PRINCE GEORGE'S COUNTY

HISTORIC SITE SUMMARY SHEET

Survey #: P.G. #68-44 Building Date: c. 1922

Building Name: Bass-McConkey House

Location: 3615 Rhode Island Avenue, Mt. Rainier, Maryland

Private/Commercial/Occupied/Good/Restricted

Description

3615 Rhode Island Avenue is a one-story with attic frame dwelling with an asphalt-shingled gable roof and a rectangular plan. The gable end north (main) facade has a facade-wide, one story brick projection with a rectangular plan and a flat roof. The projection has a centered entrance with a single wood and glass door and multi-light transom with a wood surround. Flanking the entrance are single, tall multi-paned windows. The main facade gable-end attic has an attached pair of 6/1 sash double-hung windows. The attic portion of the north facade is stuccoed. The east and west facades are clad with asbestos shingles and there are 6/1 sash double hung windows spaced evenly across the facades. The east and west slopes of the gable roof each have a gable end dormer to the rear (south) with an attached pair of 6/1 sash double-hung windows. The west dormer has a very small secondary shed roof dormer to the north with a small multi-paned casement window. The one-story flat-roof projection on the north (main) facade and its windows are not consistent with the materials and fenestration of the remainder of the dwelling and appears be a modern addition in place of an earlier one story front porch. The rest of the structure has an original or early configuration.

Significance

The building at 3615 Rhode Island Avenue (Block 2, Lot 15, Rhode Island Avenue Addition to Mt. Rainier) is located at the corner of Rhode Island Avenue and 37th Street. The building was erected as a single-family dwelling and sometime between 1939 and 1954 it was modified for use as an office.[1] The present appearance of the north (main) facade's brick projection dates from this period and is not original to the building. The structure on Lot 15 was built by 1922 when an improvement valued at $3,000 is first indicated in assessment records.[2] Lot 15 was then owned by Jacob and Belle Bass who has purchased it in September of 1919 from Willard and Nancy Bigelow. The house was the last single-family residence built in this block of the south side of Rhode Island Avenue. Although the present appearance of the first story of the main (north) facade is non-historic, the remainder of the building retains its early or original details and residential character and contributes to the survey area.

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DOE __yes __no

Maryland Historical Trust
State Historic Sites Inventory Form

1. Name (indicate preferred name)

historic Bass-McConkey House

and/or common 3615 Rhode Island Avenue

2. Location

street & number 3615 Rhode Island Avenue (U.S. Route 1) ___ 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	___ occupied	___ agriculture	___ museum
X building(s)	X private	X unoccupied	X commercial	___ park
___ structure	___ both	___ work in progress	___ educational	___ private residence
___ site	**Public Acquisition**	**Accessible**	___ entertainment	___ religious
___ object	___ in process	X yes: restricted	___ government	___ scientific
	___ being considered	___ yes: unrestricted	___ industrial	___ transportation
	X not applicable	___ no	___ military	___ other:

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

name Charles and Sylvia B. McConkey

street & number 3824 34th Street telephone no.: (301) 277-5667

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 6276

street & number Main Street folio 411

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 Historic Preservation Commission, M-NCPPC, CAB, Rm. 401

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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Notes

1 Sanburn Insurance Map, 1939, p. 202.

8. Significance

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Period	Areas of Significance—Check and justify below			
___ prehistoric	___ archeology-prehistoric	___ community planning	___ landscape architecture	___ religion
___ 1400–1499	___ archeology-historic	___ conservation	___ law	___ science
___ 1500–1599	___ agriculture	___ economics	___ literature	___ sculpture
___ 1600–1699	X architecture	___ education	___ military	___ social/ humanitarian
___ 1700–1799	___ art	___ engineering	___ music	___ theater
___ 1800–1899	___ commerce	___ exploration/settlement	___ philosophy	___ transportation
X 1900–	___ communications	___ industry	___ politics/government	___ other (specify)
		___ invention		

Specific dates c. 1922 **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 See Sanburn Insurance Maps, 1939, p. 202, 1939, corrected to 1954, p. 202.

2 Prince George's County Assessment Records, E.D. 17, 1922, p. 10.

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
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11. Form Prepared By

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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.

The survey and inventory are being prepared for information and record purposes only and do not constitute any infringement of individual property rights.

return to: Maryland Historical Trust
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21 State Circle
Annapolis, Maryland 21401
(301) 269-2438

Chain of Title
3615 Rhode Island Avenue

6276:411 22 January 1986 Deed	William T. and Marie K. Pace to Charles K. and Sylvia B. McConkey. Grantors convey Lot 15 in Block 2, Rhode Island Avenue Addition to Mt. Rainier, excepting the rear 6 feet for use as public alley. Plat recorded JWB 5:694 or A:6. Same obtained from William H. and Violet W. McCullough, 31 January 1972, 4039:282.
4039:282 31 January 1972 Deed	William H. and Violet W. McCullough to William T. and Marie K. Pace. Grantors convey Lot 15 in Block 2. Same obtained from Patrick A. O'Boyle, 1 May 1958, 2207:229.
2207:229 1 May 1958 Deed	Patrick A. O'Boyle, R.C. Archbishop of Washington to William T. and Marie K. Pace and William H. and Violet W. McCullough. Grantor conveys Lot 15 in Block 2. Same obtained from Francis P. Keough, 21 December 1948, 1111:5.
1111:5 21 December 1948 Deed	Francis P. Keough, R. C. Archbishop of Baltimore to Patrick A. O'Boyle, R. C. Archbishop of Washington. Grantor conveys Lot 15 in Block 2. Same obtained from Jacob and Belle Bass, 7 October 1944, 746:417.
746:417 7 October 1944 Deed	Jacob and Belle Bass to Michael Joseph Curley, R. C. Archbishop of Baltimore. Grantors convey Lot 15 in Block 2. Same obtained from William Mazo, 29 June 1942, 669:431.
669:431 29 June 1941 Deed	William Mazo to Jacob and Belle Bass. Grantor conveys Lot 15 in Block 2. Same obtained from Jacob and Belle Bass, 9 June 1942, 669:397.
669:397 9 June 1941 Deed	Jacov and Belle Bass to William Mazo. Grantors convey Lot 15 in Block 2. Same obtained from Max and Fannie Kottler, 13 November 1931, 381:57.
381:57 13 November 1931 Deed	Max and Fannie Kottler to Belle Bass. Grantors convey Lot 15 in Block 2. Same obtained from Jacob and Belle Bass, 24 June 1931, 365:243.
365:243 24 June 1931 Deed	Jacob and Belle Bass to Max Kottler. Grantors convey Lot 15 in Block 2. Same obtained from Willard D. and Nancy N. Bigelow, 24 September 1919, 142:466.
142:466 24 September 1919 Deed	Willard D. and Nancy N. Bigelow to Jacob Bass. Grantors convey Lot 15 in Block 2. To clear title, this deed is made.

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STRICT OF COLUMBIA
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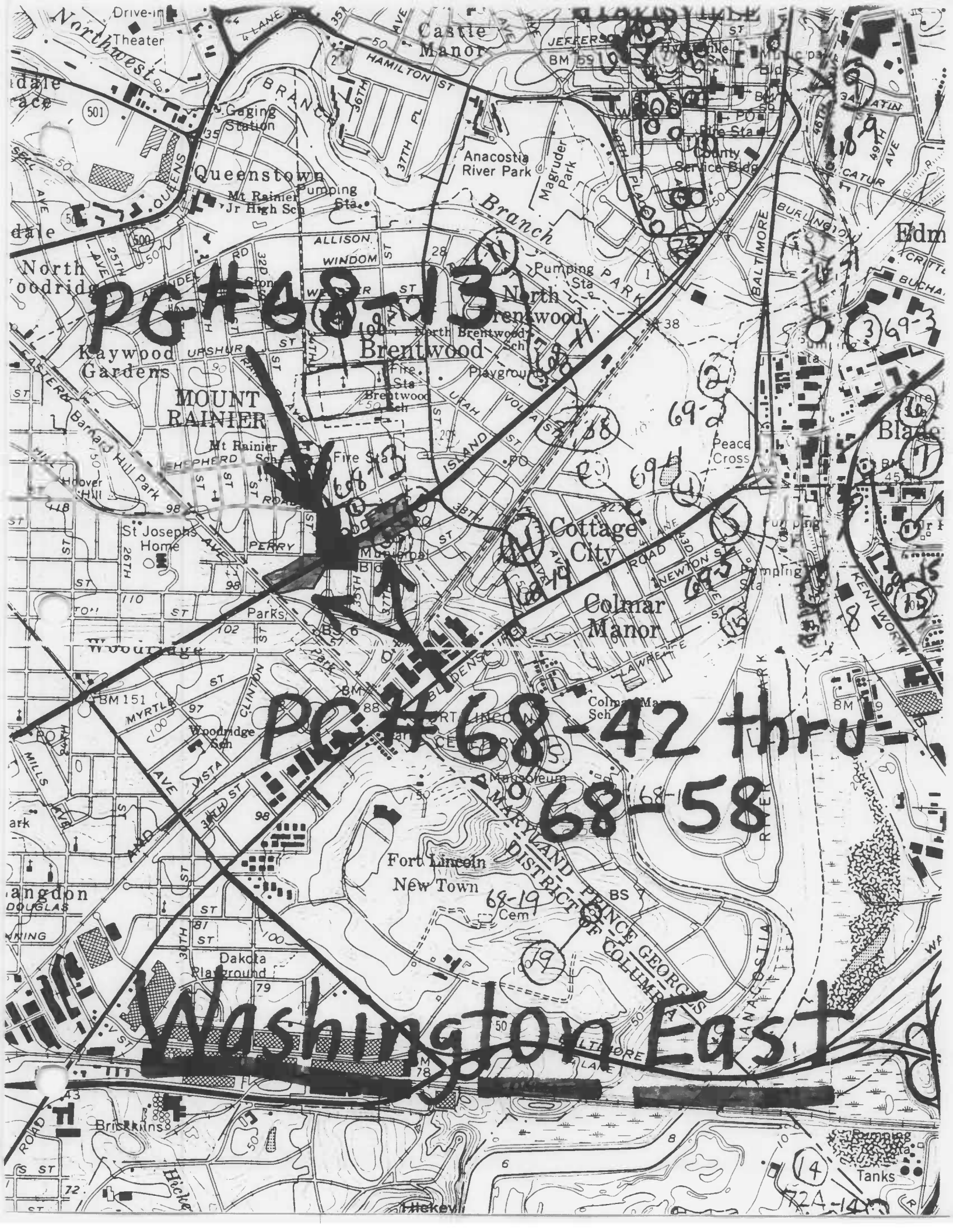
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Pumping Sta
Fire Sta
Brentwood Sch
Playground
Cottage City
Colmar Manor
Peace Cross
St Josephs Home
Woodridge
Woodridge Sch
Fort Lincoln New Town
Mausoleum
Cem
Dakota Playground
Brickkilns
Tanks
Hickey
Northwest Branch
Drive-in Theater
Gaging Station
County Service Bldg
Barnard Hill Park
Hoover Hill
Parks
Municipal Bldg
Colmar Manor Sch
MARYLAND PRINCE GEORGES DISTRICT OF COLUMBIA
ANACOSTIA RIVER
BALTIMORE
HAMILTON ST
JEFFERSON
ALLISON
WINDOM
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