PRINCE GEORGE'S COUNTY

HISTORIC SITE SUMMARY SHEET

Survey #: P.G. #68-46 Building Date: c. 1917

Building Name: Keir-Guidice House

Location: 3513 Rhode Island Avenue, Mt. Rainier, Maryland

Private/Residence/Unoccupied/Deteriorated/Inaccessible

Description

3513 Rhode Island Avenue is a one-story frame dwelling with a rectangular plan and a hipped roof. The house is sited on the knoll on the south side of Rhode Island Avenue east of 34th Street. The three bay main (north) facade is sheathed in clapboard and contains a center bay, single door entrance with a single window opening at left (east) and a double window opening at right. All windows and the door on the north facade are boarded up. The east, west and south facades are sheathed with asphalt shingles and contain numerous window openings that are also boarded up. There is a hipped roof dormer on the north slope of the roof containing an attached pair of 6/1 sash double-hung windows. The clapboard portions of the facade appear to be a front porch that has been enclosed. The asphalt shingles on the remainder of the house do not appear to be original. The house is unoccupied and is in a deteriorated condition.

Significance

The modest one-story house at 3513 Rhode Island Avenue (Block 2, Lot 11, Rhode Island Avenue Addition to Mt. Rainier) was built by 1917 when an improvement valued at $900 is first indicated in Prince George's County Assessment Records. The house was most likely constructed by Jessie and Joseph Kier who had purchased Lot 11 from Messrs. Bigelow, Spalding and Rogers in late 1907. The house is presently sheathed with non-historic materials and the windows are obscured so it is impossible to determine the nature and configuration of any existing early fabric and fenestration. Fire Insurance maps indicate that the building's present plan can be dated at least to 1921 and is likely to be original. Although the house is in a deteriorated condition, its early 20th century residential scale continues to contribute to the streetscape.

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DOE __yes __no

Maryland Historical Trust
State Historic Sites Inventory Form

1. Name (indicate preferred name)

historic Keir-Guidice House

and/or common 3513 Rhode Island Avenue

2. Location

street & number 3513 Rhode Island Avenue (U.S. Route 1) ___ not for publication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	___ commercial	___ park
___ structure	___ both	___ work in progress	___ educational	___ private residence
___ site	**Public Acquisition**	**Accessible**	___ entertainment	___ religious
___ object	___ in process	___ yes: restricted	___ government	___ scientific
	___ being considered	___ yes: unrestricted	___ industrial	___ transportation
	X not applicable	X no	___ military	___ other:

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

name Francis V. and Florence I. Guidice

street & number 4331 Blagden Avenue telephone no.:

city, town Washington state and zip code D.C. 20011

5. Location of Legal Description

courthouse, registry of deeds, etc. Prince George's County Courthouse liber 1471

street & number Main Street folio 204

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. 4010

city, town Upper Marlboro state Maryland 20772

7. Description

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Condition		Check one	Check one
___ excellent	X deteriorated	___ unaltered	X original site
___ 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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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. 1917 **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 Prince George's County Assessment Records, E.D. 17, 1916-1919, p. 151.

2 Prince George's County Land Records, 41:511.

3 Sanborn Insurance Maps, 1921, p. 6, 1939, p. 202, 1939 corrected to 1954, p. 202.

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
state	code	county	code

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 20772

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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Annapolis, Maryland 21401
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Chain of Title
3513 Rhode Island Avenue

1471:204 27 February 1952 Deed	Norman E. Smith and Carrie Baxter to Francis V. and Florence I. Guidice. Grantors convey Lot 11 in Block 2, Rhode Island Avenue Addition to Mt. Rainier, excepting the rear 6 feet for use as public alley. Plat recorded JWB5:694 or A:6. Same obtained from Francis V. and Florence I. Guidice, 20 April 1951, 1362:195.
1362:195 20 April 1951 Deed	Francis V. and Florence I. Guidice to Norman E. Smith and Carrie Baxter. Grantors convey Lot 11 in Block 2. Same obtained from Eugene L. and Eva P. Fabritz, 20 April 1951, 1362:187.
1362:187 20 April 1951 Deed	Eugene L. and Eva P. Fabritz to Francis V. and Florence I. Guidice. Grantors convey Lot 11 in Block 2. Same obtained from Robert I. Lyon, 1 June 1943, 693:245.
693:245 1 June 1943 Deed	Robert I. Lyon to Eugene L. and Eva P. Fabritz. Grantor conveys Lot 11 in Block 2. Same obtained from Bird H. Dolby, assignee, 25 November 1939, 544:464.
544:464 25 November 1939 Deed	Bird H. Dolby, assignee D. Charles and Elizabeth M. Famos (Equity #11093) to Robert I. Lyon. Grantor conveys Lot 11 in Block 2. Same obtained from Lucy E. and Turner L. Funkhouser, 1 July 1921, 164:283.
164:283 1 July 1921 Deed	Lucy E. and Turner L. Funkhouser to D. Charles and Elizabeth H. Famos. Grantors convey Lot 11 in Block 2. Same obtained from Robert E. Funkhouser, 20 November 1920, 170:291.
170:291 20 November 1920 Deed	Robert E. Funkhouser to Lucy E. Funkhouser. Grantor conveys Lot 11 in Block 2. Same obtained from Jessie C. and Joseph E. Keir, 1 April 1916, 115:178.
115:178 1 April 1916 Deed	Jessie C. and Joseph E. Keir to Robert E. Funkhouser. Grantors convey Lot 11 in Block 2. Same obtained from W. D. Bigelow et al, 17 December 1907, 41:511.
41:511 17 December 1907 Deed	W. D. Bigelow, E. S. Spalding and J. Harris Rogers, to Jessie C. Keir. Grantors convey Lot 11 in Block 2. To clear title, this deed is made.

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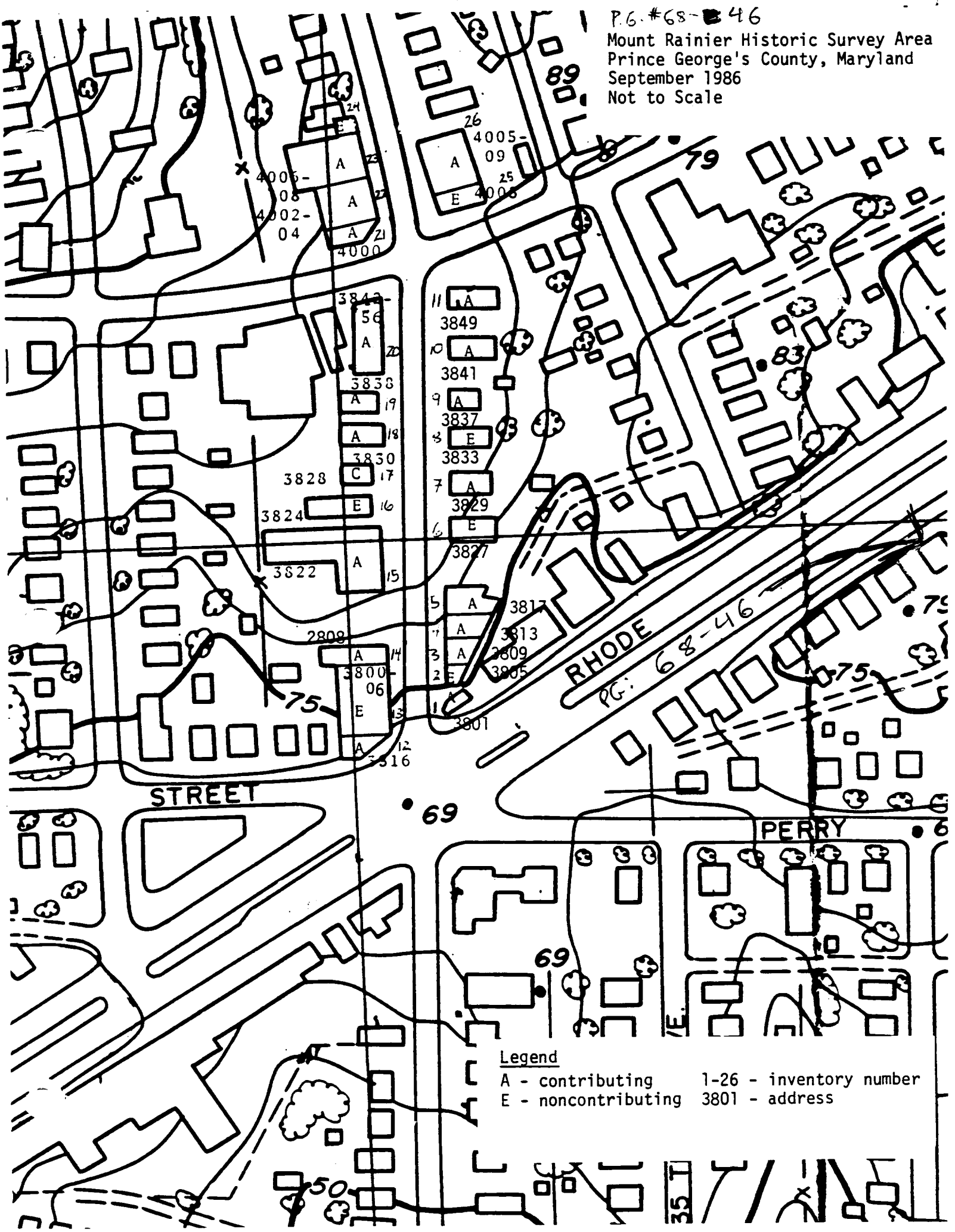
Mount Rainier Historic Survey Area
Prince George's County, Maryland
September 1986
Not to Scale



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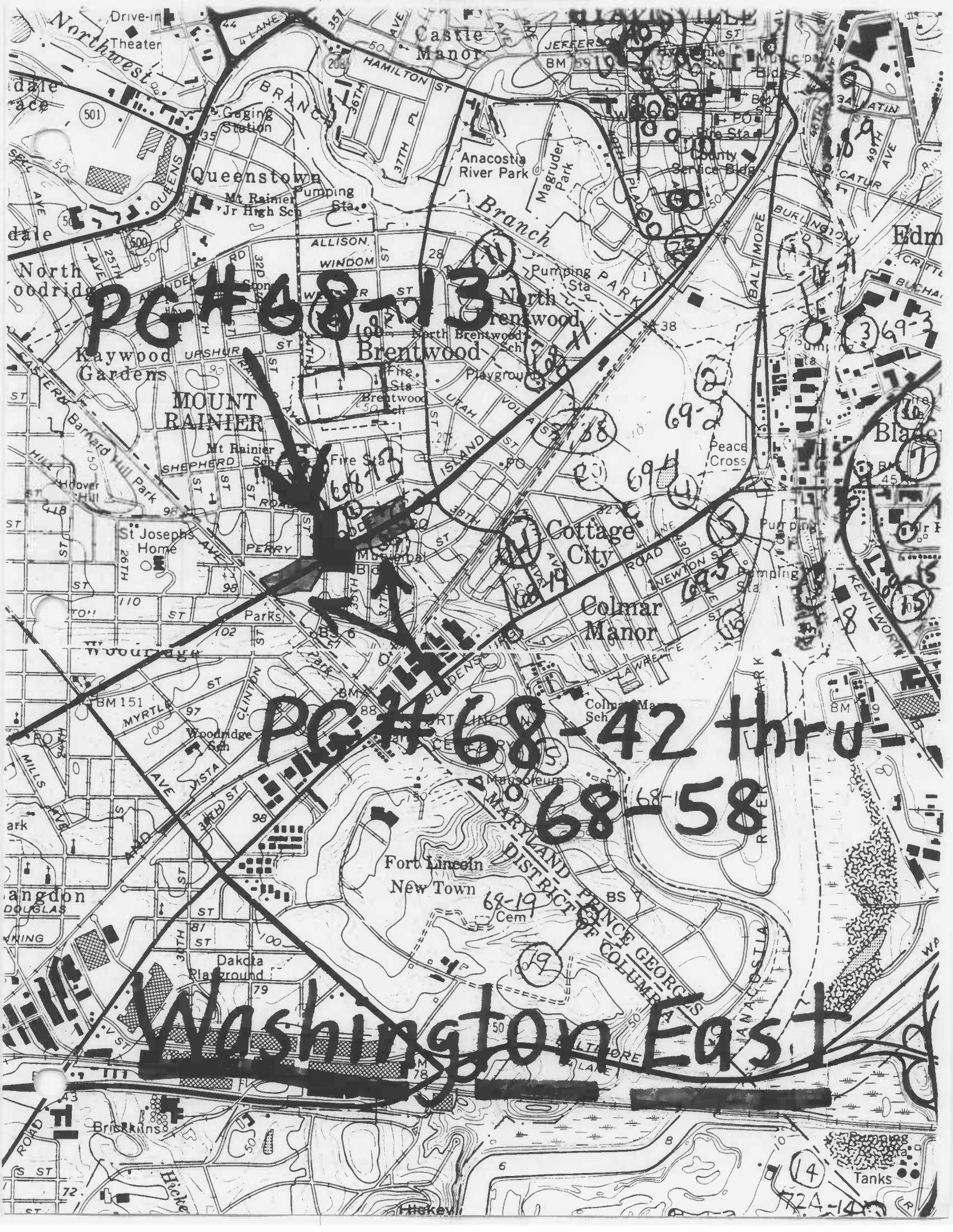
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Mt Rainier Jr High Sch
Pumping Sta
Fire Sta
Playground
Peace Cross
Cottage City
Colmar Manor
St Josephs Home
Woodridge
Woodridge Sch
Fort Lincoln New Town
Cem
Dakota Playground
Briskkilns
Tanks
Edm
Blade
Northwest
Drive-in Theater
Gaging Station
County Service Bldg
Barnard Hill Park
Hoover Hill
Parks
Mausoleum
MARYLAND PRINCE GEORGES DISTRICT OF COLUMBIA
ANACOSTIA RIVER
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WINDOM
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SHEPHERD
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