

PRINCE GEORGE'S COUNTY
HISTORIC SITE SUMMARY SHEET

Survey #: P.G. #68-49 Building Date: c. 1909

Building Name: Graft-Ingram House

Location: 3501 Rhode Island Avenue, Mt. Rainier, Maryland

Private/Residence/Occupied/Good/Inaccessible

Description

3501 Rhode Island Avenue is a one story with attic frame dwelling of irregular plan with a gable roof. The essentially square plan of the house has been modified with a one-story, square plan, flat roof addition to the north portion of the east facade. The first story of the main (north) facade is sheathed by a shallow hip roof porch. The single door entry is slightly off-center and there is a small multi-paned window to the left (east). The right (west) portion of the first story projects to the front of the porch and contains a rectangular louvered window. The gable-end attic facade has two 1/1 sash double-hung windows. The west slope of the gable roof contains a centered, shed roof dormer with two 1/1 sash double-hung windows. The east slope of the roof contains a gable-end dormer that is half-timbered and has a sliding glass door leading to the roof of the one story east facade addition. The building's first story and east gable are stuccoed and the gable-end attic is covered with clap-board. The porch roof, main gable and dormers are covered with asphalt shingles. The first story, flat-roofed addition, the sliding glass door of the east dormer and the right hand portion of the first story facade (effectively enclosing that part of the front porch) are not original to the house. Although the additions are stuccoed like the older portion of the house, the incompatible windows lessen the interity of the dwelling.

Significance

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Maryland Historical Trust State Historic Sites Inventory Form

1. Name (indicate preferred name)

historic Graft-Ingram House

and/or common 3501 Rhode Island Avenue

2. Location

street & number 3501 Rhode Island Avenue (U.S. Route 1) not for publication

city, 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 Charles D. Ingram

street & number 3501 Rhode Island Avenue telephone no.:

city, town Mt. Rainier state and zip code Maryland 20712

5. Location of Legal Description

courthouse, registry of deeds, etc. Prince George's County Courthouse liber 5509

street & number Main Street folio 588

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.

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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
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<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 type="checkbox"/> other (specify)

Specific dates c. 1909 **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 Assessment Records, E.D. 17, 1909, p. 137.

9. Major Bibliographical References

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See Notes, #8

10. Geographical Data

Acreage of nominated property _____

Quadrangle name Washington East

Quadrangle scale _____

UTM References do NOT complete UTM references

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	Zone	Easting	Northing

C	<input type="text"/>	<input type="text"/>	<input type="text"/>
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H	<input type="text"/>	<input type="text"/>	<input type="text"/>
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Verbal boundary description and justification

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

state	code	county	code

11. Form Prepared By

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organization	Historic Preservation Commission	date	March 1988
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 21 State Circle
 Annapolis, Maryland 21401
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P.G. 68-49
Chain of Title
3501 Rhode Island Avenue

5509:588 5 March 1982 Deed	Jean H. Miller and Hazel Cook to Charles D. Ingram. Grantors convey Lot 8 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 Hedwig Kaercher, 19 February 1976, 4588:829.
4588:829 19 February 1976 Deed	Hedwig Kaercher to Jean H. Miller and Hazel Cook. Grantor conveys Lot 8 in Block 2. Same obtained from C. Jefferson Dotson, representative, 1 September 1974, 4488:406.
4488:406 1 September 1974 Deed	C. Jefferson Dotson, representative Carl B. Serth (deceased) to Hedwig Kaercher. Grantor conveys Lot 8 in Block 2. Same obtained from Auda C. Harrison et al, devisees, 12 July 1955, 1881:111.
1881:111 12 July 1955 Deed	Auda C. Harrison, et al, devisees of Mattie G. Crocker to Carl B. Serth. Grantors convey Lot 8 in Block 2. Same obtained from Millie M. and Cyrus S. Graft, 7 September 1921, 164:418.
164:418 7 September 1921 Deed	Millie M. and Cyrus S. Graft to Mattie G. Crocker. Grantors convey Lot 8 in Block 2. Same obtained from Willard D. Bigelow, et al, 2 July 1908, 48:58.
48:58 2 July 1908 Deed	Willard D. Bigelow, E. S. Spalding and J. Harris Rogers to Millie M. Graft. Grantors convey Lot 8 in Block 2. To clear title, this deed is made.



STREET

REEL

HILL

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PERRY

STREET

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STREET

35TH

36TH

37TH

OTIS

STREET

DISTRICT OF COLUMBIA

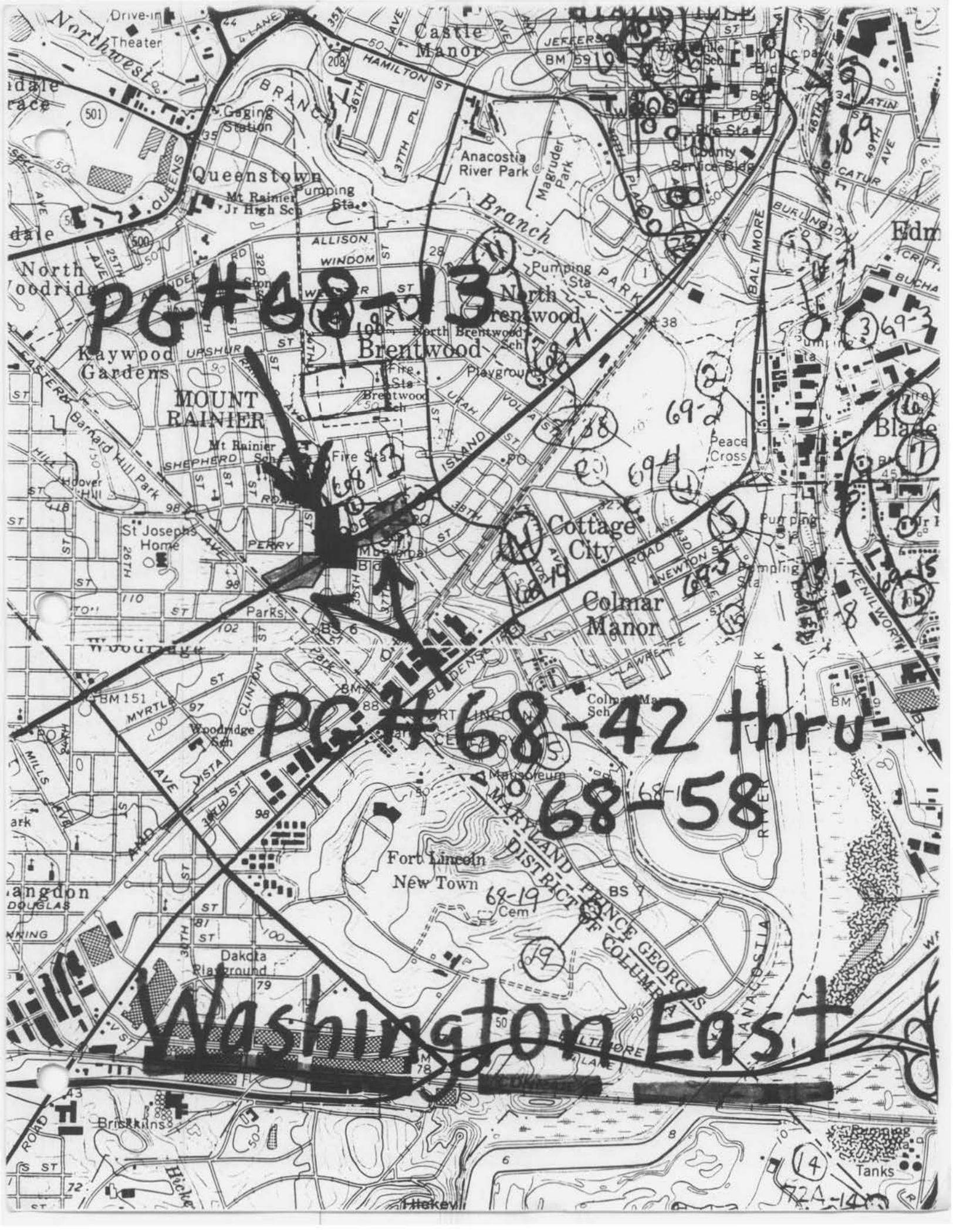
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STREET





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