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ALLEN FRAME HOUSE  
Main Street  
Oldtown, Maryland  
Latter half of 19th Century

The Allen Frame House is a typical example of rural architecture in Allegheny County. Like many other houses in the County it is two stories high, three bays wide with a gabled roof. Circular ventilators decorate the gable ends, and two original corbeled brick chimneys are present on inside ends of the house. Windows are double hung wooden sash frames with two over two lights and cornices. Overall, the house appears to be conservatively influenced by the Italianate style, which was predominant in Allegheny County during the second half of the 19th Century.

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INVENTORY FORM FOR STATE HISTORIC SITES SURVEY

1 NAME

HISTORIC

Allen Frame House

AND/OR COMMON

2 LOCATION

STREET & NUMBER

Main Street

CITY, TOWN

Oldtown

VICINITY OF

CONGRESSIONAL DISTRICT

Sixth

STATE

Maryland

COUNTY

Allegany

3 CLASSIFICATION

CATEGORY

DISTRICT

BUILDING(S)

STRUCTURE

SITE

OBJECT

OWNERSHIP

PUBLIC

PRIVATE

BOTH

PUBLIC ACQUISITION

IN PROCESS

BEING CONSIDERED

STATUS

OCCUPIED

UNOCCUPIED

WORK IN PROGRESS

ACCESSIBLE

YES: RESTRICTED

YES: UNRESTRICTED

NO

PRESENT USE

AGRICULTURE

COMMERCIAL

EDUCATIONAL

ENTERTAINMENT

GOVERNMENT

INDUSTRIAL

MILITARY

MUSEUM

PARK

PRIVATE RESIDENCE

RELIGIOUS

SCIENTIFIC

TRANSPORTATION

OTHER

4 OWNER OF PROPERTY

NAME

Robert Allen

Telephone #: 395-5192

STREET & NUMBER

Oldtown Road

CITY, TOWN

Oldtown

VICINITY OF

STATE, zip code

Maryland

5 LOCATION OF LEGAL DESCRIPTION

COURTHOUSE,  
REGISTRY OF DEEDS, ETC.

Allegany County Courthouse

Liber #: 428

Folio #: 173

STREET & NUMBER

30 Washington Street

CITY, TOWN

Cumberland, Maryland

STATE

6 REPRESENTATION IN EXISTING SURVEYS

TITLE

DATE

FEDERAL  STATE  COUNTY  LOCAL

DEPOSITORY FOR  
SURVEY RECORDS

CITY, TOWN

STATE

COMMITTEE ON RESEARCH AND SURVEYS

7 DESCRIPTION

<b>CONDITION</b>		<b>CHECK ONE</b>	<b>CHECK ONE</b>
<input type="checkbox"/> EXCELLENT	<input type="checkbox"/> DETERIORATED	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> UNALTERED	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> ORIGINAL SITE
<input type="checkbox"/> GOOD	<input type="checkbox"/> RUINS	<input type="checkbox"/> ALTERED	<input type="checkbox"/> MOVED DATE _____
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> FAIR	<input type="checkbox"/> UNEXPOSED		

DESCRIBE THE PRESENT AND ORIGINAL (IF KNOWN) PHYSICAL APPEARANCE

The Allen Frame House is located on Main Street near the intersection with Greenspring Road in Oldtown, Allegany County, *Ok the North side of street.*

The Allen House is a two story, three bay wide "L" shaped structure covered with weatherboard. The entire building is supported by a low stone foundation that has been covered with cement and has a plain water table. The roof is gabled and covered with tin. Small circular ventilaters ornament the gable ends. The windows are double hung wooden sashes with two over two lights and cornices. The main entrance is located on the main facade and is covered by a hip roofed porch. A second entrance also covered by a porch is located at the apex of the two wings. Two corbeled brick chimneys are located at the inside ends of the building.

**8 SIGNIFICANCE**

**PERIOD**

**AREAS OF SIGNIFICANCE -- CHECK AND JUSTIFY BELOW**

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|---|--|---|---|--|
| <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 checked="" type="checkbox"/> 1800-1899 | <input type="checkbox"/> COMMERCE                | <input type="checkbox"/> EXPLORATION/SETTLEMENT | <input type="checkbox"/> PHILOSOPHY             | <input type="checkbox"/> TRANSPORTATION      |
| <input 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**

**BUILDER/ARCHITECT**

**STATEMENT OF SIGNIFICANCE**

The Allen Frame House, located on Main Street in Oldtown, Allegany County is a typical example of rural architecture in Allegany County. In all probability it was constructed in the latter half of the 19th Century. Like numerous other houses in the county it is two stories high, three bays wide with a gabled roof. Also typical of homes built in the vernacular tradition are the two circular ventilaters located in the gable ends. The predominant architectural style in Allegany County during the second half of the 19th Century was the Italianate. The vernacular tradition would seem to be a more tailored or conservative version of this style.

CONTINUE ON SEPARATE SHEET IF NECESSARY

9 MAJOR BIBLIOGRAPHICAL REFERENCES

Allegany County Land Records, Cumberland, Maryland

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10 GEOGRAPHICAL DATA

ACREAGE OF NOMINATED PROPERTY Less than one acre

VERBAL BOUNDARY DESCRIPTION

LIST ALL STATES AND COUNTIES FOR PROPERTIES OVERLAPPING STATE OR COUNTY BOUNDARIES

STATE	COUNTY

11 FORM PREPARED BY

NAME / TITLE

John Nelson, Steve Beale, Joan Baldwin

ORGANIZATION

Allegany County Historic Sites Survey

DATE

9/2/76

STREET & NUMBER

507 National Highway

TELEPHONE

777-8991

CITY OR TOWN

Levale

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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The Shaw House, 21 State Circle  
Annapolis, Maryland 21401  
(301) 267-1438

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INVENTORY NO. A1-11-B-20

428/173

DATE: 8/20/76

REMODELING: Drastic, moderate, minor

NAME OF PROPERTY: Allen Frame House

LOCATION OF PROPERTY: main st., Oldtown, Md.

DIRECTION DWELLING FACES: South

NAME OF OWNER: Robert Allen 395-5192

ADDRESS: Oldtown Rd.

Oldtown MD 21555

STORIES: 1( ) 2() 3( ) 4( ) 5( ) 6( ) BAYS: 1( ) 2( ) 3() 4( ) 5( ) 6( ) 7( ) ( )

WINGS, ADDITIONS:

Dwelling Shape: (square, cross, rectangular) T shaped

WALL CONSTRUCTION:

- () FRAME: Bevel, clapboard, weatherboard, wood shingles, board & batten (type?)
- ( ) BRICK: Bond type- common, English, Flemish. Sketch variants.
- ( ) STONE: Bond type- rubble, ashlar (random or regular), quoins-plain, rusticated
- ( ) LOG
- ( ) Other: Coverings

WALL FEATURES: BELT COURSE, PILASTERS, OTHERS

FOUNDATIONS: HIGH, LOW, BRICK, STONE covered w/ cement

WATER TABLE: NONE, PLAIN, BEVELED, MOULDED BRICK

WINDOWS, TRIM, SHUTTERS: 1/1( ) 2/2() 6/6( ) 9/6( ) 9/9( ) other( )  
w/cornice pegged ( ) nailed ( ) wide ( ) narrow ( ) mitred ( ) pediment ( )

ENTRANCE, DOORS: LOCATION: main facade + rear porch

HARDWARE: original( ) replaced( )  
FAN LIGHT, TRANSOM, SIDE LIGHTS, PLAIN  
Paneled, Verticle, Horizontal Boards

CORNICE, BARGE, EAVES: (crown, fascia, soffit, bed)  
original( ) replaced( ) Rafter Ends, Modillions, Dentils, Frieze, Architrave

ROOF: GABLE FRONT, GABLE FLANK, HIP, SHED, MANSARD, GAMBREL, FLAT, DORMERS #  
MATERIAL: wood shingles, slate, tin, asphalt original( ) replaced( )

PORCHES: SHAPE OF ROOF - shed( ) hip( ) gable( )

CHIMNEYS: NUMBER 2 BRICK() STONE( ) CORBELLED() original( ) replaced( )  
LOCATION: Flush end( ) Inside end() Outside end( ) Central( ) Interior( )

ARCHES: Door and window: Keystone, Flat, Segmental, Semicircular

COMMENTS:

Use - residence  
Significance - mid 19th C. - to Late 19th  
Date Constructed -  
Condition - poor to Fair

Private dwelling

Previous owners Luteman

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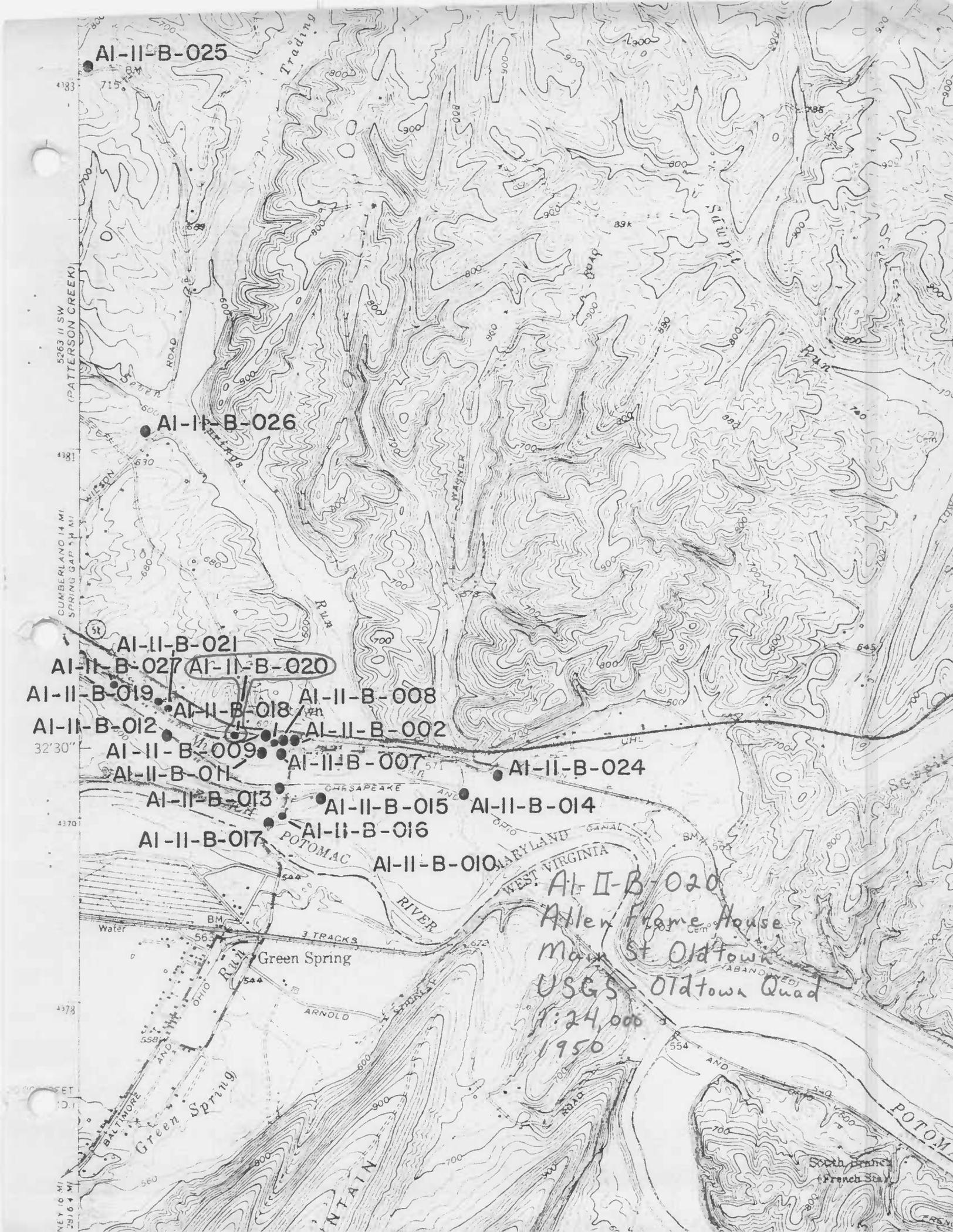
Allen Frame House

Main St Oldtown

USGS Oldtown Quad

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Allen Franz House,

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Main St.

Oldtown

John Nelson

8/20/76

Southwest



Allen Framing House

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main St.

Oldtown

John Nelson

8/20/76

North East