

Maryland Historical Trust State Historic Sites Inventory Form

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DOE yes no

1. Name (indicate preferred name)

historic

and/or common 3300-3306 Rhode Island Avenue

2. Location

street & number 3300-3306 Rhode Island Avenue (U.S. Route 1) 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 checked="" type="checkbox"/> building(s)	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> private	<input type="checkbox"/> unoccupied	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> commercial
<input type="checkbox"/> structure	<input type="checkbox"/> both	<input type="checkbox"/> work in progress	<input type="checkbox"/> educational
<input type="checkbox"/> site	Public Acquisition	Accessible	<input type="checkbox"/> entertainment
<input type="checkbox"/> object	<input type="checkbox"/> in process	<input type="checkbox"/> yes: restricted	<input type="checkbox"/> government
	<input type="checkbox"/> being considered	<input type="checkbox"/> yes: unrestricted	<input type="checkbox"/> industrial
	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> not applicable	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> no	<input type="checkbox"/> military
			<input type="checkbox"/> museum
			<input type="checkbox"/> park
			<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> private residence
			<input type="checkbox"/> religious
			<input type="checkbox"/> scientific
			<input type="checkbox"/> transportation
			<input type="checkbox"/> other:

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

name Warren M. Butler

street & number P.O. Box 56300 telephone no.:

city, town Washington state and zip code D.C. 20040

5. Location of Legal Description

courthouse, registry of deeds, etc. Prince George's County Courthouse liber 6036

street & number Main Street folio 99

city, town Upper Marlboro state Maryland

6. Representation in Existing Historical Surveys

title Historic Sites and Districts Plan

date 1981 federal state county local

depository for survey records Historic Preservation Commission, M-NCPPC, CAB, Rm. 401C

city, town Upper Marlboro state Maryland 20772

7. Description

Condition		Check one	Check one
<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.

3300-3306 Rhode Island Avenue is a three-story apartment house constructed of cinder blocks and faced with red brick with a U-shaped plan and a shed roof (see Slides #11, 12 and 13). The building's two secondary facades, along 33rd Street and Perry Street are surmounted by a plain horizontal parapet with a concrete or stone coping. The building's south (Rhode Island Avenue) facade has a stepped parapet incorporating a date-stone inscribed with the year 1936.

The south (Rhode Island Avenue) facade contains three storefronts at the first story. The easternmost storefront consists of a large double door metal and glass entry with sidelights and a tall, single, fixed-pane window to the right (east). The middle storefront is centered below the facade's stepped parapet and has a single wood and glass entry door surmounted by an aluminum awning at left with an adjacent large plate glass display window and a smaller fixed single-pane window at right (east). The westernmost storefront has a single metal clad glass entry door with sidelights and transom at the building's southwest corner which is mitered to face toward the intersection of 33rd Street and Rhode Island Avenue. Flanking the entrance are two large plate glass display windows along the south facade and four large plate glass display windows (all but one of which is boarded up) along the 33rd Street facade.

All three of the facades contain attached and adjacent pairs of 6/1 sash double-hung windows across the second and third stories. The south facade has shallow two-story brick buttresses with tapered concrete or stone caps. The mitered southwest corner of the building has a wide, capped buttress to the second story. The (33rd Street) facade has a double wood and glass entry at its northern end that leads to the upper story apartments. The building's north (rear) facade has a centered double door wood and glass entry and single door entry at its extreme eastern edge. The facade is interrupted by a centered lightwell at the second and third stories.

With the exception of the modern entry door and sidelights of the easternmost storefront, the aluminum awning of the middle storefront entrance and the entry door and obscured 33rd Street windows of the corner storefront, the building appears to maintain its original appearance and architectural integrity.



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/
<input type="checkbox"/> 1700-1799	<input type="checkbox"/> art	<input type="checkbox"/> engineering	<input type="checkbox"/> music	<input type="checkbox"/> humanitarian
<input type="checkbox"/> 1800-1899	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> commerce	<input type="checkbox"/> exploration/settlement	<input type="checkbox"/> philosophy	<input type="checkbox"/> theater
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> 1900-	<input type="checkbox"/> communications	<input type="checkbox"/> industry	<input type="checkbox"/> politics/government	<input type="checkbox"/> transportation
		<input type="checkbox"/> invention		<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> other (specify)
				community development

Specific dates: 1936 Builder/Architect:

check: Applicable Criteria: A B C D
 and/or
 Applicable Exception: A B C D E F G
 Level of Significance: national state local

Prepare both a summary paragraph of significance and a general statement of history and support.

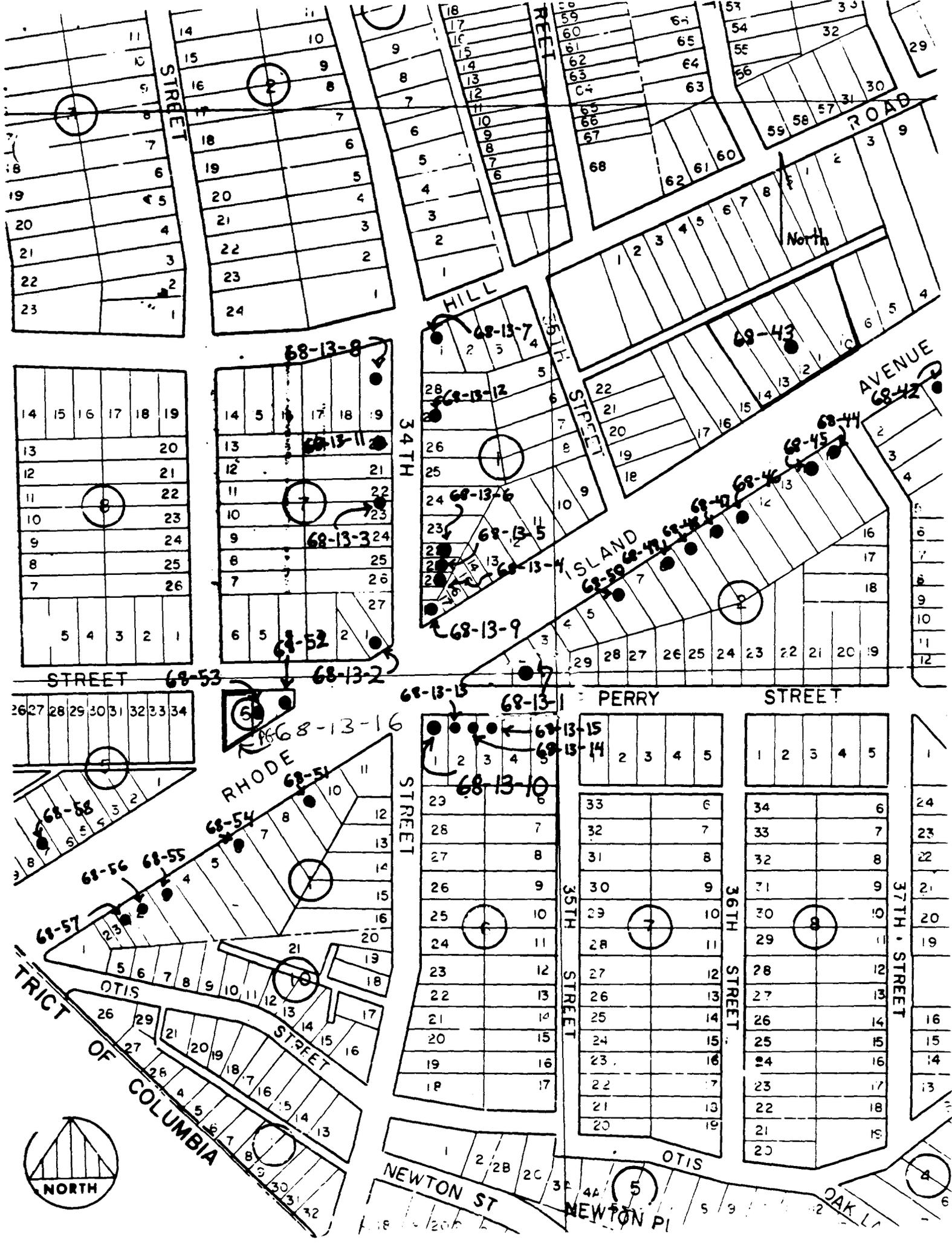
CONTRIBUTING

The three story brick building at 3300-3306 Rhode Island Avenue (Block 6, west 66 feet, Roger's Second Addition to Mt. Rainier) is significant within the survey area as a nearly intact example of 1930's mixed-use construction. The building is located on a triangular block on the north side of Rhode Island Avenue. The corner lot and three fully designed, unattached facades make it one of the most prominent buildings in streetscape. Additionally, 3300-3306 is one of only ~~two~~ ^{three} story buildings in the survey area (see also 3201-3219 Rhode Island Avenue).

As the datestone on the Rhode Island Avenue facade indicates, the building was erected in 1936. The building was erected by Perry Boswell, a prominent local businessman who had purchased the west 66 feet of Block 6 in March of 1936. Boswell retained ownership of the building personally and through a corporation until April of 1955.¹ For a number of years beginning in the late 1930's Boswell operated his insurance business from one of the buildings storefronts, 3304 Rhode Island Avenue.²

Notes

- 1 Prince George's County Land Records, 444:143, 1854:471.
- 2 The Prince Georgian, December 24, 1937, p. 3; December 6, 1940, p. 3.



STREET

HILL

ROAD

North

AVENUE

ISLAND

PERRY

STREET

RHODE

STREET

35TH STREET

36TH STREET

37TH STREET

OTIS

STREET

NEWTON ST

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