

Capsule Summary

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3903 Thirty-Eighth Street

Brentwood, Maryland 20722

Constructed: 1926

Access: Private

This detached, brick, one-story vernacular cottage that is located on the north side of Thirty-Eighth Street in Brentwood, Maryland. Constructed in 1926 on the northwestern half of Lot 89 in the Cedar Croft subdivision, and the western 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 the house, along with an identical house that formerly stood at 3901 Thirty-Eighth Street. Carl G. and Helen M. Schatz acquired the property (both lots) between 1928 and 1930, and lived in the house until 1965. In 1972, the Apex Realty Company bought the property, as well as the adjacent property at 3901 Thirty-Eighth Street. Apex retained ownership of the house 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 block foundation, and is capped by a side-gabled roof covered in composition shingles. The dwelling measures approximately thirty feet wide and twenty-five feet deep. Featuring a rectangular plan, the front elevation of the house faces southwest, and the dwelling is sited on a 0.078 acre lot that is elevated above street grade. Surrounded by mature trees, the lot features a concrete retaining wall along Thirty-Eighth Street, and a metal fence runs around the perimeter of the property. A concrete-surfaced driveway enters the property to the west of the house, and a set of concrete steps ascends from this driveway to the east, connecting to a concrete walkway that runs along the west elevation of the house.

The house at 3903 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 house at 3903 Thirty-Eighth Street has been altered, removing historic building fabric, and degrading its integrity of materials, workmanship, feeling, and association.

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1. Name of Property

Historic Apex Realty (3901-3903 Thirty-Eighth Street), Prince George's Realty Company (3901 Thirty-Eighth Street), Apex Plumbing Supply, Metropolitan Life Insurance (3807 Rhode Island Avenue)

2. Location

street and number 3807 Rhode Island Avenue, 3901 and 3903 Thirty-Eighth Street not for publication
 city, town Brentwood vicinity
 county Prince Georges County

3. Owner of Property (give names and mailing addresses of all owners)

name Redevelopment Authority of Prince George's County
 street and number 9201 Basil Court telephone 301-883-5300
 city, town Upper Marlboro state MD zip code 20774

4. Location of Legal Description

courthouse, registry of deeds, etc. Prince George's County Land Records liber 33799 folio 060
 city, town Brentwood, MD tax map 050A3 tax parcel See Attached tax ID number See Attached

5. Primary Location of Additional Data

- Contributing Resource in National Register District
 Contributing Resource in Local Historic District
 Determined Eligible for the National Register/Maryland Register
 Determined Ineligible for the National Register/Maryland Register
 Recorded by HABS/HAER
 Historic Structure Report or Research Report at MHT
 Other: No previous documentation

6. Classification

Category	Ownership	Current Function	Resource Count
<input type="checkbox"/> district	<input type="checkbox"/> public	<input type="checkbox"/> agriculture <input type="checkbox"/> landscape	Contributing Noncontributing
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> building(s)	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> private	<input type="checkbox"/> commerce/trade <input type="checkbox"/> recreation/culture	<input type="checkbox"/> <u>3</u> buildings
<input type="checkbox"/> structure	<input type="checkbox"/> both	<input type="checkbox"/> defense <input type="checkbox"/> religion	<input type="checkbox"/> sites
<input type="checkbox"/> site		<input type="checkbox"/> domestic <input type="checkbox"/> social	<input type="checkbox"/> structures
<input type="checkbox"/> object		<input type="checkbox"/> education <input type="checkbox"/> transportation	<input type="checkbox"/> objects
		<input type="checkbox"/> funerary <input type="checkbox"/> work in progress	<input type="checkbox"/> <u>3</u> Total
		<input type="checkbox"/> government <input type="checkbox"/> unknown	
		<input type="checkbox"/> health care <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> vacant/not in use	Number of Contributing Resources previously listed in the Inventory
		<input type="checkbox"/> industry <input type="checkbox"/> other:	<u>0</u>

7. Description

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Condition

excellent deteriorated
 good ruins
 fair altered

Prepare both a one paragraph summary and a comprehensive description of the resource and its various elements as it exists today.

This form documents three resources located in Brentwood, MD: A commercial building located at 3807 Rhode Island Avenue (PG:68-12-26), a commercial building at 3901 Thirty-Eighth Street (PG:68-12-27), and a residence located at 3903 Thirty-Eighth Street (PG:68-12-28).

3807 Rhode Island Avenue

Located at 3807 Rhode Island Avenue is a detached, brick, two-story, five-bay commercial building with a concrete foundation that was constructed in 1953. The building's front elevation faces to the northwest, and the structure consists of two attached blocks. The main block, which fronts onto Rhode Island Avenue, is one story in height, trapezoid-shaped in plan, and is capped by a flat roof. Extending to the south from this main block is an attached two-story, rectangular-plan block that also features a flat roof. Overall, the commercial building measures approximately 70 feet wide by 150 feet deep, and is constructed on a gently sloping 0.23 acre lot that increases in elevation from north to south.

The front elevation of 3807 Rhode Island Avenue is five bays wide (PG:68-12-26_2014-12-15_01). The easternmost bay features a metal overhead-rolling access door. To its right (west) is a glass and steel storefront that is slightly recessed from the building line. This storefront contains two double-leaf plate glass doors with large single-pane, rectangular transom lights. The storefront also contains two rows of three rectangular plate glass panes that are situated between the doors. The lower two panes appear to have been replaced with metal panels. The three remaining bays of the front elevation currently contain no fenestration, but appear to have possibly once contained square-shaped windows in each, which have since been bricked and boarded-up. A full-width metal awning shelters the doors and windows of the front elevation. Below this awning, the elevation is faced in a stretcher bond veneer, with the portion above the awning faced in six course common bond.

The building's southwest (side) elevation lacks fenestration (PG:68-12-26_2014-12-15_02). It is clad in six course common bond, with the lower portion of the brickwork painted dark red, and the raised concrete foundation painted white. A siding-clad, rectangular-shaped display panel rises from the east end of the southwest elevation. In addition, the southwest elevation is divided into six bays by six vertical brick piers. Each of these piers is capped by a concrete decorative element.

The building's northeast (side) elevation is constructed of concrete block (PG:68-12-26_2014-12-15_04). It lacks fenestration, as well as the brick piers found on the building's southwest elevation.

The southeast (rear) elevation of the building is also faced in six course common bond, and contains a low concrete dock to accommodate deliveries (PG:68-12-26_2014-12-15_05). A metal overhead-rolling dock door is situated above the dock, and is oriented to the left (south). To its right (north) is what appears to be a sliding metal dock door. Continuing to the right (north), the rear elevation is pierced by a third dock door that is currently obscured by overgrowth.

Integrity

The building at 3807 Rhode Island Avenue has been altered, and this has affected its overall integrity as an example of a vernacular early Post-War commercial building. The overhead-rolling access door located on the building's front

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elevation was likely added in recent years, considering that the structure was originally built to house the offices of the Metropolitan Life Insurance Company. The front elevation storefront has also been altered, with wooden panels replacing several of its plate-glass panes. In addition, it appears that three possible front elevation windows have been altered – two have been bricked-up and one has been covered with a wooden panel. It does not appear that the building's side and rear elevations were ever fenestrated. Finally, aluminum siding has been applied to the commercial display panel at the building's southwest corner. These modifications have diminished this building's integrity of Materials, Workmanship, Feeling, and Association.

3901 Thirty-Eighth Street

The structure at 3901 Thirty-Eighth Street is a detached, brick, two-story commercial building that was constructed in 1947. 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 first story of the building's front elevation is asymmetrically divided into six bays (PG;68-12-27_2014-12-15_01). From left to right (northwest to southeast), the first bay contains a single-leaf glass and metal door. The second bay is pierced by a three-part window with brick sill that contains three single, rectangular glass panes. The third bay of the front elevation's first-story contains a single-leaf sixteen-paneled wooden door. Piercing the fourth and fifth bays are two three part windows with brick sills that are smaller than, but otherwise identical to, the three part window found in the second bay. Like the first, the sixth bay also contains a single-leaf glass and metal door. The first story is sheltered by a pent roof that extends the full width of the front elevation, and is covered in composition shingles.

Above this pent roof, the second story of the front elevation is divided into four bays. From left to right (northwest to southeast), the first, second, and fourth bays are each pierced by a steel-framed window with brick sill. These windows consist of a single, fixed, rectangular upper pane, under which are two three-pane casement windows that open outwardly. The third bay is pierced by a three part window with brick sill that consists of a large rectangular central pane, flanked to either side by two four-pane casement windows. At the roofline, the front elevation features a strip of molded metal coping.

The northwest (side) elevation of the building is divided into four bays and is clad in stucco (PG;68-12-27_2014-12-15_02). It is pierced by four steel windows with brick sills on its second story. These windows contain a two-pane upper fixed-sash, under which are two three-pane casement windows which open outwardly.

The first story of the southeast (side) elevation is divided into four bays, and contains windows with brick sills (PG;68-12-27_2014-12-15_03). From left to right (southwest to northeast), the first bay contains an extensively-altered, partially boarded-up window. It is unclear what this window's original configuration was. The second bay is pierced by a three-pane steel casement window. Both the third and fourth bays of the first story contain nine-pane steel casement windows.

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The second story of the southeast elevation is divided into five bays. From left to right (southwest to northeast), the first and second bays each contain a seven-pane fixed-sash/casement window that are identical to those found on the building's front elevation. The third bay is pierced by a three-pane steel casement window. Finally, the fourth and fifth bays both contain twelve-pane steel windows that consist of a central four-pane fixed sash, with four-pane casements to either side that open outwardly.

The building's northeast (rear) elevation is divided into three bays (PG:68-12-27_2014-12-15_05). On the first story, from left to right (southeast to northwest), the first bay contains a three-part steel window like that found on the second story of the front elevation. The second and third bays are both pierced by a one-over-one steel window.

The rear elevation's second story is divided into four bays. From left to right (southeast to northwest), the first bay is pierced by a twelve-pane steel window that is identical to those found on the southeast elevation's second story. The second bay contains the rear entrance, consisting of a single-leaf, four-paneled wood door with a fanlight that is accessed by a set of wooden steps. The third and fourth bays each are pierced by the same eight-pane steel windows found on the building's northwest elevation. In addition, the northernmost two bays of the rear elevation project forward, and are clad in stucco.

Integrity

This two-story commercial building has been altered, which has damaged its integrity. These alterations have primarily occurred on the first story of the building's front elevation. All three of the building's front entrances appear to have been altered. The original doors have been replaced, and their surrounds have been modified. In addition, all of the front elevation's first-story windows have been replaced, as they do not match the original windows located on the second story, or those found on the side and rear elevations. The original form of these windows is unknown. These modifications have diminished this building's integrity of Materials, Workmanship, Feeling, and Association.

3903 Thirty-Eighth Street

Standing at 3903 Thirty-Eighth Street is a detached, brick, one-story, three-bay vernacular cottage that was constructed in 1926. It has a rusticated concrete block foundation and a side-gabled roof covered in composition shingles. The dwelling measures approximately thirty feet wide and twenty-five feet deep. Featuring a rectangular plan, the front elevation of the house faces southwest, and the dwelling is sited on a 0.078 acre lot that is elevated above street grade. Surrounded by mature trees, the lot features a concrete retaining wall along Thirty-Eighth Street, and a metal fence runs around the perimeter of the property. A concrete-surfaced driveway enters the property to the west of the house, and a set of concrete steps ascends from this driveway to the east, connecting to a concrete walkway that runs along the west elevation of the house.

The front elevation of the house at 3903 Thirty-Eighth Street is three bays wide (PG:68-12-28_2014-12-15_01). The eastern bay is pierced by a one-over-one, double-hung, metal-frame window. The central bay contains the front entrance, which consists of a single-leaf, six-paneled door with a simple molded surround. The western bay is pierced by a paired one-over-one, double-hung, metal-frame window. Sheltering the central and eastern bays is a front-gabled wooden porch supported by turned wooden columns. It is accessed from the front yard by a set of wooden stairs that is built onto the

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west side of the porch. The front elevation is partially clad in aluminum siding, which appears to be gradually peeling away from the stretcher bond veneer that lies underneath.

The northwest and southeast (side) elevations are both pierced by two one-over-one, double-hung, metal-frame windows (PG;68-12-28_2014-12-15_02, PG;68-12-28_2014-12-15_03). Both elevations are also clad with siding, with the exception of the gables.

The northeast (rear) elevation of the house is divided into two bays (PG;68-12-28_2014-12-15_04). To the right (northwest), the elevation is pierced by a single-leaf, wooden, six-light paneled door. This door is accessed by an uncovered wooden back porch that features a set of wooden steps on its northwest side. To the left (southeast) of the back door and porch, the rear elevation is pierced by a single one-over-one, double-hung, metal-frame window.

Integrity

This vernacular dwelling has been altered, affecting its integrity. The house's original wood-frame windows have been replaced with metal-frame windows. Absent historic images of this house, it is unclear whether the size or configuration of the windows has also been altered. Likewise, the building's front door has been replaced, and its front porch appears to have also been altered or replaced. Finally, the building has been partially clad in aluminum siding. These modifications have diminished this building's integrity of Materials, Workmanship, Feeling, and Association.

8. Significance

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Period	Areas of Significance	Check and justify below		
<input type="checkbox"/> 1600-1699	<input type="checkbox"/> agriculture	<input type="checkbox"/> economics	<input type="checkbox"/> health/medicine	<input type="checkbox"/> performing arts
<input type="checkbox"/> 1700-1799	<input type="checkbox"/> archeology	<input type="checkbox"/> education	<input type="checkbox"/> industry	<input type="checkbox"/> philosophy
<input type="checkbox"/> 1800-1899	<input type="checkbox"/> architecture	<input type="checkbox"/> engineering	<input type="checkbox"/> invention	<input type="checkbox"/> politics/government
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> 1900-1999	<input type="checkbox"/> art	<input type="checkbox"/> entertainment/ recreation	<input type="checkbox"/> landscape architecture	<input type="checkbox"/> religion
<input type="checkbox"/> 2000-	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> commerce	<input type="checkbox"/> ethnic heritage	<input type="checkbox"/> law	<input type="checkbox"/> science
	<input type="checkbox"/> communications	<input type="checkbox"/> exploration/ settlement	<input type="checkbox"/> literature	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> social history
	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> community planning		<input type="checkbox"/> maritime history	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> transportation
	<input type="checkbox"/> conservation		<input type="checkbox"/> military	<input type="checkbox"/> other: _____

Specific dates 1926, 1947, 1953

Architect/Builder Unknown

Construction dates 1926, 1947, 1953

Evaluation for:

National Register

Maryland Register

not evaluated

Prepare a one-paragraph summary statement of significance addressing applicable criteria, followed by a narrative discussion of the history of the resource and its context. (For compliance projects, complete evaluation on a DOE Form – see manual.)

These properties, constructed between 1926 and 1953, are characteristic of Brentwood's development during the first half of the twentieth century. Historically, transportation provided the impetus for Brentwood's growth, in the form of rail, and later, streetcar lines which ran along the route of present-day Rhode Island Avenue. The subject properties occupy lots within two subdivisions, Wilen Heights and Cedar Croft, which were speculatively developed in 1890 and 1922, and were marketed to the area's middle class. Residences that housed typical middle-class families were constructed on each of the three properties between c. 1906 and 1926. By the mid-twentieth century, Rhode Island Avenue had emerged as an automobile-oriented commercial corridor. During this period, new commercial buildings replaced the residences which formerly stood on the 3807 Rhode Island Avenue and 3901 Thirty-Eighth Street properties. Over the years, these two buildings have provided office space for realty and insurance companies, and have housed a plumbing business, reflecting the commercialization of the Rhode Island Avenue corridor during the Post-War period.

These three properties are not eligible for listing on the National Register of Historic Places. While the subject properties are characteristic of suburban development in Brentwood, the buildings are not associated with a significant historic event that would provide eligibility under Criterion A. In addition, these properties are not associated with significant figures within national or local history (Criterion B). As examples of vernacular residential and commercial buildings constructed between 1926 and 1953, none of the subject properties currently reflect the defining characteristics of a specific architectural style, nor do they represent the work of a well-known architect or master craftsman (Criterion C). The subject properties were not evaluated under National Register Criterion D. Finally, the extant structures on each property have been altered, removing historic building fabric, and degrading their integrity, or their ability to effectively convey their period of significance (1926-1953).

Historic Context

Brentwood developed as a suburb of Washington, DC during the late nineteenth and early twentieth centuries. The suburb was named after Robert Brent, who served as the first mayor of Washington from 1802-1812, and who owned a nearby plantation in the District of Columbia called Brentwood. During the mid-nineteenth century, the construction of the Baltimore and Ohio Railroad through Prince George's County, along the path of present-day Route 1, laid the foundation for the area's future growth. This growth began in earnest after the Civil War, as Washington's population

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increased, and speculative developers acquired and subdivided parcels of land along the B&O rail corridor.¹ Like the nearby communities of Mount Rainier, Hyattsville, Riverdale, and College Park, Brentwood's development was stimulated by its close proximity to transportation, its affordable real estate, and its salubrious natural setting.²

Brentwood was first platted from rural farmland during the late nineteenth century, and the suburb grew with the extension of the region's streetcar system. In 1897, the trustees of the Holladay Land and Improvement Company, led by Civil War veteran Wallace A. Bartlett, purchased and subdivided the 206 acre former farm of Benjamin and Esther Holladay in Prince George's County.³ Known as Addition to Highlands, the tract adjoined The Highlands (now known as Cottage City), and was also adjacent to the Highlands Station of the B&O Railroad. The marketability of the area as a residential suburb of Washington increased dramatically in 1898 when the City and Suburban Railway Company introduced streetcar service to the Highlands Station. By 1899, the company had extended the line along the route of present-day Rhode Island Avenue as far as Hyattsville and Riverdale. In response to these improvements, Bartlett created the Brentwood Company.⁴ In 1899, the company platted Cleampton Place, also known as Brentwood. This subdivision was bound on the north by Allison Street, on the south by Taylor Street, on the east by Thirty-Eighth Street, and on the west by Thirty-Fourth Street.⁵ Another late nineteenth century subdivision of note in Brentwood was Wilen Heights, which was platted by the Home Investment Company in 1890 (Figure 5).⁶ As originally laid out, the subdivision was bound by Bunker Hill Road on the north, Thirty-Eighth Street on the south, Pennwood Road on the east, and Rhode Island Avenue on the west.

Brentwood continued to grow during the first decades of the twentieth century. In 1903, the Brentwood Citizens Association formed to implement improvements to the community's streets and sidewalks, and to address other issues facing the growing area. Brentwood's first school, fire department, and church were established between 1903 and 1905. By 1910 fifteen houses had been constructed in Addition to Highlands, and thirty-six had been built in the Brentwood subdivision. In 1917, the Brentwood Improvement Association of Prince George's County was formed, and the group worked to improve the growing community's streets, which were graded and oiled in 1920.⁷

Growth accelerated in Brentwood after 1920, and the town was officially chartered by the Maryland General Assembly in 1922.⁸ That same year, Frank M. Coward, Rufus E. Milor, and Samuel Bass purchased 16.9 acres of land from the McCollough family, as well as a number of lots in Wilen Heights, and combined and platted the property to form the Cedar Croft subdivision (Figure 6). Cedar Croft was bound on the north by Rhode Island Avenue, on the south by the

¹ George D. Denny, *Proud Past, Promising Future: Cities and Towns in Prince George's County, Maryland* (Brentwood, MD: Tuxedo Press, 1997), 87-88.

² Maryland-National Capital park and Planning Commission, *Approved Historic Sites and Districts Plan for Prince George's County* (Upper Marlboro, MD: M-NCPPC, 2010), 214.

³ Prince George's County Land Records, Liber JWB5, Folio 453, Recorded April 7, 1887, Maryland State Archives, Annapolis.

⁴ *Approved Historic Sites and Districts Plan*, 214; Howard S. Berger, "Streetcar Lines in Prince George's County, 1892-1958," in *Historic Contexts in Prince George's County: Short Papers on Settlement Patterns, Transportation, and Cultural History* (Upper Marlboro, MD: M-NCPPC, 1991), 51.

⁵ Prince George's County Land Records, Plat Book BB5, Folio 10, Maryland State Archives, Annapolis.

⁶ Prince George's County Land Records, Liber JWB14, Folio 581, Recorded May 19, 1890, Maryland State Archives, Annapolis.

⁷ Denny, 91-92, *Approved Historic Sites and Districts Plan*, 214.

⁸ Denny, 92-93.

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tracks of the B & O Railroad. On the east, Cedar Croft extended slightly beyond Thirty-Eighth Street (Eldridge Avenue), and it extended to the west just beyond present-day Thirty-Seventh Place.⁹

Automobile ownership and usage increased in suburban Washington during the mid-twentieth century, affecting the nature of Brentwood's development during this period. To improve the area's roads, county officials during the 1920s proposed to build a roadway west of the B & O Railroad tracks, along the path of the City and Suburban trolley line, to connect Hyattsville with the District of Columbia. Roads in Mount Rainier, Brentwood, and North Brentwood were subsequently consolidated into an extension of Rhode Island Avenue, which opened to automobile traffic in 1929.¹⁰ Brentwood's streets were paved and renamed in 1940.¹¹ After World War II, automobile usage increased dramatically in Prince George's County, and in 1958 trolley service to Brentwood was discontinued, and Rhode Island Avenue was widened to accommodate increased traffic volume. It was during the Post-War period that Rhode Island Avenue emerged as an automobile-oriented commercial corridor within Brentwood.¹²

The primary phase of residential development in Brentwood occurred between 1900 and 1945, and this is reflected by the town's architecture. Historically, Brentwood developed as a middle-class suburb, and its housing stock represents vernacular interpretations of the principal architectural styles of the late nineteenth and early twentieth centuries. Brentwood's residential streets contain mostly detached, single-family dwellings of frame construction that include vernacular Queen Anne, Four Square, Craftsman, and Cape Cod houses. In addition, the town contains two kit houses (4508 Thirty-Seventh Street and 4404 Thirty-Eighth Street) that were sold by Sears, Roebuck and Company, and were built ca. 1932-1933. Sears offered these mail-order houses from 1908 to 1940, coinciding with the heaviest period of suburban growth in Prince George's County. In addition to the examples constructed in Brentwood, Sears kit houses were also built in nearby Mount Rainier, Cottage City, Hyattsville, and College Park. After World War II, a number of Ranch style houses were built in Brentwood, replacing some of the town's earliest dwellings. Brentwood was fully developed by 1965. The town's streets are characterized by a rectilinear grid that is bisected by angled and curving streets, and houses are spaced fairly close with minimal setbacks.¹³

3807 Rhode Island Avenue

The commercial property at 3807 Rhode Island Avenue occupies Lots 3-4 and Lots 17-23 in Block 7, and Lots 1-6 in Block 9 of the Wilen Heights Subdivision, which was created by the Home Investment Company in 1890.¹⁴ Thomas and Ella Shomo purchased these lots in 1906.¹⁵ The Shomos, who improved the property with a house, were typical of the middle-class home-owners living in Brentwood during the early twentieth century. In 1910, Thomas Shomo was working

⁹ Prince George's County Land Records, Liber 175, Folio 273, Recorded April 28, 1922; Plat Book RNR2, Folio 61, Recorded March 17, 1922, Maryland State Archives, Annapolis.

¹⁰ Susan G. Pearl, "History of the Route 1 Corridor, 1740-1990," in *Historic Contexts in Prince George's County: Short Papers on Settlement Patterns, Transportation, and Cultural History* (Upper Marlboro, MD: M-NCPPC, 1991), 35.

¹¹ Denny, 93.

¹² Pearl, 35.

¹³ *Approved Historic Sites and Districts Plan for Prince George's County*, 215; Marina King, *Sears Mail-Order House Survey in Prince George's County, Maryland* (Upper Marlboro, MD: M-NCPPC, 1988), Appendix 2.

¹⁴ Prince George's County Land Records, Liber JWB14, Folio 581, Recorded May 19, 1890, Maryland State Archives, Annapolis.

¹⁵ Prince George's County Land Records, 31, Folio 48, Recorded May 19, 1890, Maryland State Archives, Annapolis.

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in Washington at the government printing office. In addition, the Shomos were renting a room in their house to a sixteen year-old male African American boarder, Ernest Wilford, who listed his occupation as a servant for a "private family."¹⁶ The Sanborn Map Company's 1939 map of Brentwood shows the Shomo house as a large residence on Lots 20-21 of Block 7 (Figure 7). The house was 1-1/2 stories in height and featured a square plan.¹⁷ In addition, the structure had a one-story frame porch on its front elevation, and a one-story frame addition on its rear elevation.¹⁸ Thomas Shomo died in 1918, and the property remained in the Shomo family until 1932.¹⁹

The Shomos, and subsequent owners, leased the house to tenants during the 1930s and 40s. In 1930, John Fisher, an ice plant clerk, was renting the house with his wife and children.²⁰ In 1940, the house was being rented by the Gilchrist family. John Gilchrist worked as a chauffeur, and his wife Alice worked as a book-keeper. Their six children lived in the house as well, in addition to extended family members.²¹

The property functioned in a commercial capacity beginning in the late 1940s. Safeway Stores, Inc. purchased the property in 1948.²² In 1951, Safeway sold the property to the Metropolitan Life Insurance Company.²³ Tax records indicate that the building currently on the property was constructed in 1953, presumably as an office for Metropolitan Life.²⁴ Apex Plumbing Supply bought the property in 1972, and retained it until 2012, when the company sold it to the Redevelopment Authority of Prince George's County.²⁵

3901 Thirty-Eighth Street

Directly adjacent to 3903 Thirty-Eighth Street, this property consists of 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 Sanborn Map Company's 1939 map of Brentwood shows a pair of matching one-story dwellings at 3901-3903 Thirty-Eighth Street (then Eldridge Avenue). Lawrence Hawk, who purchased Lot 89 in 1926, likely constructed both of these houses. Carl and Helen

¹⁶ United States Bureau of the Census, 1910 Federal Census, Prince George's County, Mount Rainier, Ward 4, Brentwood, Record Group 29, National Archives, Washington, DC.

¹⁷ Franklin Survey Company, *Atlas of Prince George's County, Maryland* (Philadelphia: Franklin Survey Company, 1940).

¹⁸ Sanborn Map Company, *Insurance Maps of Washington Suburban*, vol. 2 (New York: Sanborn Map Company, 1939), sheet 502.

¹⁹ "Died," *Evening Star*, February 25, 1918, <http://infoweb.newsbank.com> (accessed December 11, 2014); Prince George's County Land Records, Liber 390, Folio 246, Recorded November 8, 1932, Maryland State Archives, Annapolis.

²⁰ United States Bureau of the Census, 1930 Federal Census, Prince George's County, Enumeration District 17, Brentwood, Record Group 29, National Archives, Washington, DC.

²¹ United States Bureau of the Census, 1940 Federal Census, Prince George's County, Election District 17, Brentwood, Record Group 29, National Archives, Washington, DC.

²² Prince George's County Land Records, Liber 1065, Folio 392, Recorded September 27, 1948, Maryland State Archives, Annapolis.

²³ Prince George's County Land Records, Liber 1406, Folio 374, Recorded April 16, 1951, Maryland State Archives, Annapolis.

²⁴ State of Maryland, Department of Assessments and Taxation, "Real Property Data Search," <http://sdat.resiusa.org/RealProperty/Pages/default.aspx> (accessed December 11, 2014.)

²⁵ Prince George's County Land Records, Liber 4161, Folio 504, Recorded November 6, 1972; Prince George's County Land Records, Liber 33799, Folio 60, Recorded June 28, 2012, Maryland State Archives, Annapolis.

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Schatz purchased the property in 1929.²⁶ In the 1930s, the property was owned by Amos W. Hawk and Maude E. Smith.²⁷

The house functioned as a rental property during the 1930s and 40s, as revealed by census records from that period. In 1930, William A. and Ella G. Norris were renting the house, along with three extended family members. Like his neighbor Carl Schatz, Norris worked as a meter inspector for the Gas Light Company.²⁸ In 1940, John Ogilvie, an exterminator, was renting the house with his family.²⁹

Like 3807 Rhode Island Avenue, the property functioned commercially after World War II. Robert M. and Geraldine T. Bradshaw acquired the southeastern half of Lot 89 in 1947.³⁰ The Bradshaws likely constructed the current building on the property, which tax records date to 1947.³¹ In 1950, the Bradshaws purchased the eastern half of Lot 16 from Carl and Helen Schatz.³² Robert Bradshaw was a realtor, and a 1954 State Roads Commission plat labels the building at 3901 Thirty-Eighth Street as the "Prince George Realty Company." (Figure 8).³³ The Apex Realty Company purchased the property in 1972, along with 3903 Thirty-Eighth Street, and sold both to the Resurrected Church of Christ in 2000.³⁴ The Redevelopment Authority of Prince George's County acquired the property from the church in 2013.³⁵

3903 Thirty-Eighth Street

This property consists of the northwestern half of Lot 89 in the Cedar Croft subdivision, and the western half of Lot 16 in Block 7 of the Wilen Heights subdivision. In 1925, Frank M. Coward sold Lot 89 to Morton T. May.³⁶ May sold the lot to Lawrence Hawk in 1926.³⁷ Tax records indicate that the current house at 3903 Thirty-Eighth Street was constructed in 1926, presumably by Hawk, who was a local carpenter.³⁸ Carl G. and Helen M. Schatz acquired the property (both

²⁶ Prince George's County Land Records, Liber 342, Folio 7, Recorded July 25, 1929, Maryland State Archives, Annapolis.

²⁷ Prince George's County Land Records, Liber 397, Folio 301, Recorded November 4, 1933; Liber 512, Folio 243, Recorded September 6, 1938, Maryland State Archives, Annapolis.

²⁸ United States Bureau of the Census, 1930 Federal Census, Prince George's County, Enumeration District 17, Brentwood, Record Group 29, National Archives, Washington, DC.

²⁹ United States Bureau of the Census, 1940 Federal Census, Prince George's County, Election District 17, Brentwood, Record Group 29, National Archives, Washington, DC.

³⁰ Prince George's County Land Records, Liber 897, Folio 354, Recorded February 10, 1947, Maryland State Archives, Annapolis.

³¹ State of Maryland, Department of Assessments and Taxation, "Real Property Data Search," <http://sdat.resiusa.org/RealProperty/Pages/default.aspx> (accessed December 11, 2014.)

³² Prince George's County Land Records, Liber 1263, Folio 434, Recorded July 27, 1950, Maryland State Archives, Annapolis.

³³ "Realty Revue," *Evening Star*, November 29, 1958, <http://infoweb.newsbank.com> (accessed December 16, 2014); State Roads Commission of Maryland, Plat No. 12547, Recorded July 12, 1954, Maryland State Archives, Annapolis.

³⁴ Prince George's County Land Records, Liber 4162, Folio 608, Recorded November 22, 1972; Liber 14165, Folio 478, Recorded October 30, 2000, Maryland State Archives, Annapolis.

³⁵ Prince George's County Land Records, Liber 35055, Folio 454, Recorded July 24, 2013, Maryland State Archives, Annapolis.

³⁶ Prince George's County Land Records, Liber 224, Folio 505, Recorded March 6, 1925, Maryland State Archives, Annapolis.

³⁷ Prince George's County Land Records, Liber 258, Folio 207, Recorded April 27, 1926, Maryland State Archives, Annapolis.

³⁸ State of Maryland, Department of Assessments and Taxation, "Real Property Data Search," <http://sdat.resiusa.org/RealProperty/Pages/default.aspx> (accessed December 11, 2014.)

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lots) between 1928 and 1930, and lived in the house until 1965.³⁹ The 1930 Federal Census lists Carl Schatz as a meter inspector for the Gas Light Company of Baltimore, and Helen Schatz as a department store clerk.⁴⁰ The Schatz family sold the property to Jules E. and Edna B. Hecht in 1965.⁴¹ In 1972, the Hechts sold the property to the Apex Realty Company, who also acquired the adjacent property at 3901 Thirty-Eighth Street at this time.⁴² Apex was owned by the Falchick family, who retained the house until 2000, when it was purchased by the Resurrected Church of Christ.⁴³ It is unclear whether the church used the property in a religious capacity during its period of ownership. The Redevelopment Authority of Prince George's County acquired the property from the church in 2013.⁴⁴

Chain of Title (Prince George's County Land Records, Maryland State Archives, Annapolis)

3903 38th Street

***35055:454** – July 24, 2013: The Resurrected Church of Christ Apostolic Faith, Inc. to Redevelopment Authority of Prince George's County; for \$410,000 conveys:

Parcel 1 (3903 38th Street) – The northwesterly ½ of Lot No. 89 in a subdivision known as “Cedar Croft”, also the westerly ½ of Lot No. 16 in Block 7 in a subdivision known as “Wilens Heights.”

Also part of abandoned Aukum Avenue (being the southeasterly 20 feet in width thereof) immediately adjoining both of the aforesaid parcels of ground on the NW. Saving and excepting so much of said lots of parcel as have been heretofore conveyed to the State of Maryland and to use of the State Roads Commission as shown in deeds recorded in Liber 19899:580 and in Liber 3445:817.

Parcel 2 (3901 38th Street) - Parcel A: The SE ½ of Lot No. 89 in the subdivision of “Cedar Croft,” saving, reserving and excepting therefrom so much of said lot or parcel as has heretofore been conveyed to the State of Maryland to the use of the State Road Commission by deeds recorded in Liber 1874:383, Liber 1989:580 and Liber 3445:817 as shown on State Road Commission Plat No. 12547, containing 292 square feet.

Parcel B: The east ½ of Lot No. 16 in Block 7 in the subdivision known as “Home Investment Company's Subdivision of Wilens Heights.

***14165:478** – October 30, 2000: The Harold J. Falchick 1988 Trust to The Resurrected Church of Christ Apostolic Faith, Inc.; for \$195,400 conveys:

Parcel 1 - The northwesterly ½ of Lot No. 89 in a subdivision known as “Cedar Croft”, also the westerly ½ of Lot No. 16 in Block 7 in a subdivision known as “Wilens Heights.”

Also part of abandoned Aukum Avenue (being the southeasterly 20 feet in width thereof) immediately adjoining both of the aforesaid parcels of ground on the NW. Saving and excepting so much of said lots of parcel as have been heretofore

³⁹ Prince George's County Land Records, Liber 331, Folio 239, Recorded December 21, 1928; Liber 344, Folio 287, Recorded February 11, 1930. Maryland State Archives, Annapolis.

⁴⁰ United States Bureau of the Census, 1930 Federal Census, Prince George's County, Enumeration District 17, Brentwood, Record Group 29, National Archives, Washington, DC.

⁴¹ Prince George's County Land Records, Liber 3190, Folio 5, Recorded June 21, 1965, Maryland State Archives, Annapolis.

⁴² Prince George's County Land Records, Liber 4156, Folio 934, Recorded November 16, 1972, Maryland State Archives, Annapolis.

⁴³ Prince George's County Land Records, Liber 14165, Folio 478, Recorded October 30, 2000, Maryland State Archives, Annapolis.

⁴⁴ Prince George's County Land Records, Liber 35055, Folio 454, Recorded July 24, 2013, Maryland State Archives, Annapolis.

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conveyed to the State of Maryland and to use of the State Roads Commission as shown in deeds recorded in Liber 19899:580 and in Liber 3445:817.

Parcel 2 – Parcel A: The SE ½ of Lot No. 89 in the subdivision of “Cedar Croft,” saving, reserving and excepting therefrom so much of said lot or parcel as has heretofore been conveyed to the State of Maryland to the use of the State Road Commission by deeds recorded in Liber 1874:383, Liber 1989:580 and Liber 3445:817 as shown on State Road Commission Plat No. 12547, containing 292 square feet.

Parcel B: The east ½ of Lot No. 16 in Block 7 in the subdivision known as “Home Investment Company’s Subdivision of Wilen Heights.

***8271:205** – April 2, 1992: Harold J. Falchick to The Harold J. Falchick 1988 Trust; conveys:

All those lots with improvements thereon being all of the same property described in Liber 4438:639 as per Schedule A hereof.

All those lots with improvements thereon being all of the same property described in Liber 4522:866.

All of Lots 14-19 in Block 8 of the subdivision known as Wilen Heights, saving and excepting 55 square feet of Lot 17 as conveyed to the State of Maryland by deed recorded in Liber 3462:122. Being the same property obtained by the party of the first part by deed recorded in Liber 5054:581.

Schedule A – The northwesterly ½ of Lot No. 89 in a subdivision known as “Cedar Croft,” also the westerly ½ of Lot No. 16 in Block 7 in a subdivision known as “Wilen Heights.”

Also that part of abandoned Aukum Avenue (being the southeasterly 20 feet in width thereof) immediately adjoining both of the aforesaid parcels of ground in the NW.

Block 7 with the southwesterly side of Halderman Avenue as shown in said plat and running thence along and with said dividing line S 36° 34' W 100 feet to a point, thence along and with the real lines of Lots 25 and 27 N 53° 26' W 50 feet to the point of intersection of the dividing line between Lots 23 and 24 of said block with the southeasterly line of Aukum Avenue, thence across Aukum Avenue N 53° 26' W 30 feet to the point of intersection of the dividing line between Lots 2 and 3 Block 9, with the northwesterly side of Aukum Avenue, thence along and with the dividing line between Lots 2 and 3 Block 9 N 53° 23' W 22.82 feet to the southeasterly side of Rhode Island Avenue, N 51° 4' E 103.3 feet to an iron pipe in Aukum Avenue at its intersection with the southwesterly side of Halderman Avenue, thence along and with the southeasterly side of Aukum Avenue and the southwesterly side of Halderman Avenue, thence along and with Halderman Avenue and the front line of Lots 24 and 25, Block 7 S 53° 26' E 50 feet to the place of beginning. Saving and excepting so much of said lots as has been conveyed to the State of Maryland and to the use of the State Roads Commission as shown in Liber 3488:685.

Second Parcel – Lots 26 and 27, Block 7 Wilen Heights.

***6414:563** – July 30, 1982: Harold J. and Bernice Falchick, trading as Apex Realty Company to Harold J. Falchick; conveys:

All those lots with improvements thereon being all the same property described in Liber 4438:639 as per Schedule A hereof.

All those lots of ground with improvements thereon being the same property described in 4522:866 as per Schedule B hereof.

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All of Lots No. 14-19, Block 8 in the subdivision known as Wilen Heights, saving and excepting 55 square feet of Lot 17 as mentioned in and conveyed to the State of Maryland by deed recorded in Liber 3462:122. Being part of the same property obtained by the parties of the first part by deed recorded in Liber 5054:581.

Schedule A – same as above; Also – Parcel 1: The SE ½ of Lot No. 89 in the subdivision of “Cedar Croft,” saving and excepting so much of said lot as has been conveyed to the State of Maryland to the use of the State Road Commission by deed recorded in Liber 1904:467, Liber 1989:580 and Liber 3445:817 as shown on State Road Commission Plat No. 12547.

Parcel 2 – The east ½ of Lot No. 16 in Block 7 in the subdivision known as “Home Investment Company’s Subdivision of Wilen Heights.”

Schedule B – First Parcel: Lots 24 and 25 of Block 7, parts of Lots 1 and 2, Block 9 and part of Aukum Avenue lying between Blocks 7 and 9, all in the subdivision known as Wilen Heights, saving and excepting so much of said lots as has been heretofore conveyed to the State of Maryland and to the use of the State Roads Commission as recorded in Liber 3488:685.

Second Parcel: Lots 26 and 27, Block 7 Wilen Heights.

***4438:639** – November 1, 1976: Victor Falchick, Theresa Falchick, Harold J. and Bernice Falchick, trading as Apex Realty Company to Harold J. and Bernice Falchick, trading as Apex Realty Company; conveys all that lot of ground with improvements in the 17th Election District and being all of the same property described in two deeds recorded in Liber 4156:934 and 4162:608.

1) The northwesterly ½ of Lot 89 in a subdivision known as “Cedar Croft.”

2) The westerly ½ of Lot 16 in Block 7 in a subdivision known as “Wilen Heights.”

3) Also that part of abandoned Aukum Avenue (being the southeasterly 20 feet in width thereof) immediately adjoining both of the aforesaid parcels of ground on the northwest.

Saving and excepting so much of said lots as has been heretofore conveyed to the State of Maryland and to use of the State Roads Commission as shown in deeds recorded in Liber 1904:467 and in Liber 3445:817, being 390 square feet and the bed of 38th Street.

4) Also all that lot of ground with improvements thereon in the 17th Election District being the southeast ½ of Lot 89 in the subdivision of Cedar Croft, reserving and excepting therefrom so much of said lot as has been heretofore conveyed to the State of Maryland to the use of the State Road Commission by deeds recorded in Liber 1904:467, at Liber 1989:580 and Liber 3445:817 as shown on State Road Commission Plat No. 12547, containing 292 square feet.

5) The east ½ of Lot 16 in Block 7 in the subdivision known as “Home Improvement Company’s Subdivision of Wilen Heights.”

***4156:934** – November 16, 1972: Jules E. and Edna B. Hecht to Victor Falchick, Theresa Falchick, Harold J. Falchick and Bernice Falchick, trading as Apex Realty Company; conveys all that piece of ground with improvements thereon lying in the 17th Election District:

1) The northwesterly ½ of Lot 89 in a subdivision known as “Cedar Croft.” Also the westerly ½ of Lot of Lot 16 in Block 7 in a subdivision known as “Wilen Heights.”

2) Also that part of abandoned Aukam Avenue (being the southeasterly 20 feet in width) immediately adjoining both of the aforesaid parcels of ground on the NW.

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Being land acquired by deeds recorded in Liber 331:239 and in Liber 1263:437. Saving and excepting so much of said lots as has been heretofore conveyed to the State of Maryland and to use of the State Roads Commission as shown by deeds recorded in Liber 1904:467 and Liber 3445:817 (exception in Liber 3445:817 being 390 square feet and the bed of 38th Street).

***3190:5** – June 21, 1965: Carl G. Schatz, surviving tenant by the entirety of Helen M. Schatz, deceased, and Mary Hughes Schatz to Jules E. and Edna B. Hecht; conveys:

- 1) the northwesterly $\frac{1}{2}$ of Lot 89 in a subdivision known as Cedar Croft (being the full 50 ft. in width on Aukam Avenue and extending back between parallel lines in a southeasterly direction for a distance of 50 ft.); excepting so much of said lot as has been heretofore conveyed to the State of Maryland to the use of the State Roads Commission, being the front 6 ft. thereof.
- 2) Also the westerly $\frac{1}{2}$ of Lot 16 in Block 7 in a subdivision known as Wilen Heights (being the full 25 ft. in width on Aukam Avenue and extending back between parallel lines in a southeasterly direction for a distance of 50 ft.
- 3) Also that part of abandoned Aukam Avenue (being the southeasterly 20 ft. in width thereof) immediately adjoining both of the aforesaid parcels of ground on the NW.

***331:239** – December 21, 1928: Lawrence T. Hawk to Carl G and Helen M. Schatz; for \$40, conveys a tract – Beginning for the NW half of Lot No. 89, Cedar Croft, at an iron pipe at the intersection of the SE line of Aukam Avenue, with the NE line of Eldridge Avenue, and running with Aukam Avenue N 36° 34' E 50 feet to an iron pipe, then S 53° 26' E 50 feet to an iron pipe in the NE line of Eldridge Avenue, then N 53° 26' W 50 feet to the place of beginning, containing 2,500 square feet, which is the same property recorded in Plat Book RNR2:61, first obtained from Frank M. Coward by Morton F. and Beulah A. May and deeded to the said Lawrence T. Hawk on April 27, 1926 and recorded in Liber 258:207.

***258:207** – April 27, 1926: Morton T. and Beulah A. May to Lawrence T. Hawk; conveys Lot No. 89 in the subdivision of the tract of land known as “Cedar Croft” as per plat of said subdivision recorded in Plat Book RNR2:61.

***224:505** – March 6, 1925: Frank M. and Grace R. Coward to Morton T. May; conveys Lots 3, 4, 47, 89, 64, 57, 58, 49, 50, 55, 56 and the westerly 40 feet of Lot 26 in the subdivision of the tract of land known as “Cedar Croft.”

3903 38th Street (West half of Lot 16 in Block 7 Wilen Heights)

***1263:437** – August 8, 1950: Robert M. and Geraldine T. Bradshaw to Carl G. and Helen M. Schatz; conveys the west $\frac{1}{2}$ of Lot 16 in Block 7 in Home Investment Company’s subdivision of a tract of land known as Wilen Heights, said lot being 25 feet in width and 50 feet in depth.

***1172:201** – November 2, 1949: Carl G. and Helen M. Schatz to Robert W. Bradshaw; conveys the west $\frac{1}{2}$ of Lot 16 in Block 7 in Home Investment Company’s subdivision of a tract of land known as Wilen Heights, said lot being 25 feet in width and 50 feet in depth.

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***344:287** – February 11, 1930: J. Roman and Emma G. Way to Carl G. and Helen M. Schatz; for \$150, conveys Lot 16 in Block 7 in Home Investment Company's Subdivision of a tract of land known as Wilen Heights.

***52:532** – October 1, 1909: Martha S. McCullough to J. Roman Way; conveys Lots 14 and 15 in Block 5 and Lots 11, 12 and 16 in Block 7 in the Home Investment Company's Subdivision of the tract of land known as Wilen Heights.

***JWB32:730** – October 29, 1895: The Home Investment Company to Martha S. McCullough; for \$1500, conveys all of Lots 7, 8 and 10 Block 9 and 12, 13, 15 and 16 in Block 7 in the Home Investment Company's subdivision of a tract of land known as Wilen Heights.

3901 38th Street

***4162:608** – November 22, 1972: Robert M. and Geraldine T. Bradshaw to Victor Falchick, Theresa Falchick, Harold J. and Bernice Falchick, trading as Apex Realty Company; conveys:

Parcel 1 – The SE half of Lot No. 89 in the subdivision of "Cedar Croft." Being the same property conveyed by deed recorded in Liber 397:301. Saving, reserving and excepting therefrom so much of said lot as has been heretofore conveyed to the State of Maryland to the use of the State Road Commission by deed recorded in Liber 1904:467, Liber 1989:580 and Liber 3445:817 as shown on State Road Commission Plat No. 12547, containing 292 square feet.

Parcel 2 – The east ½ of Lot No. 16 in Block 7 in the subdivision known as "Home Investment Company's Subdivision of Wilen Heights" Being the same property conveyed by deed recorded in Liber 2705:160.

***2705:160** – June 27, 1962: Harold S. Wanner and Owens Haynes to Robert M. and Geraldine T. Bradshaw; conveys the east ½ of Lot 16 in Block 7 in the subdivision known as "Home Improvement Company's Subdivision of Wilen Heights." Said lot being 25 feet in width and 50 feet in depth.

***2705:159** – June 27, 1962: Robert M. and Geraldine T. Bradshaw to Harold S. Wanner and Owens Haynes; conveys the east ½ of Lot 16 in Block 7 in the subdivision known as "Home Improvement Company's Subdivision of Wilen Heights." Said lot being 25 feet in width and 50 feet in depth.

***1263:434** – July 27, 1950: Carl G. and Helen M. Schatz to Robert M. Bradshaw; conveys the east ½ of Lot 16 in Block 7 in the subdivision known as "Home Improvement Company's Subdivision of Wilen Heights." Said lot being 25 feet in width and 50 feet in depth.

***344:287** – February 11, 1930: J. Roman and Emma G. Way to Carl G. and Helen M. Schatz; for \$150, conveys Lot 16 in Block 7 in Home Investment Company's Subdivision of a tract of land known as Wilen Heights.

***52:532** – October 1, 1909: Martha S. McCullough to J. Roman Way; conveys Lots 14 and 15 in Block 5 and Lots 11, 12 and 16 in Block 7 in the Home Investment Company's Subdivision of the tract of land known as Wilen Heights.

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***JWB32:730** – October 29, 1895: The Home Investment Company to Martha S. McCullough; for \$1500, conveys all of Lots 7, 8 and 10 Block 9 and 12, 13, 15 and 16 in Block 7 in the Home Investment Company's subdivision of a tract of land known as Wilen Heights.

3901 38th Street (Southeast half of Lot 89 Cedar Croft)

***897:354** – February 10, 1947: Maude E. Smith, widow to Robert M. and Geraldine T. Bradshaw; conveys the southeast ½ of Lot 89 in the subdivision known as Cedar Croft.

***512:243** – September 6, 1938: Amos W. and Addie M. Hawk to Maude E. Smith, widow; conveys the southeast ½ of Lot 89 in the subdivision known as Cedar Croft – Beginning at an iron pipe in the NE line of Eldridge Avenue and running N 36° 34' E 45 feet to an iron pipe; thence S 53° 26' E 50 feet to an iron pipe; thence S 36° 34' W 45 feet to an iron pipe; thence N 53° 26' W 50 feet to the place of beginning, as per survey of Edward L. Latimer & Son August 5, 1938.

***397:301** – November 4, 1933: Helen M. Schatz, unmarried to Amos W. Hawk; conveys a tract – Beginning at an iron pipe in the NE line of Eldridge Avenue and S 53° 26' E 50 feet from where said NE line intersects the SE line of Aukum Avenue and running N 36° 34' E 50 feet to an iron pipe, then S 53° 26' E 50 feet to an iron pipe, then S 36° 34' W 50 feet, then N 53° 26' W 50 feet to the place of beginning, containing 2500 square feet, which is the same property recorded in Plat Book RNR2:61, first obtained from Frank M. Coward by Morton F. and Beulah A. May and deeded by them to Lawrence T. Hawk on April 27, 1926 and recorded in Liber 258:207. The property hereby intended to be conveyed being known as the SE ½ of Lot No. 89 in the subdivision of Cedar Croft.

***342:7** – July 25, 1929: Addie M. and Amos W. Hawk to Carl G. and Helen M. Schatz; for \$150, conveys the SE ½ of Lot No. 89 in the subdivision known as Cedar Croft, containing 2500 square feet.

***300:324** – January 6, 1928: Lawrence T. Hawk to Addie M. Hawk; conveys the SE ½ of Lot No. 89 in the subdivision known as Cedar Croft, containing 2500 square feet.

***258:207** – April 27, 1926: Morton T. and Beulah A. May to Lawrence T. Hawk; conveys Lot No. 89 in the subdivision known as Cedar Croft, containing 2500 square feet.

***224:505** – March 6, 1925: Frank M. and Grace R. Coward to Morton T. May; conveys Lots 3, 4, 47, 89, 64, 57, 58, 49, 50, 55, 56, and the westerly 40 feet of Lot 26 in the subdivision of the tract of land known as "Cedar Croft."

***206:358** – October 20, 1923: Citizens Interstate Development Corp. to Frank M. Coward; conveys Lots 3, 4, 14, and the westerly 40 feet by the full depth thereof of Lots 26, 47, 52, 53, 54, 57, 58, 64, 66, 68, 82 and 89 in the subdivision of a tract of land known as "Cedar Croft."

***175:410** – April 17, 1922: Rufus E. and Maud E. Milor, Frank M. and Grace R. Coward, and Samuel and Goldie Bass to Citizens Interstate Development Corp.; conveys all those three parcels of ground known as "Cedar Croft" described in a

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survey made by Edward L. Latimer, County Surveyor on December 21, 1921, containing: 1) 14.389 acres; 2) 16,906 square feet; 3) 83,295 square feet. Total area after extracting road and railroad areas – 16.918 acres. The said three parcels being the same property now subdivided into a subdivision known as “Cedar Croft” as per plat recorded in Plat Book RNR2:61.

Also the following lots: 3, 4, 5, 6, 7, 8, 9, 10, 11, 15, 16, 17, 18, 19 and 20 in Block 3; Lots 13 and 14 in Block 2; Lots 15 and 13 in Block 7; Lot 7 in Block 1; Lots 7, 8, and 10 in Block 9 in the subdivision of a tract of land known as “Wilens Heights.”

Also all those parts of Lots 13, 14, 15, and 16 in Block 3 of Rhode Island Avenue Addition to Mt. Rainier, Maryland.

***175:272** – March 4, 1922: Retta McCullough and Howard J. Waff; Hattie McCullough Rawls, widow; Frank W. and Virginia H. McCullough (all of Norfolk, VA); Mary McCullough and Edward R. Hodgeon (Athens, GA); and Malcolm N. and Lillian L. McCullough (Jacksonville, FL), being the sole and only heirs at law and next of kin of Mary T. McCullough, deceased to Rufus E. Milor, Frank M. Coward, and Samuel Bass; conveys all those three parcels of ground known as “Cedar Croft” described in a survey made by Edward L. Latimer, County Surveyor on December 21, 1921, containing: 1) 14.389 acres; 2) 16,906 square feet; 3) 83,295 square feet. Total area after extracting road and railroad areas – 16.918 acres. The said three parcels being the same property now subdivided into a subdivision known as “Cedar Croft” as per plat recorded in Plat Book RNR2:61.

Also the following lots: 3, 4, 5, 6, 7, 8, 9, 10, 11, 15, 16, 17, 18, 19 and 20 in Block 3; Lots 13 and 14 in Block 2; Lots 15 and 13 in Block 7; Lot 7 in Block 1; Lots 7, 8, and 10 in Block 9 in the subdivision of a tract of land known as “Wilens Heights.”

***JWB3:465** – July 18, 1884: Charles R. Monroe (DC) to William W. McCullough, Caroline L. McCullough, Martha S. McCullough, and Mary T. McCullough (DC); conveys part of an original tract called “Scotland” – Beginning in the third of the original tract of “Scotland” and at the corner of Dr. Scott’s farm, thence with said third line N 21 ¼ E 65 3/5 perches to the county road and with the same N 84 W 10 perches, N 77 W 15 perches, S 69 ½ W 1 ½ perches, then leaving the road S 3 ¾ E 58 ¾ perches, S 39 E 46 perches to the line of the Baltimore and Washington Branch of the Baltimore and Ohio Railroad and with the line of said road to the beginning, containing 20 acres.

Save and except two certain lots of said tract called “Scotland” known as Lots 1 and 2. The first of said lots containing 34/100 of an acre and the second containing 80/100 of an acre as surveyed by George W. Jackson November 3, 1881.

***JWB3:467** – July 18, 1884: William W. McCullough (DC) to Charles R. Monroe (DC); conveys a tract being known as a part of an original tract of land called “Scotland” and containing 20 acres (description same as above). Being the same property conveyed by Johnathan T. Walker and others to the said William W. McCullough by deed dated April 14, 1882 and recorded in Liber JWB1:4.

Save and except two certain lots of said tract called “Scotland” known as Lots 1 and 2. The first of said lots containing 34/100 of an acre and the second containing 80/100 of an acre as surveyed by George W. Jackson November 3, 1881.

***JWB1:4** – April 14, 1882: Jonathan T. Walker and Charles A. Wells, Trustees under a Deed of Trust executed by a certain Benedict Yost on February 13, 1874 and recorded in Liber RSW1:121 to William W. McCullough. Whereas power was given by said Deed of Trust to Jonathan T. Walker and Charles A. Wells, Trustees to sell and dispose of 20 acres of land called “Scotland.” For \$900 and except the two lots taken out of said 20 acres of land and known as Lots No.

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1 and 2 heretofore sold by Charles A. Wells, Attorney, to Emma J. Harvey and Benedict Yost, Lot No. 1 containing 34/100 of an acre and Lot No. 2 containing 80/100 of an acres as surveyed by George W. Jackson November 2, 1881 for which two lots no deed has yet been executed, conveys all the rest and remainder of said 20 acres of land called "Scotland."

3807 Rhode Island Avenue

***33799:60** – June 28, 2012: Harold J. Falchick 1988 Trust and Apex Plumbing Supply, Inc. to Redevelopment Authority of Prince George's; for \$1,200,000 conveys:

Parcel 1: All of Lots 3, 4, 17-23 in Block 7 and parts of Lots 3, 4, 5, and 6 in Block 9, together with that part of the now closed Aukam Avenue lying between blocks numbered 7 and 9; said part of Aukam Avenue being the one-half of Aukam Avenue adjacent to each lot involved, all being in the subdivision known as "Wilens Heights," Brentwood as per plat recorded in Liber JWB25:165 and re-recorded in Plat Book A:7. Containing in all 0.692 acres according to a survey made in June 1948 by Roy Fowkes, Surveyor.

Parcel 2: Lots 5, 6, 7, and 8 in Block 7 in the Subdivision known as "Wilens Heights."

Parcel 3: Lots 9, 10, and 11 in Block 7 in the Subdivision known as "Wilens Heights," containing 474 square feet of land.

Parcel 4: Lot 2 in Block 7 in the Subdivision known as "Wilens Heights."

Parcel 5: Lots 24 and 25 in Block 7, Parts of Lots 1 and 2 in Block 9 and part of Aukam Avenue lying between Blocks 7 and 9, all in the subdivision known as Wilens Heights. Saving and excepting so much of said lots as has been heretofore conveyed to the State of Maryland and to the use of the State Roads Commission as shown in deed recorded in Liber 3488:685.

Parcel 6: Lots 26 and 27 in Block 7 Wilens Heights.

***8271:205** – April 2, 1992: Harold J. Falchick to The Harold J. Falchick 1988 Trust; conveys all that piece of land in the Seventh Election District, being the same property described in deed previously recorded in Liber 6414:563 –

1) All those lots with improvements thereon being all of the same property described in a deed recorded in Liber 4438:639.

2) All those lots with improvements thereon being all of the same property described in a deed recorded in Liber 4522:866.

3) All of Lots 14, 15, 16, 17, 18, and 19 in Block 8 in the subdivision known as Wilens Heights, saving and excepting 55 square feet of Lot 17 as conveyed to the State of Maryland by deed recorded in Liber 3462:122. Being the same property obtained by a deed recorded in Liber 5054:581.

***6414:563** – July 30, 1982: Harold J. and Bernice Falchick, trading as Apex Realty Company to Harold J. Falchick; conveys:

1) All those lots of ground with improvements thereon being all of the same property described in a deed previously recorded in Liber 4438:639.

2) All those lots of ground with improvements thereon being all of the same property described in a deed previously recorded in Liber 4522:866.

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3) All of Lots 14, 15, 16, 17, 18 and 19 in Block 8 in the subdivision known as Wilen Heights, saving and excepting 55 square feet of Lot 17 as conveyed to the State of Maryland by deed recorded in Liber 3462:122.

***4522:866** – August 22, 1975: Louise W. Grabowski, being the same person known as Louise W. McLean, surviving joint tenant of Thomas V. Whalen, deceased, having died January 13, 1967 to Harold J. and Bernice E. Falchick, trading as Apex Realty Company; conveys:

1) Parcel 1: Lots 24 and 25 in Block 7, parts of Lots 1 and 2 in Block 9, and part of Aukum Avenue lying between Blocks 7 and 9, all in the subdivision known as Wilen Heights, saving and excepting so much of said lots conveyed to the State of Maryland and to use of the State Roads Commission as shown in deed recorded in Liber 3488:685. Being the same property conveyed to Thomas V. Whalen by Lillian de Sanchez Latour by deed dated March 12, 1942 and recorded in Liber 667:245.

2) Parcel 2: Lots 26 and 27 in Block 7 Wilen Heights. Being the same property conveyed to Thomas V. Whalen by Jerman Bros., Inc. in deed dated September 7, 1956 and recorded in Liber 2029:155.

Lots 26 and 27 in Block 7

***2029:155** – September 7, 1956: Jerman Bros., Inc. to Thomas V. Whalen; conveys Lots 26 and 27 in Block 7 in the subdivision known as “Wilen Heights.”

***1872:80** – February 4, 1955: Benjamin D. and Mary A. Jerman, and John L. and Catherine L. Jerman to Jerman Bros., Inc.; conveys:

1) Lots 14, 15, 16, and 17 in Block 8 in the subdivision known as “Wilen Heights.”

2) Lots 26 and 27 in Block 7 in the subdivision known as “Wilen Heights.”

Lots 24 and 25 in Block 7 and Lots 1 and 2 in Block 9

***667:245** – March 12, 1942: Lillian de Sanchez Latour, widow to Thomas V. Whalen; conveys Lots 24 and 25 in Block 7 and part of Lots 1 and 2 in Block 9, also part of Aukum Avenue lying between Blocks 7 and 9 all in the subdivision called “Wilen Heights.”

***431:326** – October 4, 1935: Edna Mae Burke, widow to Lillian de Sanchez Latour; conveys Lots 24 and 25 in Block 7 and part of Lots 1 and 2 in Block 9, also part of Aukum Avenue lying between Blocks 7 and 9 all in the subdivision called “Wilen Heights.”

***405:149** – June 6, 1934: Joel R. and Elsie Best to Edna Mae Burke; conveys Lots 24 and 25 in Block 7 in the Home Investment Company’s subdivision called “Wilen Heights.”

***405:147** – February 29, 1932: Walter M. and Augusta M. Shomo to Edna Mae Burke; conveys a tract – Beginning at a point on the center line of Aukum Avenue, and in the southwestern line of Haldeman Avenue, and running with the line of Haldeman Avenue N 53° 26' W 12.49 feet to an iron pipe in the SE line of Rhode Island Avenue, thence with said line S 51° 4' W 103.3 feet to the NE line of Lot 3 of Block 9, Wilen Heights, thence with Lot 3 S 53° 26' E 37.82 feet to the

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center line of Aukum Avenue, thence with said center line N 36° 34' E 100 feet to the beginning, containing 2, 515 square feet.

***405:149** – June 6, 1934: Joel R. and Elsie Best to Edna Mae Burke; conveys Lots 24 and 25 in Block 7 in the Home Investment Company's subdivision called "Wilens Heights."

***417:463** – June 6, 1934: Alfred B. Baker, Attorney to Joel R. Best. Whereas Elizabeth Burke, widow, heretofore executed a certain mortgage dated July 1, 1925 conveying the hereinafter described land unto the mortgagee therein named, and in which said mortgage the grantor herein was named the attorney to see in the event of default therein as referenced in the mortgage recorded in Liber 243:180. Whereas default having been made in the payment of the debt secured by said mortgage, the party of the first part sold the said land on Monday, July 31, 1933 to the highest bidder for \$950. Conveys Lots 24 and 25 in Block 7 in the Home Investment Company's subdivision called "Wilens Heights."

***44:116** – February 19, 1908: Joseph F. and Julia E. Sullivan (Washington, DC) to Elizabeth Burke; conveys the same land the parties of the first part obtained from Elliot W. Outhout by deed dated February 19, 1908, being Lots 24 and 25 in Block 7 in the Home Investment Company's subdivision of the tract of land known as Wilens Heights.

***44:117** – February 19, 1908: Elliot N. Outhout to Joseph F. Sullivan (Washington, DC); conveys the same land the party of the first part obtained from Lawrence W. and Sarah F. Sorrell by deed dated February 12, 1907 and recorded in Liber 38:499 and being Lots 24 and 25 in Block 7 in the Home Investment Company's subdivision of the tract of land known as Wilens Heights.

***38:499** – February 12, 1907: Lawrence W. and Sarah Sorrell to Elliot N. Outhout; conveys a parcel of ground in the village of Brentwood, being all the same land which the parties of the first part obtained from Fred A. and Gertrude F. Soules by deed dated January 29, 1907, being Lots 24 and 25 in Block 7 in the Home Investment Company's subdivision of the tract of land known as Wilens Heights.

***38:498** – January 29, 1907: Fred A. and Gertrude F. Soules to Lawrence W. Sorrell; conveys a parcel of ground in the village of Brentwood, being Lots 24 and 25 in Block 7 in the Home Investment Company's subdivision of the tract of land known as Wilens Heights.

***12:504** – September 8, 1902: Fred A. and Gertrude F. Soules to Lawrence W. Sorrell; the parties of the first part agree to sell to the party of the second part Lots 24 and 25 in Block 7 in the Home Investment Company's subdivision known as "Wilens Heights." The parties of the second part agree to pay \$2000 as follows: to pay a mortgage of \$1000 to Clara V. Jenkins, now on said property, when the same shall become due and the balance of \$950 in 47 notes of \$20 each payable monthly.

***JWB34:83** – September 8, 1895: Home Investment Company to Fred A. Soules; for \$550 conveys all of Lots 24 and 25 in Block 7 in the Home Investment Company's subdivision of the tract of land known as Wilens Heights. The grantee covenants with the Home Investment Company that when a building is erected upon either of said lots, it shall not be

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within 10 feet of the building line as shown on said plat, nor shall spirituous or malt liquors be sold therein, and these covenants shall run with the land.

***JWB14:575** – May 19, 1890: John W. and Ruthelle Penn to The Home Improvement Company; for \$16,500 conveys that certain parcel of land situated at Highland Station (B&O RR), which was conveyed to the parties of first part by Esther Ann Stodd and husband by deed dated October 18, 1881 and recorded in Liber WAJ3:181 – Beginning in the center of the county road leading from Bladensburg to Washington City, and in the third line of “Scotland” and running then with the said line S 21 E 65 ¼ perches to the railroad, then with said railroad N 43 E 67 perches to the county road, then with said road N 44 W 29 perches, thence N 69 W 11 perches, then S 59 W 31 perches and thence to the beginning, containing 16 1/8 acres, saving and excepting from this deed that portion of said tract of land 80 feet in width running from B&O Railway to the Bunker Hill Road, along the lines of the land belonging to William W. McCullough.

***4161:504** – November 6, 1972: Metropolitan Life Insurance Company to Apex Plumbing Supply, Inc.; conveys:
1) Parcel 1 – All of Lots 3, 4, 17-23 in Block 7 and parts of Lots 3, 4, 5, and 6 in Block 9, together with that part of the now closed Aukam Avenue lying between Blocks 7 and 9, said part of Aukam Avenue being the ½ of Aukam Avenue adjacent to each lot involved, all being in the subdivision known as “Wilens Heights,” containing 0.692 acres according to a survey made in June 1948 by Roy Fowkes, Surveyor.
2) Parcel 2 – Lots 5, 6, 7 and 8 in Block 7 in the subdivision known as “Wilens Heights.”
3) Parcel 3 – Lots 9, 10 and 11 in Block 7 in the subdivision known as “Wilens Heights.”
Saving and excepting therefrom approximately 474 square feet of said real property which was sold and conveyed to the State Road Commission of Maryland for the widening of Rhode Island Avenue.

***1406:374** – April 16, 1951: April 16, 1951: Safeway Stores, Incorporated to Metropolitan Life Insurance Company; conveys:
1) Parcel 1 - All of Lots 3, 4, and 17-23 in Block 7 and parts of Lots 3, 4, 5, and 6 in Block 9, together with that part of the now closed Aukam Avenue lying between Blocks 7 and 9, said part of Aukam Avenue being the ½ of Aukam Avenue adjacent to each lot involved, all being in the subdivision known as “Wilens Heights.”
2) Parcel 2 – Lots 5, 6, 7 and 8 in Block 7 in the subdivision known as “Wilens Heights.”
3) Parcel 3 – Lots 9, 10, and 11 in Block 7 in the subdivision known as “Wilens Heights.”

***1065:392** – September 27, 1948: Earl F. and Suzanne N. Scott to Safeway Stores, Inc.; conveys all of Lots 3, 4, and 17-23 in Block 7 and parts of Lots 3, 4, 5, and 6 in Block 9, together with that part of the now enclosed Aukam Avenue lying between Blocks 7 and 9, said part of Aukam Avenue being the one-half of Aukam Avenue adjacent to each lot involved, all being in the subdivision known as “Wilens Heights – Beginning at an iron pipe set in the northwesterly line of Quincy Street and marking the NE corner of Lot 3 in Block 7, said pipe also being S 36° 34' W a distance of 165 feet from a stone marking the NW corner of Quincy Street and 39th Street, and running thence S 36° 34' W along the northwesterly line of aforesaid Quincy Street a distance of 50 feet to a pipe set in the SE corner of Lot 4, a distance of 100 feet to a pipe set in the corner common to Lots 4, 5, 20 and 21; thence S 36° 34' W along the rear line of Lots 5, 6, 7, 8 and 17, 18, 19 and 20, a distance of 100 feet to an iron pipe set in the SE corner of Lot 17; thence N 53° 26' W along the SW line of Lot 17 and this line extended, to the center line of the now closed Aukam Avenue a distance of 120 feet to a pipe; thence N 36° 34' E

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along the original center line of Aukam Avenue a distance of 75 feet to an iron pipe set on the extension of the southwesterly line of Lot 6, Block 9; thence N 53° 26' W along the said southwesterly line of Lot 6 Block 9 and its extension into old Aukam Avenue a distance of 55.15 feet to an iron pipe set in the southeasterly line of Rhode Island Avenue, and marking the SW corner of that part of Lot 6 conveyed by this instrument; thence N 52° 8' E along the southeasterly line of Rhode Island Avenue and across Lots 6, 5, 4, and 3 Block 9 a distance of 103.81 feet to an iron pipe set in the NW corner of that part of Lot 3 Block 9 conveyed by this instrument; thence S 53° 26' E along the northeasterly line of said Lot 3 Block 9 across old Aukam Avenue, and along the northeasterly line of Lot 23 Block 7 a distance of 147.29 feet to a pipe set in the NE corner of said Lot 23 Block 7; thence S 36° 34' W along the rear line of Lot 23 a distance of 25 feet to a pipe set in the corner common to Lots 2, 3, 22 and 23 Block 7; thence S 53° 26' E along the northeasterly line of aforesaid Lot 3 a distance of 100 feet to the place of beginning, containing in all 0.692 acres, according to a survey made in June 1948 by Roy Fowkes, Surveyor.

***1065:389** – June 27, 1948: Melvin R. and Enola Gail Hiltz to Earl F. Scott; conveys:

- 1) Lots 3, 4, and 17-23 in Block 7 in the subdivision known as "Wilen Heights."
- 2) Lots 3, 4, 5, and 6 in Block 9 in the subdivision known as "Wilen Heights."
- 3) So much of the bed of the street known as Aukam Avenue as shown on plat of "Wilen Heights."

***889:453** – December 4, 1946: Mildred Q. and Brooke V. Beyer to Melvin R. Hiltz; conveys:

- 1) Lots 3, 4, and 17-23 in Block 7 in the subdivision known as "Wilen Heights."
- 2) Lots 3, 4, 5, and 6 in Block 9 in the subdivision known as "Wilen Heights."
- 3) So much of the bed of the street known as Aukam Avenue as shown on plat of "Wilen Heights."

***443:204** – March 10, 1936: Pauline V. Beyer to Mildred Q. Beyer; conveys:

- 1) Lots 3, 4, and 17-23 in Block 7 in the subdivision known as "Wilen Heights."
- 2) Lots 3, 4, 5, and 6 in Block 9 in the subdivision known as "Wilen Heights."
- 3) So much of the bed of the street known as Aukam Avenue as shown on plat of "Wilen Heights."

***432:365** – December 17, 1935: Arthur G. and Martha T. Dezendorf to Pauline V. Beyer; conveys:

- 1) Lots 3, 4, and 17-23 in Block 7 in the subdivision known as "Wilen Heights."
- 2) Lots 3, 4, 5, and 6 in Block 9 in the subdivision known as "Wilen Heights" – Beginning at a point in the northwesterly side of Aukam Avenue where the dividing line between Lots 2 and 3 Block 9 intersects said avenue and running thence along the dividing line between Lots 2 and 3 N 53° 26' W 17.29 feet to a point on the southeasterly side of Rhode Island Avenue; thence along and with Rhode Island Avenue S 51° 4' W 103.29 feet to a point; thence running along the dividing line between Lots 6 and 7 Block 9 S 53° 26' E 43.15 feet to a point in the northwesterly side of Aukam Avenue; thence along and with Aukam Avenue N 36° 34' E 100 feet to the beginning.
- 3) So much of the bed of the street known as Aukam Avenue as shown on plat of "Wilen Heights."

***390:247** – November 11, 1932: Arthur G. and Martha T. Dezendorf to Walter M. Shomo; Mortgage – Whereas the parties of the first part are indebted to the party of the second part in the sum of \$2770; mortgages:

- 1) Lots 3, 4, 17-23 in Block 7 in the subdivision known as "Wilen Heights."
- 2) Also those parts of Lots 3, 4, 5, and 6 in Block 9 in the subdivision known as "Wilen Heights."

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3) Also a portion of the bed of the street known as "Aukum Avenue as shown on the plat of "Wilens Heights" – Beginning for the same at a point on the northwesterly side of Aukum Avenue where the dividing line between Lots 2 and 3 in Block 9 Wilens Heights intersects said avenue and running thence across said street S 53° 26' E 30 feet to a point on the southeasterly side of said street, thence along and with the southeasterly side of said street S 36° 34' W 175 feet to a point where the dividing line between Lots 16 and 17 in Block 7 intersects said street, thence running N 53° 26' W 15 feet to a point in the center of said street, thence along and with the center of said street N 36° 34' E 75 feet to a point, thence N 53° 26' W 15 feet to a point on the northwesterly side of said street where the dividing line between Lots 6 and 7 Block 9 intersects said street, thence N 36° 34' E 100 feet to a point, the place of beginning, as shown on survey made by Edward L. Latimer, Surveyor, September 1, 1932.

***390:246** – November 8, 1932: Walter M. and Augusta M. Shomo to Arthur G. and Martha T. Dezendorf; conveys:
1) Lots 3, 4, 17-23 in Block 7 in the subdivision known as "Wilens Heights."
2) Also those parts of Lots 3, 4, 5, and 6 in Block 9 in the subdivision known as "Wilens Heights."
3) Also a portion of the bed of the street known as "Aukum Avenue as shown on the plat of "Wilens Heights."

***31:294** – January 17, 1907: The Home Improvement Real Estate & Investment Company of Maryland to Thomas W. and Ella M. Shomo; conveys Lots 22 and 23 in Block 7 in The Home Investment Company's subdivision of a tract of land known as "Wilens Heights."

***31:48** – September 12, 1906: Home Real Estate Investment Company to Thomas W. and Ella M. Shomo; conveys Lots 3, 4, and 17-23 in Block 7, also all of that portion of Lots 1-6 lying east of the right-of-way Columbia and Maryland Railway in Block 9 in the Home Investment Company's subdivision of a tract of land known as "Wilens Heights."

***JWB38:279** – May 25, 1896: Harrison Crook and George J. Easterday, Trustees created by two deeds recorded in Liber JWB36:118 and JWB36:307 wherein the trustees are authorized and empowered among other things to sell and convey the real estate and premises herein described to The Home Real Estate Investment Company; convey all of Lots 13, 14, 22, 23, 24, 26, 28 and 29 in Block 1; Lots 7, 8, 11, 12, 17, 19, 20, 25, 26, 27 and 28 in Block 2; Lots 12, 13, 22, 23, 24, 25, 26, and 27 in Block 5; Lots 5, 6, 11, 12, 21 and 22 in Block 6; Lots 3, 4, 9, 10, 17, 18, 19, 20 and 21 in Block 7, Lots 1, 2, 3, 4, 5, 8, 9, 12, 13, 14, 15, 22, 23, and 29 in Block 8. Also all of Lots 1, 2, 3, 4, 5, and 6 in Block 9 in the subdivision of a tract of land known as "Wilens Heights."

***JWB36:118** – September 13, 1895: The Home Investment Company of the District of Columbia (parties of the first part) Harrison and Sarah E. Crook, George J. and Margaret W. Easterday, William A. and Mollie W. Easterday, Allen W. and Mary I. Mallery, Willis C. Haldeman, Elias M. and Susan V. Sheetz, Frederick G. and Ellen Aukam (Washington, DC) (parties of the second part) to Harrison Crook and George J. Easterday, Trustees (parties of the third part). Whereas Harrison Crook, William A. Easterday, Willis C. Haldeman, George D. Elidridge, Elias M. Sheetz, George J. Easterday, and Frederick G. Aukam did intend to organize themselves into a body corporate under the general laws relating to incorporations in the District of Columbia and did on April 28, 1890 prepare and execute Articles of Incorporation and had them duly recorded under the name of The Home Investment Company of the District of Columbia. Whereas in their corporate capacity as believed to be by them, they purchased from John W. and Ruthella Penn for \$16,500 a certain tract of land at Highland Station, Prince George's County, Maryland, containing 16 1/8 acres, save and

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except a strip 80 feet wide, as widened by the deed of the said John W. and Ruthella Penn dated May 19, 1890 and recorded in Liber JWB14:575. The reservation of 80 feet having been since conveyed by the same grantors to the same grantees by deed, and at once thereafter the obtention of the first deed they subdivided the said land into building lots and on May 21, 1890 they had a plat of the same recorded, called "Wilen Heights" in Liber JWB14:575, and a sub-plat recorded in Liber JWB25:165, and in their corporate name and capacity they have sold and conveyed a large number of said lots to sundry persons and upon others executed in the same capacity, mortgages and deeds of trust.

And whereas, it appears now, that there is some doubt in the minds of counsel whether under Class 4, Chapter 15 of the Acts of Congress relating to the District of Columbia, Section 36 whether a corporation could have been formed or created for the purposes set forth in the 2nd paragraph of the aforementioned Certificate of Incorporation or Charter. And it being the wish and interest of all the parties hereto to make good and valid all deeds, etc., executed and delivered by them, concerning any and all lots, pieces or parcels which they at any time acquired from the aforesaid John W. Penn and wife, as well to avoid all disputes and doubts concerning their power to sell and convey said remaining unsold lots in said subdivision, and to enter into valid engagements or contracts, as well as to execute clear and unquestioned such deeds, etc., that they may think proper.

The parties of the first and second part have granted to the parties of the third part the following described real estate situated on the Baltimore and Ohio Railroad as per plat hereinabove referred to, being all the unsold lots in the Wilen Heights subdivision.

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Figure 2. Map showing site with parcel boundaries.

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Figure 3. Detail from 1956 Washington East quadrangle, with the project area indicated in yellow (USGS).

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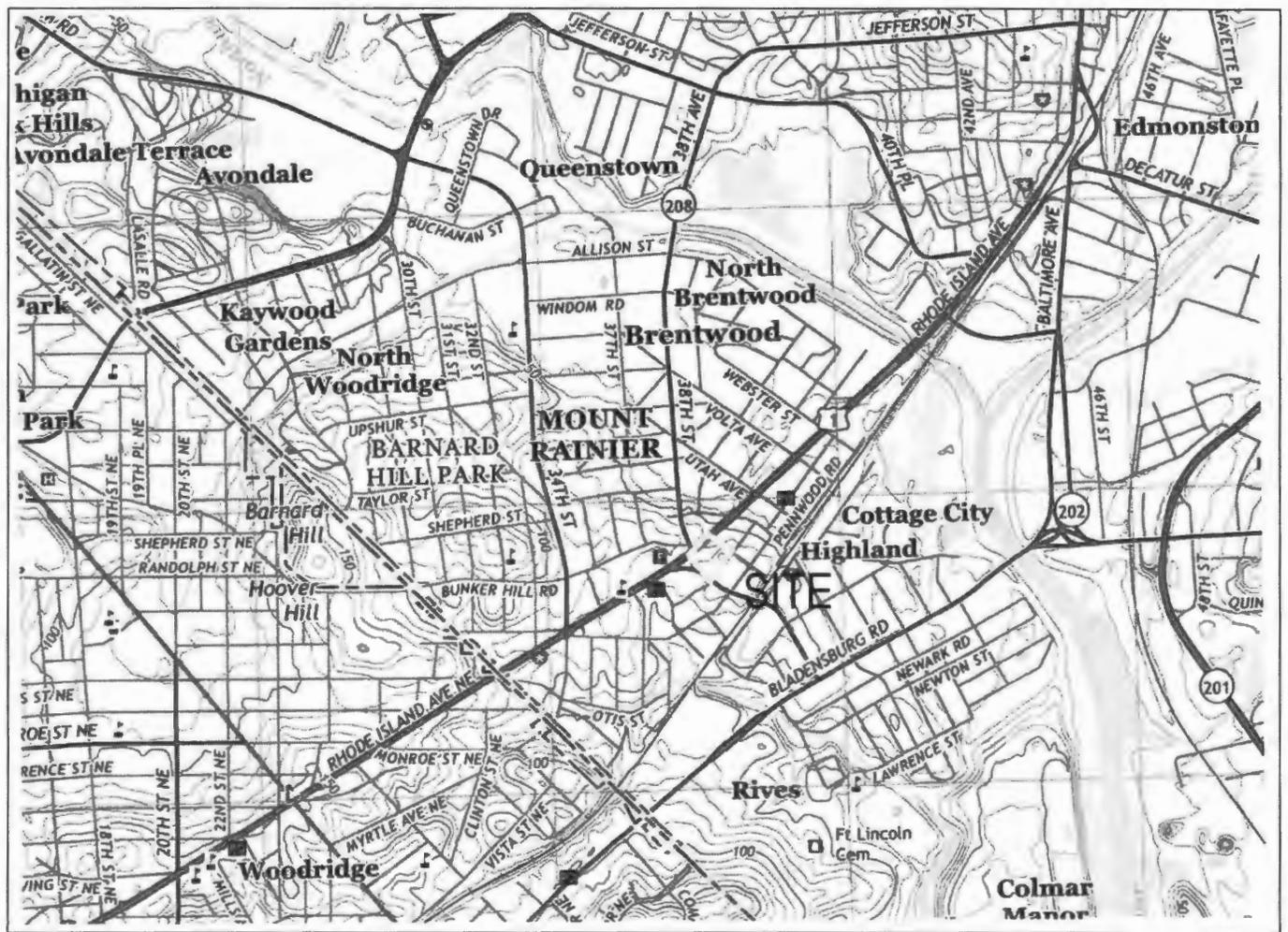


Figure 4. Detail from 2014 Washington East quadrangle, with the project area indicated in yellow (USGS).

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Figure 5. Plat of Wilen Heights, Liber JWB14, Folio 581, May 19, 1890 (Maryland State Archives).

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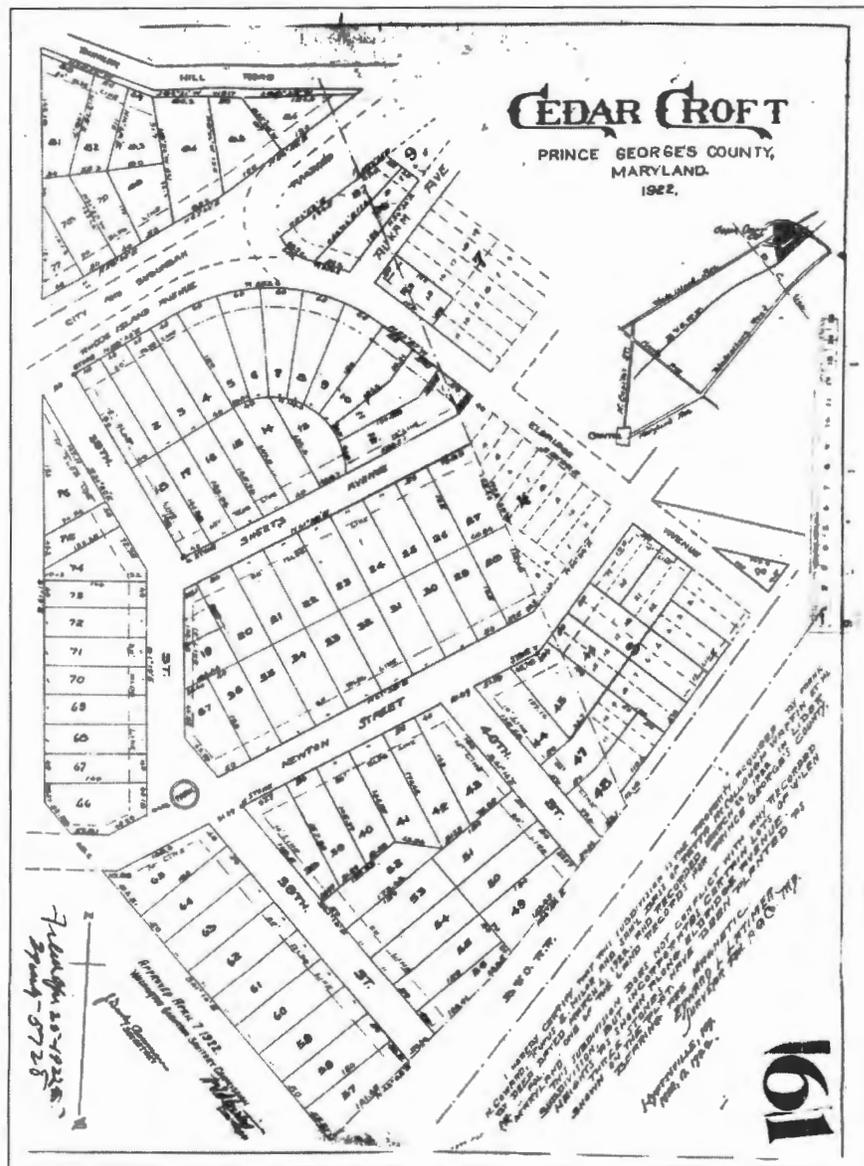


Figure 6. Plat of Cedar Croft subdivision, Plat Book RNR2, Folio 61, March 17, 1922 (Maryland State Archives).

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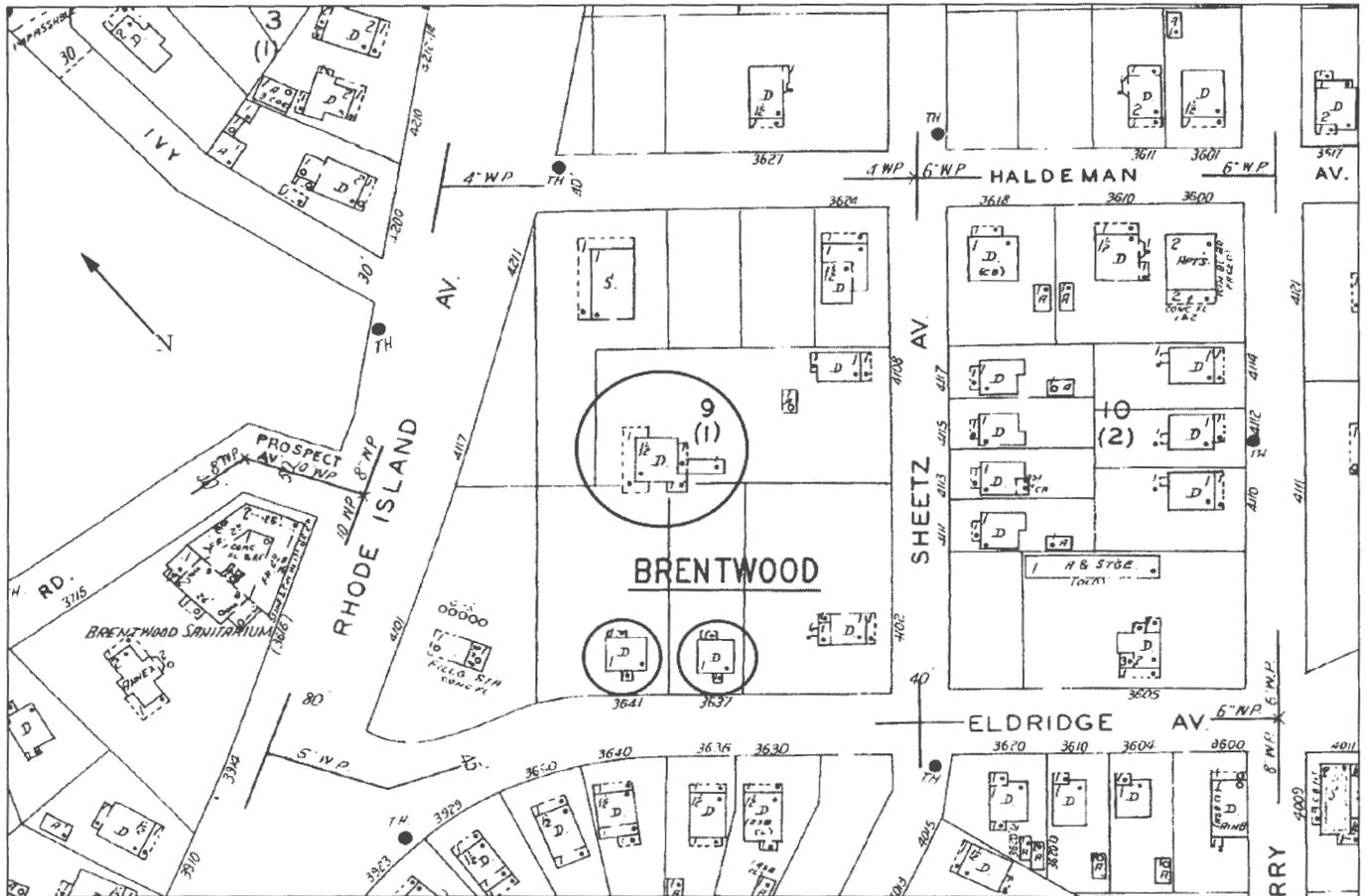


Figure 7. Detail from 1939 Sanborn map, with improvements to the subject properties circled in red (Library of Congress).

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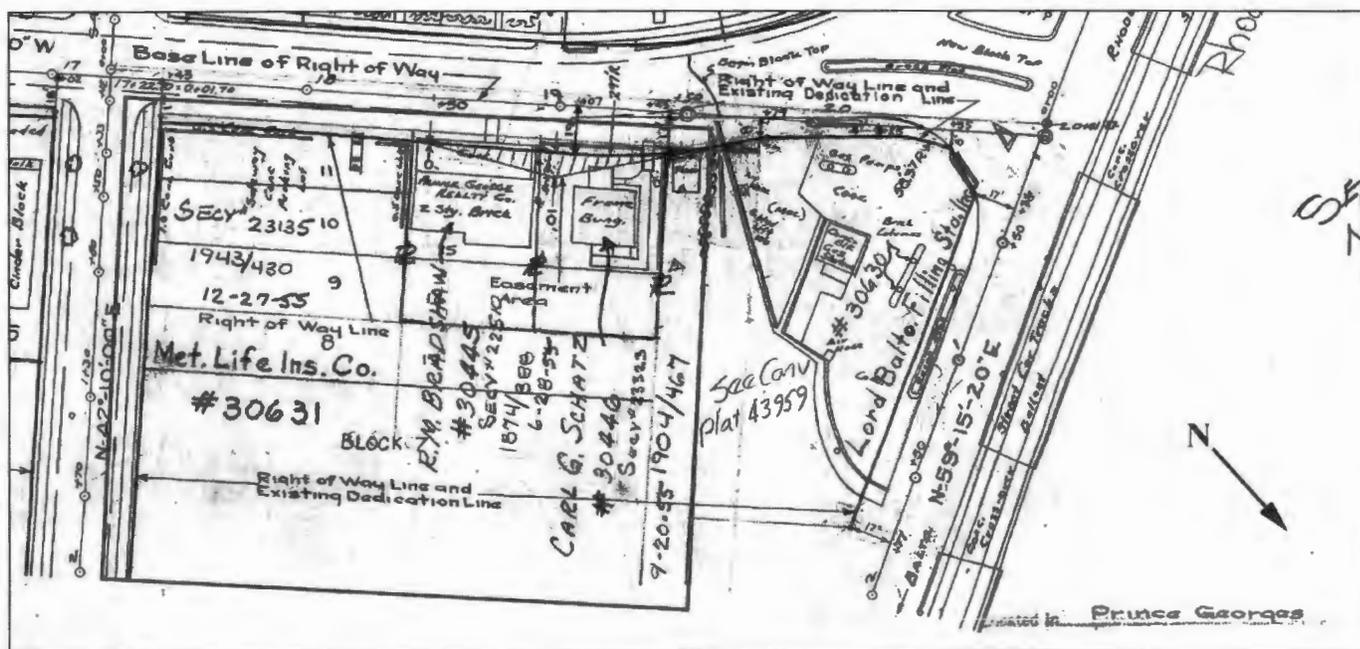


Figure 8. Detail from 1954 State Roads Commission Plat (Plat No. 12547, July 12, 1954), with block outlined in red (Maryland State Archives).

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10. Geographical Data

Acreage of surveyed property 0.23 (3807 Rhode Island), 0.078 (3903 38th), 0.051 (3901 38th)
Acreage of historical setting Varied
Quadrangle name Washington East Quadrangle scale: 1:24,000

Verbal boundary description and justification

These three properties are collectively bound on the northwest by Rhode Island Avenue, on the northeast by Thirty-Ninth Street, on the southeast by Quincy Street, and on the southwest by Thirty-Eighth Street. Historically, Thirty-Ninth Street was named Haldeman Avenue, Quincy Street was named Sheets Avenue, and Thirty-Eighth Street was named Eldridge Avenue.

The 3807 Rhode Island Avenue property currently consists of Lots 3-4 and Lots 17-23 in Block 7, and Lots 1-6 in Block 9 of the Wilen Heights subdivision. 3901 Thirty-Eighth Street consists of 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. 3903 Thirty-Eighth Street consists of the the northwestern half of Lot 89 in the Cedar Croft subdivision, and the western half of Lot 16 in Block 7 of the Wilen Heights subdivision.

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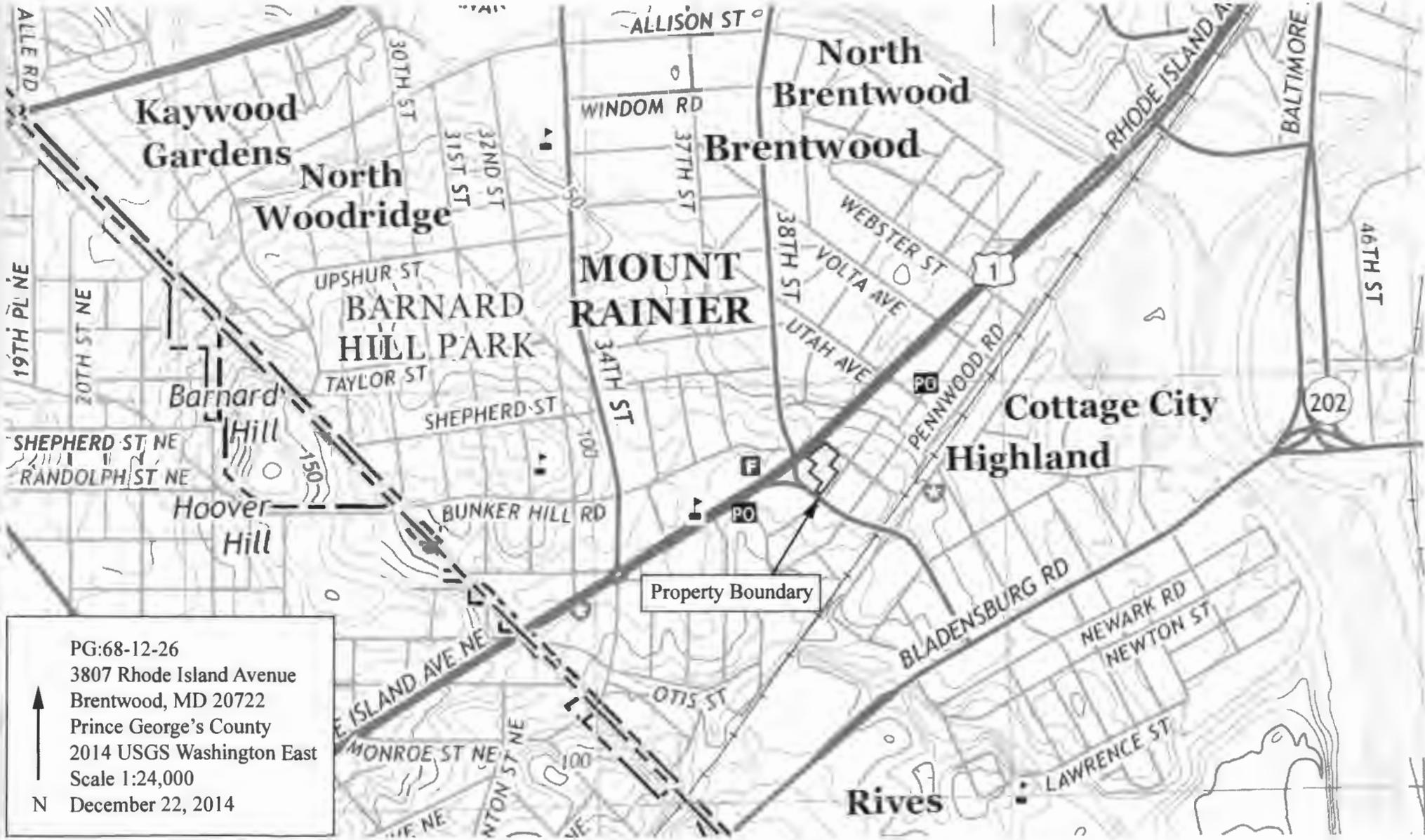
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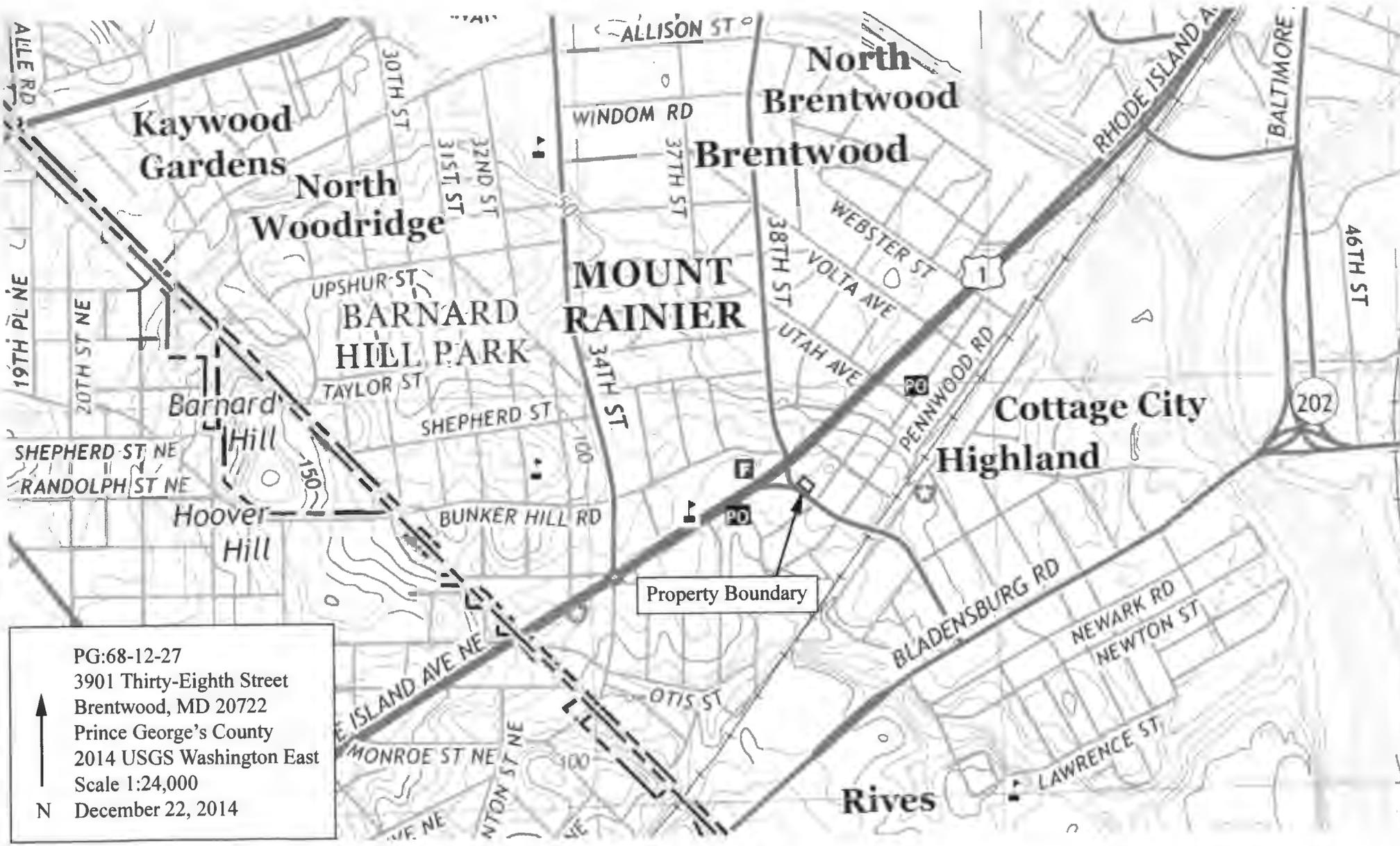
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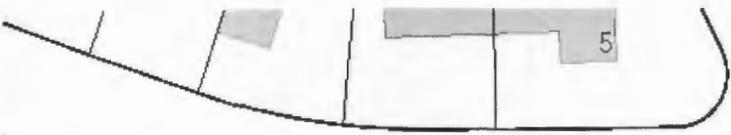


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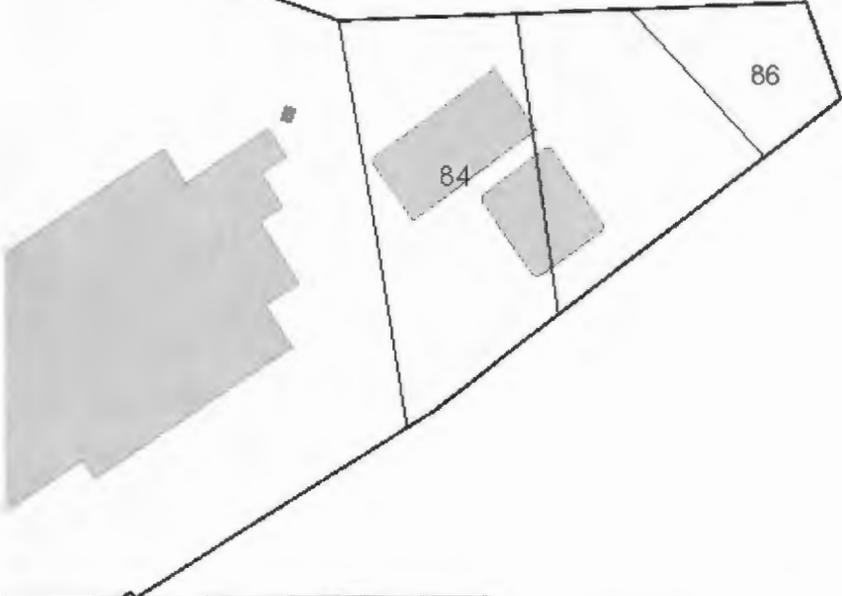
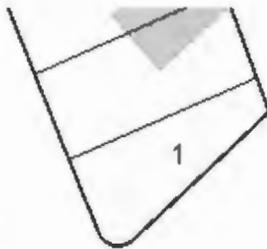




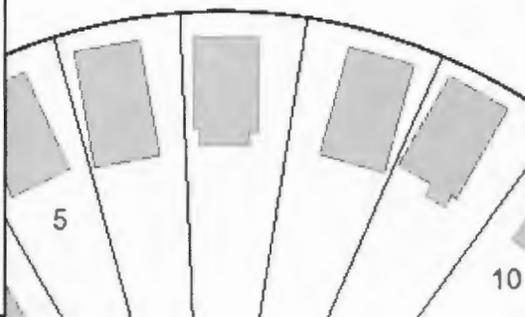
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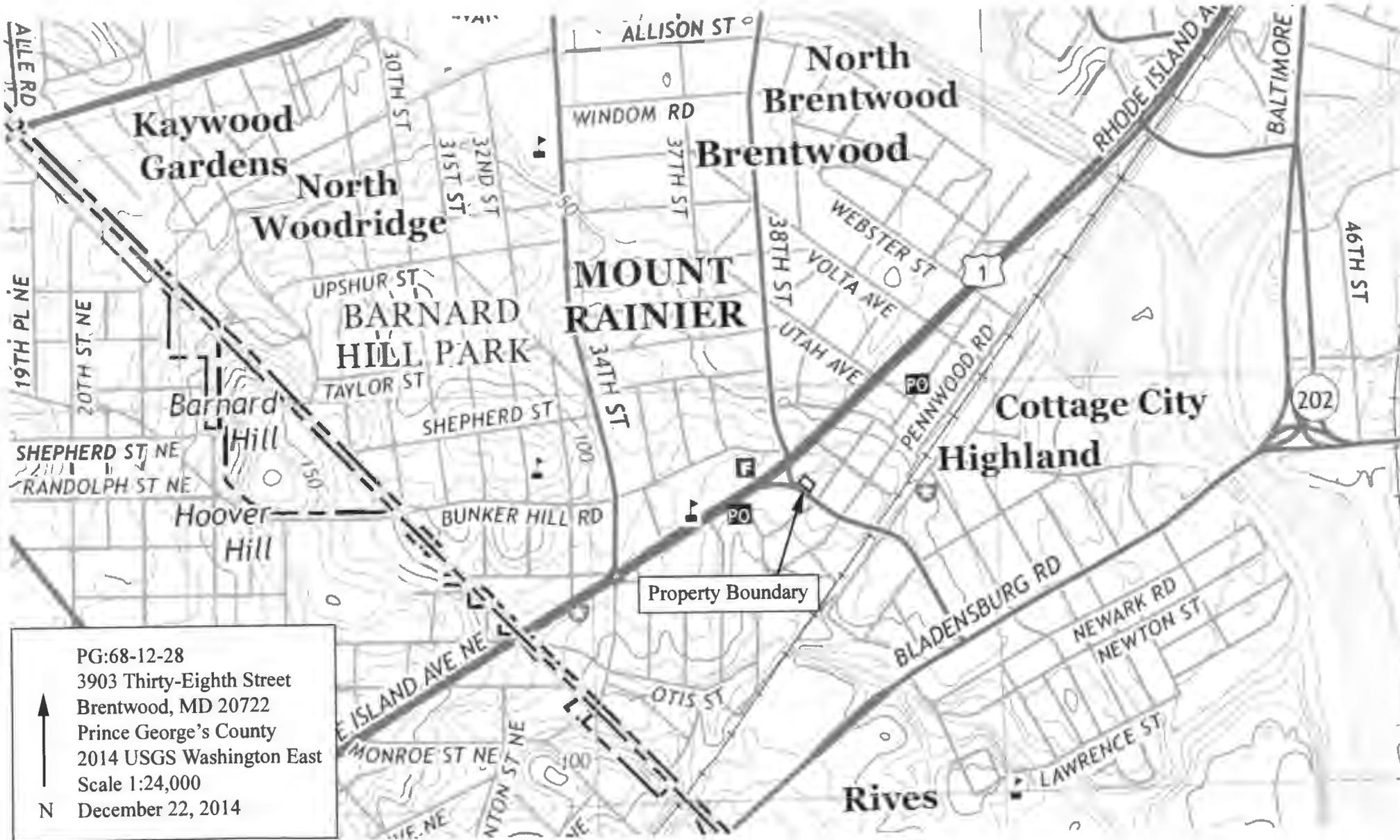


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