



CONTRIBUTING RESOURCE
MARYLAND HISTORICAL TRUST
INTERNAL NR-ELIGIBILITY REVIEW FORM

PG: 68-61-10

Property Name: 4505 Church Street Survey Number:

Property Address: 4505 Church Street

Project: DBG - "Removal of Blight" Agency: PG County / CDBG

Site visit by MHT Staff: no yes Name Date

District Name: North Brentwood Historic District Survey Number:

Listed Eligible 10/24/88 letter of DOE to HUD from MHT Comment resulting from sketch by Ron Andrews

Criteria: A B C D Considerations: A B C D E F G None

The resource contributes/ does not contribute to the historic significance of this historic district in:

Location Design Setting Materials

Workmanship Feeling Association

Justification for decision: (Use continuation sheet if necessary and attach map)

4505 Church Street is a representative example of the modest single family residences which make up this community which developed as a direct result of the extended Polley Service along Rhode Island Avenue at the turn of the century. The early 20th century bungalows, four-squares, and gable roofed structures such as 4505 Church Street provided working class with "suburban" homes convenient to jobs in Washington, D.C. Though altered, 4505 Church Street retains sufficient integrity to contribute to the streetscape.

Documentation on the property is presented in: PRC files

Prepared by:

Elizabeth [unclear]
Reviewer, Office of Preservation Services

3/18/91
Date

NR program concurrence: yes no not applicable

Reviewer, NR program

Date

PRINCE GEORGE'S COUNTY

HISTORIC SITE SUMMARY SHEET

Survey #: P.G. #68-61-10 Building Date: 1912

Building Name: Nelson-Queen House

Location: 4505 Church Street, North Brentwood, Maryland

Public/Residence/Occupied/Fair/Inaccessible

Description

The Nelson-Queen House is a two-and-one-half story front-gabled frame dwelling. Entrance is through a door with single-pane transom in the first bay of the three-bay west gable front; the facade is sheltered by a one-story shed-roof porch with turned posts, now screen-enclosed. The original German siding is now covered with white asbestos shingle. The cornice is boxed with crown molding, and has wide plywood returns at the gable front. Windows have plain board surrounds, painted light green, as is most of the other trim. The gable roof is covered with gray asbestos shingle. There are two brick chimneys. The floor plan of the house is typical of these urban vernacular dwellings with a long narrow footprint. The main entrance leads into a shallow entry hall, behind which the stairhall fills a long side space, and gives access to two adjoining parlors, front and back. Behind these front spaces, to the east, a shallow kitchen space takes up the full width of the house. Interior trim is typical of the early twentieth-century.

Significance

The Nelson-Queen House is an important element in the black community of North Brentwood; it is a good example of the front-gabled frame dwelling type which was built on the narrow lots of the developing suburbs in the early twentieth century. This house form, with its narrow deep footprint, was well suited to the long narrow building lots platted in early subdivisions. The subject house was built for the family of John and Alberta Nelson, who in 1911 purchased lot 17 in Block C of the Holladay Company's Addition to Highland (Brentwood); the house was built in the following year. The Nelsons lost the property through foreclosure of their mortgage, and after 1917 it was the home of the Norton and Queen families. It was purchased by the Town of North Brentwood in 1990. Although the Nelson-Queen House is in somewhat deteriorated condition, it is representative of a modest and popular house form of the early twentieth century, and therefore exemplifies one of the dwelling forms of the County's developing suburbs.

Acreage: 2,500 Square feet

Survey No. PG#68-61-10

Magi No.

DOE yes no

Maryland Historical Trust State Historic Sites Inventory Form

1. Name (indicate preferred name)

historic Nelson-Queen House

and/or common

2. Location

street & number 4505 Church Street not for publication

city, town North Brentwood vicinity of congressional district 4

state Maryland county Prince George's

3. Classification

Category	Ownership	Status	Present Use
<input type="checkbox"/> district	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> public	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> occupied	<input type="checkbox"/> agriculture <input type="checkbox"/> museum
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> building(s)	<input 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 Town of North Brentwood

street & number Box 196 telephone no.:

city, town North Brentwood state and zip code MD 20722

5. Location of Legal Description

courthouse, registry of deeds, etc. Prince George's County Courthouse liber 7452

street & number 14735 Main Street folio 103

city, town Upper Marlboro state Maryland

6. Representation in Existing Historical Surveys

title None

date federal state county local

depository for survey records

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 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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The principal entrance leads into a small shallow entry hall which leads directly to the staircase. The single-run closed-string staircase rises toward the east along the north exterior wall; it has a plain square newel and turned balusters. There is a small closet beneath the stairway, accessible by a door at the east end. The floor plan of the house is typical of these urban vernacular dwellings with a long narrow footprint; the stairhall fills a long side space, and gives access to two adjoining parlors, front and back. Behind these front spaces, to the east, a shallow kitchen space takes up the full width of the house.

Interior trim consists of typical early twentieth-century multi-band molding with bull's-eye corner blocks. Floorboards are narrow, and probably not original; interior wall are composed of plaster over lath. Two original metal hinges with elaborate Victorian pattern survive: in the door which connects the rear parlor with the stairhall, and in the door of the second-story bathroom.

8. Significance

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Period	Areas of Significance—Check and justify below		
<input type="checkbox"/> prehistoric	<input type="checkbox"/> archeology-prehistoric	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> community planning	<input type="checkbox"/> landscape architecture
<input type="checkbox"/> 1400-1499	<input type="checkbox"/> archeology-historic	<input type="checkbox"/> conservation	<input type="checkbox"/> law
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<input type="checkbox"/> 1800-1899	<input type="checkbox"/> commerce	<input type="checkbox"/> exploration/settlement	<input type="checkbox"/> philosophy
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> 1900-	<input type="checkbox"/> communications	<input type="checkbox"/> industry	<input type="checkbox"/> politics/government
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			<input type="checkbox"/> science
			<input type="checkbox"/> sculpture
			<input type="checkbox"/> social/humanitarian
			<input type="checkbox"/> theater
			<input type="checkbox"/> transportation
			<input type="checkbox"/> other (specify)

Specific dates	1912	Builder/Architect
check: Applicable Criteria:	<input type="checkbox"/> A <input type="checkbox"/> B <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> C <input type="checkbox"/> D	
and/or		
Applicable Exception:	<input type="checkbox"/> A <input type="checkbox"/> B <input type="checkbox"/> C <input type="checkbox"/> D <input type="checkbox"/> E <input type="checkbox"/> F <input type="checkbox"/> G	
Level of Significance:	<input type="checkbox"/> national <input type="checkbox"/> state <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> local	

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

The Nelson-Queen House is an important element in the black community of North Brentwood; it is a good example of the front-gabled frame dwellings which were built on the narrow lots of the developing suburbs in the early twentieth century. This house form, with its narrow deep footprint, was well suited to the long narrow building lots platted in early subdivisions.

The subject house was built for the family of John and Alberta Nelson. In 1911, the Nelsons purchased lot 17 in Block C of the Holladay Company's Addition to Highland (Brentwood) from developers Mills, Adams and Mecutcheon; the house was built in the following year. The Nelsons mortgaged the property to the Hyattsville Building Association, and by 1917 had defaulted on payments. The Building Association foreclosed, and the property was sold at public sale in October 1917. The house was purchased at that time by John T. Norton, who worked as a teamster; it was the Norton family home until 1925 when it was purchased by Emma Hawkins, who owned a large number of properties in North Brentwood. She sold the property in 1939 to Stanley and Sarah Queen, and it remained in the possession of Queen family members until it was purchased by the Town of North Brentwood in 1990.

Although the Nelson-Queen House is in somewhat deteriorated condition, it is representative of a modest and popular house form of the early twentieth century, and therefore exemplifies one of the dwelling forms of the County's developing suburbs.

9. Major Bibliographical References

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Pearl, S.G., Historical Survey, North Brentwood, Maryland, MNCPPC, 1992; Prince George's County Deeds; PGC Tax Assessments; PGC Wills; PGC Estate Files; Federal Census Records for Prince George's County, MD, 1900, 1910; PGC Plats; PGC Equity Court Cases, etc.

10. Geographical Data

Acreeage of nominated property 2500 sq. ft. (Holladay, Block C, lot 17)
Quadrangle name Washington East Quadrangle scale 1:24,000

UTM References do NOT complete UTM references

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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
state	code	county	code

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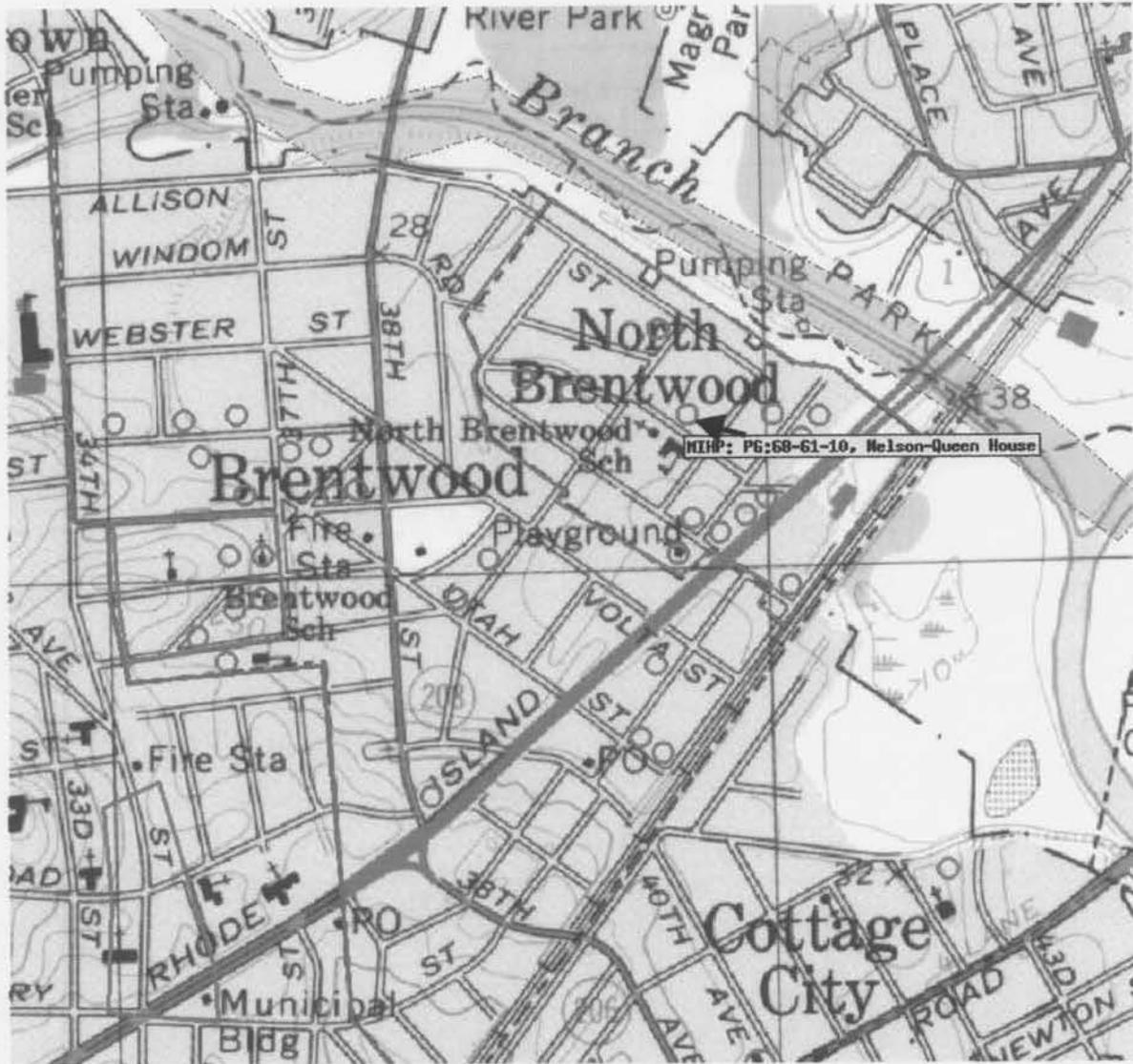
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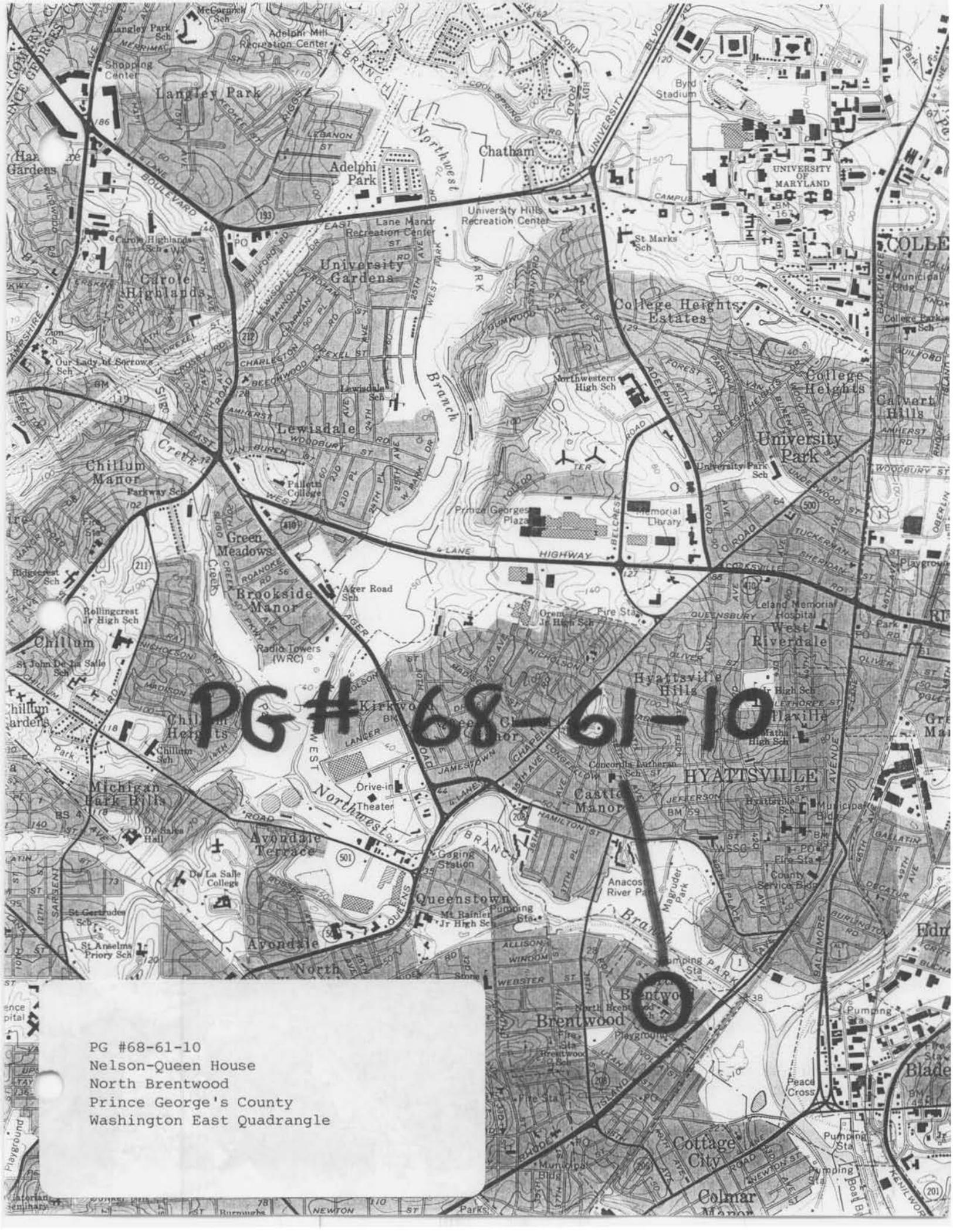


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Nelson-Queen House
4505 Church Street, North Brentwood
Washington East quadrangle





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North Brentwood
Prince George's County
Washington East Quadrangle



Nelson-Peace House
4505 Church Street,
North Brentwood, P.G. Co.
Susan S. Peace
March 1991
Architect 3/4 elevations