

Maryland Historical Trust State Historic Sites Inventory Form

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1. Name (indicate preferred name)

historic

and/or common Whosoever Will Church of God

2. Location

street & number 4009 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 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	Public Acquisition	Accessible	<input type="checkbox"/> entertainment <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> religious
<input type="checkbox"/> object	<input type="checkbox"/> in process	<input checked="" 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 type="checkbox"/> no	<input type="checkbox"/> military <input type="checkbox"/> other:

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

name Whosoever Will Church of God

street & number 8009 Allendale Road telephone no.:

city, town Landover state and zip code Maryland 20785

5. Location of Legal Description

courthouse, registry of deeds, etc. Prince George's County Courthouse liber 5065

street & number Main Street folio 646

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. 401

city, town Upper Marlboro state Maryland 20772

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.

4005-4007-4009 34th Street is a one story, yellow brick, rectangular plan commercial block (see Slide #34). The block contains three storefronts sharing the building's west (main) facade and the entire block is surmounted by an unadorned parapet which is stepped above the storefront at 4007 34th Street. The centered parapet ties the three units together in a symmetrical composition. A stepped parapet on the north and south walls of the block conceals a shed roof sloping to the rear (east). The block is attached to the adjacent building to the south and freestanding to the north.

Each storefront in the block has a centered double door entrance flanked by two projecting rectangular plan plate glass display windows set on brick bases. Above the projecting shop windows and entrances are fixed multi-paned transoms. Centered above each storefront below the parapet is a slightly recessed brick panel, probably intended as a place for signage.

The windows and entrance of 4005 34th Street are sheltered by an aluminum awning. The present entry doors of 4007 34th Street are not original and a small aluminum awning shelters the entry. The exterior configuration of 4009 as a storefront has been retained although the double entry doors are replacements. The present doors are of painted wooden inset with rectangular glass panes in the form of a cross.

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STATE HISTORIC SITES INVENTORY FORM
Statement of Significance (continued)

Survey No. P.G.#68-1350

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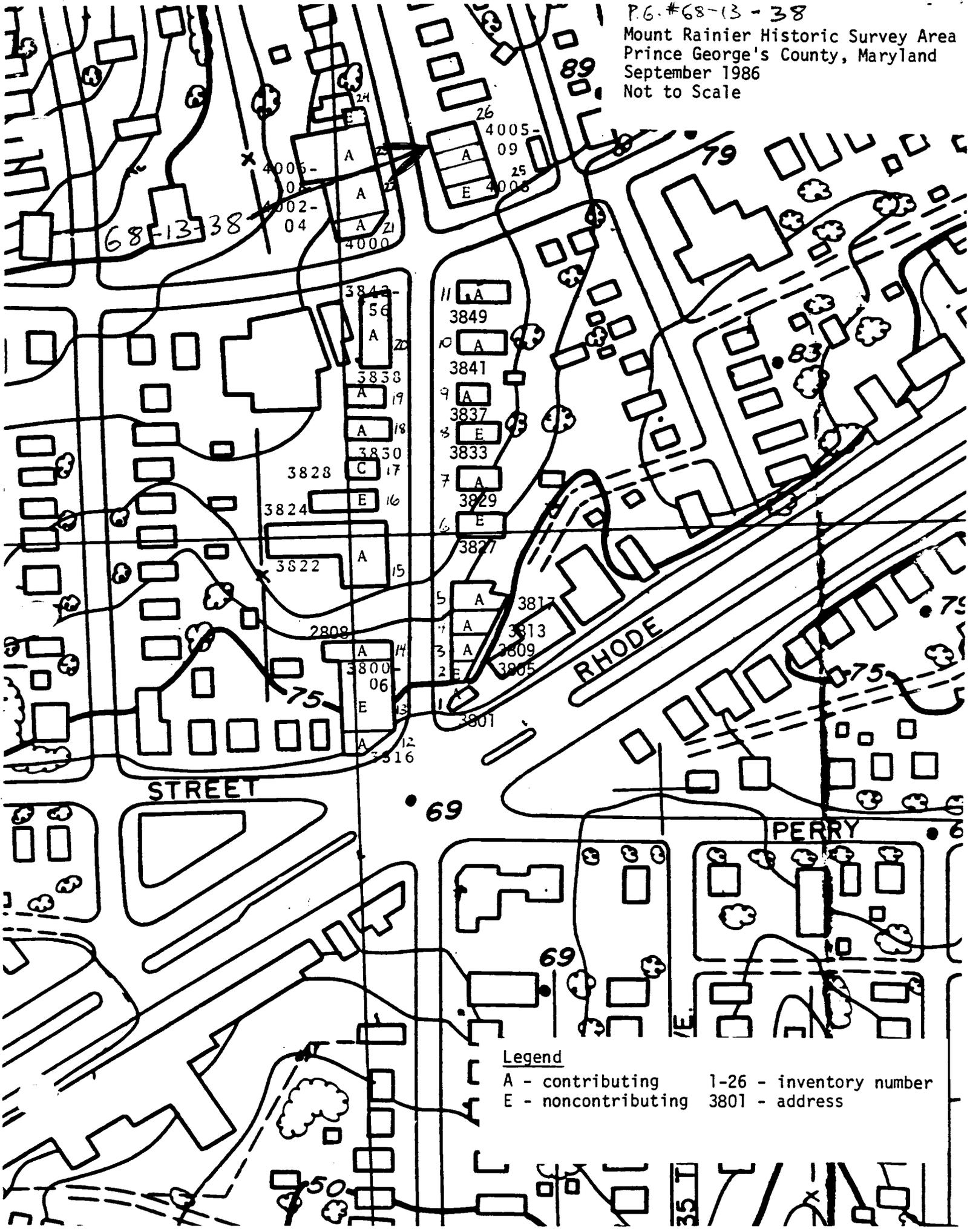
4007 34th Street is the center unit of the block of stores at 4005-4007-4009 34th Street. The entry of 4007 is the point of axial symmetry for the commercial block. After erecting the block in 1935 the Bon Durant family retained ownership of the center unit until 1947, when it was sold to Sidney and Martha Shochet. At this time the Mt. Rainier Pharmacy was located at 4007 34th Street.⁶ The Shochets sold the storefront in 1980 to Fred and Sylvia Chen.⁷

After its construction in 1935, Edgar Bon Durant apparently leased the storefront at 4009 to tenant before selling it to David and Ruth Metz in 1947. In 1951 Howard and Mainerva Meincke purchased the property.⁸ From 1948 to 1979 the Meinckes operated Howard's 5¢ to \$5 store on the premises. As a neighborhood variety store, Howard's was a vital part of the commercial and social life of the area. In 1979, due to his declining health, Mr. Meincke sold the building to Charles and Sylvia McConkey and the variety store was closed.⁹

Since 1982, 4009 34th Street has been occupied by the Whosoever will Church of God. Although the interior has been altered to accommodate the present religious use of the building, the storefront maintain its 1930's character and contributes to the context of the commercial area along 34th Street.¹⁰

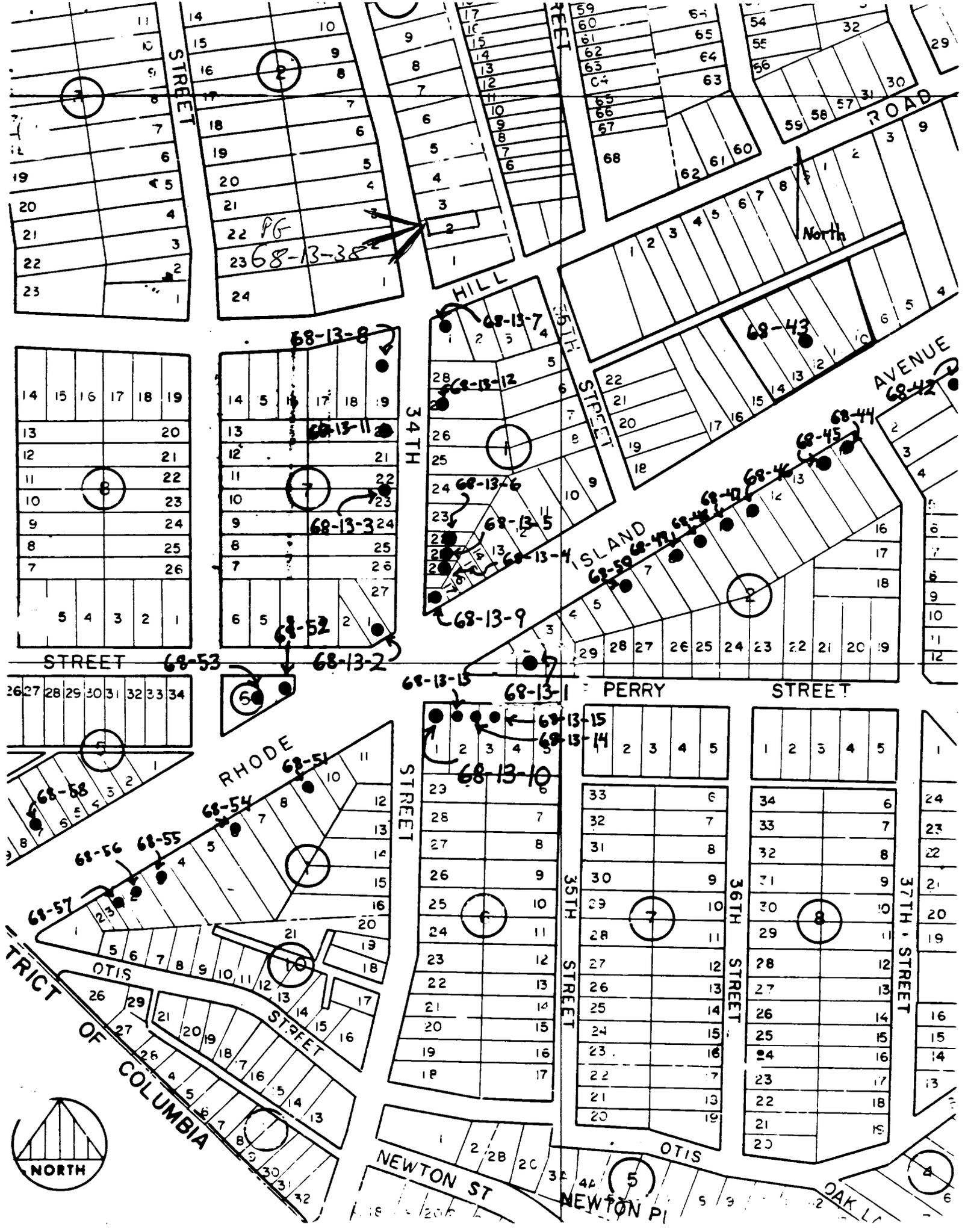
Notes:

- 1 Prince George's County Land Records, Plat JWB5:658 or A:5.
- 2 Sanborn Insurance Map, 1921, pg. 5.
- 3 Prince George's County Land Records, 419:123.
- 4 Prince George's County Assessment Records, E.D. 17, 1932-1936, pg. 50.
- 5 Prince George's County Land Records, 863:453;5960:642.
- 6 See advertisement in The Prince Georgian, November 21, 1947, p. 4.
- 7 Prince George's County Land Records, 906:371; 5264:215.
- 8 Prince George's County Land Records, 975:450.
- 9 "Seniors mourn closing of a store in Mount Rainier," The Prince George's Journal, March 16, 1979, p. C3.
- 10 City of Mt. Rainier 75th Anniversary Book, 1985, p. 115.



Legend

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



STREET

HILL

AVENUE

STREET

PERRY

STREET

RHODE

STREET

35TH STREET

36TH STREET

37TH STREET

DISTRICT OF COLUMBIA

OTIS

STREET

NEWTON ST

NEWTON PI

OTIS

OAK LI



North

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