

PRINCE GEORGE'S COUNTY  
HISTORIC SITE SUMMARY SHEET

Survey #: P.G. #68-47 Building Date: c. 1907

Building Name: Weckerly-Wedderburn House

Location: 3509 Rhode Island Avenue, Mt. Rainier, Maryland

Private/Residence/Occupied/Good/Restricted

Description

3509 Rhode Island Avenue is a two-story frame dwelling with a hipped roof and a square plan. The two-bay main (north) facade has a facade-wide hipped roof porch at the first story. The porch is supported by wooden Doric style columns on tall brick bases. The right (west) entrance bay of the first story has a single door and a small, multi-pane window at right. The west bay has a pair of attached 1/1 sash double-hung windows. The second story of the north facade has an identical, paired 1/1 sash double-hung window on the left (west) bay and a single 1/1 sash double-hung window at right above the entry door. The north slope of the roof has a hip roof dormer with a large horizontal 1/1 sash window. The east and west facades both have 1/1 sash double-hung at the first and second stories. The house maintains its early box-like configuration although it has been modernized with unsympathetic materials. The first story porch columns and bases are out of scale and do not appear to be original. The entry door and attic dormer window are inappropriate modern replacements. The exterior of the house has been sheathed with aluminum siding and the roof is covered with tar paper and presently unshingled.

Significance

The two-story house at 3509 Rhode Island Avenue (Block 2, Lot 10, Rhode Island Avenue Addition to Mt. Rainier) was built by 1907, when an improvement valued at \$1,500 is first recorded. Anna Weckerly purchased Lot 10 in December of 1907 from James C. and Blanche R. Rogers. The house could have been built by either the Rogers or Weckerly who sold Lot 10 by April of 1909. Although the house had been modernized with unsympathetic materials, the straightforward, box-like configuration and detail of this house are still intact and its clearly early 20th century character contributes to the survey area.

# Maryland Historical Trust State Historic Sites Inventory Form

## 1. Name (indicate preferred name)

historic Weckerly-Wedderburn House

and/or common 3509 Rhode Island Avenue

## 2. Location

street & number 3509 Rhode Island Avenue (U.S. Route 1)  not for publication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
<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 checked="" type="checkbox"/> private residence
<input type="checkbox"/> site	<b>Public Acquisition</b>	<b>Accessible</b>	<input type="checkbox"/> entertainment <input 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 Milda Wedderburn

street & number 3509 Rhode Island Avenue 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 5812

street & number Main Street folio 269

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

<b>Condition</b>		<b>Check one</b>	<b>Check one</b>
<input type="checkbox"/> excellent	<input type="checkbox"/> deteriorated	<input type="checkbox"/> unaltered	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> original site
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> good	<input type="checkbox"/> ruins	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> altered	<input type="checkbox"/> moved      date of move _____
<input 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.

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# 9. Major Bibliographical References

Survey No. P.G.#68-47

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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B	<input type="text"/>	<input type="text"/>	<input type="text"/>
	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 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  
Shaw House  
21 State Circle  
Annapolis, Maryland 21401  
(301) 269-2438

P.G. 68-47  
Chain of Title  
3509 Rhode Island Avenue

5813:269  
18 November 1983  
Deed  
Kathleen J. Harris and Ura Jane Daley to Milda Wedderburn. Grantors convey Lot 10 in Block 2, Rhode Island Avenue Addition to Mt. Rainier. Plat recorded JWB5:694 or A:6. Same obtained from Arthur and Susan M. Weston, 5 August 1983, 5740:247.

5740:247  
5 August 1983  
Deed  
Arthur and Susan M. Weston to Kathleen J. Harris and Ura Jane Daley. Grantors convey Lot 10 in Block 2. Same obtained from Robert G. Dodson, 4 May 1970, 3827:692.

3827:692  
4 May 1970  
Deed  
Robert G. Dodson, surviving tenant of Elizabeth E. Dodson to Arthur and Susan M. Weston. Grantor conveys Lot 10 in Block 2. Same obtained from Mercedes M. Payne, 5 December 1962, 2765:262.

2765:262  
5 December 1962  
Deed  
Mercedes M. Payne to Robert G. and Elizabeth E. Dodson. Grantor conveys Lot 10 in Block 2. Same obtained from Bird H. and L. Drucilla Dolby, 28 June 1947, 947:162.

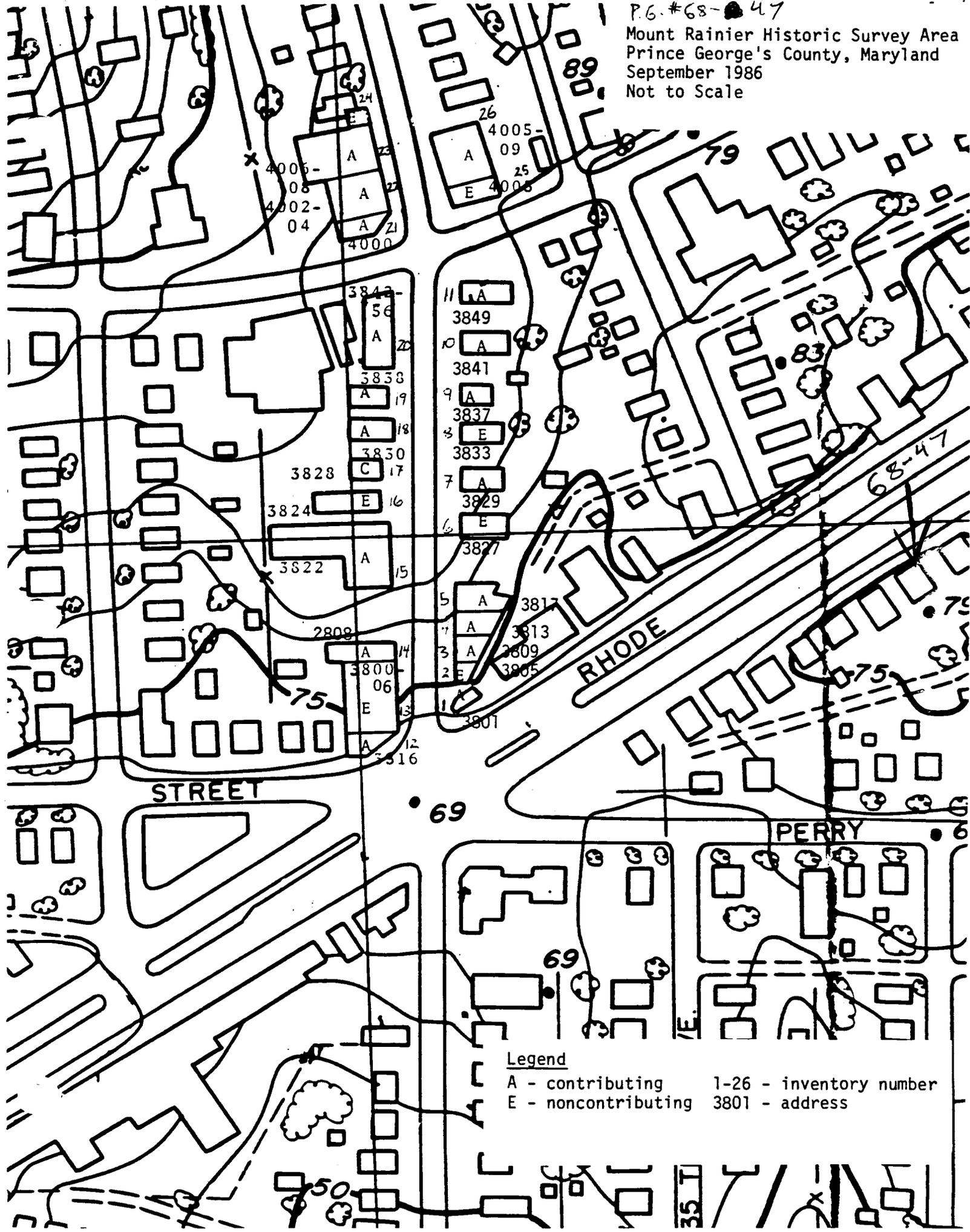
947:162  
28 June 1947  
Deed  
Bird H. and L. Drucilla Dolby to Mercedes M. Payne. Grantors convey Lot 10 in Block 2. Same obtained from Ewell J. and Mercedes M. Payne, 28 June 1947, 947:160.

947:160  
28 June 1947  
Deed  
Ewell J. and Mercedes M. Payne to Bird H. Dolby. Grantors convey Lot 10 in Block 2. Same from Georgia T. and Charles F. Crane, 23 June 1941, 598:189.

598:189  
23 June 1941  
Deed  
Georgia T. and Charles F. Crane to Ewell J. and Mercedes M. Payne. Grantors convey Lot 10 in Block 2. Same obtained from Anna E. and John Weckerly, 2 April 1909, 50:546.

50:546  
2 April 1909  
Deed  
Anna E. and John Weckerly to Georgia T. Crane. Grantors convey Lot 10 in Block 2. Same obtained from James C. and Blanche R. Rogers and J. Harris Rogers, 12 December 1907, 44:56.

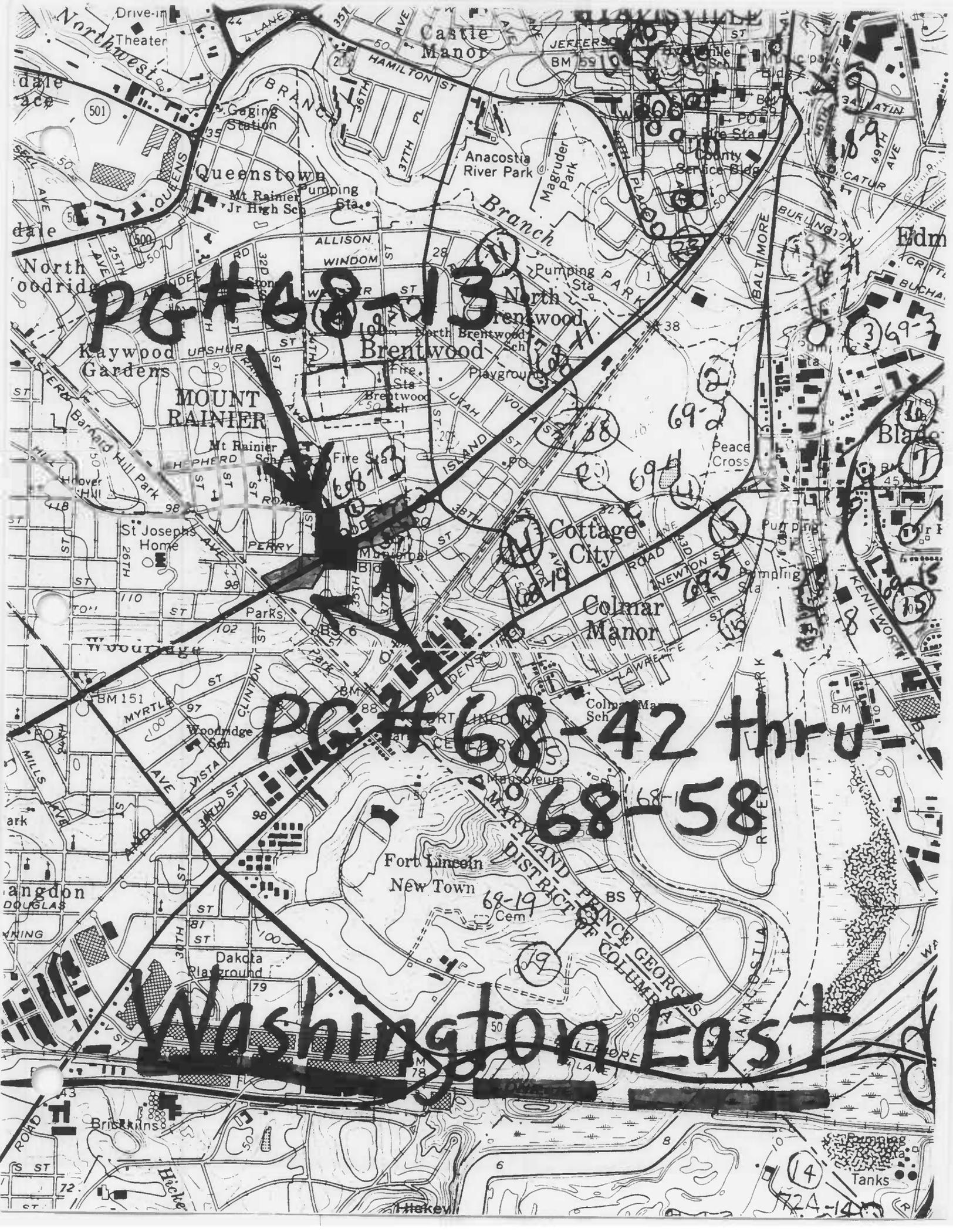
44:56  
12 December 1907  
Deed  
James C. and Blanche R. Rogers and J. Harris Rogers to Anna E. Weckerly. Grantors convey Lot 10 in Block 2. To clear title, this deed is made.



Legend

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





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Washington East

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3509 Rhode Island Ave.

Prince George's County, MD

Howard Berger

October 1987

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Annapolis, MD