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Maryland Historical Trust State Historic Sites Inventory Form

1. Name (indicate preferred name)

historic Earnest House

and/or common

2. Location

street & number 3838-3840 34th Street not for publicationcity, 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 checked="" type="checkbox"/> private residence
<input type="checkbox"/> site	Public Acquisition	Accessible	<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 Eileen Freeman

street & number 3119 Perry 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 4605

street & number Main Street folio 744

city, town Upper Marlboro state Maryland

6. Representation in Existing Historical Surveys

title Historic Sites and Districts Plan

date 1981 federal state county localdepository for survey records ^{M-NCPPC} Historic Preservation Commission, Room 4010, C. Admin. Bldg.

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 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.

3838 34th Street is a three-by-three bay, two-story, frame dwelling sheathed with asphalt shingles (see Slide #28). The building has a square plan and an asphalt shingle hip roof with a hip roof dormer on the east (34th Street) slope. The dormer has a non-historic multi-paned window. The first story of the main (east) facade is sheltered by a facade-wide, hip roof porch covered in standing seam tin, which is now painted. The porch roof has non-historic metal supports. The first story has a center bay, single door entrance with a single-pane transom. The entry door is non-historic. Flanking the center entrance are 1/1 sash double-hung windows. At the southern edge of the first story is a single door entry leading to the upper story. The configuration and material of this entry are non-historic and disturb the otherwise symmetrical composition of the facade. This entry does not appear to be original to the dwelling. The second story contains three 1/1 sash double-hung windows, spaced evenly across the facade. With the exception of the first story south entry door, the porch supports, dormer windows and asphalt shingling of the facades, the house maintains an early 20th century character. The nature and condition of any underlying historic fabric is not known.

3840 34th Street

3840 34th Street is a small, one-story brick storefront building with a rectangular plan and a plain horizontal parapet concealing a rear (west) sloping shed roof. The western end of the building's south facade is attached to the porch and north facade of 3838 34th Street. The main (east) facade of the brown brick storefront contains a single rectangular plate of glass window at left (south) and a single wood and glass entry door at right (north). Below the parapet's simple wooden box cornice are the remains of a sign that was either painted on or affixed to the facade.



8. Significance

Period	Area 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
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<input type="checkbox"/> 1600-1699	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> architecture	<input type="checkbox"/> education	<input type="checkbox"/> military	<input type="checkbox"/> social/
<input type="checkbox"/> 1700-1799	<input type="checkbox"/> art	<input type="checkbox"/> engineering	<input type="checkbox"/> music	<input type="checkbox"/> humanitarian
<input type="checkbox"/> 1800-1899	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> commerce	<input type="checkbox"/> exploration/settlement	<input type="checkbox"/> philosophy	<input type="checkbox"/> theater
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> 1900-	<input type="checkbox"/> communications	<input type="checkbox"/> industry	<input type="checkbox"/> politics/government	<input type="checkbox"/> transportation
		<input type="checkbox"/> invention		<input type="checkbox"/> other (specify)

Specific dates c. 1915 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

The two-story frame dwelling at 3838 34th street (Block 7, parts of Lots 18 and 19, Roger's Second Addition to Mt. Rainier) contributes to the character of the survey area as an example of early 20th century residential construction. Although the building has been altered to accommodate multiple dwelling units, the main (east) facade has retained its original center bay entrance and fenestration. The integrity of 3838 as a freestanding dwelling has been compromised by the small storefront attached to the porch and north facade of the house.

The first evidence of construction on these portions of Lots 18 and 19 is an unspecified improvement valued at \$1,500, first recorded in 1915.¹ The improvement was erected by John M. Earnest who had purchased the parcel from Florence O. Quimby in 1909.² Earnest was a local real estate broker, active in Mt. Rainier in the early decades of this century. He is listed in local directories at least as early as 1916, residing on 34th Street near Bunker Hill Road.³ This house remained in the Earnest family until 1954 (see Chain of Title) and would seem to be the family home referred to in the early directories.

3840 34th Street

NON-CONTRIBUTING

A small storefront attached to the Earnest house, in the approximate location of the present brick shopfront at 3840 34th Street, appears on fire insurance maps as early as 1921. The early storefront is indicated as being of frame construction and occupied by a cobbler shop.⁴ Insurance maps through 1954 continue to indicate what appears to be the same storefront.⁵ The present brick building at this location would seem to be of post 1954 construction. Although its configuration and materials are consistent with early 20th century small scale commercial buildings found throughout the survey area, its recent construction make it an intrusion to the area's early character and compromise the early residence to which it is attached.

9. Major Bibliographical References

Survey No. P.G. #68-13

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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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	Zone	Easting	Northing

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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

name/title Howard S. Berger, Consultant

organization Historic Preservation Commission date March 1988

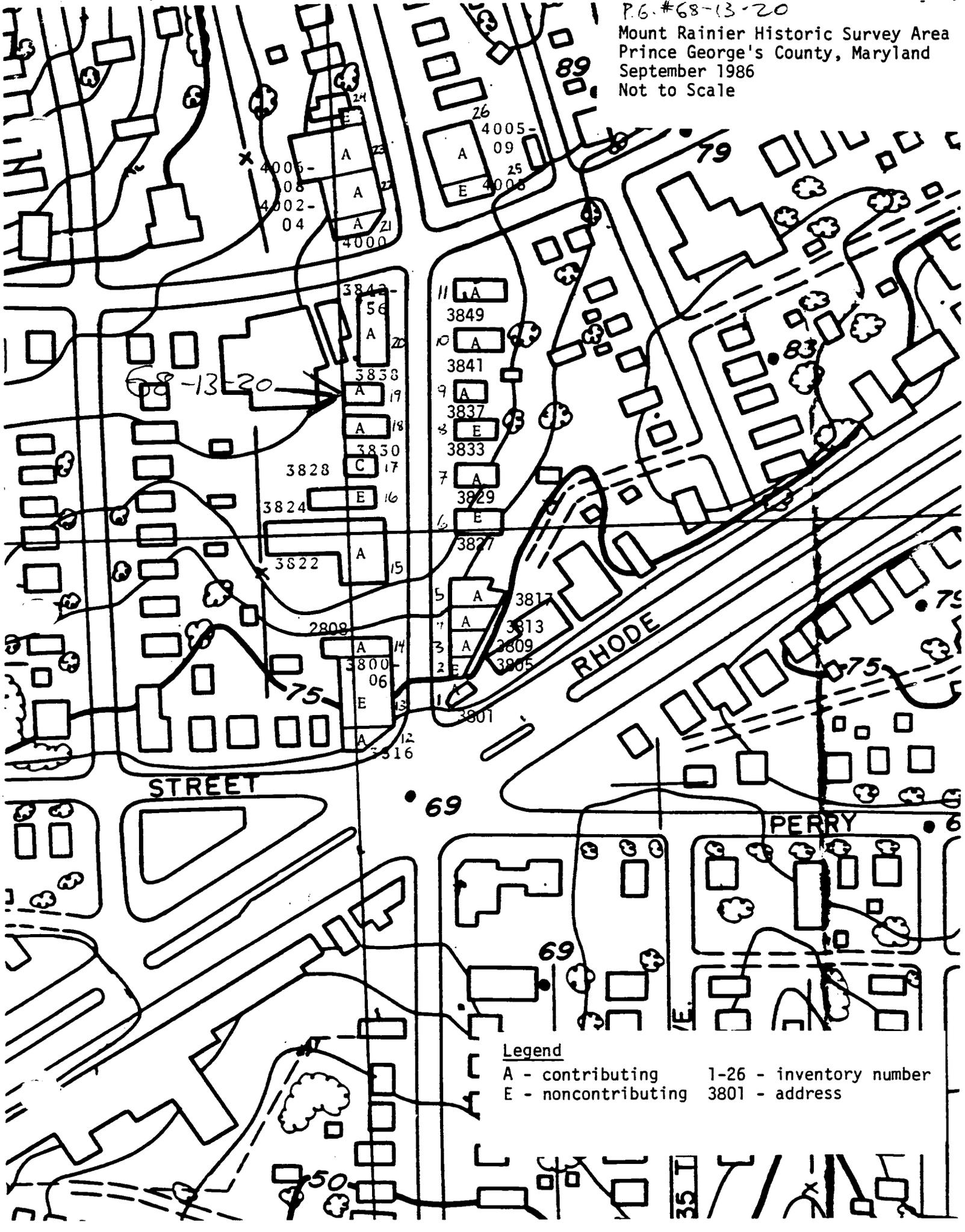
street & number 14741 Gov. Oden Bowie Drive telephone 952-4609

city or town Upper Marlboro state Maryland

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Legend

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

