Maryland Historic Inventory Form
Addendum Sheet

SURVEY NUMBER: M 15-59

BUILDING NAME: George Bennett House

LOCATION: 2708 Spencerville Road, Burtonsville, MD

PREVIOUS DOCUMENTATION BY: P. A. C. Spero & Company, October, 1996 (Addendum to the MHIP form).

ORIGINAL BOUNDARY DESCRIPTION: As documented in the addendum as a follow-up to a previous inventory form developed by the MNCPPC, the boundary was described as following the current property lines of the parcel P600 on Tax Map KS342, encompassing 1.87 acres. It was noted as being the remnant of a farm that originally encompassed 59 acres, reduced to 18.9 acres by 1982 and to its current size when the remainder was subdivided into residential lots, which are currently developed. This boundary was incorrectly described as bounded on the north, south and east by adjacent tax parcels and on the west by Oursler Road. This is incorrect in that it does not document that the site is bounded by MD 198 on the south as the long driveway is included in the tax parcel, a fact corresponding to the boundary depicted on the map developed by P.A.C. Spero & Company showing the boundary jutting into the roadbed of MD 198.

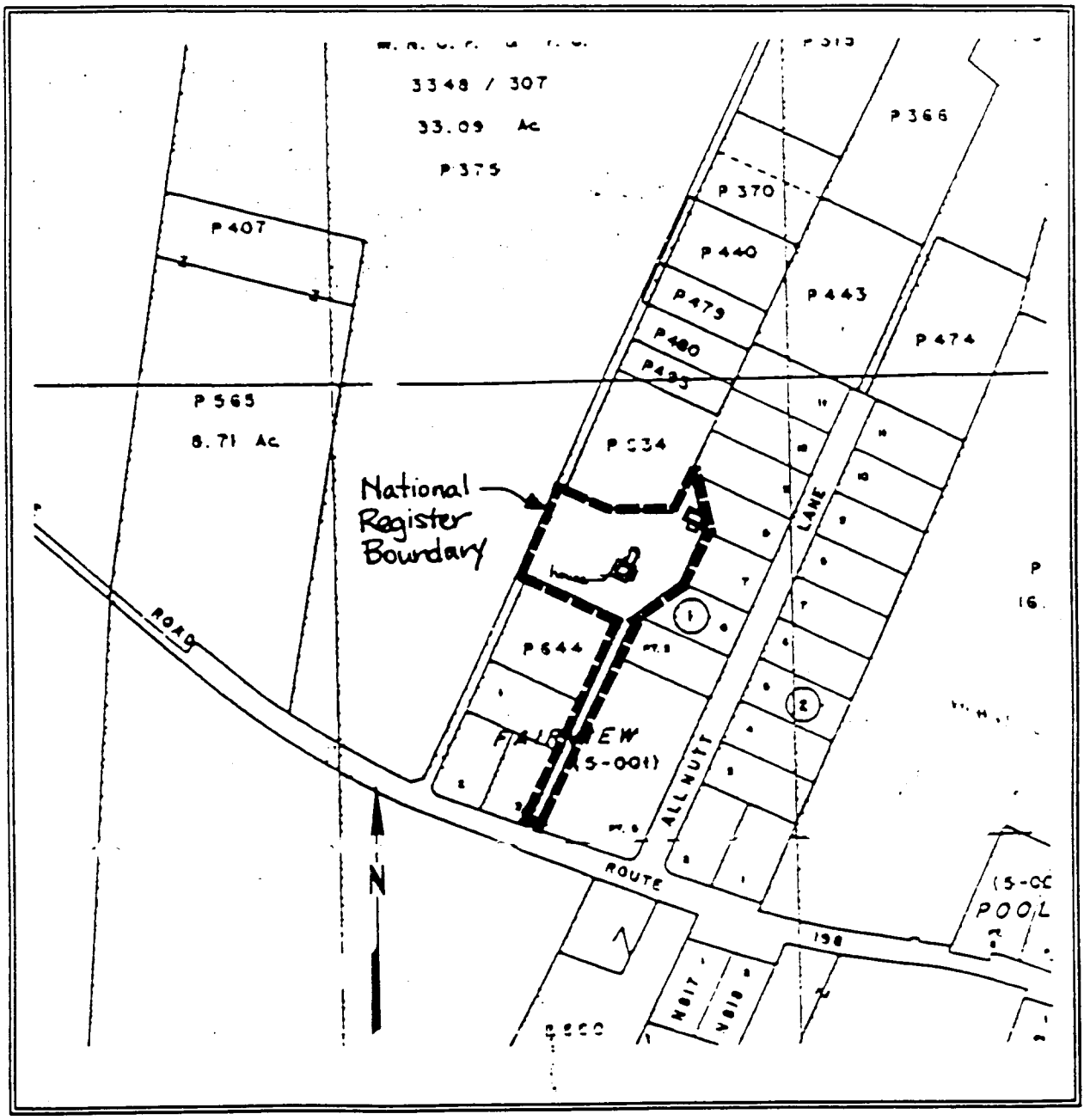
BOUNDARY REDUCTION: This submission documents the fact that the boundary that the consultant developed in 1996 includes a portion of the MD 198 roadway. The reduction of the boundary by a minor amount of land within the roadbed of MD 198, totally inappropriately included in an historic site boundary, probably resulted from a mistake when the current tax parcel mosaic was developed, as all of the adjacent properties developed from the original property, in the vicinity of Oursler Road and Allnut Lane, show a uniform setback, with the George Bennett property the only exception. The amended boundary conforms to the set back at the SHA right-of-way line that exists for the adjacent properties.

PREPARED BY: Rita M. Suffness, Senior Architectural Historian, MD SHA, 14 March 2003

Property Name: George Bennett House
Survey No.: M:15-59 (PACS 03.31)

Property Address 2708 Spencerville Road, Burtonsville, Montgomery County, Maryland
Owner Name/Address Martha R. Lanigan, 14420 Basingstoke Lane, Silver Spring, Maryland 20905
Year Built circa 1860

Resource Sketch Map and National Register Boundary Map:



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MARYLAND HISTORICAL TRUST ADDENDUM SHEET
INTERCOUNTY CONNECTOR PROJECT

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Property Address 2708 Spencerville Road, Burtonsville, Montgomery County, Maryland
Owner Name/Address Martha R. Lanigan, 14420 Basingstoke Lane, Silver Spring, Maryland 20905
Year Built circa 1860

Description:
The George Bennett House, constructed circa 1860, was previously surveyed by the Montgomery County Historic Preservation Commission and the Maryland-National Capital Parks and Planning Commission (M-NCPPC) in 1973, 1976, 1982, and 1994. In 1988, the property was declined for designated as a historic site in the Master Plan for Historic Preservation by the M-NCPPC and was removed from the Montgomery County Atlas of Historic Sites, due to its deteriorated condition and a loss of integrity through the installation of aluminum siding and alteration in the fenestration pattern. In 1992, however, the property was rehabilitated. A detailed description of the rehabilitation was transmitted to MHT through a Continuation Sheet at the time of the rehabilitation. During the rehabilitation, later alterations were reversed, including the removal of the aluminum siding and repair or replacement in-kind of the wood clapboard siding. The fenestration pattern was restored using wood replacement windows (documented through ghost marks on the structure and interviews with previous owners and residents). In addition, the original floor plan of the main core was restored through the removal of interior features added during the 1960s.

A field survey in 1995 verified the condition and restoration of historic features remain consistent with the description provided on the Continuation Sheet in 1992. No changes in the property have occurred since the rehabilitation.

National Register Evaluation:
The George Bennett House, constructed circa 1860, was determined by the Maryland Historical Trust (MHT) to be not eligible for the National Register in 1991, based on "diminished integrity due to recent alterations" (Maryland Historical Trust, Internal NR-Eligibility Review Form, October 31, 1991). Since the time of that determination, however, the insensitive alterations have been reversed and the property has been restored. Therefore, the property now meets Criterion C of the National Register Criteria, as an excellent example of a nineteenth century I-house. Character-defining features of the style, including the floor plan and materials, remain intact or have been appropriately restored and therefore, the period of significance for the property extends from circa 1860 to 1947. The property is not eligible under Criterion A, as research conducted indicates no association with any historic events or trends significant in the development of national, state or local history. Historic research indicates that the property has no association with persons who have made specific contributions to history, and therefore, it does not meet Criterion B. Finally, the property has no known potential to yield important information, and therefore is not eligible under Criterion D.

Verbal Boundary Description and Justification:
The National Register boundary of the George Bennett House at 2708 Spencerville Road, follow the current property lines of parcel P600 on Tax Map KS 342. This .75 hectare (1.87 acre) parcel is bounded on the north, south and east by adjacent tax parcels, and on the west by Oursler Road. The boundary includes the house, a barn, a smoke house, a root cellar, and a long lane which leads to the property from Spencerville Road. All structures within the National Register boundary contribute to the significance of the property. According to deed research, the original acreage of the property was 24.07 hectare (59.5 acres), however, the parcel was reduced to 7.64 hectare (18.9 acres) by 1982 and to its current size some time later. The acreage originally associated with the house is now developed as residential lots. The property is bounded on the north, south and east by residential development and on the west by Oursler Road.

MHT CONCURRENCE:
Eligibility X recommended ____ not recommended
Criteria ___A ___B X C ___D **Considerations** ___A ___B ___C ___D ___E ___F ___G ___None
Comments:

Reviewer, Office of Preservation Services — Date 9-24-98
Reviewer, NR program — Date 8/27/98

Preparer:
P.A.C. Spero & Company
October 1996

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William Donald Schaefer
Governor

Jacqueline H. Rogers
Secretary, DHCD

INDIVIDUAL PROPERTY/DISTRICT
MARYLAND HISTORICAL TRUST
INTERNAL NR-ELIGIBILITY REVIEW FORM

Property/District Name: 2708 Spencerville Road Survey Number: M: 15-59

Project: 2708 Spencerville Road, Spencerville Vicinity Agency: Mont. Co/CDBG
Montgomery County

Site visit by MHT Staff: X no ___ yes Name _____ Date _____

Eligibility recommended ___ Eligibility not recommended X

Criteria: ___A ___B ___C ___D Considerations: ___A ___B ___C ___D ___E ___F ___G ___None

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

This vernacular farmhouse ~~no longer~~ does not meet the criteria for individual listing and has diminished integrity due to recent alterations. It is not located in a district.

Documentation on the property/district is presented in: Maryland Inventory # 15-59

Prepared by: Catherine Crawford MNCPPC

Elizabeth Hannold 10/31/91
Reviewer, Office of Preservation Services Date

NR program concurrence: X yes ___ no ___ not applicable

R Anderson 10 Nov 91
Reviewer, NR program Date

Survey No. M-15-59

MARYLAND COMPREHENSIVE HISTORIC PRESERVATION PLAN DATA - HISTORIC CONTEXT

I. Geographic Region:

___	Eastern Shore	(all Eastern Shore counties, and Cecil)
___	Western Shore	(Anne Arundel, Calvert, Charles, Prince George's and St. Mary's)
X	Piedmont	(Baltimore City, Baltimore, Carroll, Frederick, Harford, Howard, Montgomery)
___	Western Maryland	(Allegany, Garrett and Washington)

II. Chronological/Developmental Periods:

___	Paleo-Indian	10000-7500 B.C.
___	Early Archaic	7500-6000 B.C.
___	Middle Archaic	6000-4000 B.C.
___	Late Archaic	4000-2000 B.C.
___	Early Woodland	2000-500 B.C.
___	Middle Woodland	500 B.C.- A.D.900
___	Late Woodland/Archaic	A.D. 900-1600
___	Contact and Settlement	A.D. 1570-1750
___	Rural Agrarian Intensification	A.D. 1680-1815
X	Agricultural-Industrial Transition	A.D. 1815-1870
___	Industrial/Urban Dominance	A.D. 1870-1930
___	Modern Period	A.D. 1930-Present
___	Unknown Period (___ prehistoric	___ historic)

III. Prehistoric Period Themes:

___	Subsistence
___	Settlement
___	Political
___	Demographic
___	Religion
___	Technology
___	Environmental Adaption

IV. Historic Period Themes:

___	Agriculture
X	Architecture, Landscape Architecture, and Community Planning
___	Economic (Commercial and Industrial)
___	Government/Law
___	Military
___	Religion
___	Social/Educational/Cultural
___	Transportation

V. Resource Type:

Category: Building

Historic Environment: Rural

Historic Function(s) and Use(s): House

Known Design Source: —

M:15-59

CAPSULE SUMMARY

FOR

BENNETT/ALLNUTT HOUSE

2708 SPENCERVILLE ROAD, SPENCERVILLE

Montgomery County Survey Prefix & Site Number: M-15/59

Approximate Building Date: circa 1862 & late 19th century, rehabilitated 1992-93

Town or Vicinity in which Resource is Located: Spencerville

Access: Private

The Bennett-Allnutt House is a rehabilitated two and one-half story frame double parlor plan I-house. Located on an approximately one-acre site just off Spencerville Road (Route 198), the two-door house has clapboard walls and a standing seam metal roof and in overall form appears to be a traditional side-gabled I-house. The Bennett-Allnutt House is locally significant as a rare surviving example of a double-parlor plan I-house in Montgomery County. It is the sole representative of this house type to be identified in eastern Montgomery County and it may be the only mid-nineteenth century frame house in the county that retains sufficient integrity of location, setting and design to represent this amalgam of English and Germanic building traditions.

MARYLAND INVENTORY OF HISTORIC PROPERTIES

Survey No. M:5-59

Magi No.

DOE __yes __no

Maryland Historical Trust State Historic Sites Inventory Form

1. Name (indicate preferred name)

historic George Bennett House

and/or common Plummer Allnut House

2. Location

street & number 2708 Spencerville Road ___ not for publication

city, town Spencerville ___ vicinity of congressional district 8

state MD county Montgomery

3. Classification

Category	Ownership	Status	Present Use	
___ district	___ public	± occupied	___ agriculture	___ museum
± building(s)	± private	___ unoccupied	___ commercial	___ park
___ structure	___ both	___ work in progress	___ educational	± private residence
___ site	**Public Acquisition**	**Accessible**	___ entertainment	___ religious
___ object	___ in process	± yes: restricted	___ government	___ scientific
	___ being considered	___ yes: unrestricted	___ industrial	___ transportation
	± not applicable	___ no	___ military	___ other:

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

name Martha R. Lanigan

street & number 14420 Basingstoke Lane telephone no.: (301)236-9468

city, town Silver Spring state and zip code MD 20905

5. Location of Legal Description

courthouse, registry of deeds, etc. Montgomery County Courthouse liber 10294

street & number 51 Monroe Street folio 767

city, town Rockville state MD

6. Representation in Existing Historical Surveys

title Montgomery County Locational Atlas of Historic Sites

date 1976 ___ federal ___ state ___ county ___ local

pository for survey records M-NCPPC

city, town Silver Spring state MD

7. Description

Survey No. M: 15-59

Condition		Check one	Check one
X excellent	___ deteriorated	___ unaltered	X original site
___ good	___ ruins	X altered	___ moved date of move _____
___ fair	___ unexposed		

Prepare both a summary paragraph and a general description of the resource and its various elements as it exists today.

The Bennett-Allnut House is a rehabilitated two and one-half story frame double parlor plan I-house. Located on an approximately one-acre site just off Spencerville Road (Route 198), the two-door house has clapboard walls and a standing seam metal roof and in overall form appears to be a traditional side-gabled I-house. The ground plan is a simple T with a main two-and-one half story core and two-story rear ell. The double parlor plan I-house core was built ca. 1862 and the ell was added in the late nineteenth century.

The principle elevation of the house faces south toward the main thoroughfare of Spencerville Road and is accessed by the original carriage road. The low pitched roof, internal gable end chimneys and arrangement of the window and door openings (center bay second story double four-over-four windows and twin entry doors with simple transoms flanked by six-over-six windows on each floor) approximate the symmetry of the three-bay center hall Georgian I-houses commonly built in the Spencerville area in this period. However, the English center hall and stair has been abandoned and replaced by a narrow boxed-in medieval stair which curls up on the main block's northwest corner.

The twin front doors access the principal rooms of the house and are covered by a hipped roof porch with simple square columns embellished with jig saw cut trim and porch rails. The remaining fenestration on the main rectangular block includes twin two-over-two windows flanking the internal gable end chimneys at the attic level and six-over-six windows on each level of the north wall on either side of the building's ell.

The ell has a two-story section with an internal gable-end chimney and an one-and-one half story addition to the north. The fenestration of the ell and its addition follow the six-over-six symmetrical window pattern of the main core with the exception that the upper story of the ell addition has smaller square half-windows. The western facade of the ell and addition have simple entries located at the building joints. On this ell elevation there is full length one-story hipped roof porch supported by simple square columns.

Root Cellar

Just to the west of the house's ell is a ca. 1862 barrel vaulted brick and stone subterrean cellar. A flight of steps descend into the space and is covered by a randomly laid stone entry with wooden double doors.

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8. Significance

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Period	Areas of Significance—Check and justify below				
___ prehistoric	___ archeology-prehistoric	___ community planning	___ landscape architecture	___ religion	
___ 1400–1499	___ archeology-historic	___ conservation	___ law	___ science	
___ 1500–1599	___ agriculture	___ economics	___ literature	___ sculpture	
___ 1600–1699	X architecture	___ education	___ military	___ social/ humanitarian	
___ 1700–1799	___ art	___ engineering	___ music	___ theater	
X 1800–1899	___ commerce	___ exploration/settlement	___ philosophy	___ transportation	
___ 1900–	___ communications	___ industry	___ politics/government	___ other (specify)	
		___ invention			

Specific dates ca. 1862 **Builder/Architect** Unknown

check: Applicable Criteria: __A __B X 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.

Summary: The Bennett-Allnut House is locally significant as a rare surviving example of a double-parlor plan I-house in Montgomery County. It is the sole representative of this house type to be identified in eastern Montgomery County and it may be the only mid-nineteenth century frame house in the county that retains sufficient integrity of location, setting and design to represent this amalgam of English and Germanic building traditions.

At first glance the Bennett-Allnut house does not appear to be a significant surviving example of a Germanic building type. Although it is not a copy of the more fashionable English I-houses built in Spencerville in this period, such as the nearby ca. 1864 Duvall-Kruhm (Master Plan #15-60) and the ca. 1870 Spencer/Oursler (Master Plan #15-58) houses, it does approximate their three-bay, two-story I-house form and window and porch design and ornamentation. The outbuildings are also similar and each of these properties has an almost identical stone gable-ended smokehouse. This attention to outward appearance symbolizes the owner's awareness of the social status and conservativism expressed in the prevailing central hall English I-house. Yet, the arrangement of interior space is quite different and reflects a conscious retention of Germanic spatial elements.[1]

Although the double parlor house type was commonly built in this period in Pennsylvania and western and northern Maryland, only four other nineteenth century houses of this type have been identified to date in Montgomery County (Master Plan #23-26 Oaks II and Atlas sites #10-1 Friendship, #13-21 William Shaw House, and #14-25 William Poole House). The Oaks II (ca. 1810) near Laytonsville is a highly significant early example of this double-parlor house built with logs and finished with clapboard siding and a gambrel roof form common to Maryland's Tidewater region. Friendship near Clagettsville is also a double parlor log structure (ca.1780) sided with clapboards that had substantial nineteenth century additions. The William Shaw House (ca. 1870) near Boyds and the William Poole House near Germantown (ca. 1876) are also rare frame I-houses with a double parlor plan. Both houses have been altered and the clapboard walls have been stuccoed. The Poole House was recently removed from the Locational Atlas.[2]

9. Major Bibliographical References

Survey No. M.15-59

See Attached Sheet

10. Geographical Data

Acreage of nominated property 1

Quadrangle name _____ **Quadrangle scale** _____

UTM References do NOT complete UTM references

	Zone	Easting	Northing
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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

11. Form Prepared By

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Smokehouse

Just west and adjacent to the house is a ca. 1862 randomly laid Seneca stone gabled ended smokehouse with a raised seam metal roof.

Barn

A simple, rectangular one level gable-end livestock barn with a loft for forage was built ca. 1862. It was significantly enlarged with the addition of a concrete block side gable addition in the twentieth century when it was converted to use as a garage and storage building.

Background and Description of Rehabilitation

The building was removed from the Montgomery County Atlas of Historic Sites in 1988 because of its deteriorated condition and diminished integrity resulting from the accumulative impact of sheathing with aluminum siding and altered fenestration pattern. In 1991 MHT determined the property was not eligible for the National Register of Historic Places in a Section 106 project review. In 1992 the structure was saved from demolition and carefully rehabilitated.

Until 1992 the Bennett-Allnut house was in a badly deteriorated condition (see 1992 photographs). The rehabilitation preserved existing historic fabric including plaster walls, wood floors and all salvagable interior and exterior woodwork and trim. The aluminum sheathing was removed from the building and the original clapboard siding was repaired or replaced in kind. The historic window design was restored from analysis of past construction ghost marks and interviews with previous owners and residents. Wooden replacement windows were installed where necessary matching the existing historic fenestration. A deck supporting an oil storage tank was removed from the east facade of the ell and brick piers supporting the porch on the west elevation were replaced with square wooden posts in keeping with the historic character of the building.

Interior reconstruction was more substantial including replacing rotted floors, demolition of non-historic additions, and construction of a stair and rooms in the ell. The original floor plan of the main core had been altered in the 1960s by the removal of the center wall between the twin doors. This character-defining feature was reconstructed in 1992 (see first floor plan).

Preservation Planning Data:

a) Geographic Organization: Piedmont

b) Chronological/Development Periods: Agricultural-Industrial Transition - A. D. 1815-1870

c) Historic Period Themes: Architecture

d) Resource Type: Farmhouse

Chain of Title/Owner Information:

Asher Bennett conveyed 59 1/2 acres to George Bennett in 1862. Soon thereafter George Bennett erected his house and settled there with his wife Emma. In February 1924 George Bennett died leaving his property to his wife and daughter Mary. Mary Bennett sold the house to Plummer W. Allnut in 1944. The Allnut family owned the property until the 1980s when it was purchased by Charles Bierbower. The present owner Martha Lanigan purchased the house in 1992.

Cited Land and Estate Records from Crawford, MHT Form (8/82).

Deed	JGH 8/667	Montgomery County Land Records
Deed	933/244	Montgomery County Land Records
Deed	1520/427	Montgomery County Land Records
Deed	3853/808	Montgomery County Land Records
Will	PEW/2/217	Montgomery County Register of Wills
Will	7430	Montgomery County Register of Wills
Will	11764	Montgomery County Register of Wills

Endnotes

1 For a study of this manifestation of cultural identity in Germanic vernacular architecture, see Edward A. Chappell, "Acculturation in the Shenandoah Valley: Rhenish Houses of the Massanutten Settlement." in Dell Upton and John Vlach, **Common Places: Readings in American Vernacular Architecture.** (Athens and London:University of Georgia Press, 1986), 27-57.

2 Information on these comparative properties is on file at the Maryland-National Capital Park and Planning Commission, Silver Spring, Maryland.

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Survey No. M:15-59

Magi No. 1602855504

DOE __yes __no

Maryland Historical Trust
State Historic Sites Inventory Form

1. Name (indicate preferred name)

historic Burton/Allnutt house

and/or common Allnutt house

2. Location

street & number 15701 Oursler Rd. __ not for publication

city, town Spencerville ___ vicinity of congressional district 5th

state Maryland county Montgomery

3. Classification

Category	Ownership	Status	Present Use	
___ district	___ public	___ occupied	___ agriculture	___ museum
_X_ building(s)	_X_ private	___ unoccupied	___ commercial	___ park
___ structure	___ both	___ work in progress	___ educational	_X_ private residence
___ site	**Public Acquisition**	**Accessible**	___ entertainment	___ religious
___ object	___ in process	___ yes: restricted	___ government	___ scientific
	___ being considered	___ yes: unrestricted	___ industrial	___ transportation
	___ not applicable	_X_ no	___ military	___ other:

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

name Smith White & Patrica Allnutt

street & number 15701 Oursler Rd. telephone no.:

city, town Spencerville state and zip code Maryland

5. Location of Legal Description

courthouse, registry of deeds, etc. Montgomery County Court House liber 3853

street & number folio 808

city, town Rockville state Maryland

6. Representation in Existing Historical Surveys

title MNCPPC Historic Sites Inventory

date 1976 ___ federal _x_ state X county ___ local

depository for survey records Park Historian's Office

city, town Rockville state Maryland

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7. DESCRIPTION

CONDITION	(Check One)					
	☐ Excellent	☐ Good	☐ Foir	☒ Deterioroted	☐ Ruins	☐ Unexposed
	(Check One)		(Check One)			
	☒ Altered	☐ Unaltered	☐ Moved	☒ Originol Site		

DESCRIBE THE PRESENT AND ORIGINAL *(If known)* PHYSICAL APPEARANCE

The house is a 2-1/2 story, three bay frame structure. Across the main (south) facade is a porch with bracketed square pillars. There are two separate front doors, each with a transom light, forming the center bay of the first floor. To the rear is a two story wing.

SEE INSTRUCTIONS

8. Significance

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___ 1900–	___ communications	___ industry	___ politics/government	___ transportation	
		___ invention		___ other (specify)	

Specific dates circa. 1862 **Builder/Architect**

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.

The Burton/Allnutt farmhouse is significant as an example of vernacular architecture typical of that constructed in Montgomery County from the mid-nineteenth through the early twentieth centuries. The house is believed to have been built by George Bennett about 1862.[1] The house sat on 59 1/2 acres of lot #3 on Farquhar's survey of the land. The property was conveyed to George by his father Asher Bennett in April of 1862. (Asher conveyed 59 1/2 acres of his 102 to George and the remainder to his daughter, Martha Duvall).[2]

In February of 1924, George Bennett died leaving his property to his wife Emma and his daughter Mary, as directed by his last will and testament.[3] Then, in 1944, Mary Bennett sold the house to Plummer W. Allnutt.[4] When Plummer died in 1952 the house went to his parents, Smith White and Margaret Allnutt.[5] (Smith White, Sr. had already purchased the land that Asher Bennett had conveyed to his daughter Martha in 1862).[6] Smith White died in 1956 and the house then became the possession of Margaret and their two children, Smith White, Jr. and Fannie Allnutt.[7] In April of 1969 the house was deeded to Smith White III and his wife Patrica, the present owners.[8] The house now sits on a 18.946 acre lot which had since become known as "Fairview."

[1]Date is based on the date that the land was conveyed to George and also, the houses appearence on the Martenet & Bond map of 1865.
[2]Deed JGH 8/667, Mont. Co. Land Records.
[3]Will PEW 2/217, Mont. Co. Register of Wills.
[4]Deed 933/244, Mont. Co. Land Records.
[5]Will #7430, Mont. Co. Register of Wills.
[6]Deed 1520/427, Mont. Co. Land Records.
[7]Will #11764, Mont. Co. Register of Wills.
[8]Deed 3853/808, Mont. Co. Land Records

9. Major Bibliographical References

Survey No. M:15-5

Mont. Co. Land Records
Mont. Co. Register of Wills

10. Geographical Data

Acreage of nominated property 18.946 acres

Quadrangle name _____ Quadrangle scale _____

UTM References do NOT complete UTM references

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11. Form Prepared By

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MARYLAND HISTORICAL TRUST WORKSHEET

NOMINATION FORM
for the
NATIONAL REGISTER OF HISTORIC PLACES, NATIONAL PARKS SERVICE

SEE INSTRUCTIONS

1. NAME

COMMON: Allnut House

AND/OR HISTORIC: Burton/Allnutt house

2. LOCATION

STREET AND NUMBER: Spencerville Road and Oursler Road

CITY OR TOWN: Burtonsville

STATE: Maryland | COUNTY: Montgomery

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

OWNER'S NAME: M. W. Allnutt

STREET AND NUMBER: (Howard County)

CITY OR TOWN: | STATE: Maryland

5. LOCATION OF LEGAL DESCRIPTION

COURTHOUSE, REGISTRY OF DEEDS, ETC: Montgomery County Courthouse

STREET AND NUMBER:

CITY OR TOWN: Rockville | STATE: Maryland

Title Reference of Current Deed (Book & Pg. #):

6. REPRESENTATION IN EXISTING SURVEYS

TITLE OF SURVEY: None

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

DEPOSITORY FOR SURVEY RECORDS:

STREET AND NUMBER:

CITY OR TOWN: | STATE:

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7. DESCRIPTION

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

ORIGINAL (If known) PHYSICAL APPEARANCE

The house is a 2-1/2 story, three bay frame structure. Across the main (south) facade is a porch with bracketed square pillars. There are two separate front doors, each with a transom light, forming the center bay of the first floor. To the rear is a two story wing.

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8. SIGNIFICANCE

PERIOD *(Check One or More as Appropriate)*

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

SPECIFIC DATE(S) *(If Applicable and Known)*

AREAS OF SIGNIFICANCE *(Check One or More as Appropriate)*

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

STATEMENT OF SIGNIFICANCE

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9. MAJOR BIBLIOGRAPHICAL REFERENCES

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 TEN ACRES					
CORNER	LATITUDE			LONGITUDE				LATITUDE			LONGITUDE		
	Degrees	Minutes	Seconds	Degrees	Minutes	Seconds		Degrees	Minutes	Seconds	Degrees	Minutes	Seconds
NW	°	'	"	°	'	"		°	'	"	°	'	"
NE	°	'	"	°	'	"							
SE	°	'	"	°	'	"							
SW	°	'	"	°	'	"							

APPROXIMATE ACREAGE OF NOMINATED PROPERTY:

Acreage Justification:

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

STATE:		COUNTY	
STATE:		COUNTY:	
STATE:		COUNTY:	
STATE:		COUNTY:	

11. FORM PREPARED BY

NAME AND TITLE:
Christopher Owens, Park Historian

ORGANIZATION
M-NCPPC

DATE
3/27/73

STREET AND NUMBER:
8787 Georgia Avenue

CITY OR TOWN:
Silver Spring

STATE
Maryland

12. State Liaison Officer Review: (Office Use Only)

Significance of this property is:

National ☐ State ☐ Local ☐

Signature

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THE MARYLAND-NATIONAL CAPITAL PARK AND PLANNING COMMISSION

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FOR ADDITIONAL INFORMATION

See correspondence dated October 3, 1988

ACTION TAKEN

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Dear Mr. Menke:

On September 29, 1988, the Montgomery County Planning Board held a public hearing, as required under Section 24A-10 of the County's Historic Preservation Ordinance--Moratorium on Alteration and Demolition, in order to make a finding on the significance of the Burton/Allnutt House, identified as Site #15/59 on the Locational Atlas and Index of Historic Sites in Montgomery County, Maryland.

This site, located at 2708 Spencerville Road in Burtonsville, was found not to warrant designation on the Master Plan for Historic Preservation. At the conclusion of the hearing, the Planning Board closed the record on the site and voted unanimously to remove this property from the Locational Atlas in order to allow the issuance of a demolition permit on the site.

Although removed from the Locational Atlas, the site will remain on the Maryland Historical Trust's Inventory.

Please adjust your records to reflect the Planning Board's action. If you have any questions concerning this site, please do not hesitate to contact Gwen Marcus at 495-4570.

Sincerely,

Norman L. Christeller
Chairman, MCPB

NLC:glm
cc: Christina Miller, Historic Preservation Commission
Mike Dwyer, Park Historian
Maryland Historical Trust
James J. Bierbower

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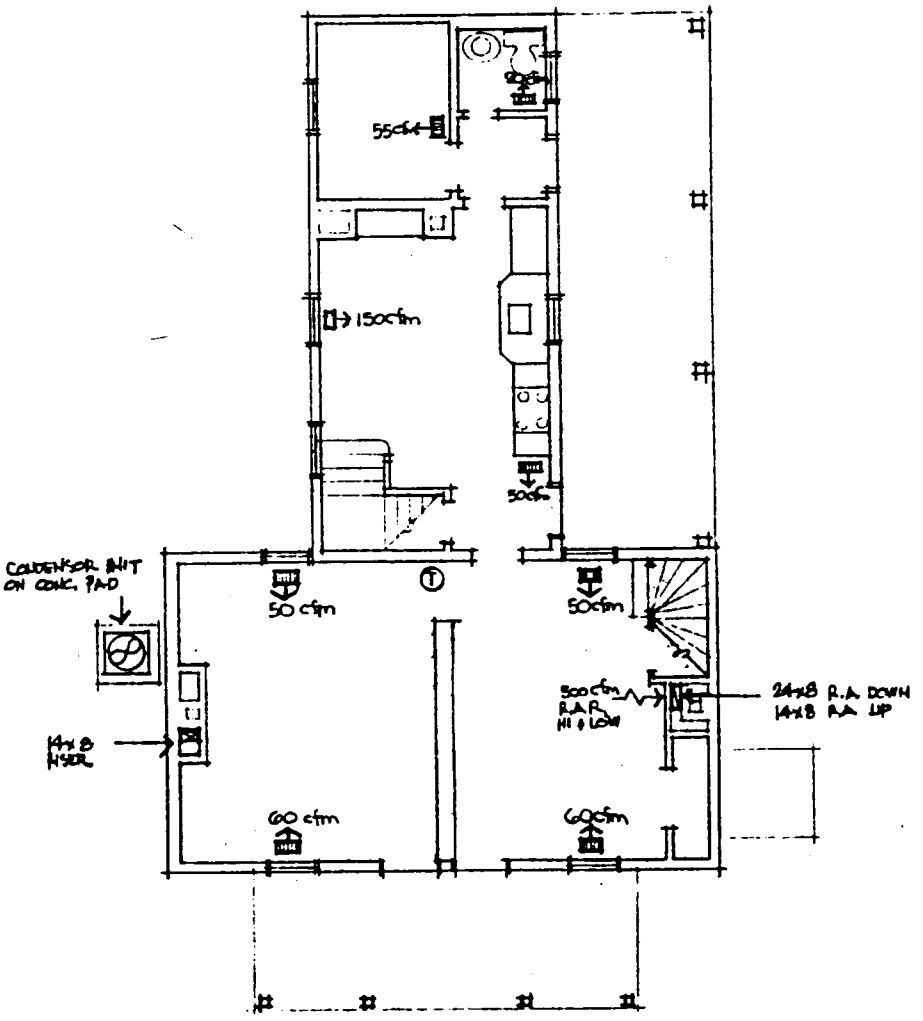
Bennett-Allnut House
2708 Spencerville Road
Spencerville, MD

First Floor Plan After Restoration

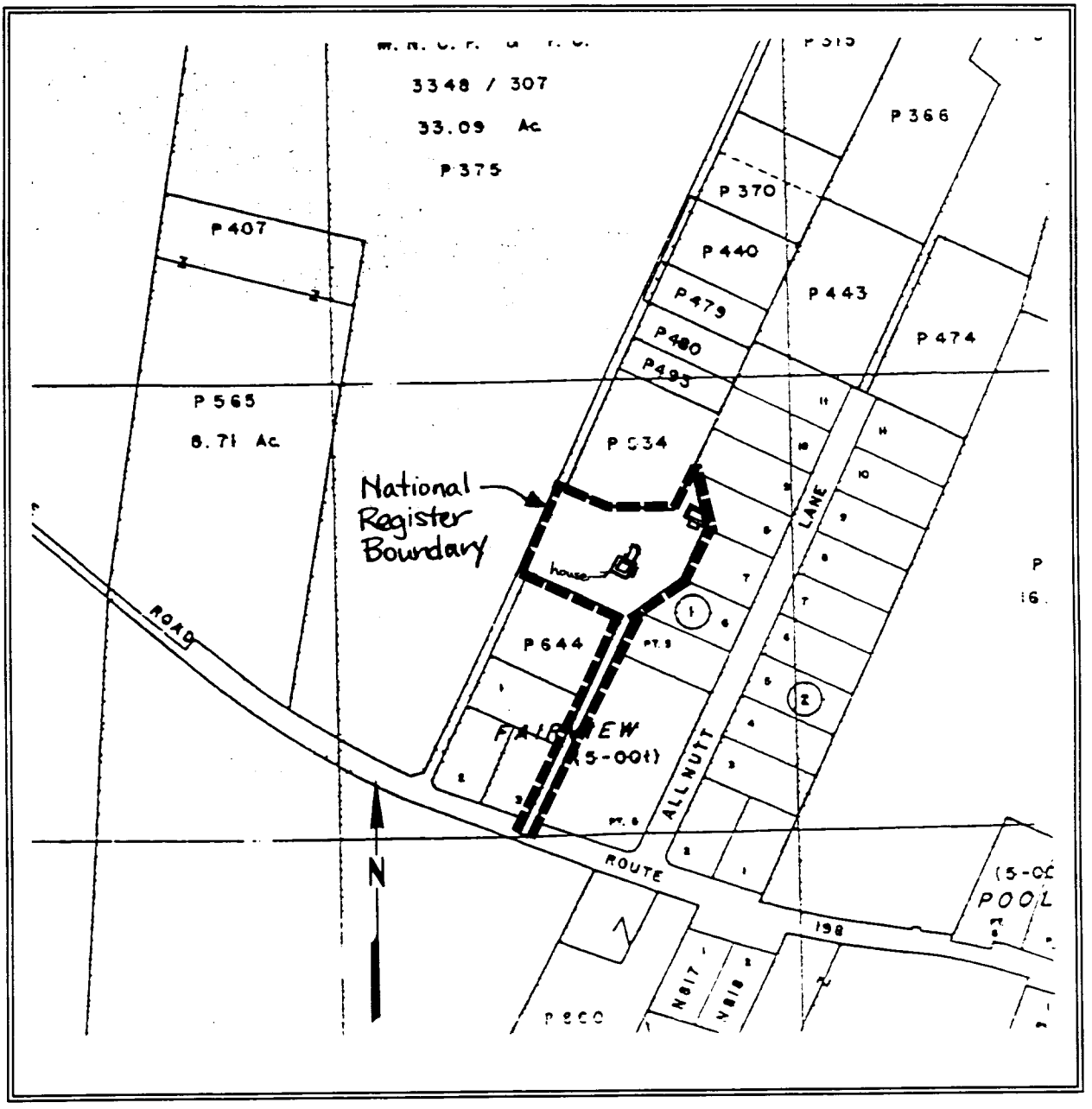


First Floor

NOT TO SCALE

Property Address 2708 Spencerville Road, Burtonsville, Montgomery County, Maryland
Owner Name/Address Martha R. Lanigan, 14420 Basingstoke Lane, Silver Spring, Maryland 20905
Year Built circa 1860

Resource Sketch Map and National Register Boundary Map:



Preparer:
P.A.C. Spero & Company
October 1996

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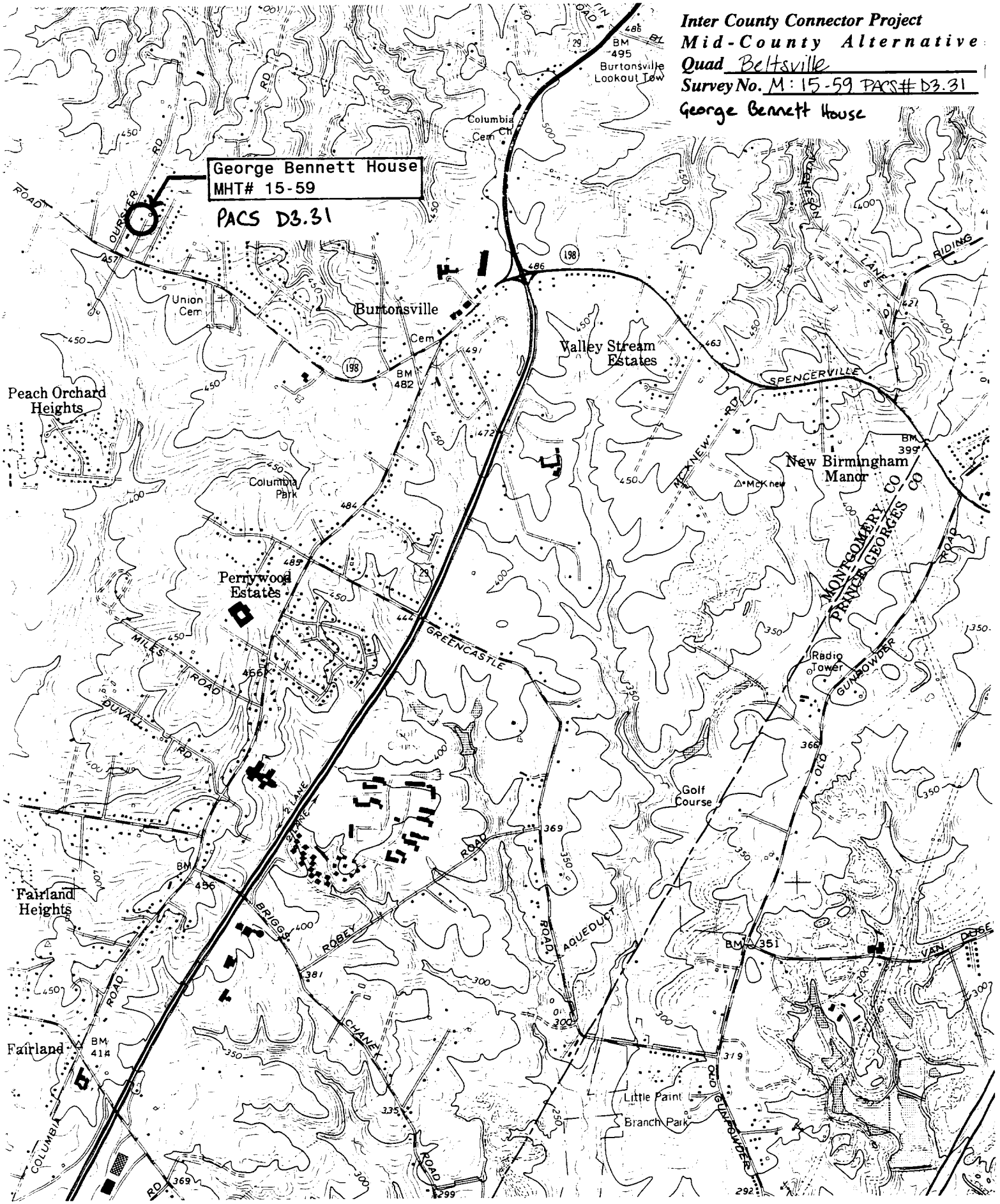
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Lookout Tow
Columbia Ch
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Union Cem
Burtonsville
Cem
Valley Stream Estates
Peach Orchard Heights
Columbia Park
Perrywood Estates
New Birmingham Manor
McKnew
MONTGOMERY CO
PRINCE GEORGES CO
Radio Tower
Golf Course
Fairland Heights
Fairland
Little Paint Branch Park
GREENCASTLE
SPENCERVILLE
MILES ROAD
DUVALL RD
BRIGGS
ROBEY
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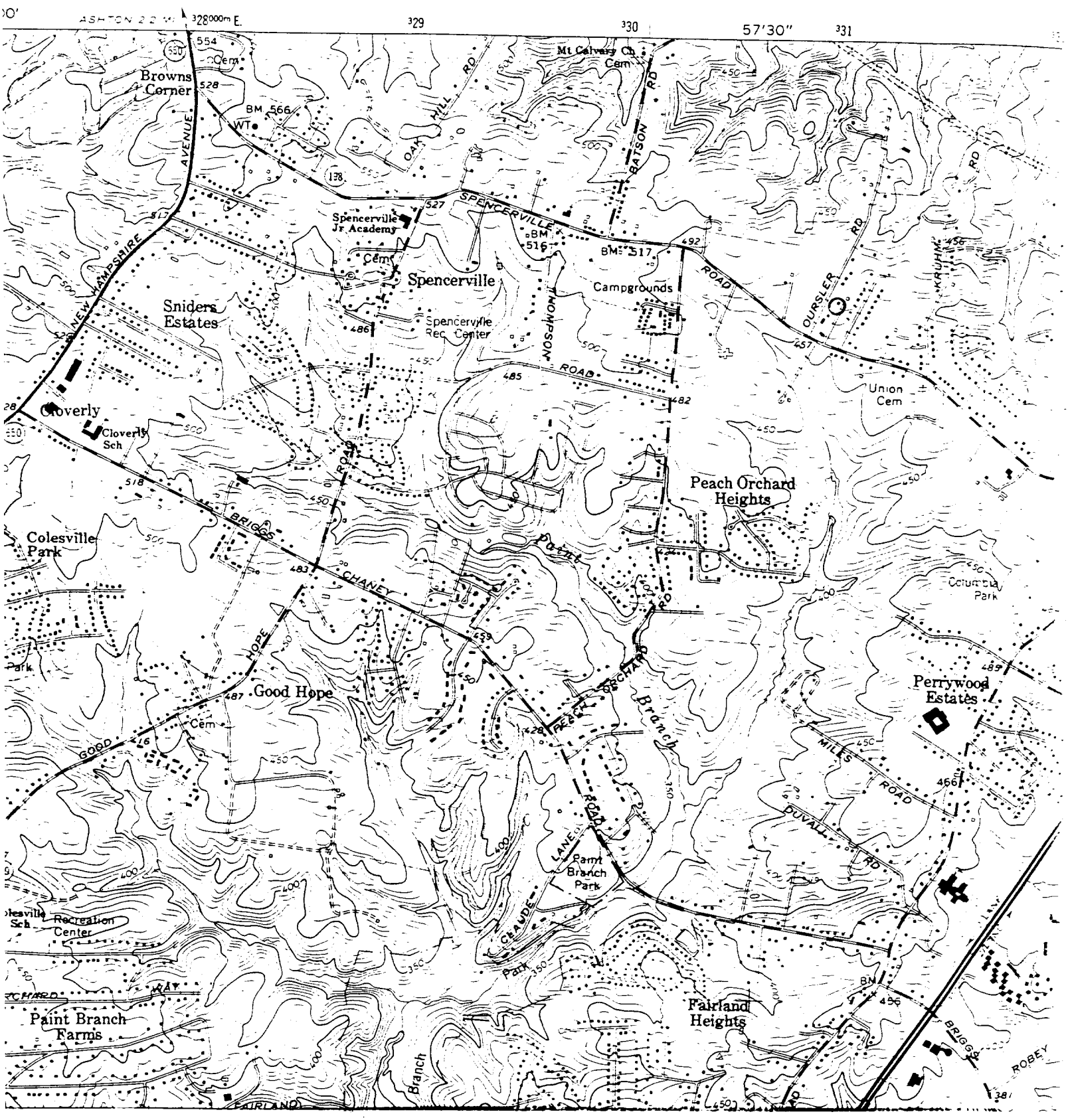


MARYLAND HISTORICAL TRUST

STATE HISTORIC SITES SURVEY FORM

LOCATIONAL MAP

SURVEY NO.: 15/59 M:15-59

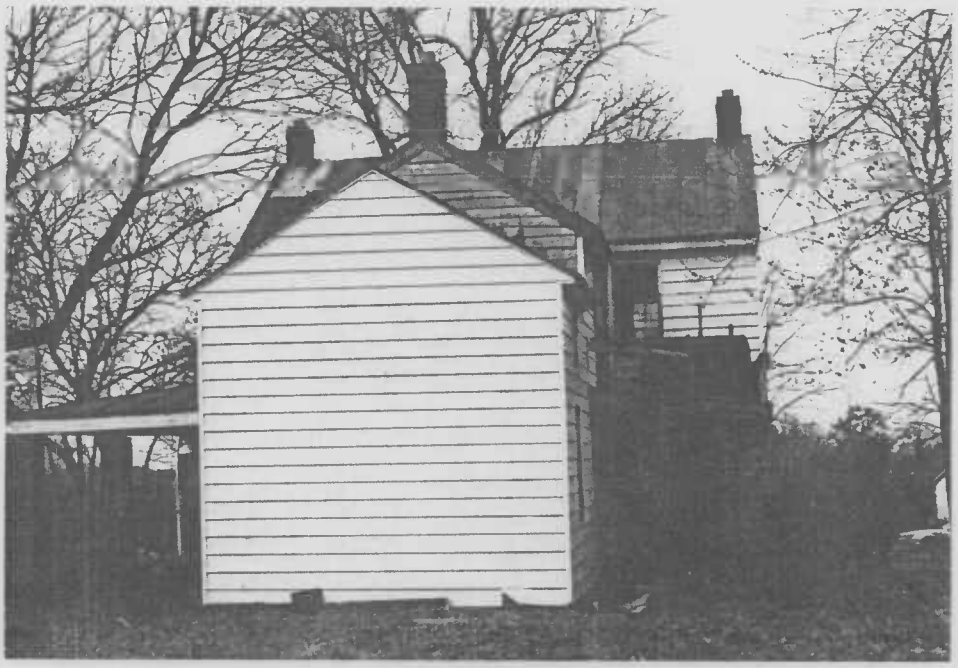
PROPERTY NAME: Burton/Allnut House

TOWN: Spencerville

COUNTY: MONTGOMERY

QUADRANGLE: Beltsville, MD

Bennett-Allnut House M:15-59
1992 Before Rehabilitation



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MAY 1994, WM. BUSHONG

VIEW NORTH (SOUTH ELEV.)

NEG: MARYLAND SHPO

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MONT CO, MD
MAY 1994, WM. BUSHONG
NEG: MARYLAND SHPO
DETAIL/ENTRY
VIEW NORTH (SOUTH ELEV.).

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NEG. MD SHPO
VIEW EAST (WEST ELEV.)

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MONT CO, MD
MAY 1994, WM. BUSHONG
NEG: MD SHPO
VIEW SOUTHEAST
(NW ELEV)

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MONT CO, MD
MAY 1994, WM. BUSHONG
NEG.: MD SHPO
VIEW SW (SE ELEV.)

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MONTG CO, MD

MAY 1994, WM. BUSHONG

NEG.: MD SHPO

SMOKEHOUSE

VIEW SE (SW ELEV.)

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NAME ED H. BURTON HOUSE (ALLNUTT)

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