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UNITED STATES DEPARTMENT OF THE INTERIOR
NATIONAL PARK SERVICE

NATIONAL REGISTER OF HISTORIC PLACES INVENTORY – NOMINATION FORM

(Type all entries – complete applicable sections)

STATE:	
COUNTY:	
FOR NPS USE ONLY	
ENTRY NUMBER	DATE

1. NAME

COMMON: Allen Rumsey house

AND/OR HISTORIC: —

2. LOCATION

STREET AND NUMBER: East side of Darlington Road, Rte 161, about 0.1 mi south of intersection with Rte 623

CITY OR TOWN: Darlington

STATE: Maryland | CODE: | COUNTY: Harford | CODE:

3. CLASSIFICATION

CATEGORY (Check One)	OWNERSHIP		STATUS	ACCESSIBLE TO THE PUBLIC
District ☐ Building ☑	Public ☐	Public Acquisition:	Occupied ☑	Yes:
Site ☐ Structure ☐	Private ☑	In Process ☐	Unoccupied ☐	Restricted ☑
Object ☐	Both ☐	Being Considered ☐	Preservation work in progress ☐	Unrestricted ☐
				No: ☐

PRESENT USE *(Check One or More as Appropriate)*

Agricultural ☐	Government ☐	Park ☐	Transportation ☐	Comments ☐
Commercial ☐	Industrial ☐	Private Residence ☑	Other *(Specify)* ☐	
Educational ☐	Military ☐	Religious ☐		
Entertainment ☐	Museum ☐	Scientific ☐		

4. OWNER OF PROPERTY

OWNERS NAME: Allen Rumsey

STREET AND NUMBER:

CITY OR TOWN: Darlington | STATE: Maryland | CODE:

5. LOCATION OF LEGAL DESCRIPTION

COURTHOUSE, REGISTRY OF DEEDS, ETC: Clerk of the Circuit Court

STREET AND NUMBER: Harford County Courthouse 40 S. Main ST

CITY OR TOWN: Bel Air | STATE: Maryland | CODE:

APPROXIMATE ACREAGE OF NOMINATED PROPERTY:

6. REPRESENTATION IN EXISTING SURVEYS

TITLE OF SURVEY:

DATE OF SURVEY: Federal ☐ State ☐ County ☐ Local ☐

DEPOSITORY FOR SURVEY RECORDS:

STREET AND NUMBER:

CITY OR TOWN: | STATE: | CODE:

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7. DESCRIPTION

CONDITION	(Check One) Excellent ☐ Good ☑ Fair ☐ Deteriorated ☐ Ruins ☐ Unexposed ☐	
INTEGRITY	(Check One) Altered ☐ Unaltered ☑	(Check One) Moved ☐ Original Site ☑

DESCRIBE THE PRESENT AND ORIGINAL (If known) PHYSICAL APPEARANCE

Low wooden shingle house, 1½ stories - two windows, two doors ~~[illegible]~~ by ~~four bays long~~, room deep, with two added structures at the back of the house. House faces SW, not ~~does not~~ facing the road but ~~[illegible]~~ bearing off ~~SE NW~~ where the road runs N-S. Windows 4/4 unit fixed ~~[illegible]~~ sash upstairs.

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8. SIGNIFICANCE

PERIOD (Check One or More as Appropriate)

Pre-Columbian ☐	16th Century ☐	18th Century ☑	20th Century ☐
15th Century ☐	17th Century ☐	19th Century ☐	

SPECIFIC DATE(S) (If Applicable and Known) Early 1700's

AREAS OF SIGNIFICANCE (Check One or More as Appropriate)

Aboriginal	Education ☐	Political ☐	Urban Planning ☐
Prehistoric ☐	Engineering ☐	Religion/Philosophy ☐	Other (Specify) ☐
Historic ☐	Industry ☐	Science ☐	Architecture
Agriculture ☐	Invention ☐	Sculpture ☐	Archaeological study warranted *
Art ☐	Landscape Architecture ☐	Social/Humanitarian ☑	
Commerce ☐	Literature ☐	Theater ☐	
Communications ☐	Military ☐	Transportation ☐	
Conservation ☐	Music ☐		

STATEMENT OF SIGNIFICANCE (Include Personages, Dates, Events, Etc.)

House of unknown original ownership, log walls inside the shingles on the south end of the main structure, and iron bars across the windows in that section, indicate that this may have been an old Tavern, as tradition says.

The owner, a carpenter, bought the house about 1910 from Dr Davis Betts - a dentist, who bought the house in turn from Dr Whitefoord.

Mr Rumsey says the road ran behind his house (Traces of that alignment can be seen in a neighbor's field) and that Lafayette's soldiers stopped off at the tavern on their way south to Yorktown from their overnight stay at the Rigbie House.

Traditionally this house and the Red Store or (Hummers, Smiths, now Walkers' Store) vie for the title of oldest house. Archaeological investigation indicated.

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9. MAJOR BIBLIOGRAPHICAL REFERENCES

Jones, Fred C. The Village of Darlington p. 29

10. GEOGRAPHICAL DATA

LATITUDE AND LONGITUDE COORDINATES DEFINING A RECTANGLE LOCATING THE PROPERTY						OR	LATITUDE AND LONGITUDE COORDINATES DEFINING THE CENTER POINT OF A PROPERTY OF LESS THAN ONE ACRE					
CORNER	LATITUDE			LONGITUDE			LATITUDE			LONGITUDE		
	Degrees	Minutes	Seconds	Degrees	Minutes	Seconds	Degrees	Minutes	Seconds	Degrees	Minutes	Seconds
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NE	°	'	"	°	'	"						
SE	°	'	"	°	'	"						
SW	°	'	"	°	'	"						

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 AND TITLE: Jean Ewing

ORGANIZATION: Maryland Historic Trust — DATE: Nov '69

STREET AND NUMBER: 50 State Circle

CITY OR TOWN: Annapolis — STATE: Maryland — CODE:

12. STATE LIAISON OFFICER CERTIFICATION

As the designated State Liaison Officer for the National Historic Preservation Act of 1966 (Public Law 89-665), I hereby nominate this property for inclusion in the National Register and certify that it has been evaluated according to the criteria and procedures set forth by the National Park Service. The recommended level of significance of this nomination is:

National ☐ State ☐ Local ☐

Name _____

Title _____

Date _____

NATIONAL REGISTER VERIFICATION

I hereby certify that this property is included in the National Register.

_____
Chief, Office of Archeology and Historic Preservation

Date _____

ATTEST:

_____
Keeper of The National Register

Date _____

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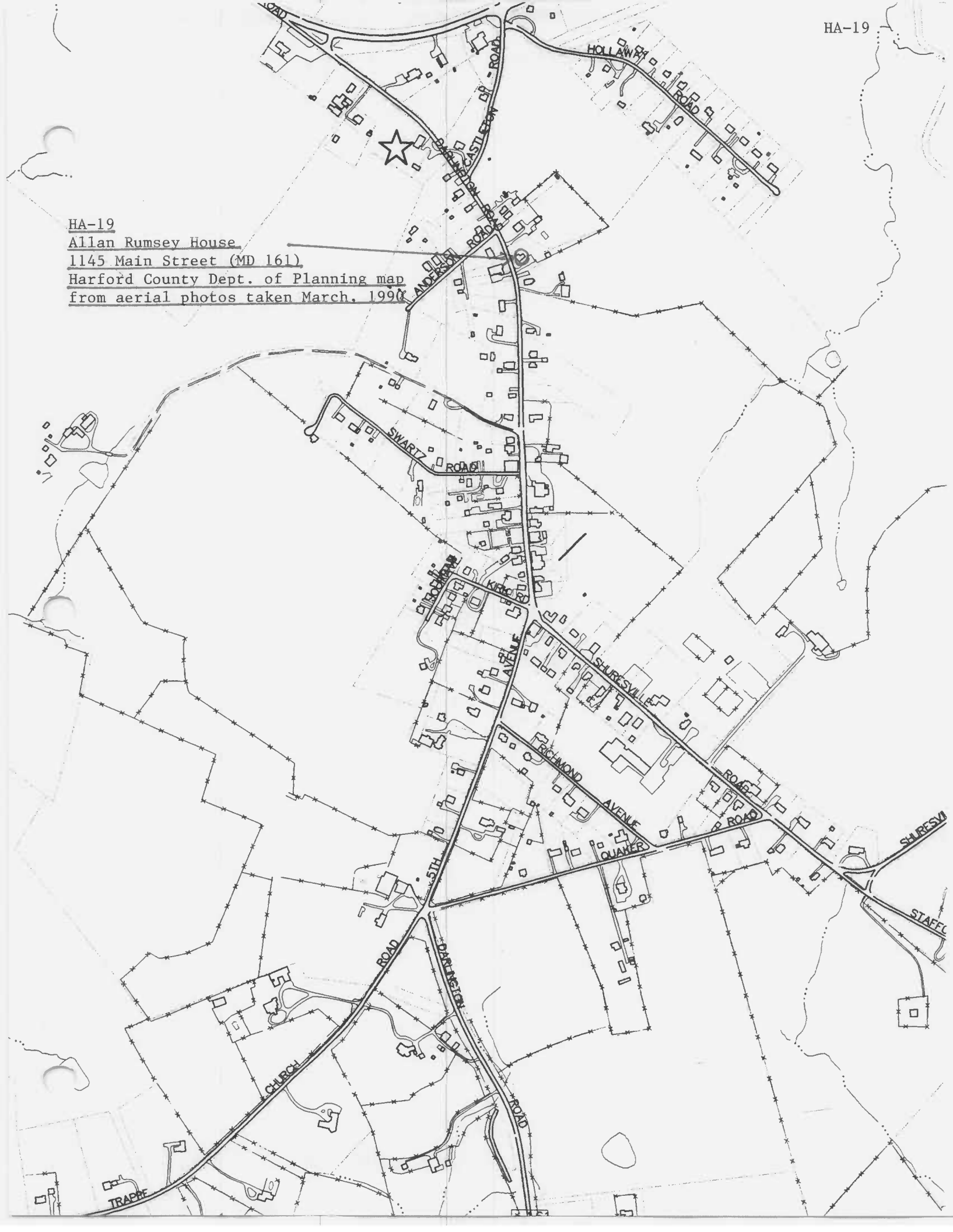

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Allan Rumsey House
1145 Main Street (MD 161)
Harford County Dept. of Planning map
from aerial photos taken March, 1990