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Maryland Historical Trust State Historic Sites Inventory Form

1. Name (indicate preferred name)

historic

and/or common Arrow Leasing Corp./Thrifty Rent-A-Car/ Rhode Island Avenue
Filling Station

2. Location

street & number 3210-3230 Rhode Island Avenue not for publicationcity, town Mt. Rainier vicinity of congressional district 5state 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 checked="" 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	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 checked="" 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 Arrow Leasing Corp.street & number 4301 Massachusetts Avenue telephone no.:city, town Washington state and zip code D.C.

5. Location of Legal Description

courthouse, registry of deeds, etc. Prince George's County Courthouse liber 4252street & number Main Street folio 701city, town Upper Marlboro state Maryland

6. Representation in Existing Historical Surveys

title Historic Sites and Districts Plandate 1981 federal state county localdepository for survey records Historic Preservation Commission, M-NCPPC, CAB, Rm. 4010city, 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.

3210-3230 Rhode Island Avenue is a parcel consisting of 7 lots in Block 5 of Roger's Second Addition to Mt. Rainier (see Slides #6-10). Six of the lots front Rhode Island Avenue and the seventh is in the middle of Block 5 accessed by the alley. The entire parcel contains two buildings at its extreme east (Lots 1 and 2) and west (Lot 6) edges.

3210 Rhode Island Avenue

3210 Rhode Island Avenue is a two story cinder block commercial building with a rectangular plan and a shed roof. The main (south) facade is sheathed with yellow brick and is surmounted by a plain horizontal parapet with metal coping. The main (south) facade is two bays wide, that are mirror images of each other. The first story of each bay has a single wood and glass entry door at the outer edge with an adjacent large plate glass display window. Each bay of the second story contains a large multi-pane metal clad casement window. The east facade is constructed of painted cinder block and contains a single entry door to the south and several windows to the north at the first story. Across the second story are seven large multi-pane metal clad casement windows. The east facade terminates with a plain parapet with coping that slopes slightly at the north half of the facade.

3212-3220 Rhode Island Avenue

The center of the parcel is an asphalt covered parking lot with curb cuts at its extreme east and west edges.

3230 Rhode Island Avenue

3230 Rhode Island Avenue is a one story brick filling station with a rectangular plan and a flat roof concealed by a tiled mansard. The south portion of building consists of drive-thru portico supported by two squares plan brick columns. The northern portion of the building contains the office. The office's main (south) facade consists of a centered single door entrance flanked by two large window openings. All now boarded up. The east and west facades of the building's office portion contain several narrow window openings now boarded up.

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 checked="" type="checkbox"/> other (specify)
		<input type="checkbox"/> invention		

Specific dates c. 1934, c. 1939+ 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.

The buildings and sites at 3210-3230 Rhode Island Avenue (Block 5, Lots 1-6 and 35, Roger's Second Addition to Mt. Rainier) are in part significant to the commercial and architectural character of the survey area. This assembled parcel represents the sustained presence of automobile and transportation related functions in Mt. Rainier's downtown. For a majority of the parcel's lots, this sustained use can be dated to the earliest improvement found.

3210 Rhode Island Avenue

NON-CONTRIBUTING

A building associated with the repair of automobiles at 3210 Rhode Island Avenue was erected by 1939, when fire insurance maps indicate that a one-and-one-half story cinder block building with a rectangular plan occupied the south half of Lot 6. By 1954 the building had been enlarged to two stories and extended to the rear (north) to occupy most of the lot.¹ The buildings present configuration and facade would seem to date from this period. There is no evidence of remaining historic fabric. The building materials used throughout and the modern appearance of the facade do not contribute to the architectural character of the survey area.

3212-3220 Rhode Island Avenue

NON-CONTRIBUTING

The center portion of this parcel (part of Lot 2 and Lots 3, 4, and 5) presently contain a parking lot. There is evidence of prior improvement on this portion of the site. As late as 1939, Lot 5 contained a two story frame dwelling and the rear of Lot 4 contained a small one story garage. By 1954 both of these improvements had been removed. They were replaced by a small one story "auto sale"s office on the southern half of Lot 4 and a one story building for auto repairs at the rear of Lot 5.² Both of these 1950's improvement are no longer standing and the site is used entirely for the outdoor storage of rental vehicles.

3230 Rhode Island Avenue

CONTRIBUTING

The filling station located at 3230 Rhode Island Avenue (Lot 1 and part of Lot 2) is apparently the original improvement on this portion of the parcel. Assessment records indicate that an improvement, a "filling station", was made on this site by 1934 and valued at \$7,000.³ Although it is presently boarded up and unused, the station has maintained its architectural integrity and contributes early 20th century character of the Rhode Island Avenue streetscape.

Notes

- 1 See Sanborn Maps, 1939, p. 201 and 1939 corrected to 1954, p. 201.
- 2 See Sanborn Maps, 1939, p. 201; 1939 corrected to 1954, p. 201.
- 3 Prince George's County Assessment Records, E.D., 17, 1932-1936, p. 197.

9. Major Bibliographical References

Survey No. P.G.#68-13-40

See Notes, #8

10. Geographical Data

Acreage of nominated property _____

Quadrangle name _____

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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