

PRINCE GEORGE'S COUNTY
HISTORIC SITE SUMMARY SHEET

Survey #: P.G. #68-58 Building Date: c. 1940

Building Name: Bass Liquors/Toby's Carry-Out

Location: 3204-3206-3208 Rhode Island Avenue, Mt. Rainier, Maryland

Private/Commercial/Occupied/Fair/Restricted

Description

3204-06-08 Rhode Island Avenue is a one-story commercial building with a rectangular plan and a shed roof. The building is constructed of cinder blocks and the main (south) facade is stuccoed. The building contains two storefronts of unequal size. The smaller (west) storefront has a plain horizontal parapet and the east storefront has a stepped parapet; both are united by a wood or metal coping. Each storefront has a double glass and metal door entry flanked by projecting plate glass display windows with rectangular plans set on brick bases. At the western edge of the larger storefront is a single glass and metal entry door. The projecting window of the east storefront have been obscured by wooden paneling. The projecting show windows are united by a plain cornice supporting non-historic signage. The east storefront appears to be a later addition. The show windows appear to be modern and the facade's only decorative detail is found in the profile of the stepped parapet. The building exterior has been modernized and painted. To the west of the storefront is an asphalt covered parking lot.

Significance

The commercial building at 3204-3206-3208 Rhode Island Avenue (Block 5, Lots 6, 7 and 8, Roger's Second Addition to Mt. Rainier) contributes to the character of the survey area as a late example of the type of small scale storefronts built in Mt. Rainier downtown before World War II. The modest building relies on its stepped parapet and show windows for visual interest. The building's architectural contribution to the survey area is marginal as much of the main (south) facade has been modernized or obscured. The nature and extent of underlying historic fabric is unknown but the scale and relationship to the streetscape have been maintained. Fire insurance maps indicate that the east storefront was built on Lot 7 by 1939. At that time Lot 8 was unimproved and Lot 9 contained what appeared to be an early 20th century two-story frame dwelling with a facade-wide front porch. Beginning in 1942 and for more than forty years, the larger of the east storefronts was occupied by Bass' Restaurant, a family oriented establishment that became something of a Mt. Rainier institution. Since 1980 the restaurant has operated as Toby's Carryout. The smaller of the two storefronts (Bass' Liquors) was built as a cinder block addition to the earlier building on part of Lot 8 by 1954. By that year, the dwelling on Lot 9 (the current parking lot) was no longer standing.

Maryland Historical Trust State Historic Sites Inventory Form

1. Name (indicate preferred name)

historic

and/or common Bass Liquors/Toby's Carry-Out

2. Location

street & number 3204-3206-3208 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 checked="" 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 type="checkbox"/> private residence
<input type="checkbox"/> site	Public Acquisition	Accessible	<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 Marion and Benny Bass

street & number 10500 Rockville Pike #308 telephone no.: (301) 493-499

city, town Rockville state and zip code Maryland 20852

5. Location of Legal Description

courthouse, registry of deeds, etc. Prince George's County Courthouse liber 5598

street & number Main Street folio 790

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 4010

city, town Upper Marlboro state Maryland 20772

7. Description

Survey Nop. G. #68-58

Condition		Check one	Check one
<input type="checkbox"/> excellent	<input type="checkbox"/> deteriorated	<input type="checkbox"/> unaltered	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> original site
<input type="checkbox"/> good	<input type="checkbox"/> ruins	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> altered	<input type="checkbox"/> moved date of move _____
<input checked="" 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"/> 1800-1899	<input type="checkbox"/> architecture	<input type="checkbox"/> education	<input type="checkbox"/> military	<input type="checkbox"/> social/
<input type="checkbox"/> 1700-1799	<input type="checkbox"/> art	<input type="checkbox"/> engineering	<input type="checkbox"/> music	<input type="checkbox"/> humanitarian
<input type="checkbox"/> 1800-1899	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> commerce	<input type="checkbox"/> exploration/settlement	<input type="checkbox"/> philosophy	<input type="checkbox"/> theater
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> 1900-	<input type="checkbox"/> communications	<input type="checkbox"/> industry	<input type="checkbox"/> politics/government	<input type="checkbox"/> transportation
		<input type="checkbox"/> invention		<input type="checkbox"/> other (specify)

Specific dates c. 1940 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 Sanburn Insurance Map, 1939, p. 201.

2 "Local Bar Target of Drive to End Its Liquor Liscence", The Washington Post, March 5, 1984.

3 Sanburn Insurance Map, 1939, corrected to 1954, p. 201.

Chain of Title

3204-3206-3208 Rhode Island Avenue
P.G.#68-58

5598:790
22 October 1982
Deed

Benny and Marion Bass to Benny Bass. Grantors convey Lots 7, 8 and 9 in Block 5, Roger's Second Addition to Mt. Rainier. Plat recorded BDS1:48. Lots 7 and 8 obtained from John W. and Cecelia C. Klein, January 25, 1946, 826:99, Lot 9 obtained from Lillian M. Beard, et. al., devisees of Samuel R. Beard, March 11, 1968, 3573:318.

3573:318
11 March 1968
Deed

Lillian M. Beard, et. al., devisees of Samuel R. Beard to Benny and Marion Bass. Grantors convey Lot 9 in Block 5. Same obtained from Howard T. and Theresa A. Snyder, November 29, 1949, 1178:218.

1178:218
29 November 1949
Deed

Howard T. and Theresa A. Snyder to Samuel R. Beard. Grantors convey Lot 9 in Block 5. Same obtained from James C. and Blanche R. Rogers, 23 August 1911, 72:333.

72:333
23 August 1911
Deed

James C. and Blanche R. Rogers to Howard T. and Theresa A. Snyder. Grantors convey Lot 9 in Block 5.

826:99
25 January 1946
Deed

John W. and Cecelia C. Klein to Benny Bass. Grantors convey Lots 7 and 8 in Block 5. Lot 7 obtained from Marie N. Bakersmith, December 2, 1935, 436:99; Lot 8 obtained from Rufus E. and Maude E. Milor, December 4, 1937, 484:274.

435:99
2 December 1935
Deed

Marie N. Bakersmith to John W. Klein. Grantor conveys Lot 7 in Block 5. Same obtained from Edith C. Schultz, August 24, 1926, 274:397.

274:397
24 August 1926
Deed

Edith C. Schultz to Marie N. Bakersmith. Grantor conveys Lot 7 in Block 5. Same obtained from T. Howard and Josephine D. Duckett, February 26, 1920, 152:279.

152:279
26 February 1920
Deed

T. Howard and Josephine D. Duckett to Edith C. Schultz. Grantors convey Lot 7 in Block 5. Same obtained from Marion Duckett, trustee, May 23, 1913, 80:291.

80:291
23 May 1913
Deed

Marion Duckett, trustee Equity #4127 to T. Howard Duckett, assignee. Grantor conveys Lot 7 in Block 5. Same obtained through default of mortgage, Harry and Georgia A. West to Thomas H. and Martha H. Lindner, May 23, 1911, 76:1.

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76:1
23 May 1911
Mortgage Harry and Georgia A. West to Thomas H. Lindner.
Grantor conveys mortgage on Lot 7 in Block 5. Same
obtained from Thomas H. and Martha H. Lindner, May 22,
1911, 72:55.

72:55
22 May 1911
Deed Thomas H. and Martha H. Lindner to Harry and Georgia A.
West. Grantors convey Lot 7 in Block 5. Same obtained
from James C. and Blanche R. Rogers, October 9, 1908,
47:562.

47:562
9 October 1908
Deed James C. and Blanche R. Rogers to Thomas H. Lindner.
Grantors convey Lot 7 in Block 5.

484:274
4 December 1937
Deed Rufus E. and Maude E. Milor to John Klein. Grantors
convey Lot 8 in Block 5. Same obtained from Rufus E.
Milor Co., Inc., July 29, 1936, 452:385.

452:385
29 July 1936
Deed Rufus E. Milor Co., Inc. to Rufus E. Milor. Grantor
conveys Lot 8 in Block 5. Same obtained from Rufus E.
and Maude E. Milor, March 30, 1934, 409:214.

409:214
30 March 1934
Deed Rufus E. and Maude E. Milor to Rufus E. Milor Co.,
Inc. Grantors convey Lot 8 in Block 5. Same obtained
from Yetta and Jacob Moskowitz, June 19, 1925, 237:259.

237:259
19 June 1925
Deed Yetta and Jacob Moskowitz to Rufus E. Milor. Grantors
convey Lot 8 in Block 5. Same obtained from Max and
Sarah Moskowitz, August 9, 1917, 130:225.

130:225
9 August 1917
Deed Max and Sarah Moskowitz to Yetta Moskowitz. Grantors
convey Lot 8 in Block 5. Same obtained from Jacob and
Yetta Moskowitz, August 9, 1912, 63:572.

63:572
9 August 1912
Deed Jacob and Yetta Moskowitz to Max Moskowitz. Grantors
convey Lot 8 in Block 5. Same obtained from James C.
and Blanche R. Rogers, June 15, 1909, 52:355.

52:355
15 June 1909
Deed James C. and Blanche R. Rogers to Jacob Moskowitz.
Grantors convey Lot 8 in Block 5. To clear title, this
deed is made.



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68-13-7

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68-13-11

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68-13-9

68-44

68-45

STREET

68-53

68-13-2

68-13-15

68-13-1

PERRY STREET

STREET

RHODE STREET

68-51

68-13-10

68-13-14

2 3 4 5

1 2 3 4 5

DISTRICT OF COLUMBIA

OTIS STREET

STREET

34TH STREET

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35TH STREET

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37TH STREET

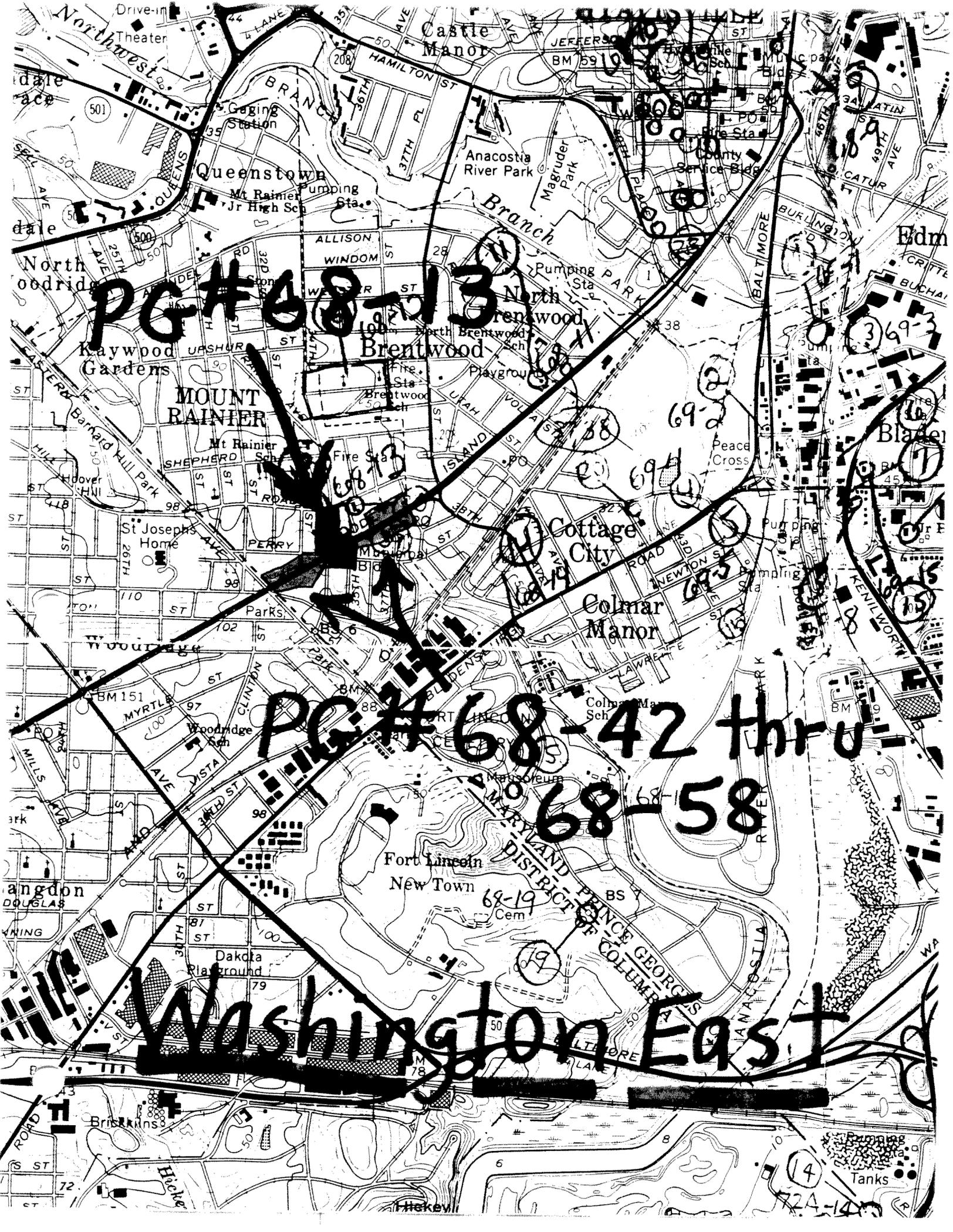
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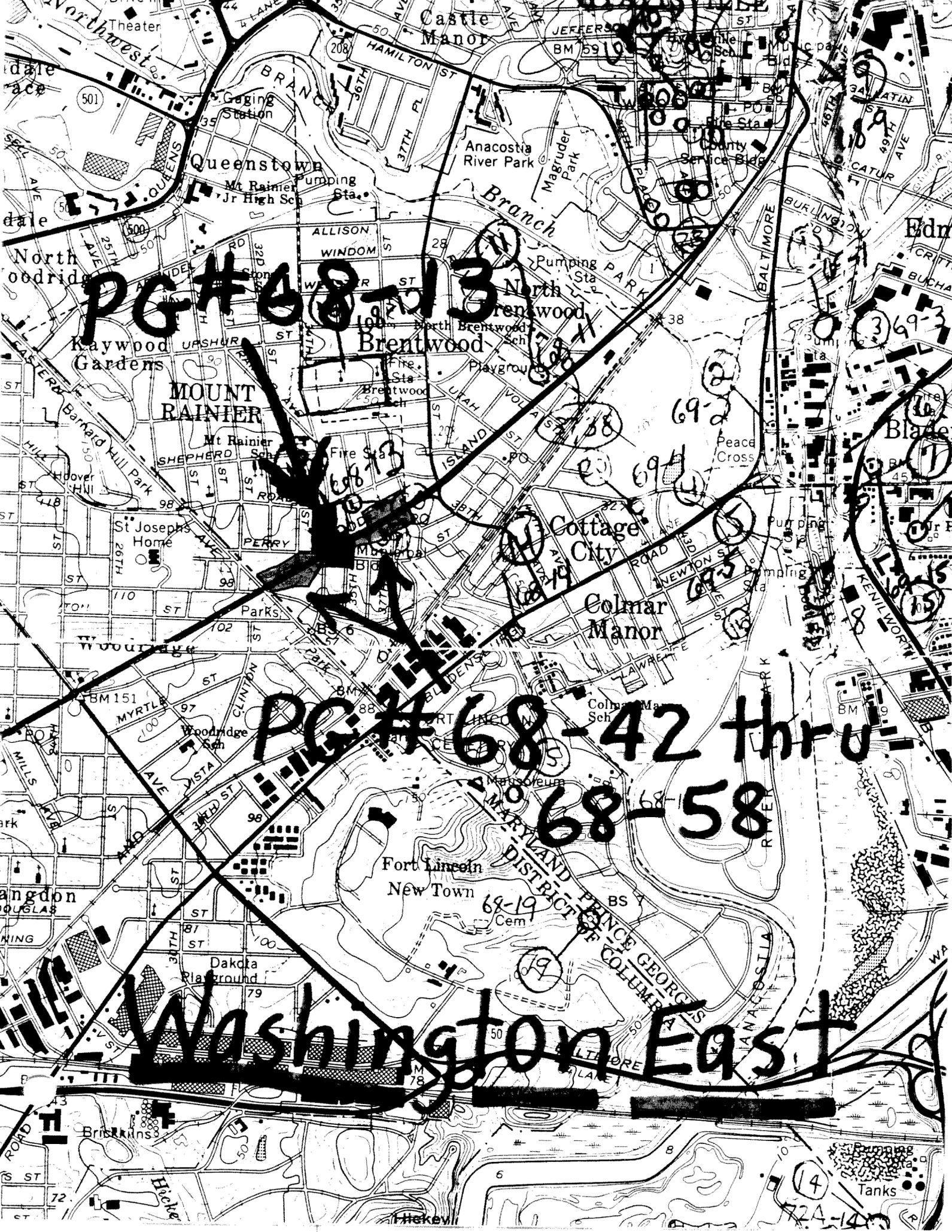
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Washington East





BASS'

LIQUORS
ENTER & PARK TURN LEFT

BASS' SEAFOOD

PARKING

OFF SALE
W OFF

O'Keefe
659 4299
MILWAUKEE'S BEST
.89 5.99 11.39

JOBY'S
carry-out, restaurant, bar

ARROW LEASING
TRUCK RENTAL

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