

Capsule Summary

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3901 Thirty-Eighth Street

Brentwood, Maryland 20722

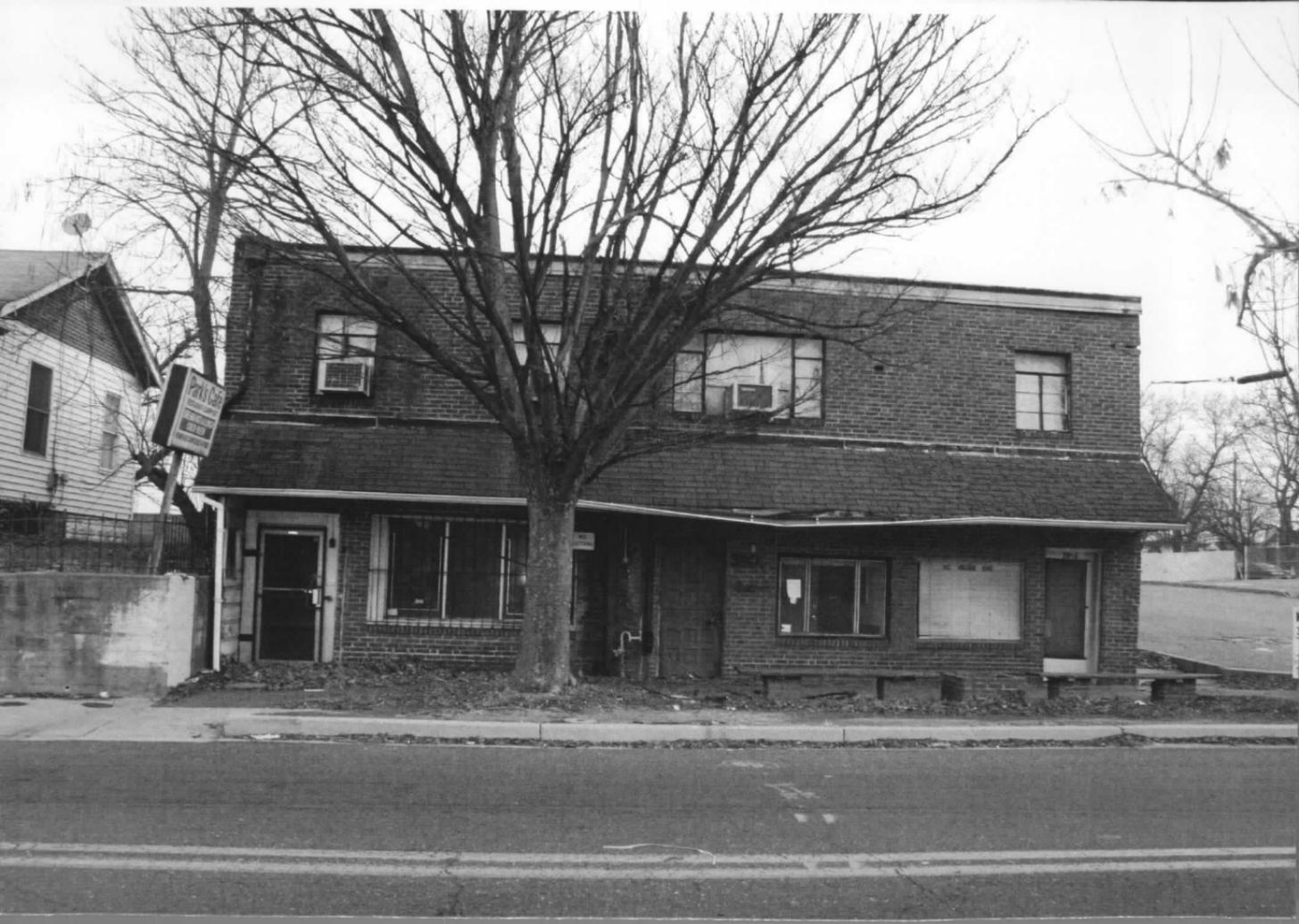
Constructed: 1947

Access: Private

This detached, brick, one-story commercial building is located on the north side of Thirty-Eighth Street in Brentwood, Maryland. Constructed in 1947 on the southeastern half of Lot 89 in the Cedar Croft subdivision, and the eastern half of Lot 16 in Block 7 of the Wilen Heights subdivision, the property represents the commercialization of the Rhode Island Avenue corridor during the Post-War period. Cedar Croft was platted in 1922, and the Wilen Heights subdivision was platted in 1890. Lawrence Hawk purchased the property in 1926, and constructed a house on the property, along with the house which currently stands at 3903 Thirty-Eighth Street. The house functioned as a rental property during the 1930s and 40s, as revealed by census records from that period. Robert M. and Geraldine T. Bradshaw acquired the southeastern half of Lot 89 in 1947, and constructed the current building on the property to house the offices of the Prince George's Realty Company. In 1972, the Apex Realty Company bought the property, as well as the adjacent property at 3903 Thirty-Eighth Street. Apex retained ownership of the building until 2000, when it was purchased by the Resurrected Church of Christ. The church owned the property until 2013, when it was acquired by the Redevelopment Authority of Prince George's County.

The building rests on a concrete foundation and is capped by a flat roof. It measures approximately forty-five feet wide by fifty-five feet deep. Rectangular in plan, the building's front elevation faces southwest. The structure is sited on a level 0.051 acre lot, with mature trees standing in front of the building along the Thirty-Eighth Street sidewalk. A paved parking lot, enclosed by a chain-link fence extends to the north and east of the building, and behind the backyard of the house at 3903 Thirty-Eighth Street. This parking lot merges with a short alley that connects the back of the 3901 Thirty-Eighth Street property to Rhode Island Avenue.

The commercial building at 3901 Thirty-Eighth Street is not eligible for listing on the National Register of Historic Places. While the subject property is characteristic of suburban development in Brentwood, the building is not associated with a significant historic event that would provide eligibility under Criterion A. In addition, the property is not associated with significant figures within national or local history (Criterion B), nor does it currently reflect the defining characteristics of a specific architectural style, or the work of a well-known architect or master craftsman (Criterion C). This property was not evaluated under National Register Criterion D. Finally, the commercial building at 3901 Thirty-Eighth Street has been altered, removing historic building fabric, and degrading its integrity of materials, workmanship, feeling, and association.



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SW elevation, looking NE

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NE elevation, looking SW

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