

PRINCE GEORGE'S COUNTY
HISTORIC SITE SUMMARY SHEET

Survey #: P.G. #68-38 Building Date: 1903

Building Name: The Quander House

Location: 4512 Rhode Island Avenue (U.S. Route 1)

Private/Residence/Occupied/Good/Inaccessible

Description:

The Quander House is a square frame bungalow with a hipped pyramidal roof, set high on a rock-faced cement block foundation, situated on a small town lot fronting on Rhode Island Avenue. The three-bay east facade has a central entrance with a rectangular transom, flanked by 2/2 double-hung sash windows. The entrance is sheltered by a one-bay hipped roof porch set high on a cement block base. The metal trellis porch posts and balustrade are modern alterations. The house is covered with white, lapped aluminum siding and roofed with asphalt shingle. The boxed cornice has overhanging eaves. The north facade was formerly the main facade. The house was turned a quarter turn due to the extension of Rhode Island Avenue, in 1929. The second bay entrance is surmounted by a transom. The second and third bay are sheltered by a hipped roof screened porch on a high cement block base.

Significance:

The Quander House is significant as one of the earliest houses in North Brentwood, and for its connection to the Hawkins and Quander families. North Brentwood was developed on a part of a 100 acre tract acquired in the early 1890's by a land syndicate called the Holladay Company. Captain Wallace A. Bartlett, a company partner, had served in the Civil War commanding the 19th Infantry of U.S. Colored Troops. In subdividing North Brentwood, it was Bartlett's desire that black families occupy the tract. Lot 6, Block 20, fronting on Railroad Avenue, was acquired from Bartlett by Wesley L. and Frances Carter in 1903. The house was taken by the State Roads Commission in the late 1920's. After the extension of Rhode Island Avenue from the District of Columbia, the house was left on a smaller lot, with its eastern end in the road right-of-way. The house was sold to Emma F. Hawkins by the State Roads Commission in 1930, with the condition that the house be moved at the buyer's expense. Hawkins, widow of North Brentwood's first mayor, Jeremiah Hawkins, owned the house for the next forty years. It was occupied by her adopted son, Vincent Quander, who acquired the property in 1970 and continues to reside there.

Acreage: 2250 square feet

Magi No.

DOE yes no

Maryland Historical Trust State Historic Sites Inventory Form

1. Name (indicate preferred name)

historic

and/or common

Quander House

2. Location

street & number 4512 Rhode Island Avenue (U.S. Route 1) not for publicationcity, town North Brentwood 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 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	Public Acquisition	Accessible	<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 Vincent and Judonne Quander

street & number 4512 Rhode Island Avenue telephone no.:

city, town North Brentwood state and zip code Maryland

5. Location of Legal Description

courthouse, registry of deeds, etc. Prince George's County Courthouse liber 3889

street & number Main Street folio 802

city, town Upper Marlboro state Maryland

6. Representation in Existing Historical Surveys

title N. A.

date federal state county local

depository for survey records Prince George's County Historical Preservation Comm. Rm. 4010/CAB

city, town Upper Marlboro state Maryland

7. Description

Survey No. ^{PC} 68-38

Condition		Check one	Check one	
<input type="checkbox"/> excellent	<input type="checkbox"/> deteriorated	<input type="checkbox"/> unaltered	<input type="checkbox"/> original site	
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> good	<input type="checkbox"/> ruins	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> altered	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> moved	date of move <u>1930</u>
<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.

The Quander House is a square frame bungalow with a hipped pyramidal roof, set high on a rock-faced cement block foundation. It is situated on a small town lot fronting on the west side of Rhode Island Avenue.

The three-bay east (main) facade has a central entrance with a rectangular transom, flanked by 2/2 double-hung sash windows. The entrance is sheltered by a one-bay hipped roof porch set high on a cement block base, reached by a flight of cement stairs. The metal trellis porch posts and balustrade are modern alterations.

The Quander house is covered with white, lapped aluminum siding. The windows have wide aluminum surrounds. The roof is covered with asphalt shingle. The boxed cornice has overhanging eaves. The high rock-faced cement block foundation has boarded-over window openings.

The four bay north facade has formerly the main facade. The house was moved back and turned a quarter turn due to the extension of Rhode Island Avenue, in 1929. The second bay entrance is surmounted by a transom. The second and third bay are sheltered by a hipped roof screened porch on a high cement block base. An exterior entrance to the basement is beneath the porch. Windows on the facade are 2/2 sash.

The south facade is entirely covered by a shed roof, two-by-one bay addition set on the same foundation as the main block. The addition is flush with the east and west elevation of the main block and the siding is uninterrupted in covering the whole.

The west (rear) elevation is three bays on the main block and one bay on the addition. The first bay of the main block projects slightly and is surmounted by an enclosed pediment with a square window.

The interior doors and windows have banded surrounds with a bull's-eye corner blocks. The doorways are surmounted by transoms.

8. Significance

Period	Areas of Significance—Check and justify below			
<input type="checkbox"/> prehistoric	<input type="checkbox"/> archeology-prehistoric	<input type="checkbox"/> community planning	<input type="checkbox"/> landscape architecture	<input type="checkbox"/> religion
<input type="checkbox"/> 1400-1499	<input type="checkbox"/> archeology-historic	<input type="checkbox"/> conservation	<input type="checkbox"/> law	<input type="checkbox"/> science
<input type="checkbox"/> 1500-1599	<input type="checkbox"/> agriculture	<input type="checkbox"/> economics	<input type="checkbox"/> literature	<input type="checkbox"/> sculpture
<input type="checkbox"/> 1600-1699	<input type="checkbox"/> architecture	<input type="checkbox"/> education	<input type="checkbox"/> military	<input type="checkbox"/> social/
<input type="checkbox"/> 1700-1799	<input type="checkbox"/> art	<input type="checkbox"/> engineering	<input type="checkbox"/> music	<input type="checkbox"/> humanitarian
<input type="checkbox"/> 1800-1899	<input 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) local history

Specific dates 1903 **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.

The Quander House is significant as one of the earliest houses in the incorporated town of North Brentwood. The house was probably built shortly after the area was platted as "Holladay Company's Addition to Highlands," in 1905. The house is also significant for its connection to the Hawkins and Quander families, who have been active leaders in North Brentwood and Prince George's County, since early in this century.

The Town of North Brentwood was developed on a part of a 100 acre tract acquired in the early 1890's by a land syndicate called the Holladay Company. The syndicate platted the areas which eventually became Brentwood, North Brentwood, Mt. Rainier and a southern section of Hyattsville.¹ Captain Wallace A. Bartlett, a company partner, had served in the Civil War commanding the 19th Infantry of U.S. Colored Troops, composed of Black men from Southern Maryland and the Eastern Shore. In subdividing the North Brentwood area, it was Captain Bartlett's desire that black families occupy the tract, in tribute to the soldiers who had served in his regiment.²

Lot 6, Block 20, fronting on Railroad Avenue, was acquired from Barlett by Wesley L. and Frances Carter in 1903.³ At that time, the Columbia and Maryland Railway, a trolley line, ran from downtown Washington past the Quander house, up to Hyattsville, on what was to become an extension of Rhode Island Avenue.⁴ North Brentwood then consisted of 15 homes, sheltering approximately 65 people.⁵

The Quander house was acquired by James and Ethel Randall Johnson in 1913.⁶ The Randall and Johnson families were some of the first black families living in North Brentwood.⁷ The Johnson's occupied the house until it was taken by the State Roads Commission in the late 1920's. After the extension and widening of Rhode Island Avenue from the District of Columbia, the Quander house was left on a smaller lot, with its eastern

end in the road right-of-way. The house was sold to Emma F. Hawkins by the State Roads Commission in 1930, with the condition that the house be moved at the buyer's expense.⁸ The house was turned one-quarter turn to the north, so that the east elevation became the north end, and the house was safely out of the right-of-way.⁹ Emma F. Hawkins, widow of North Brentwood's first mayor, Jeremiah Hawkins, owned the house for the next forty years. It was occupied during her ownership by her adopted son, Vincent Quander, who acquired the property in 1970 and continues to reside there.¹⁰

Notes

1 "Vicinity of Washington, D.C.," Published by Griffith M. Hopkins, 302 Walnut Street, Philadelphia. A ca. 1894 map available at Martin Luther King Public Library, Washingtoniana Room, Washington, D.C.; also Land Records of Prince George's County, 96:51.

2 "Bible, Book and Voting Booth: Early Black Institutions and Political History, 1870-1920," Final Report for Fiscal Year 1984-85, Bianca P. Floyd, History Division, M-NCPPC.

3 Prince George's County Tax Assessments, 16th Election District, 1903. Available at Maryland State Archives, Vol. 12241.

4 Interview with Francis X. Geary, Hyattsville Historian, August, 1987; also Land Records, JWB 38:119.

5 Floyd, op. cit., pg. 2, Section Four.

6 Land Records, 96:51.

7 Floyd, op. cit., pg. 2, Section Four.

8 Land Records, 360:17.

9 Interview with Judonne Y. Quander, February, 1987.

10 Land Records, 3196:245, 3196:247, 3889:802; and Floyd, op. cit., pps. 1-10, Section Four.

9. Major Bibliographical References

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See Notes, #8

10. Geographical Data

Acreeage of nominated property 2250 square feet

MAP 50 B-2

Quadrangle name Washington East E

Quadrangle scale _____

UTM References do NOT complete UTM references

A
 Zone Easting Northing

B
 Zone Easting Northing

C

D

E

F

G

H

Verbal boundary description and justification

List all states and counties for properties overlapping state or county boundaries

state	code	county	code

state	code	county	code

11. Form Prepared By

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organization Preservation Commission

date August, 1987

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city or town Upper Marlboro

state Maryland

The Maryland Historic Sites Inventory was officially created by an Act of the Maryland Legislature to be found in the Annotated Code of Maryland, Article 41, Section 181 KA, 1974 supplement.

The survey and inventory are being prepared for information and record purposes only and do not constitute any infringement of individual property rights.

return to: Maryland Historical Trust
Shaw House
21 State Circle
Annapolis, Maryland 21401
(301) 269-2438

Chain of Title

Quander House
P.G. #68-38

- 3889:802
Nov. 1970
Deed
J. Bowie Lillard to Vincent T. and Judonne Y. Quander. For \$10 grantor conveys that parcel in 17th Election District. Same obtained prior hereto. East half Lot 5, Block 11 and part of Lot 6, Block 20 of Holliday Co.'s. Addition to Brentwood.
- 3889:800
20 Oct 1970
Deed
Vincent T. Quander to J. Bowie Lillard, that parcel in 17th Election District described above. Part of that obtained from Waldo and Eleanor Burnside, August 25, 1965, 3196:247.
- 3196:247
25 Aug. 1965
Deed
Waldo and Eleanor Burnside to Emma F. Hawkins and Vincent T. Quander. For \$10 grantors convey same recorded prior hereto.
- 3196:245
25 Aug. 1965
Deed
Emma F. Hawkins, widow to Waldo Burnside. For \$10 grantor conveys:

Parcel 1 part of Lot 6 in Block 20. Same conveyed by State Roads Commission, December 19, 1930, 360:17.
- 360:17
19 Dec. 1930
Deed
State Roads Commission of Maryland to Emma F. Hawkins. For \$1,200 grantor convey all of Lot 6 not taken by road extension. Grantee must move dwelling at own expense.
- 96:51
27 May 1913
Deed
Frances Carter Johnson of D.C. to James and Ethel Johnson. For \$10 grantors convey Lot 6 in Block 20, Same conveyed to Frances Carter by Wesley L. Carter, March 4, 1910, 55:513, with improvements.
- 94:52
27 May 1913
Mortgage
James and Ethel Johnson of Brentwood to Francis Carter Johnson. Indebted for \$100 and to Hyattsville Building Association for \$600.
- 55:513
4 March 1910
Deed
Wesley L. Carter of D.C. to Frances Carter, his wife. For \$10 grantor conveys Lot 6, Block 20. Subject to Mortgage by Hyattsville Building Association, September 18, 1905, 26:440.
- 26:440
18 Sept. 1905
Mortgage
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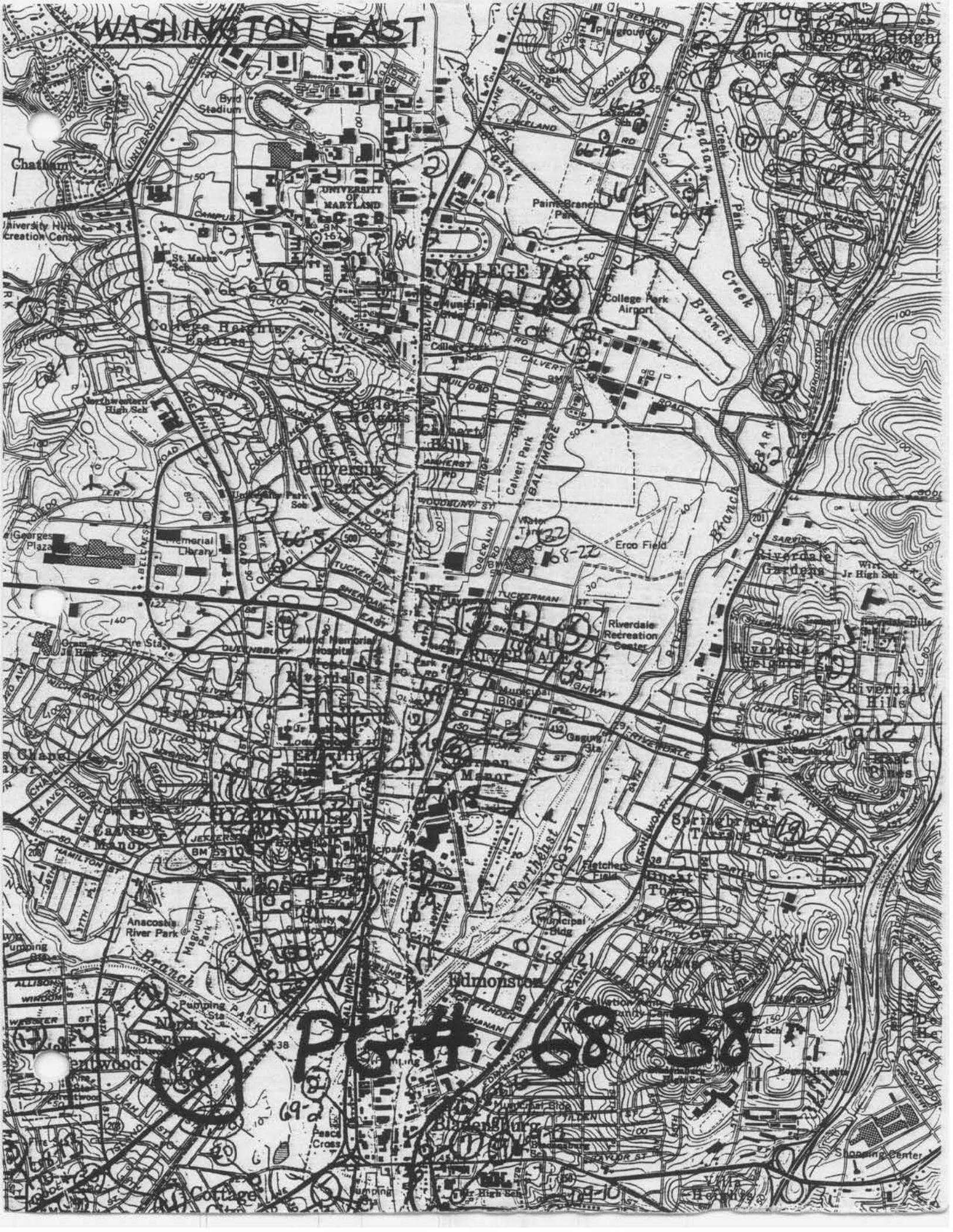
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WASHINGTON EAST



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69-2

69-10



NE

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Quander House
Prince George's County, Maryland
Marina King
February 1987
Northeast elevation
Neg: Maryland Historical Trust
Annapolis, MD



Quander House

SE

P.G. #68-38

Quander House
Prince George's County, Maryland
Marina King
February 1987
Southeast elevation
Neg: Maryland Historical Trust
Annapolis, MD