PRINCE GEORGE'S COUNTY

HISTORIC SITE SUMMARY SHEET

Survey #: P.G. #68-48 Building Date: c. 1907

Building Name: Gaver-McDonald House

Location: 3505 Rhode Island Avenue, Mt. Rainier, Maryland

Private/Residence/Occupied/Good/Inaccessible

Description

3505 Rhode Island Avenue is a two-story, single family, frame dwelling of rectangular plan with a gable and cross-gable asphalt shingle roofs. The house is sited on the knoll on the south side of Rhode Island Avenue east of 34th Street. The entire building is sheathed with asbestos shingles, except for the first story north facade which is covered with wood vertical siding. The north (Rhode Island Avenue) facade has a large multi-paned window on its east half. The west half contains a recessed porch that is sheltered by the house's main north sloping roof and contains a single-door entry with a small multi-paned window at right. The north facade contains a gable-end second story on its eastern half. There are two 1/1 sash double-hung windows at the second story on the north facade. The windows of the north facade have decorative shutters. The windows of the east and west facades are also 1/1/ sash double-hung. To the rear (south) of the east facade is a three-sided, faceted bay at the first story. The house appears to have maintained its original configuration and fenestration with the exception of the sheathing of the first story north facade, its large window, the entry door and the modern, inappropriate vergeboard and supporting posts of the north facade porch.

Significance

The frame house at 3505 Rhode Island Avenue (Block 2, Lot 9, Rhode Island Avenue Addition to Mt. Rainier) contributes to the streetscape of early 20th century dwellings on the south side of Rhode Island Avenue east of 34th Street. Although the main (north) facade has been modernized with some inappropriate decoration and sheathing the dwelling's early character is largely intact and contributes to the architectural variety of the survey area. The house was built by John and Alice Gaver who had purchased Lot 9 from Messrs. Bigelow, Spalding and Rogers in November of 1905. Assessment records indicate that Lot 9 was improved by 1907 with a structure valued at $1,100. Probably completed during 1906, the house would be one of the earliest completed on this block.

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DOE __yes __no

Maryland Historical Trust
State Historic Sites Inventory Form

1. Name (indicate preferred name)

historic Gaver-McDonald House

and/or common 3505 Rhode Island Avenue

2. Location

street & number 3505 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	X occupied	___ agriculture	___ museum
X building(s)	X private	___ unoccupied	___ commercial	___ park
___ structure	___ both	___ work in progress	___ educational	X 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 Albert V. and Mary J. McDonald

street & number 6106 44th Place telephone no.: (301) 699-867(

city, town Riverdale state and zip code Maryland 20737

5. Location of Legal Description

courthouse, registry of deeds, etc. Prince George's County Courthouse liber 6144

street & number Main Street folio 820

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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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. 1907 **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 Land Records, 28:143.

2 Prince George's County Assessment Records, E.D. 17, 1907, p. 124.

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.

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Chain of Title
3505 Rhode Island Avenue

6144:820 23 July 1985 Deed	Wendell Nusbaum Duff and Edith Lewis Duff to Albert V. and Mary Jane McDonald. Grantors convey Lot 9 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 Leila Bell and Charles R. Bynacker, 15 March 1951, 1343:186.
1343:186 15 March 1951 Deed	Leila Bell and Charles R. Bynacker to Wendell Nusbaum Duff and Edith Lewis Duff. Grantors convey Lot 9 in Block 2. Same obtained from James W. and Florence M. Harrison, 4 October 1945, 810:85.
810:85 4 October 1945 Deed	James W. and Florence M. Harrison to Leila B. Bell. Grantors convey Lot 9 in Block 2. Same obtained from Nelson D. Holmes, 13 June 1941, 598:113.
598:113 13 June 1941 Deed	Nelson D. Holmes to James W. and Florence M. Harrison. Grantors convey Lot 9 in Block 2. Same obtained from Johanna Henzman, 5 September 1940, 571:267.
571:267 5 September 1940 Deed	Johanna Henzman to Nelson D. Holmes. Grantor conveys Lot 9 in Block 2. Same obtained from Mary T. Henley, 29 August 1940, 571:265.
571:265 29 August 1940 Deed	Mary T. Henley to Johanna Henzman. Grantor conveys Lot 9 in Block 2. Same obtained from William E. and Anna M. Sheary, 2 December 1921, 174:427.
174:427 2 December 1921 Deed	William E. and Anna M. Sheary to Mary T. Henley. Grantors convey Lot 9 in Block 1. Same obtained from John W. and Alice M. Gaver, 18 June 1915, 106:138.
106:138 18 June 1915 Deed	John W. and Alice M. Gaver to William E. and Anna N. Sheary. Grantors convey Lot 9 in Block 1. Same obtained from Willard D. Bigelow, et al, 17 November 1905, 28:413.
28:413 17 November 1905 Deed	Willard D. Bigelow, E. S. Spalding and J. Harris Rogers to John W. Gaver. Grantors convey Lot 9 in Block 2. To clear title, this deed is made.

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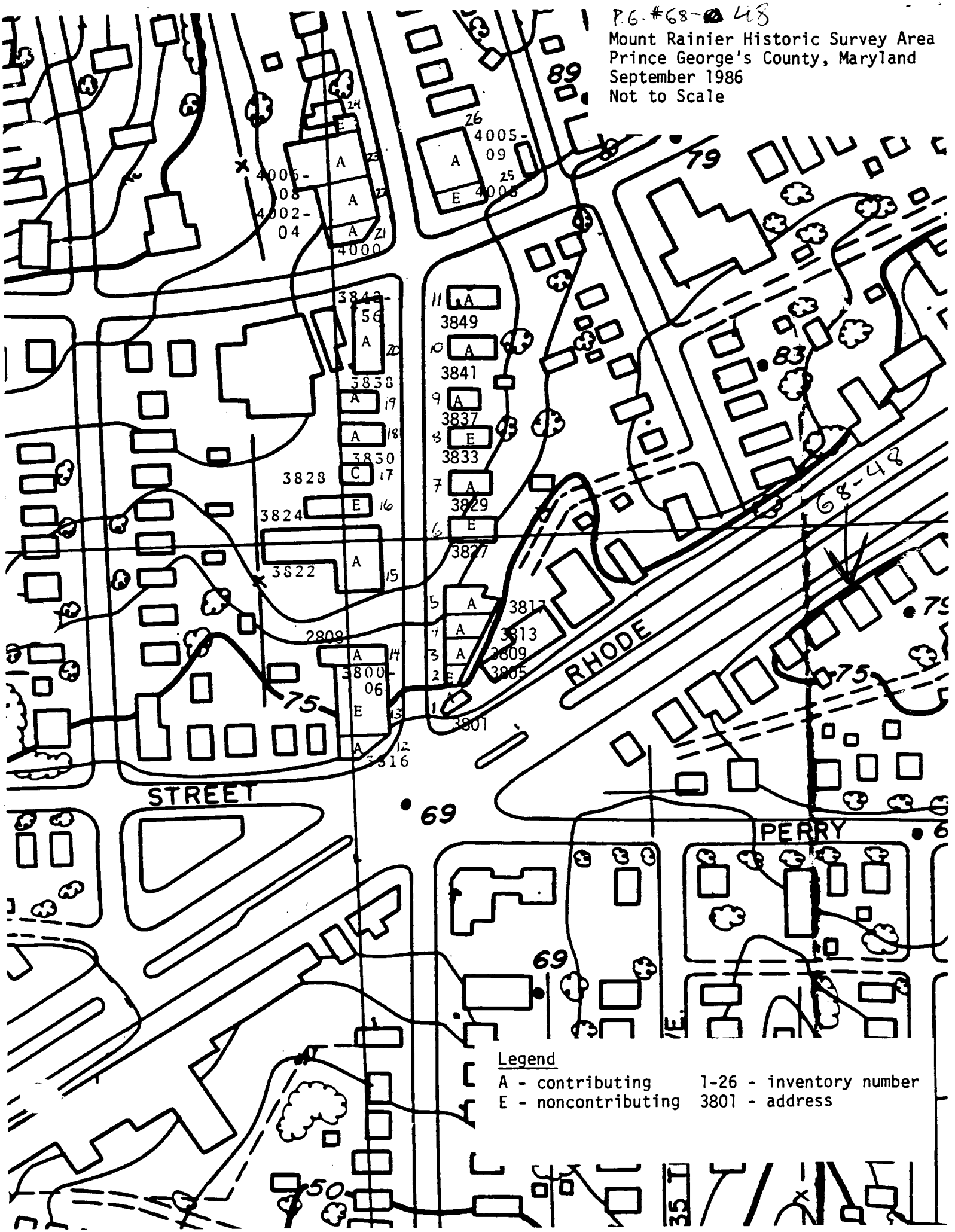
Mount Rainier Historic Survey Area
Prince George's County, Maryland
September 1986
Not to Scale



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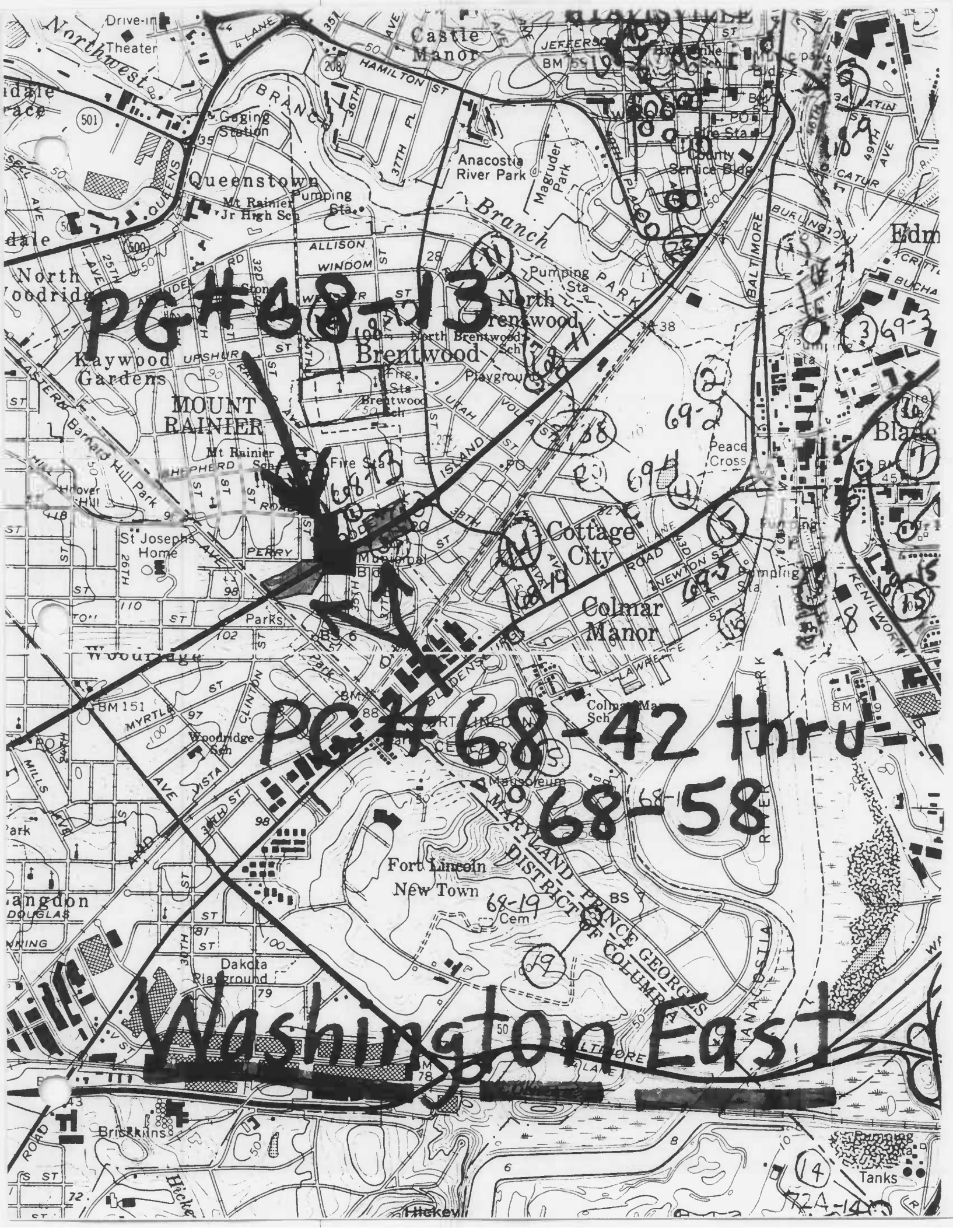
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Mt Rainier Jr High Sch
Pumping Sta
Fire Sta
Playground
Cottage City
Colmar Manor
Peace Cross
St Josephs Home
Woodridge
Woodridge Sch
Fort Lincoln New Town
Mausoleum
Cem
Dakota Playground
Brickkilns
Tanks
Hickey
Northwest
Drive-in Theater
Gaging Station
Barnard Hill Park
Hoover Hill
Municipal Bldg
Parks
Langdon
MARYLAND PRINCE GEORGES DISTRICT OF COLUMBIA
ANACOSTIA RIVER
BALTIMORE
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UPSHUR
SHEPHERD
PERRY
MYRTLE
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