

PRINCE GEORGE'S COUNTY
HISTORIC SITE SUMMARY SHEET

Survey #: P.G. #68-48 Building Date: c. 1907

Building Name: Gaver-McDonald House

Location: 3505 Rhode Island Avenue, Mt. Rainier, Maryland

Private/Residence/Occupied/Good/Inaccessible

Description

3505 Rhode Island Avenue is a two-story, single family, frame dwelling of rectangular plan with a gable and cross-gable asphalt shingle roofs. The house is sited on the knoll on the south side of Rhode Island Avenue east of 34th Street. The entire building is sheathed with asbestos shingles, except for the first story north facade which is covered with wood vertical siding. The north (Rhode Island Avenue) facade has a large multi-paned window on its east half. The west half contains a recessed porch that is sheltered by the house's main north sloping roof and contains a single-door entry with a small multi-paned window at right. The north facade contains a gable-end second story on its eastern half. There are two 1/1 sash double-hung windows at the second story on the north facade. The windows of the north facade have decorative shutters. The windows of the east and west facades are also 1/1/ sash double-hung. To the rear (south) of the east facade is a three-sided, faceted bay at the first story. The house appears to have maintained its original configuration and fenestration with the exception of the sheathing of the first story north facade, its large window, the entry door and the modern, inappropriate vergeboard and supporting posts of the north facade porch.

Significance

The frame house at 3505 Rhode Island Avenue (Block 2, Lot 9, Rhode Island Avenue Addition to Mt. Rainier) contributes to the streetscape of early 20th century dwellings on the south side of Rhode Island Avenue east of 34th Street. Although the main (north) facade has been modernized with some inappropriate decoration and sheathing the dwelling's early character is largely intact and contributes to the architectural variety of the survey area. The house was built by John and Alice Gaver who had purchased Lot 9 from Messrs. Bigelow, Spalding and Rogers in November of 1905. Assessment records indicate that Lot 9 was improved by 1907 with a structure valued at \$1,100. Probably completed during 1906, the house would be one of the earliest completed on this block.

Maryland Historical Trust State Historic Sites Inventory Form

Magi No.

DOE yes no

1. Name (indicate preferred name)

historic Gaver-McDonald House

and/or common 3505 Rhode Island Avenue

2. Location

street & number 3505 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 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 Albert V. and Mary J. McDonald

street & number 6106 44th Place telephone no.: (301) 699-8670

city, town Riverdale state and zip code Maryland 20737

5. Location of Legal Description

courthouse, registry of deeds, etc. Prince George's County Courthouse liber 6144

street & number Main Street folio 820

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. 401

city, town Upper Marlboro state Maryland 20772

7. Description

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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.

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8. Significance

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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 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. 1907 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

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Notes

¹ Prince George's County Land Records, 28:143.

² Prince George's County Assessment Records, E.D. 17, 1907, p. 124.

P.G. 68-48
Chain of Title
3505 Rhode Island Avenue

6144:820
23 July 1985
Deed
Wendell Nusbaum Duff and Edith Lewis Duff to Albert V. and Mary Jane McDonald. Grantors convey Lot 9 in Block 2, Rhode Island Avenue Addition to Mt. Rainier, excepting the rear 6 feet for use as public alley. Plat recorded JWB5:694 or A:6. Same obtained from Leila Bell and Charles R. Bynacker, 15 March 1951, 1343:186.

1343:186
15 March 1951
Deed
Leila Bell and Charles R. Bynacker to Wendell Nusbaum Duff and Edith Lewis Duff. Grantors convey Lot 9 in Block 2. Same obtained from James W. and Florence M. Harrison, 4 October 1945, 810:85.

810:85
4 October 1945
Deed
James W. and Florence M. Harrison to Leila B. Bell. Grantors convey Lot 9 in Block 2. Same obtained from Nelson D. Holmes, 13 June 1941, 598:113.

598:113
13 June 1941
Deed
Nelson D. Holmes to James W. and Florence M. Harrison. Grantors convey Lot 9 in Block 2. Same obtained from Johanna Henzman, 5 September 1940, 571:267.

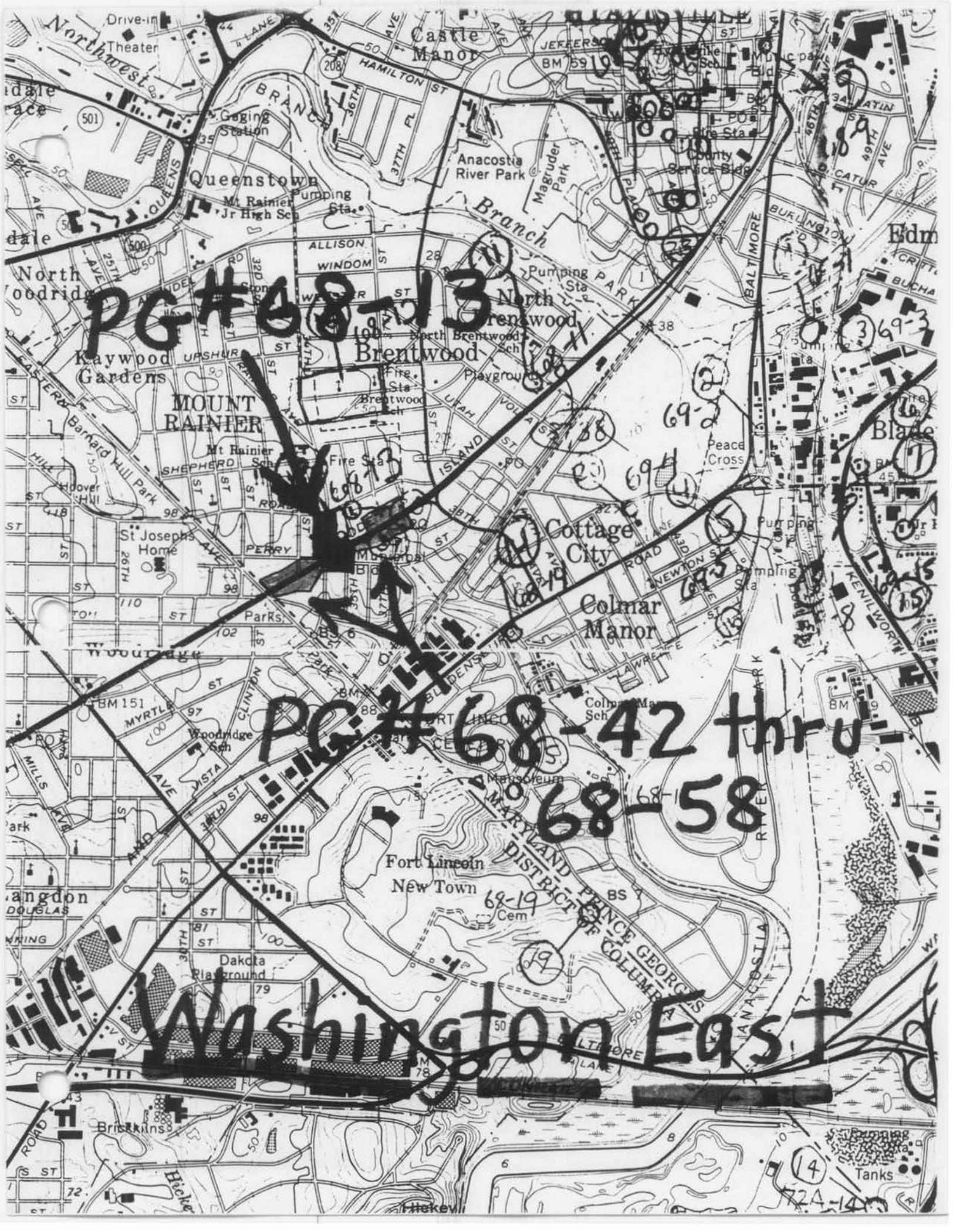
571:267
5 September 1940
Deed
Johanna Henzman to Nelson D. Holmes. Grantor conveys Lot 9 in Block 2. Same obtained from Mary T. Henley, 29 August 1940, 571:265.

571:265
29 August 1940
Deed
Mary T. Henley to Johanna Henzman. Grantor conveys Lot 9 in Block 2. Same obtained from William E. and Anna M. Sheary, 2 December 1921, 174:427.

174:427
2 December 1921
Deed
William E. and Anna M. Sheary to Mary T. Henley. Grantors convey Lot 9 in Block 1. Same obtained from John W. and Alice M. Gaver, 18 June 1915, 106:138.

106:138
18 June 1915
Deed
John W. and Alice M. Gaver to William E. and Anna N. Sheary. Grantors convey Lot 9 in Block 1. Same obtained from Willard D. Bigelow, et al, 17 November 1905, 28:413.

28:413
17 November 1905
Deed
Willard D. Bigelow, E. S. Spalding and J. Harris Rogers to John W. Gaver. Grantors convey Lot 9 in Block 2. To clear title, this deed is made.



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Gaver-McDonald House
3505 Rhode Island Av.
Prince George's Co., MD
Howard Berger
October 1987
Neg: MD Historical Trust
Annapolis, MD