

ACHS SUMMARY FORM

(date 10/15/79)

1. Name: Jacob Miller's Log Tobacco House (Allin Log House)

2. Planning Area/Site Number: 14/46 3. M-NCPPC Atlas Reference: Map 7
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4. Address: 22201 Davis Mill Road, Germantown

5. Classification Summary

Category <u>building</u>	Previous Survey Recording <u>M-NCPPC</u>
Ownership <u>private</u>	Title and Date: <u>Inventory of Historical Sites - 1976</u>
Public Acquisition <u>NA</u>	
Status <u>occupied</u>	
Accessible <u>no</u>	Federal <u> </u> State <u>X</u> County <u>X</u> Local <u> </u>
Present use <u>private residence</u>	

6. Date: mid-19th century 7. Original Owner: Jacob Miller

8. Apparent Condition

a. excellent b. altered c. moved (1947)

9. Description: This 2 bay by 2 bay, 2½ story log and frame house sits on a steep hillside facing east. Built on foundations recently strengthened by poured concrete, the log walls have V-notched corners and are chinked and filled by poured concrete. The south 2½ story frame addition to this house has a combination of board and batten siding and flush vertical board siding and a shed roof. The east (front) porch has a shed roof and is screened-in. The east (front) door is glass and wooden paneled. The house has 6-over-6 double-hung windows. The gable and shed roof have asbestos shingles. The log section of the house has board and batten gable ends. There is an exterior brick chimney on the north elevation.

10. Significance: The Allin house is believed to be the only log tobacco house in the County that has been adapted for use as a dwelling. It is an excellent example of an adaptive use of old farm buildings. It signifies the former position of tobacco as a major crop in northwestern Montgomery County.

The house was built by Jacob Miller in the mid-nineteenth century. Bushrod and Thelma Allin took it apart in 1947, and moved it to the present site. The present owner was deeded the title about 1970.

11. Researcher and date researched: Barbara Knapp - 4/79 Candy Reed Arch. Description

12. Compiler: Peg Coleman 13. Date Compiled: 6/79 14. Designation Approval

15. Acreage: 8.75 acres

INVENTORY FORM FOR STATE HISTORIC SITES SURVEY

1 NAME

HISTORIC Jacob Miller's Log Tobacco House

AND/OR COMMON Allin Log House

2 LOCATION

STREET & NUMBER 22201 Davis Mill Road

CITY, TOWN Germantown VICINITY OF _____ CONGRESSIONAL DISTRICT 8

STATE Maryland COUNTY Montgomery

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"/> NO	<input type="checkbox"/> MILITARY <input type="checkbox"/> OTHER

4 OWNER OF PROPERTY

NAME Evelyn H. Allin Telephone #: 428-0312

STREET & NUMBER 22201 Davis Mill Road

CITY, TOWN Germantown VICINITY OF _____ STATE, zip code Maryland 20767

5 LOCATION OF LEGAL DESCRIPTION

COURTHOUSE, REGISTRY OF DEEDS, ETC. Montgomery County Courthouse Liber #: 4011

STREET & NUMBER _____ Folio #: 259

CITY, TOWN Rockville STATE Maryland

6 REPRESENTATION IN EXISTING SURVEYS

TITLE MNCPPC Inventory of Historical Sites

DATE 1976 FEDERAL STATE COUNTY LOCAL

DEPOSITORY FOR SURVEY RECORDS Park Historian's Office

CITY, TOWN Derwood STATE Maryland 20855

7 DESCRIPTION

M: 14-46

CONDITION		CHECK ONE	CHECK ONE
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> EXCELLENT	<input type="checkbox"/> DETERIORATED	<input type="checkbox"/> UNALTERED	<input type="checkbox"/> ORIGINAL SITE
<input type="checkbox"/> GOOD	<input type="checkbox"/> RUINS	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> ALTERED	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> MOVED DATE <u>1947</u>
<input type="checkbox"/> FAIR	<input type="checkbox"/> UNEXPOSED		

 DESCRIBE THE PRESENT AND ORIGINAL (IF KNOWN) PHYSICAL APPEARANCE

This two bay by two bay, two and a half story log and frame house sits on a steep hillside facing east.

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8 SIGNIFICANCE

PERIOD		AREAS 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 checked="" type="checkbox"/> AGRICULTURE	<input checked="" 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 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 **Mid-19th Century** BUILDER/ARCHITECT

STATEMENT OF SIGNIFICANCE

The Allin House is believed to be the only log tobacco house in the County that has been adapted for use as a dwelling, and is an excellent example of an adaptive use of old farm buildings. Located in the valley of the Wildcat Branch of Little Seneca Creek, it signifies the eminent position of tobacco as a crop in northwestern Montgomery County in past years. Tobacco is still grown in this valley, but has been overtaken in turn by corn and wheat, peaches and strawberries and suburban houses on wooded lots as chief use of the valley's fertile soil.

The log tobacco house was built by Jacob Miller in the mid-nineteenth century, and moved to the present site in 1947. (See attached map). Miller had purchased 309 1/5 acres of land in 1840. (1) He built a saw mill on the Wildcat as well as grew tobacco.

The property changed hands numerous times until 1943 (2) when purchased by Percy K. and Hazel A. Norris. (3) Their friends, Bushrod W. and Thelma A. Allin took apart the old log tobacco house and re-assembled it elsewhere on the property. In 1947 the Allins received title to the house and 42.44 acres. (4) They lived in Washington, D.C. and used this house as a vacation home and a place for agricultural experimentation. They added the south wing (5) and deeded the house and 8.75 acres to their son and his wife in 1968. (6) The current owner is their daughter-in-law.

FOOTNOTES:

- 1 Montgomery County Land Records, BS 10/128, 1840.
- 2 JA 58/61, 1896; 248/440, 1915; 642/260, 1936; 642/262, 1936;
- 3 652/398, 1937; 642/262 & 3, 1936.
- 3 921/88, 1943.
- 4 1115/320, 1947.
- 5 Parker Poole, Germantown, Md. Interview. Poole is a longtime resident of the valley on property adjacent to this house.
- 6 3816/889, 1968.

9 MAJOR BIBLIOGRAPHICAL REFERENCES

Land records of Montgomery County.
Parker, Poole, Germantown, Md., interview.

CONTINUE ON SEPARATE SHEET IF NECESSARY

10 GEOGRAPHICAL DATA

ACREAGE OF NOMINATED PROPERTY 8.75

VERBAL BOUNDARY DESCRIPTION

See Attachment Sheet C

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

STATE	COUNTY

11 FORM PREPARED BY

NAME / TITLE	Candy Reed/Architectural Description
ORGANIZATION	DATE
<u>Barbara Knapp</u>	<u>April 1979</u>
STREET & NUMBER	TELEPHONE
<u>Sugarloaf Regional Trails</u>	<u>926-4510</u>
CITY OR TOWN	STATE
<u>Box 87</u>	<u>Maryland</u>
<u>Dickerson</u>	

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.

The Survey and Inventory are being prepared for information and record purposes only and do not constitute any infringement of individual property rights.

RETURN TO: ~~Maryland Historical Trust~~
The Shaw House, 21 State Circle
Annapolis, Maryland 21401
(301) 267-1438

SUGARLOAF REGIONAL TRAILS
Box 87, Stronghold
Dickerson, Md. 20753
(301) 926-4510

INVENTORY FORM FOR STATE HISTORIC SITES SURVEY

1 NAME

HISTORIC

AND/OR COMMON

Allin Log Tobacco House

2 LOCATION

STREET & NUMBER

Davis Mill & Wildcat Road

CITY, TOWN

Goshen

CONGRESSIONAL DISTRICT

(Germantown P.O.)

STATE

Maryland

COUNTY

Montgomery

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
- COMMERICAL
- EDUCATIONAL
- ENTERTAINMENT
- GOVERNMENT
- INDUSTRIAL
- MILITARY
- MUSEUM
- PARK
- PRIVATE RESIDENCE
- RELIGIOUS
- SCIENTIFIC
- TRANSPORTATION
- OTHER:

4 OWNER OF PROPERTY

NAME

T.A. Allin

Telephone #:

STREET & NUMBER

22201 Davis Mill Road

CITY, TOWN

Germantown

VICINITY OF

Maryland

STATE, zip code

5 LOCATION OF LEGAL DESCRIPTION

Liber #:

Folio #:

COURTHOUSE,
REGISTRY OF DEEDS, ETC

Montgomery County Courthouse

STREET & NUMBER

CITY, TOWN

Rockville

STATE

Maryland

6 REPRESENTATION IN EXISTING SURVEYS

TITLE

DATE

FEDERAL STATE COUNTY LOCAL

DEPOSITORY FOR
SURVEY RECORDS

CITY, TOWN

STATE

7 DESCRIPTION

M: 14-46

EXCELLENT
 GOOD
 FAIR

CONDITION

DETERIORATED
 RUINS
 UNEXPOSED

CHECK ONE

UNALTERED
 ALTERED

CHECK ONE

ORIGINAL SITE
 MOVED DATE _____

DESCRIBE THE PRESENT AND ORIGINAL (IF KNOWN) PHYSICAL APPEARANCE

This is a large, log tobacco house that has been converted to a private residence. The rounded logs are exposed, and they have been re-chinked with modern cement. The roof is a steeply-pitched "A" roof.

Did not examine closely-may have other important features.

CONTINUE ON SEPARATE SHEET IF NECESSARY

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8 SIGNIFICANCE

PERIOD

AREAS OF SIGNIFICANCE -- CHECK AND JUSTIFY BELOW

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| | | <input type="checkbox"/> INVENTION | | |

SPECIFIC DATES

BUILDER/ARCHITECT

STATEMENT OF SIGNIFICANCE

Was apparently a farm building for the log house across the road at Butler's Orchard. This is one of very few log tobacco houses still standing in this area, and certainly the only one that has been adapted into a house.

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ACREAGE OF NOMINATED PROPERTY _____

VERBAL BOUNDARY DESCRIPTION

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STATE	COUNTY

11 FORM PREPARED BY

NAME / TITLE

Michael F. Dwyer, Senior Park Historian

ORGANIZATION

M-NCPPC

DATE

3/22/74

STREET & NUMBER

8787 Georgia Ave.

TELEPHONE

589-1480

CITY OR TOWN

Silver Spring

STATE

Maryland

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Attachment Sheet D
Allin Log Tobacco House
Butler's Log House

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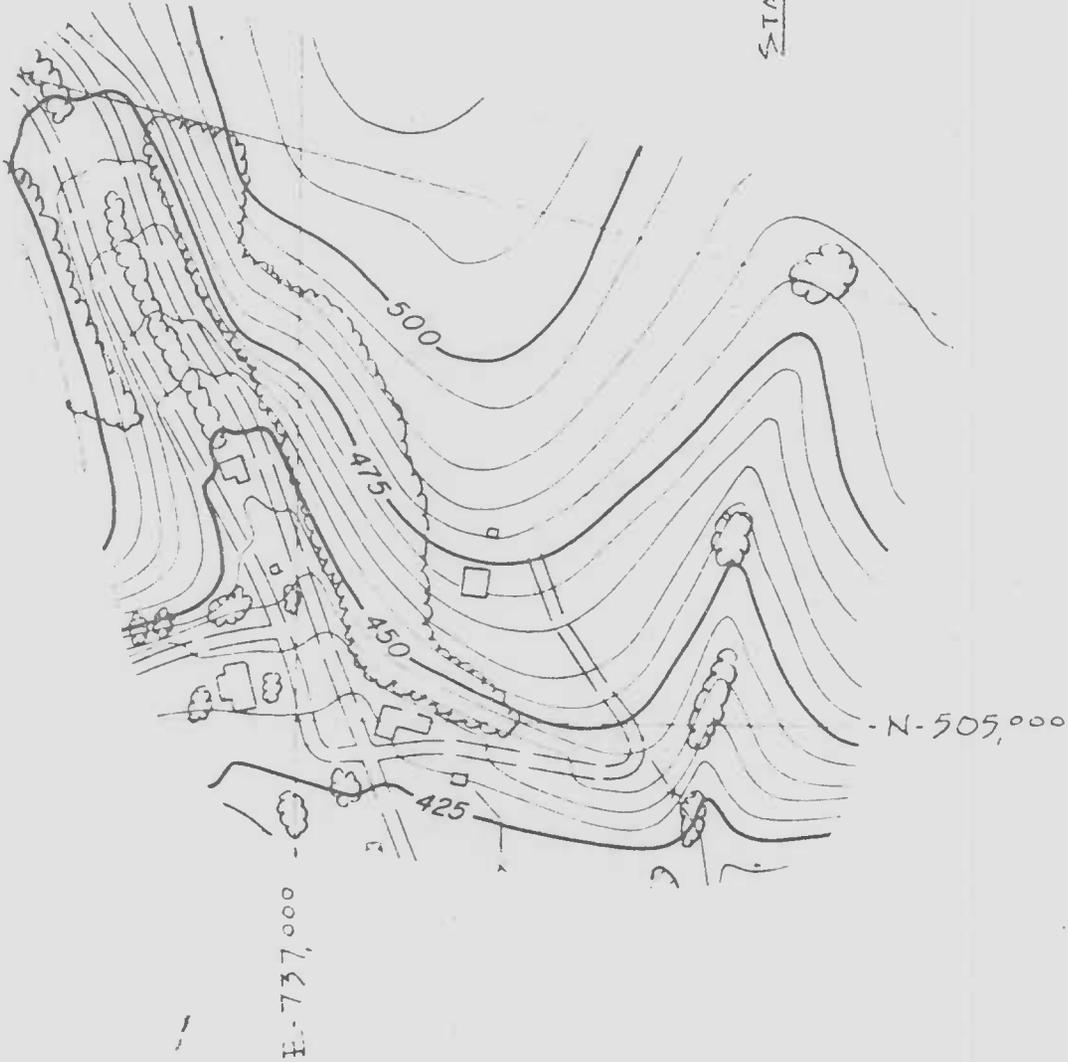
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M: 14/47

1" = 200'

5' CONTOUR
INTERVAL



MARCH '04

Contour map of
part of Butler and Allin
property

PARTS OF TRACT OF LAND CALLED
"THE ADDITION TO BROOKE GROVE" AND ETC.
CANASOUS DISTRICT

PLAT OF LAND
BELONGING TO
EVELYN ALLIN M:14-46

Attachment Sheet C

Allin Log Tobacco Hs.

M: 14/46

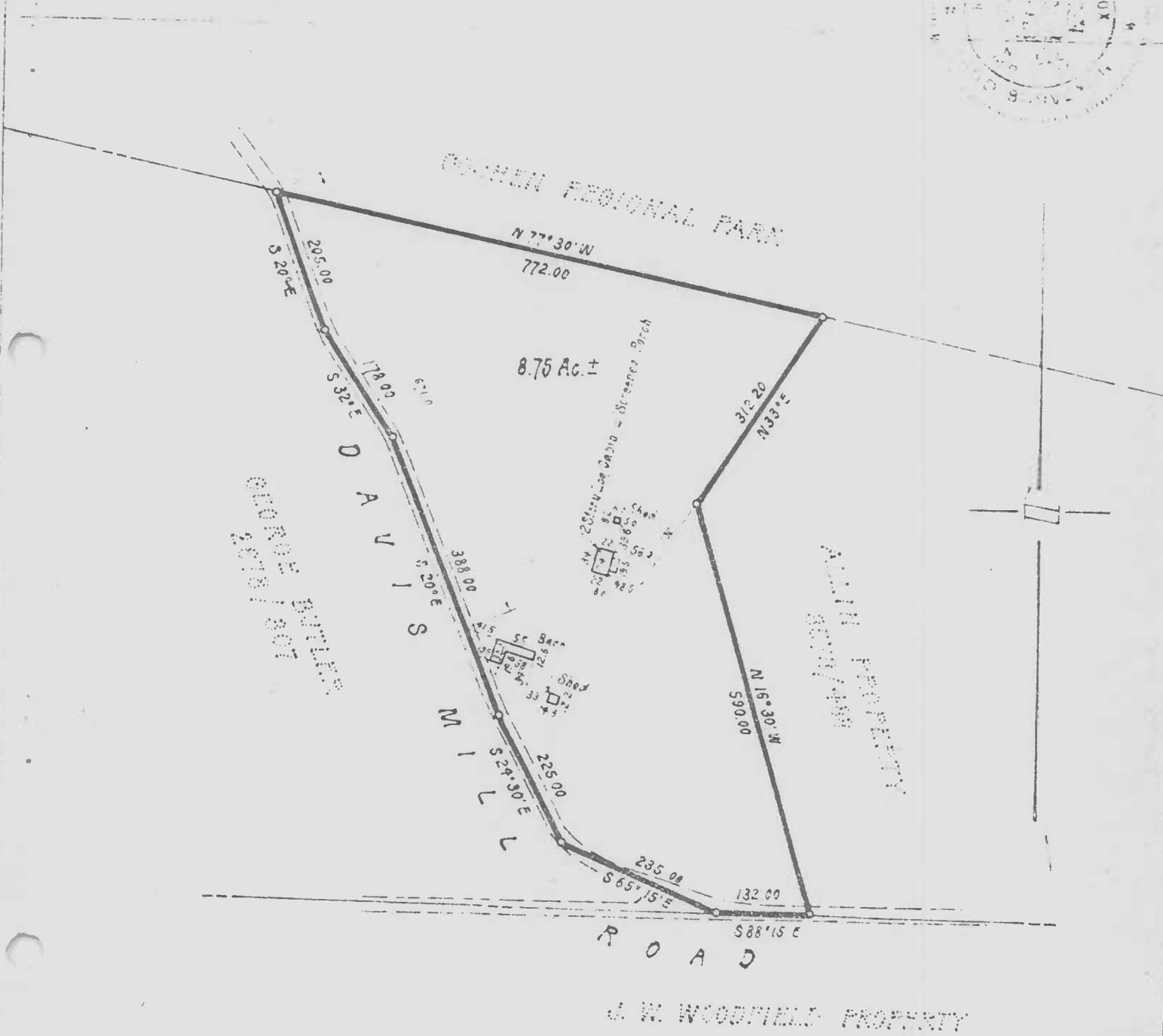
Butler's Log House

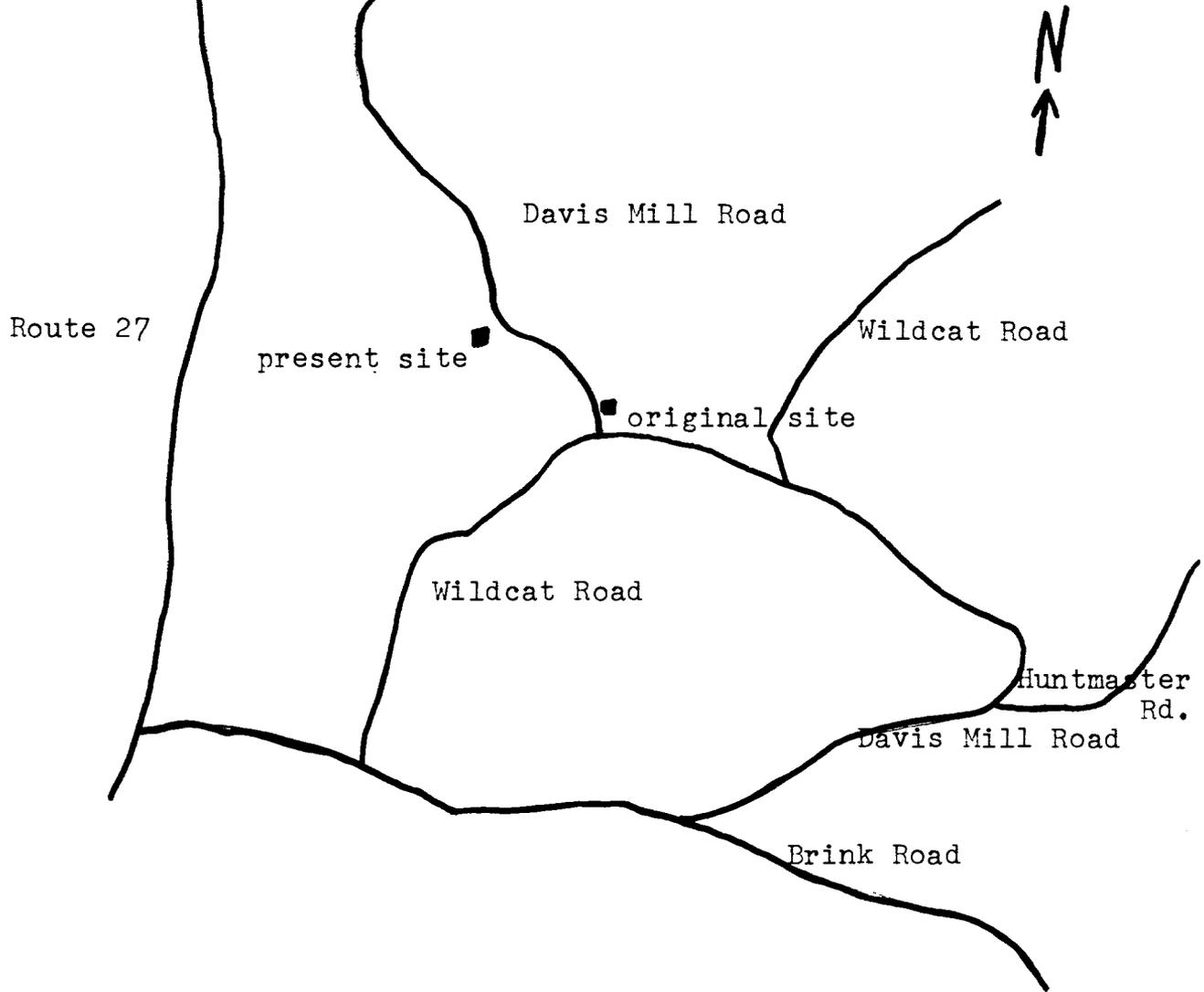
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DATED 10/17/1946

[Handwritten signature]
J. W. WOODFIELD

PREPARED FOR MRS. JOHN ALLIN, SERVANT MARYLAND.





SCALE: 1 inch = 2000 feet

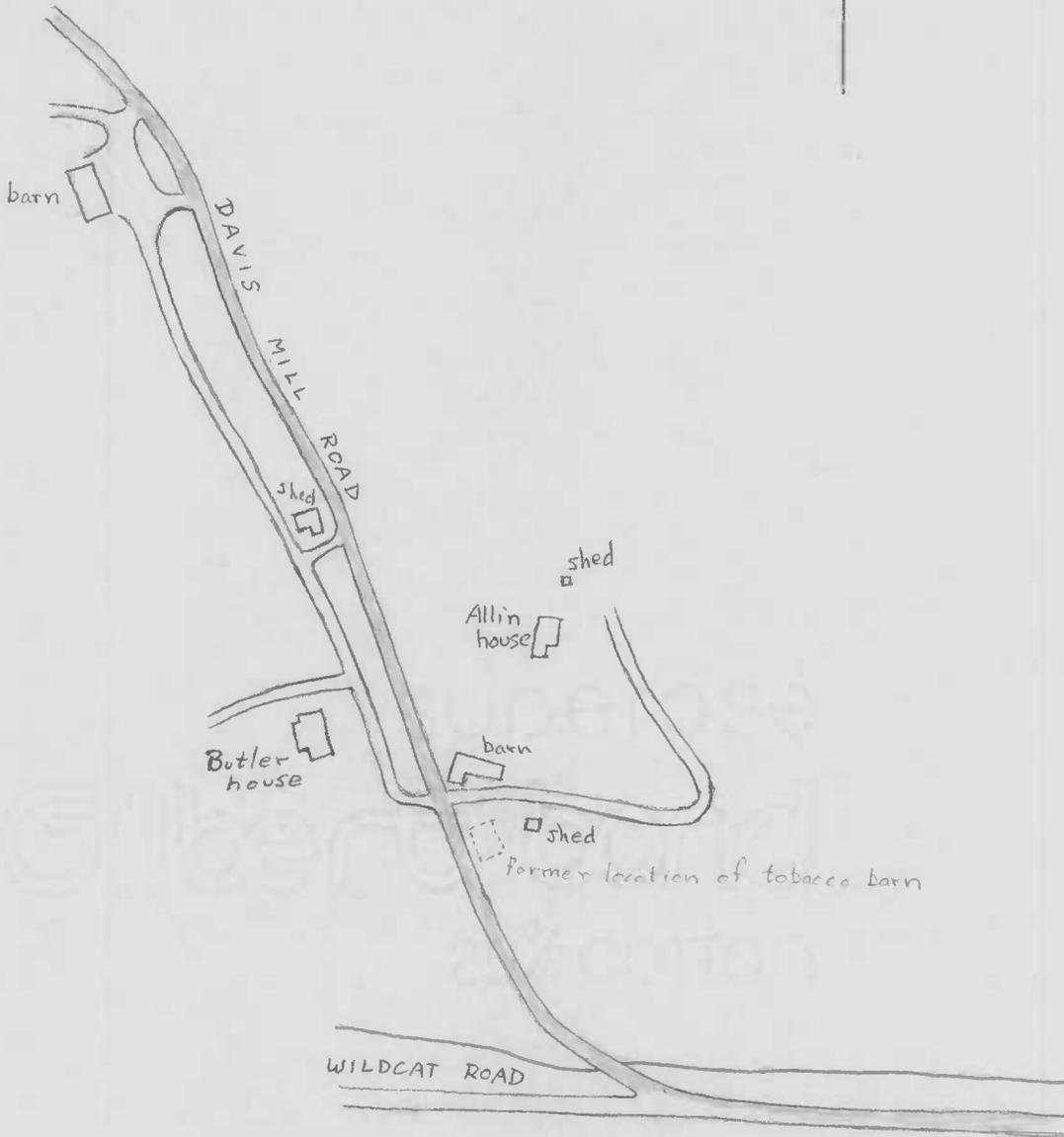
Attachment Sheet B
Allin Log Tobacco House
Butler's Log House

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M. 14-46



1" = 200'





M H-46

Allin house

22201 Davis Mill Rd. Germantown

Feb. 28, 1979

B. Knapp