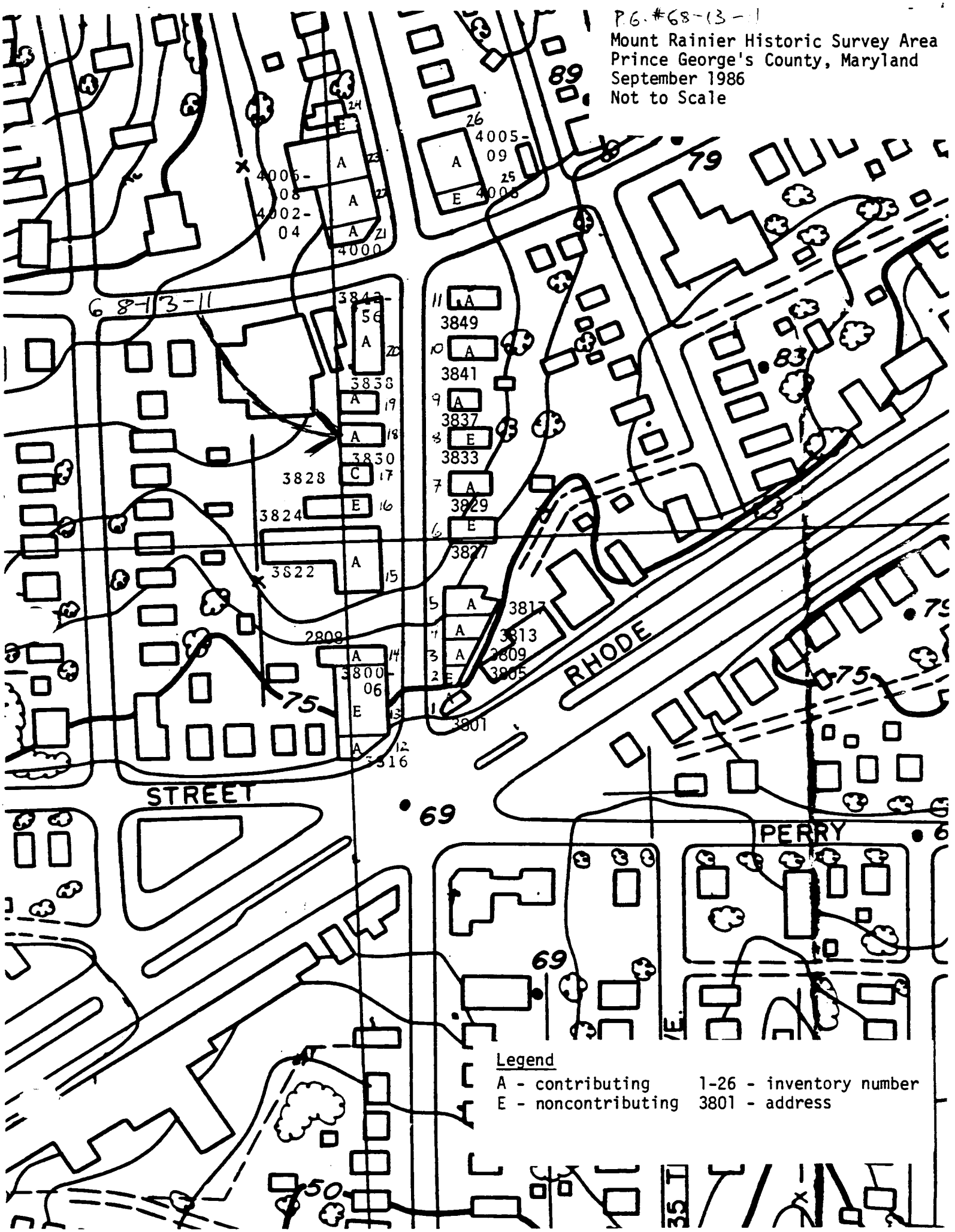

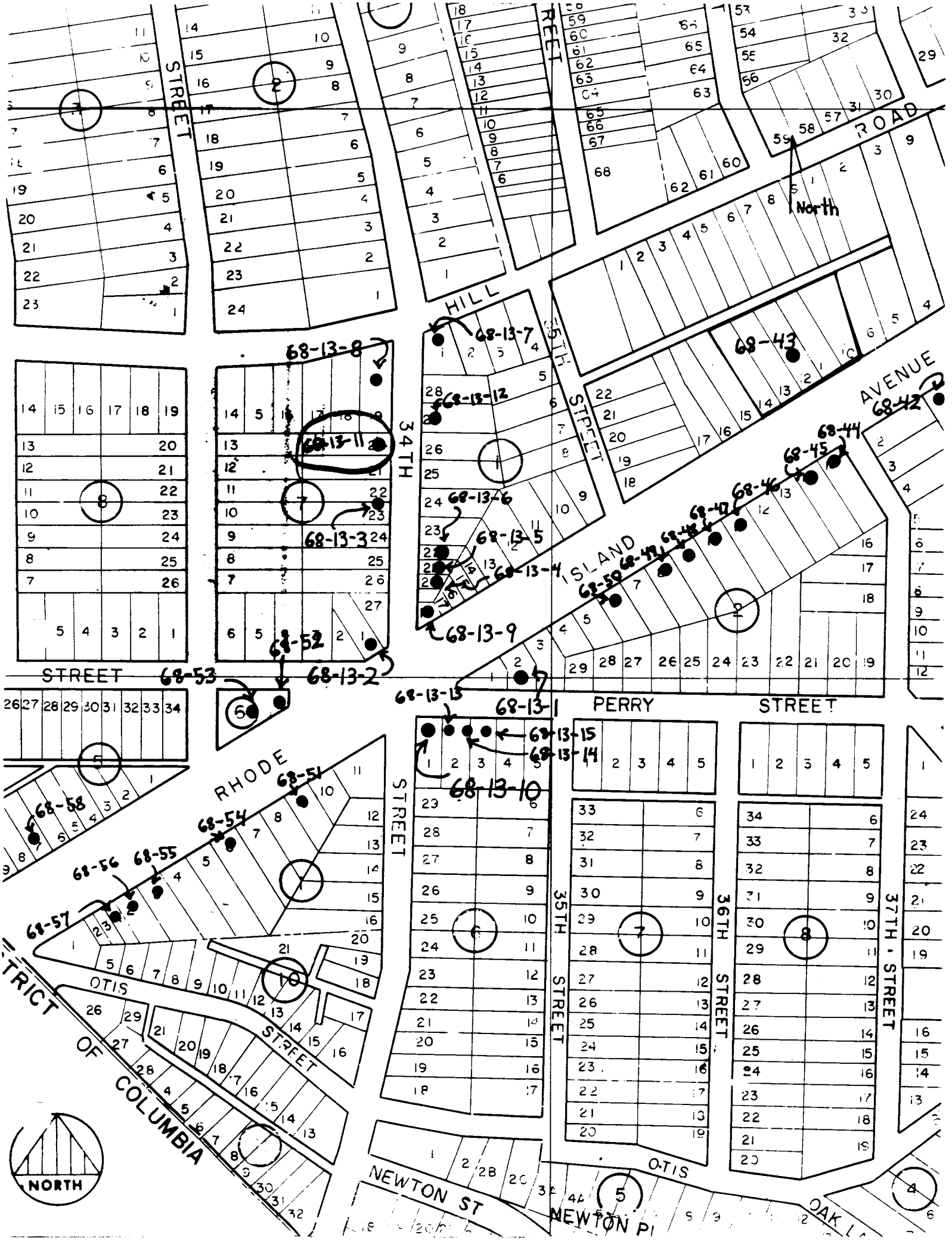

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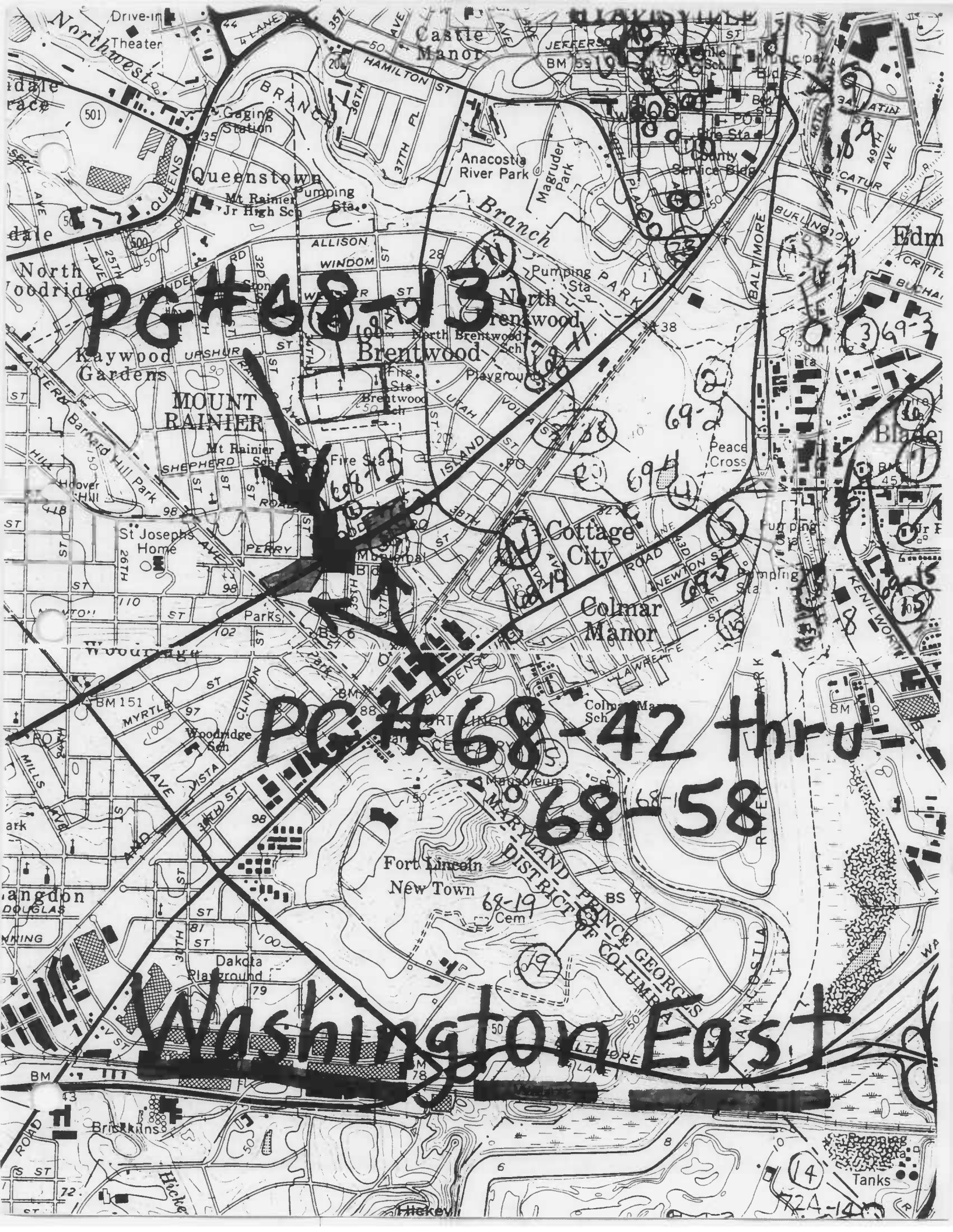
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