

PRINCE GEORGE'S COUNTY  
HISTORIC SITE SUMMARY SHEET

Survey #: P.G. #68-13-11 Building Date: c. 1910

Building Name: W. F. Harper & Son, Inc./General Contractors

Location: 3830 34th Street, Mt. Rainier, Maryland

Private/Commercial/Occupied/Good/Inaccessible

Description

3830 34th Street is a two-story frame dwelling with a rectangular plan and a gable roof, altered for commercial use. The main (east) facade is gable-ended and contains a storefront with a centered wood and glass single door entry flanking projecting plate glass windows. To the north of the storefront is a single wood door entry with transom leading to the upper story. The first story of the east facade is sheathed with vertical wood siding and the storefront entry is sheltered by a retractable cloth awning. There is a narrow wooden projecting, facade-wide cornice separating the first and second story. The second story and remainder of the building is sheathed with asphalt shingles. There are two widely spaced, 1/1 sash double-hung windows at the second story of the main facade. The gable end attic has a louvered ventilation opening. The east and west facades have widely spaced 1/1 sash double-hung windows at the first and second stories. The fenestration of the storefront, north entry door and sheathing are non-historic and incompatible with the otherwise early or original character of the dwelling which now houses an office on the first floor and appears to contain apartments above. The nature and condition of any early fabric beneath the present sheathing is not discernible.

Significance

The two-story frame building at 3830 34th Street (Block 7, Lot 20, Roger's Second Addition to Mt. Rainier) contributes to the character of the early 20th century streetscape in the survey area. The building was originally erected as a two-story frame dwelling and has been altered, at least in part, for commercial purposes. The first story storefront is now occupied by W.F. Harper and Sons, Inc., a general contracting firm. The original dwelling on Lot 20 was apparently erected by 1910, when assessment records first indicate an improvement valued at \$900. In its early configuration, the improvement appears to be the two-story frame dwelling (with a one-story facade-wide front porch and faceted projecting bay on the south facade) that is evident in a 1921 fire insurance map. The present main (34th Street) facade is apparently a two-story addition to the front of the original dwelling and was erected by 1939. The present gable end facade and second story fenestration would seem to be a compatible extension of the original structure and are consistent with other facades in the survey area. The materials and configuration of the present storefront are non-historic and may be an alteration of the one built by 1939.

# Maryland Historical Trust State Historic Sites Inventory Form

## 1. Name (indicate preferred name)

historic

and/or common W.F. Harper &amp; Son, Inc./General Contractors

## 2. Location

street & number 3830 34th Street  not for publicationcity, town Mt. Rainier  vicinity of congressional district 5

state Maryland county Prince George's

## 3. Classification

Category	Ownership	Status	Present Use	
<input type="checkbox"/> district	<input type="checkbox"/> public	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> occupied	<input type="checkbox"/> agriculture	<input type="checkbox"/> museum
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> building(s)	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> private	<input type="checkbox"/> unoccupied	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> commercial	<input type="checkbox"/> park
<input type="checkbox"/> structure	<input type="checkbox"/> both	<input type="checkbox"/> work in progress	<input type="checkbox"/> educational	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> private residence
<input type="checkbox"/> site	<b>Public Acquisition</b>	<b>Accessible</b>	<input type="checkbox"/> entertainment	<input type="checkbox"/> religious
<input type="checkbox"/> object	<input type="checkbox"/> in process	<input type="checkbox"/> yes: restricted	<input type="checkbox"/> government	<input type="checkbox"/> scientific
	<input type="checkbox"/> being considered	<input type="checkbox"/> yes: unrestricted	<input type="checkbox"/> industrial	<input type="checkbox"/> transportation
	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> not applicable	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> no	<input type="checkbox"/> military	<input type="checkbox"/> other:

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

name Joan S. Harper

street &amp; number 12206 Northwood Drive telephone no.: (301) 627-5336

city, town Upper Marlboro state and zip code Maryland 20772

## 5. Location of Legal Description

courthouse, registry of deeds, etc. Prince George's County Courthouse liber 5318

street &amp; number Main Street folio 451

city, town Upper Marlboro state Maryland

## 6. Representation in Existing Historical Surveys

title Historic Sites and Districts Plan

date 1981  federal  state  county  local

depository for survey records M-CPPC Historic Preservation Commission, Rm. 4010, C.A.B.

city, town Upper Marlboro state Maryland 20772

# 7. Description

<b>Condition</b>		<b>Check one</b>	<b>Check one</b>
<input type="checkbox"/> excellent	<input type="checkbox"/> deteriorated	<input type="checkbox"/> unaltered	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> original site
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> good	<input type="checkbox"/> ruins	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> altered	<input type="checkbox"/> moved    date of move _____
<input type="checkbox"/> fair	<input type="checkbox"/> unexposed		

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

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# 8. Significance

Period	Area of Significance—Check and justify below			
<input type="checkbox"/> prehistoric	<input type="checkbox"/> archeology-prehistoric	<input type="checkbox"/> community planning	<input type="checkbox"/> landscape architecture	<input type="checkbox"/> religion
<input type="checkbox"/> 1400-1499	<input type="checkbox"/> archeology-historic	<input type="checkbox"/> conservation	<input type="checkbox"/> law	<input type="checkbox"/> science
<input type="checkbox"/> 1500-1599	<input type="checkbox"/> agriculture	<input type="checkbox"/> economics	<input type="checkbox"/> literature	<input type="checkbox"/> sculpture
<input type="checkbox"/> 1600-1699	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> architecture	<input type="checkbox"/> education	<input type="checkbox"/> military	<input type="checkbox"/> social/ humanitarian
<input type="checkbox"/> 1700-1799	<input type="checkbox"/> art	<input type="checkbox"/> engineering	<input type="checkbox"/> music	<input type="checkbox"/> theater
<input type="checkbox"/> 1800-1899	<input type="checkbox"/> commerce	<input type="checkbox"/> exploration/settlement	<input type="checkbox"/> philosophy	<input type="checkbox"/> transportation
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> 1900-	<input type="checkbox"/> communications	<input type="checkbox"/> industry	<input type="checkbox"/> politics/government	<input type="checkbox"/> other (specify)
		<input type="checkbox"/> invention		

Specific dates c. 1910 Builder/Architect

check: Applicable Criteria:  A  B  C  D  
and/or  
Applicable Exception:  A  B  C  D  E  F  G

Level of Significance:  national  state  local

Prepare ~~both~~ <sup>CONTRIBUTING</sup> summary paragraph of significance and a general statement of history and support.

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### Notes

- 1 Prince George's County Assessment Records, E.D. 17, 1910, p. 145.
- 2 Sanborn Insurance Map, 1921, p. 4.
- 3 Sanborn Insurance Map, 1939, p. 201, 1939 corrected to 1954, p. 201.



Chain of Title  
3830 34th Street

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5318:451 30 September 1980 Deed	Joan S. Harper, representative, Philip H. Harper (deceased) to Joan S. Harper. Grantors convey Lot 20 in Block 7, Roger's Second Addition to Mt. Rainier. Plat recorded BDS1:48. Same obtained from William F. Harper, Jr. and Philip H. Harper, 9 February 1980, 5228:740.
5228:740 9 January 1980 Deed	William F. Harper, Jr. and Philip H. Harper to Philip H. Harper. Grantors convey Lot 20 in Block 7. Same obtained from Dominic P. and Anna N. DeSarno, 6 January 1966, 3261:587.
3261:587 6 January 1966 Deed	Dominic P. and Anna N. DeSarno to William F. Harper, Jr. and Philip H. Harper. Grantors convey Lot 20 in Block 7. Same obtained from Margaret E. and Margaret S. Burroughs, 24 August 1961, 2589:116.
2589:116 24 August 1961 Deed	Margaret E. and Margaret S. Burroughs to Dominic P. and Anna N. DeSarno. Grantors convey Lot 20 Block 7. Same obtained from Robert B. and Evelyn C. Mathias, 5 July 1955, 1933:352.
1933:352 5 July 1955 Deed	Robert B. and Evelyn C. Mathias to Margaret E. and Margaret S. Burroughs. Grantors convey Lot 20 in Block 7. Same obtained from William A. and Margaret E. Burroughs, 5 July 1955, 1933:350.
1933:350 5 July 1955 Deed	William A. and Margaret E. Burroughs to Robert B. and Evelyn C. Mathias. Grantors convey Lot 20 in Block 7. Same obtained from Alfred and Jean Cohan, 26 February 1952, 1472:310.
1472:310 26 February 1952 Deed	Alfred and Jean Cohan to William A. and Margaret E. Burroughs. Grantors convey Lot 20 in Block 7. Same obtained from Eugene J. and Maud C. Racca, 31 December 1951, 1464:289.
1464:289 31 December 1951 Deed	Eugene J. and Maud C. Racca to Alfred and Jean Cohan. Grantors convey Lot 20 in Block 7. Same obtained from Jacob Heckman and Paul Lewis, 21 October 1946, 905:273.
905:273 21 October 1946 Deed	Jacob Heckman and Paul Lewis to Eugene J. and Maud C. Racca. Grantors convey Lot 20 in Block 7. Same obtained from Nathan Gildenhorn and Bessie Gildenhorn, 1 April 1946, 828:235.
828:235 1 April 1946 Deed	Nathan Gildenhorn, surviving tenant, Sophie Gildenhorn and Bessie Gildenhorn to Jacob Heckman and Paul Lewis. Grantors convey Lot 20 in Block 7.

Same obtained from George A. and Mary E. Brown and Charles R. Brown, 14 May 1935, 425:153.

425:153  
14 May 1935  
Deed  
George A. and Mary E. Brown and Charles R. Brown to Nathan L. and Sophie Gildenhorn. Grantors convey Lot 20 in Block 7. Same obtained from Henry E. and Mollie P. Soper, 24 November 1922, 190:114.

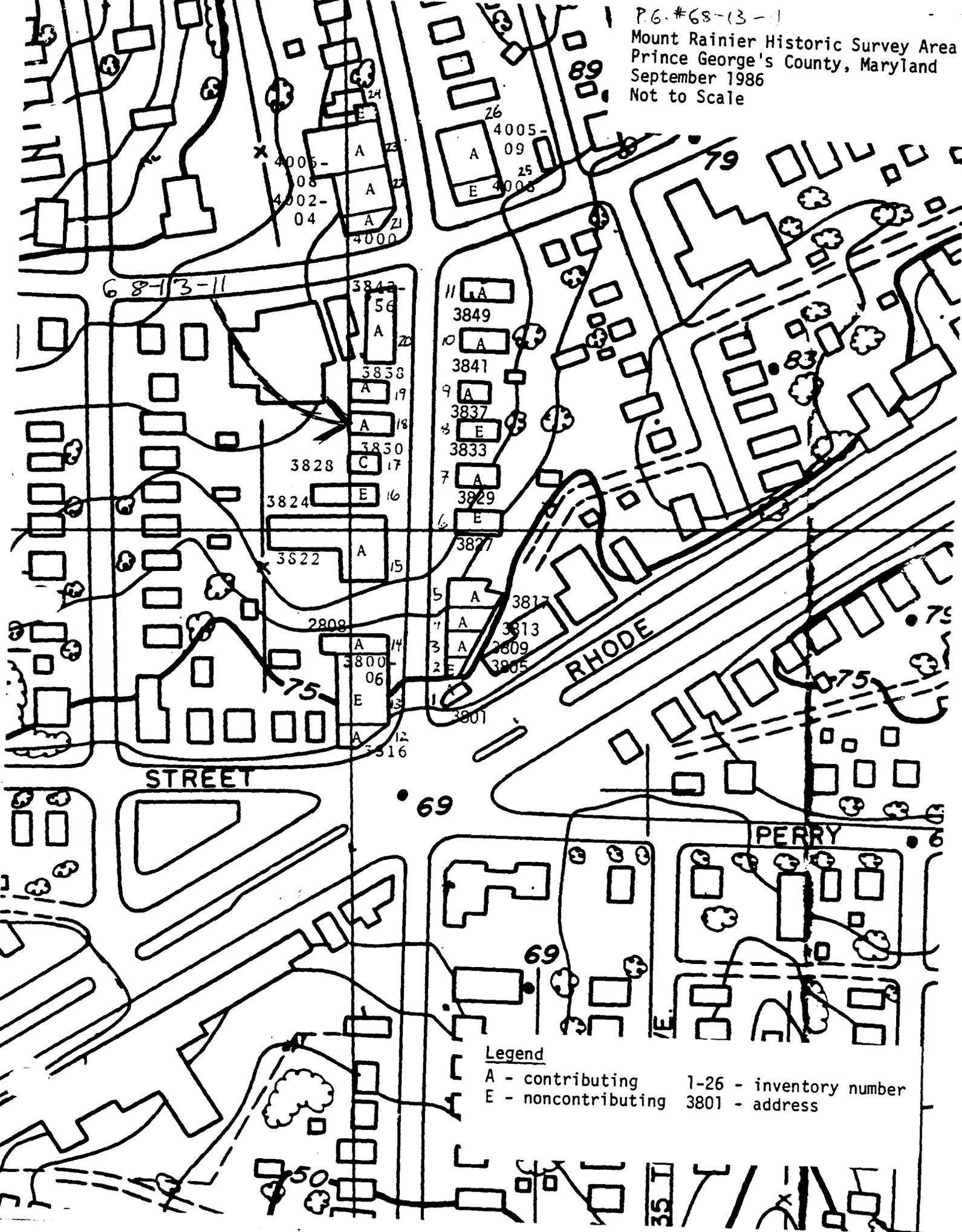
190:114  
24 November 1922  
Deed  
Henry E. and Mollie P. Soper to George A. Brown and Charles R. Brown. Grantors convey Lot 20 in Block 7. Same obtained from Ernest H. Shinn, agent, 9 February 1920, 148:375.

148:375  
9 February 1920  
Deed  
Ernest H. Shinn, agent William W. Bon Durant to Henry E. and Mollie P. Soper. Grantor conveys Lot 20 in Block 7, through default of mortgage from Gabrielle Heudier, 3 September 1919, 132:448.

132:448  
3 September 1919  
Mortgage  
Gabrielle Heudier to William W. Bon Durant. Grantor conveys Lot 20 in Block 7. Same obtained from William W. and Helen L. Bon Durant, 3 September 1918, 137:119.

137:119  
3 September 1918  
Deed  
William W. and Helen L. Bon Durant to Gabrielle Heudier. Grantor convey Lot 20 in Block 7. Same obtained from American Security and Trust Company, 23 September 1908, 49:4.

49:4  
23 September 1908  
Deed  
American Security and Trust Company to William W. Bon Durant. Grantors conveys Lot 20 in Block 7. To clear title, this deed is made.



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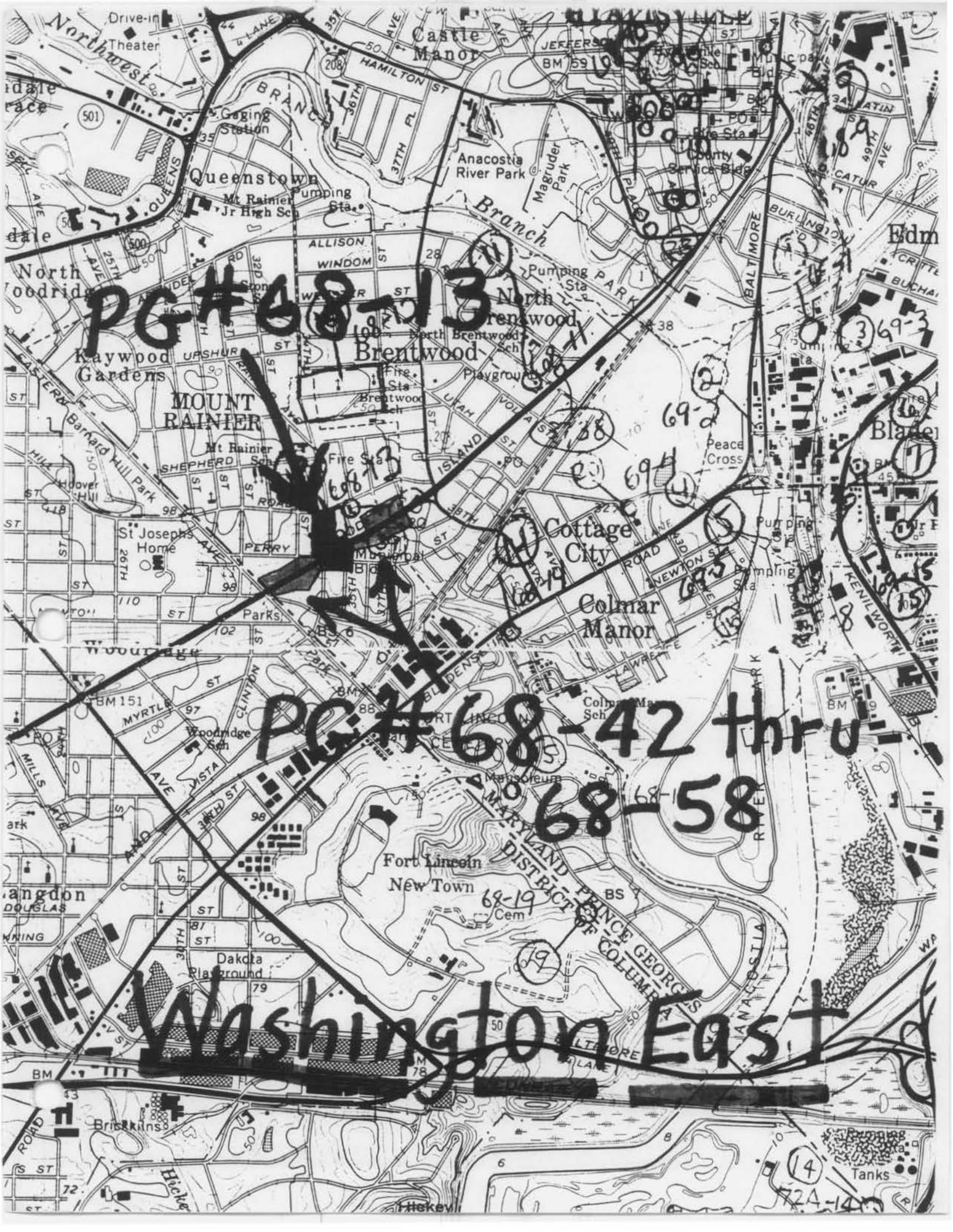
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Legend

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





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W. F. Harper and Son  
3830 34<sup>th</sup> Street  
Prince George's County, MD  
Marina King

May 1986

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Annapolis, MD