

PRINCE GEORGE'S COUNTY  
HISTORIC SITE SUMMARY SHEET

Survey #: P.G. #68-49 Building Date: c. 1909

Building Name: Graft-Ingram House

Location: 3501 Rhode Island Avenue, Mt. Rainier, Maryland

Private/Residence/Occupied/Good/Inaccessible

Description

3501 Rhode Island Avenue is a one story with attic frame dwelling of irregular plan with a gable roof. The essentially square plan of the house has been modified with a one-story, square plan, flat roof addition to the north portion of the east facade. The first story of the main (north) facade is sheathed by a shallow hip roof porch. The single door entry is slightly off-center and there is a small multi-paned window to the left (east). The right (west) portion of the first story projects to the front of the porch and contains a rectangular louvered window. The gable-end attic facade has two 1/1 sash double-hung windows. The west slope of the gable roof contains a centered, shed roof dormer with two 1/1 sash double-hung windows. The east slope of the roof contains a gable-end dormer that is half-timbered and has a sliding glass door leading to the roof of the one story east facade addition. The building's first story and east gable are stuccoed and the gable-end attic is covered with clap-board. The porch roof, main gable and dormers are covered with asphalt shingles. The first story, flat-roofed addition, the sliding glass door of the east dormer and the right hand portion of the first story facade (effectively enclosing that part of the front porch) are not original to the house. Although the additions are stuccoed like the older portion of the house, the incompatible windows lessen the integrity of the dwelling.

Significance

The modest single-family dwelling at 3501 Rhode Island Avenue (Block 2, Lot 8, Rhode Island Avenue Addition to Mt. Rainier) contributes to the character of the survey area. Millie and Cyrus Graft purchased Lot 8 from Messrs. Bigelow, Spalding and Rogers in July of 1908 (see Chain of Title). They erected the house by 1909, when an improvement valued at \$1,000 was recorded. Although the house has had some modern and not wholly sympathetic additions, its residential scale and use are maintained.

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DOE  yes  no

# Maryland Historical Trust State Historic Sites Inventory Form

## 1. Name (indicate preferred name)

historic Graft-Ingram Houseand/or common 3501 Rhode Island Avenue

## 2. Location

street & number 3501 Rhode Island Avenue (U.S. Route 1)  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 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 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 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 Charles D. Ingramstreet & number 3501 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 5509street & number Main Street folio 588city, 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. 401Ccity, town Upper Marlboro state Maryland 20772

# 7. Description

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<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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# 8. Significance

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

**Specific dates** c. 1909 **Builder/Architect**

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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

<sup>1</sup> Prince George's County Assessment Records, E.D. 17, 1909, p. 137.



P.G. 68-49  
Chain of Title  
3501 Rhode Island Avenue

5509:588  
5 March 1982  
Deed  
Jean H. Miller and Hazel Cook to Charles D. Ingram.  
Grantors convey Lot 8 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 Hedwig Kaercher, 19 February 1976,  
4588:829.

4588:829  
19 February 1976  
Deed  
Hedwig Kaercher to Jean H. Miller and Hazel Cook.  
Grantor conveys Lot 8 in Block 2. Same obtained from  
C. Jefferson Dotson, representative, 1 September 1974,  
4488:406.

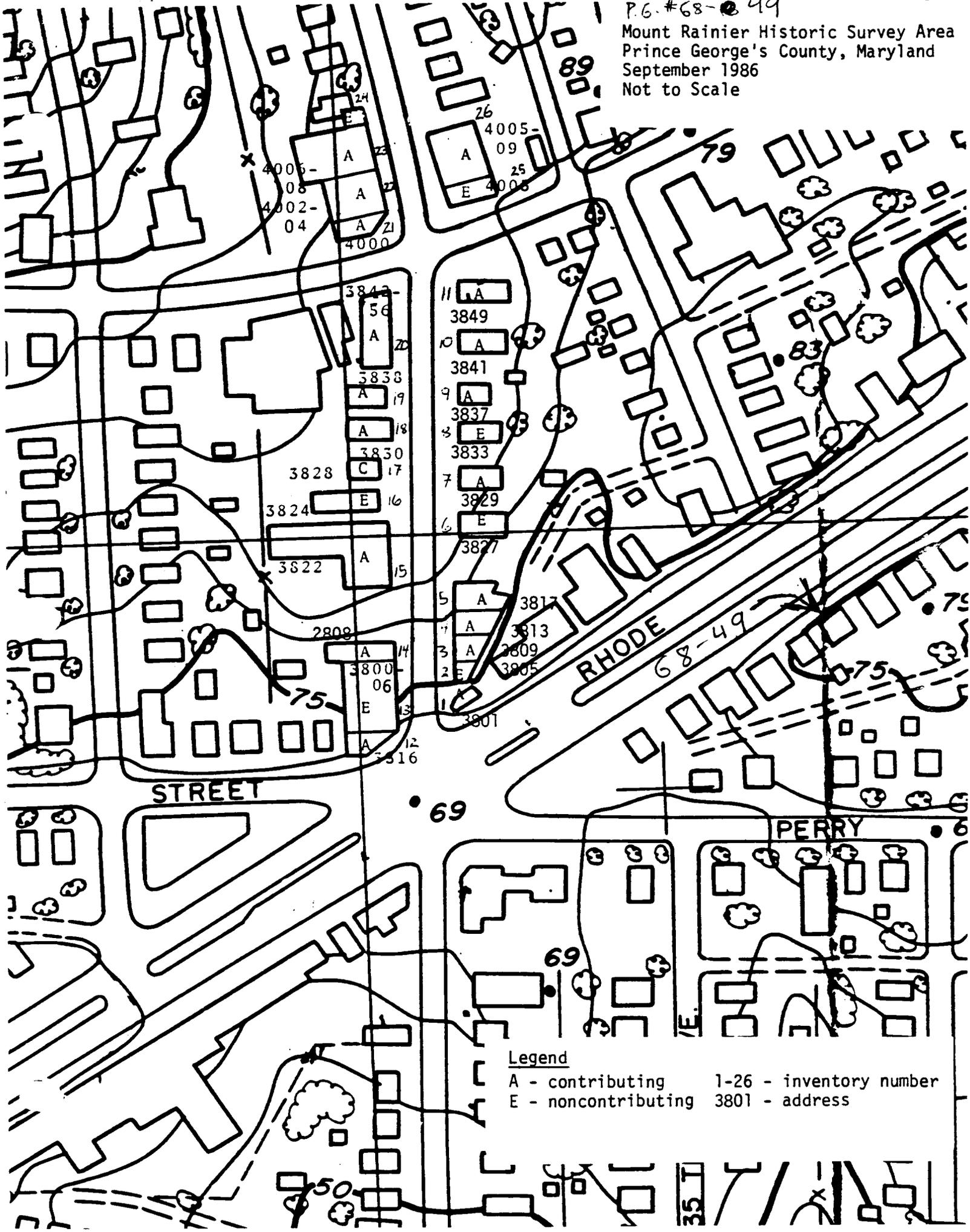
4488:406  
1 September 1974  
Deed  
C. Jefferson Dotson, representative Carl B. Serth  
(deceased) to Hedwig Kaercher. Grantor conveys Lot 8  
in Block 2. Same obtained from Auda C. Harrison et al,  
devisees, 12 July 1955, 1881:111.

1881:111  
12 July 1955  
Deed  
Auda C. Harrison, et al, devisees of Mattie G. Crocker  
to Carl B. Serth. Grantors convey Lot 8 in Block 2.  
Same obtained from Millie M. and Cyrus S. Graft, 7  
September 1921, 164:418.

164:418  
7 September 1921  
Deed  
Millie M. and Cyrus S. Graft to Mattie G. Crocker.  
Grantors convey Lot 8 in Block 2. Same obtained from  
Willard D. Bigelow, et al, 2 July 1908, 48:58.

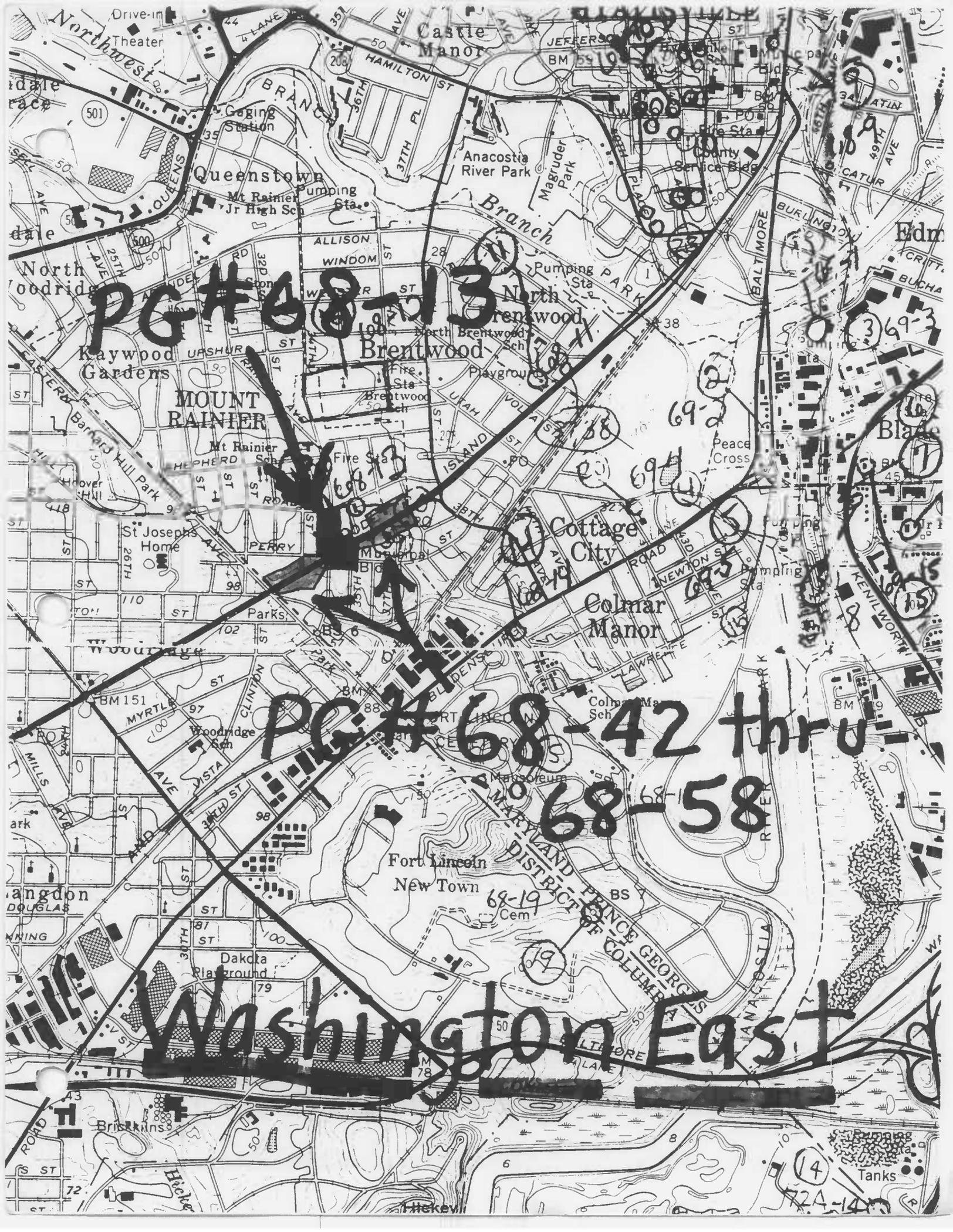
48:58  
2 July 1908  
Deed  
Willard D. Bigelow, E. S. Spalding and J. Harris Rogers  
to Millie M. Graft. Grantors convey Lot 8 in Block 2.  
To clear title, this deed is made.

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



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





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Washington East

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69-2  
69-4  
69-5  
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72A-14



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3501 Rhode Island Ave.  
Prince George's County, MD

Howard Berger

Dec. 1987

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Neg: MD Historical Trust  
Annapolis, MD