

PRINCE GEORGE'S COUNTY  
HISTORIC SITE SUMMARY SHEET

Survey #: P.G. #68-57 Building Date: c. 1936  
Building Name: Ebony Casuals/Buckson Brothers - Real Estate  
Location: 3221-3223 Rhode Island Avenue, Mt. Rainier, Maryland  
Private/Commercial/Occupied/Fair/Restricted

Description

3221-3223 Rhode Island Avenue (Block 1, west 1/2 of Lot 2, Roger's Second Addition to Mt. Rainier) is a one-story, two-bay brick commercial building with a rectangular plan. The bays of the north (front) facade are defined by brick piers with slightly recessed vertical rectangular panels. The storefronts are mirror images of one another and identical. Each contains a entry door to the outside and a large single pane show window. Both the door and window are united with a single pane transom. The doors and windows are not original and are aluminum clad. The facade of both storefronts is united with an aluminum awning. Above the awning, centered on each storefront is a contemporary sign. The sign above 3223 is perpendicular to the facade. A simple horizontal parapet with coping conceals a flat roof.

Significance

As a small-scale commercial structure of the 1930's, 3221-3223 Rhode Island Avenue contributes to the architectural and commercial character of downtown Mt. Rainier. As one of several groups of small attached shop-fronts to be found along Rhode Island Avenue and 34th Street, this essentially unadorned building contributes to the early 20th century suburban, small town character of the area. Given its size, it seems likely to have been built to serve the needs of local residents by providing a location for a succession of small neighborhood oriented shops. Although there is no applied ornament or significant level of detail, and the windows and doors have been replaced, this structure adds to the small town character of the streetscape. The building appears to have been built c. 1936 when the property was owned by Harry and Louella Clayton. Assessment records for the property indicate that by 1936 a \$4,000 improvement had been made. The property remained within the Clayton family until 1973 when it was sold to Messrs. Salvatore Danielle and Francis Borelli. The building currently houses two small businesses; a dress shop and a real estate brokers office.

# Maryland Historical Trust State Historic Sites Inventory Form

## 1. Name (indicate preferred name)

historic

3221 - Ebony Casuals

and/or common 3223 - Buckson Bros.-Real Estate

## 2. Location

street & number 3221-3223 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 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 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 checked="" 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 type="checkbox"/> no	<input type="checkbox"/> military	<input type="checkbox"/> other:

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

name Herman E. and Gloria Busey

street &amp; number 3223 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 6395

street &amp; number Main Street folio 459

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

<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 type="checkbox"/> good	<input type="checkbox"/> ruins	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> altered	<input type="checkbox"/> moved    date of move _____
<input checked="" 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 checked="" 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. 1936                      **Builder/Architect**

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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, 1932-1936, p. 75.  
2 Prince George's County Land Records, 434:221; 4194:390.

# 9. Major Bibliographical References

Survey No. P.G. #68-57

See Notes, #8

# 10. Geographical Data

Acreege of nominated property \_\_\_\_\_

Quadrangle name Washington East

Quadrangle scale \_\_\_\_\_

UTM References do NOT complete UTM references

A	<input type="text"/>	<input type="text"/>	<input type="text"/>
	Zone	Easting	Northing

B	<input type="text"/>	<input type="text"/>	<input type="text"/>
	Zone	Easting	Northing

C	<input type="text"/>	<input type="text"/>	<input type="text"/>
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D	<input type="text"/>	<input type="text"/>	<input type="text"/>
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E	<input type="text"/>	<input type="text"/>	<input type="text"/>
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F	<input type="text"/>	<input type="text"/>	<input type="text"/>
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G	<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
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# 11. Form Prepared By

name/title Howard S. Berger, Consultant

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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.

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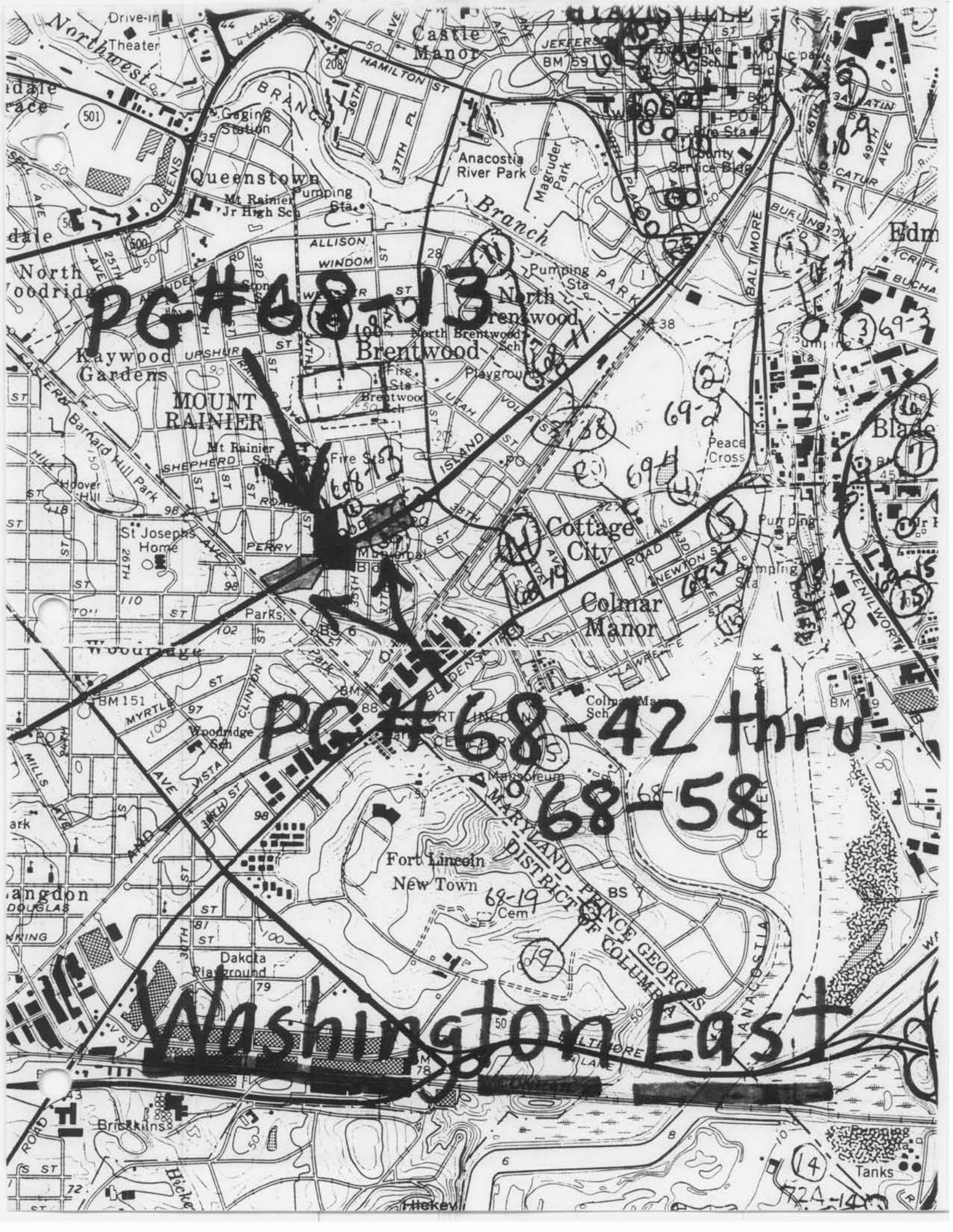
P.G. 68-57  
Chain of Title  
3221-3223 Rhode Island Avenue

6395:459 24 July 1986 Deed	Dharmadas S. and Jeyasundari Abraham to Herman E. and Gloria Busey. Grantors convey west half of Lot 2 in Block 1, Roger's Second Addition to Mt. Rainier. Plat recorded BDS 1:48. Same obtained from Saidi Investments, Inc., 28 April 1982, 5527:390.
5527:390 28 April 1982 Deed	Saidi Investments, Inc. to Dharmadas S. and Jeyasundari Abraham. Grantor conveys part of Lot 2 in Block 1. Same obtained from Raouf Toufic and Mary Victoria El-Jurdi, 1 February 1979, 5056:438.
5056:438 1 February 1978 Deed	Raouf Toufic and Mary Victoria El-Juri to Saidi Investments, Inc. Grantors convey part of Lot 2 in Block 1. Same obtained from Salvatore A. Daniello and Francis A. Borelli, 24 July 1975, 4510:589.
4510:489 24 July 1975 Deed	Salvatore A. Daniello and Francis A. Borelli to Raouf Toufic El-Jurdi. Grantors convey part of Lot 2 in Block 1. Same obtained from Harry K. and Valerie L. Clayton, 9 February 1973, 4194:390.
4194:390 24 July 1973 Deed	Harry K. and Valerie L. Clayton to Salvatore A. Daniello and Francis A. Borelli. Grantors convey part of Lot 2 in Block 1. Same obtained from Genevieve D. Huiess, 7 April 1952, 1486:40.
1486:40 7 April 1952 Deed	Genevieve D. Huiess to Harry K. and Valerie L. Clayton. Grantor conveys part of Lot 2 in Block 1. Same obtained from Harry K. and Valerie L. Clayton, 7 April 1952, 1486:38.
1486:38 7 April 1952 Deed	Harry K. and Valerie L. Clayton to Genevieve D. Huiess. Grantors convey part of Lot 2 in Block 1. Same obtained from Flora M. Clayton Donnelly and Raymond L. Donnelly, 19 May 1948, 1032:382.
1032:38 19 May 1948 Deed	Flora M. Clayton Donnelly and Raymond L. Donnelly to Harry K. Clayton. Grantors convey part of Lot 2 in Block 1. Same obtained from Harry T. and Louella M. Clayton.
434:221 12 December 1935 Deed	Harry and Mary Lebowitz to Harry T. and Louella M. Clayton. Grantors convey part of Lot 2 in Block 1. Same obtained from Julia L. and Donald H. Stilwell, 6 December 1922, 191:125.
191:125 6 December 1922 Deed	Julia L. and Donald H. Stilwell to Harry and Mary Lebowitz. Grantors convey all of Lot 2 in Block 1. Same obtained from Clara P. and Thomas F. Lyons, 22 October 1918, 138:87.

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183:87 22 October 1918 Deed	Clara P. and Thomas F. Lyons to Julia L. Stilwell. Grantors convey all of Lot 2 in Block 1. Same obtained from James C. and Blanche R. Rogers, 26 February 1909, 67:134.
67:134 26 February 1909 Deed	James C. and Blanche R. Rogers to Clara P. Lyons. Grantors convey all of Lot 2 in Block 1. To clear title, this deed is made.





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Ebony Casuals

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