

PRINCE GEORGE'S COUNTY  
HISTORIC SITE SUMMARY SHEET

Survey #: P.G. #68-13-13 Building Date: c. 1920

Building Name: Maryland Grill

Location: 3403-3405 Perry Street, Mt. Rainier, Maryland

Private/Commercial/Occupied/Fair/Inaccessible

Description

3403-3405 Perry Street is a narrow, two-story, one bay commercial building constructed of cinder block and faced with light gray rectangular blocks of concrete or limestone. The first story has a rectangular, vertically placed plate glass window at left and two, single door, wood and glass entries at right. Above each door is a multi-light transom. The door at the far right (west) leads to the second story. The first and second stories are separated by a facade-wide, projecting molded aluminum cornice. Centered at the facade at the second story is a large rectangular plate glass window. The facade is terminated by an undecorated parapet concealing a shed roof. The building abutts 3401 Perry Street to the west and is freestanding to the east. The east facade contains several 1/1 sash double-hung windows at both the first and second story. With the exception of contemporary signage and the west entry door, all details appear to be original.

Significance

3403-3405 Perry Street occupies the east 17 feet of Lot 1 in Block 6 of the subdivision known as the Rhode Island Avenue Addition to Mt. Rainier. Insurance maps indicate that this portion of Lot 1 had been improved by 1921 with a two-story cinder block building used as a hardware store. The present facade and configuration of the building date to 1946. In that year the owner, Herbert Reichelt, a "prominent local attorney" substantially modified the existing building. Some time prior to 1946 the building had been occupied by a Chinese Laundry. After the building was modernized, the buildings first story was occupied by the Maryland Grill and the second story housed Mr. Reichelt's law office as well as the Mt. Rainier Title and Investment Company and the law offices of Dolby and Parker. The present facade of 3403-3405 Perry Street is a straight forward and modest example of the late, stream-lined Moderne style. Because of its late date, this largely intact facade is not a part of the early 20th century character of the downtown but it does represent an awareness of contemporary design trends and contributes to the architectural variety of the survey area.

# Maryland Historical Trust State Historic Sites Inventory Form

## 1. Name (indicate preferred name)

historic Maryland Grill

and/or common Ford Bros. Finance Co./Kimberly & Assoc. Insurance

## 2. Location

street & number 3403-3405 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
<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	<b>Public Acquisition</b>	<b>Accessible</b>	<input type="checkbox"/> entertainment <input 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 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  county  local

depository for survey records Historic Preservation Commission, M-NCPPC, CAB, Rm. 4010

city, town Upper Marlboro state Maryland 20772

# 7. Description

<b>Condition</b>		<b>Check one</b>	<b>Check one</b>	
<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.

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# 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 type="checkbox"/> 1800-1899	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> commerce	<input type="checkbox"/> exploration/settlement	<input type="checkbox"/> philosophy	<input type="checkbox"/> transportation
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> 1900-	<input type="checkbox"/> communications	<input type="checkbox"/> industry	<input type="checkbox"/> politics/government	<input type="checkbox"/> other (specify)
		<input type="checkbox"/> invention		

Specific dates c. 1920, c. 1946 **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 Sanborn Insurance Map, 1921, p. 6.

2 "Mt. Rainier Has a New Restaurant," The Prince Georgian, January 24, 1947, p. 4



Chain of Title  
3403-3405 Perry Street  
P.G.#68-13-13

611:804  
1 December 1982  
Deed

Herbert W. and Catherine M. Reichelt to William E. and Anne M. Ford. Grantors convey east 17 feet of Lot 1 in Block 6, Rhode Island Avenue Addition to Mt. Rainier. Plat recorded JWB5:694 or A:6. Same obtained from Joseph and Lillian Berkowitz, 10 May 1946, 827:283.

827:283  
10 May 1946  
Deed

Joseph and Lillian Berkowitz to Herbert W. and Catherine M. Reichelt. 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

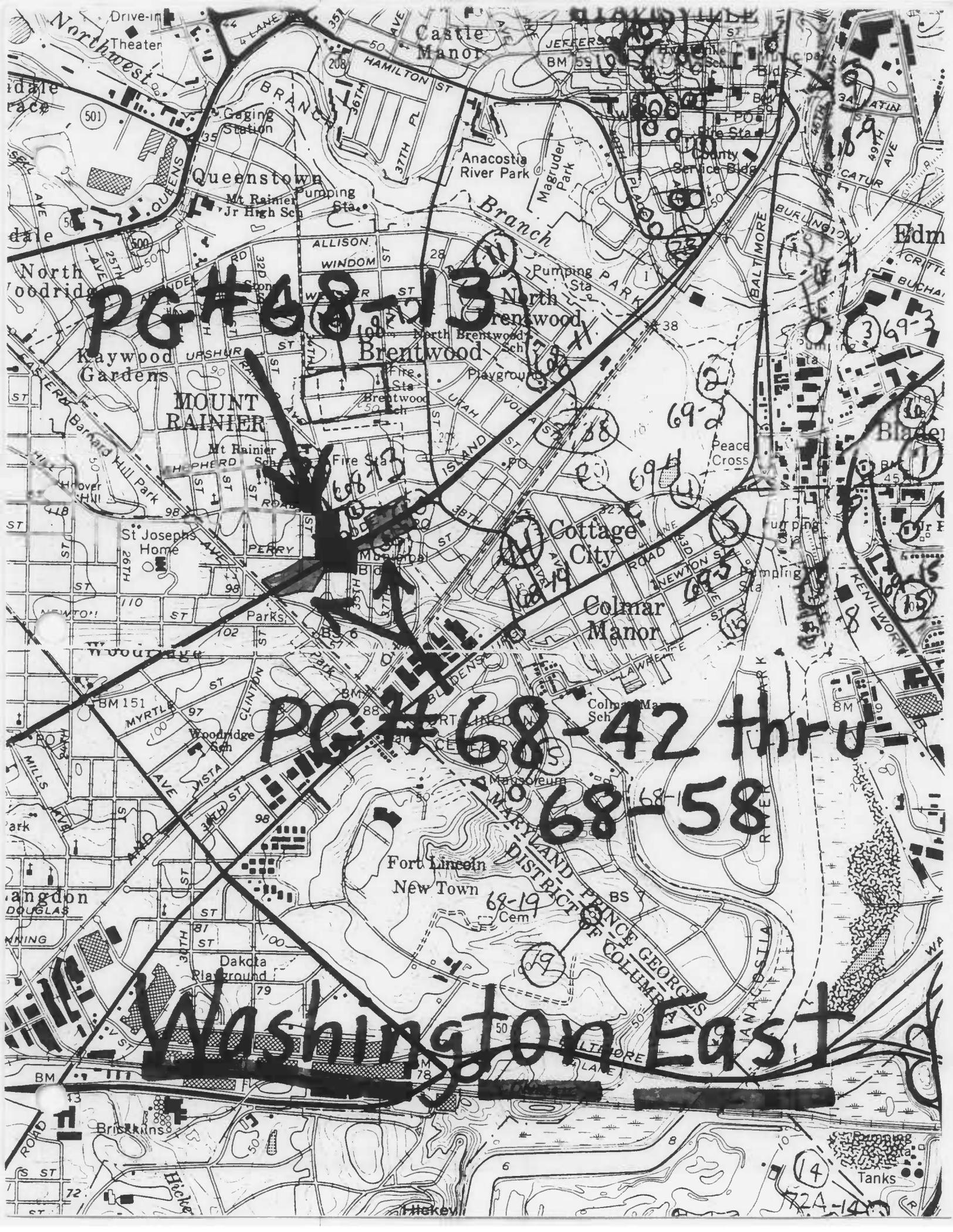
Charles H. and Julia R. Piggott to Joseph Berkowitz. Grantors convey Lot 1 in Block 6. Same obtained from W. D. Bigelow, et al, 13 August 1905, 24:563.

24:563  
13 August 1905  
Deed

W. D. Bigelow, E. S. Spalding, 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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724-14

*Ford*  
**BROTHER'S LOANS**

KIMBERLY & ASSOCIATES  
**AUTO INSURANCE**  
WE INSURE AND FINANCE EVERYONE

Auto  
Insurance  
EASY PAYMENTS  
INSURE EVERYONE MD, DC, VA  
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INSURANCE**  
NOTARY

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FORD  
BROTHER'S  
FINANCE CO.

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3403-05 Perry St

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