

ACHS SUMMARY FORM

M: 17-61
17-62

1. Name Upton Darby House and Poole's General Store (Seneca Store) 17/62

2. Planning Area/Site Number 17/61

3. MNCPPC Atlas Reference

Upton Darby House - Map 13 D-13
Poole's General Store - Map 13 D-1

4. Address 14611 Old River Road, Seneca

5. Classification Summary

Category	<u>Upton Darby House</u>	building	<u>Poole's General Store</u>
Ownership	<u>private</u>	private	<u>building</u>
Public Acquisition	<u>--</u>	--	<u>private</u>
Status	<u>occupied</u>	occupied	<u>occupied</u>
Accessible	<u>no</u>	yes: restricted	<u>yes: restricted</u>
Present use	<u>private residence</u>	commercial	<u>commercial</u>
Previous Survey Recording	<u>M-NCPPC</u>	Federal	<u>State X County X Local</u>

(Title and date: Inventory of Historical Sites - 1976)

6. Date c.1855 (House)
1901 (Store)

7. Original Owner

John & Upton Darby (House)
Frederick Allnutt (Store)

8. Apparent Condition

a. good

c. original site

b. altered

9. Description: The house is a two story, frame structure with a five bay, main (south) facade. The doorway is in the central bay; it has transom and side-lights. At either end are internal chimneys for fireplaces; they have two story bases and brick stacks. A one story porch with bracketed posts extends across the entire facade. The rear el was built in two sections, each 1 1/2 stories. The first section was integral with the house; the second part was added later. Poole's Store has a gabled three bay main (south) facade with a shed roofed porch, and 6/6 double-hung sash windows.

10. Significance: Located next to the Seneca Creek near the Potomac River and on an early major trading route (River Road), these buildings remind us of the relationship of milling and trade, and reflect changes in the farmer's needs and in marketing patterns brought about by changes in dominant modes of transportation. The land upon which the Upton Darby House and Poole's General Store sit was originally part of Seneca or Milford Mills, a milling complex which dated from the late 18th century. The two-story frame house was constructed c. 1855 by John Darby and his son, Upton, of Franklin County, Pa. who operated the mill as partners trading under the name of John Darby and Son, as later did Upton and his son, Ernest. In 1900 the house and mill were sold under mortgage foreclosure proceedings to Wilson B. Tschiffely. Tschiffely operated the mill until 1931, but immediately sold the house and a surrounding 2 1/2 acres to Frederick Allnutt. Allnutt had operated a general merchandise store along the C&O Canal at Seneca. Then in 1901 he constructed the present general store. The Allnutt family ran the general store until 1963 when the store was rented out. Allnutts continue to live in the house.

11. Date researched and researcher 12/78, Mark Walston

Architectural Descript.
- Michael Dwyer (house)

12. Compiler Gail Rothrock

13. Date Compiled 2/79

Candy Reed (store)
14. Designation
Approval

15. Acreage 2.25 Acres

MARYLAND HISTORICAL TRUST

M: 17/61

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INVENTORY FORM FOR STATE HISTORIC SITES SURVEY

1 NAME

HISTORIC

Upton Darby House and Poole's General Store

AND/OR COMMON

2 LOCATION

STREET & NUMBER

14611 Old River Road

CITY, TOWN

Seneca

— 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 checked="" 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 checked="" 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 type="checkbox"/> NO	<input type="checkbox"/> MILITARY	<input type="checkbox"/> OTHER:

4 OWNER OF PROPERTY

NAME

Guy Allnutt

Telephone #: unlisted

STREET & NUMBER

14611 Old River Road

CITY, TOWN

Seneca

— VICINITY OF

STATE, zip code

Maryland

5 LOCATION OF LEGAL DESCRIPTION

COURTHOUSE,

REGISTRY OF DEEDS, ETC. Montgomery County Courthouse

Liber #: 428

Folio #: 447

STREET & NUMBER

CITY, TOWN

Rockville

STATE

Maryland

6 REPRESENTATION IN EXISTING SURVEYS

TITLE

MNCP+PC Historic Sites Inventory

DATE

1976

— FEDERAL STATE COUNTY — LOCAL

DEPOSITORY FOR SURVEY RECORDS

Park Historian's Office

CITY, TOWN

Derwood

STATE

Maryland

7 DESCRIPTION

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

STORE

DESCRIBE THE PRESENT AND ORIGINAL (IF KNOWN) PHYSICAL APPEARANCE

This two and a half story three bay by three bay frame store is built on brick foundations and faces southwest. It has white novelty siding.

The southwest (front) porch has four poured concrete steps which extend the full width of the elevation. Four thin stripped tree trunks, painted green, support a shed roof with green raised seam metal covering. The southwest door is a double paneled door surmounted by a two-light transom. On the southeast elevation a shed roof is supported by four metal poles. At the east corner there are double paneled wooden doors. There are six over six double hung windows flanked at the first level by green wooden paneled shutters, and at the second level, by green wooden louvered shutters which have been closed.

The store has a gable roof with raised seam metal covering. An exterior stove chimney on the southeast exterior wall abuts an interior stove chimney on the same elevation. At the northwest elevation a stove pipe extends out a window and above the roof.

The store is a rectangular building. There is one room inside. There are built-in shelves along the southeast, southwest, and northwest interior walls. At the east corner there is a closed string stairway. The walls and ceilings have been plastered.

The stairway is enclosed in triple-beaded paneling. Doors are paneled and there is bead molding around the door frame.

(HOUSE) The house is a two story, frame structure with a five bay, main (south) facade. The doorway is in the central bay; it has transom and sidelights. At either end are internal chimneys for fireplaces; they have two story bases and brick stacks. A one story porch with bracketed posts extends across the entire facade.

The rear el was built in two sections, each 1-1/2 stories. The first section was integral with the house; the second part was added later.

In plan, the house has a central hall and flanking parlors. The parlors have marble mantelpieces. The rear el is two rooms, the second one being added as a new kitchen. Some of the rooms have wooden shutters, the middle panels being horizontally louvered.

East of the house is a two story stable built about 1900.

West of the house is a stone springhouse.

On the back of a riser on the stairs to the second floor is signed by "Henry Young, Plasterer, June 14, 1855."

CONTINUE ON SEPARATE SHEET IF NECESSARY

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 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 checked="" 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 checked="" type="checkbox"/> INDUSTRY	<input type="checkbox"/> POLITICS/GOVERNMENT	<input type="checkbox"/> OTHER (SPECIFY)
		<input type="checkbox"/> INVENTION		

SPECIFIC DATES house - c.1855
store - 1901 BUILDER/ARCHITECT

STATEMENT OF SIGNIFICANCE

The land upon which the subject buildings are situated was originally a portion of a parcel known as the Seneca or Milford Mills, a milling complex which dated from the late 18th century. This particular dwelling, however, was constructed around the year 1855 by John and Upton Darby, two in a long succession of Seneca millers. John Darby and his son, Upton Darby, of Franklin County, Pennsylvania, purchased from the heirs of Francis P. Dodge, "all that part...of 'Thomas' Discovery' and part of 'Seneca Ford or Forks', comprising what is known as Seneca or Milford Mills property, at or near the mouth of Seneca Creek", containing 93 1/2 acres. 1/ The deed of conveyance from the children of Francis Dodge, of Georgetown, D.C., is dated July 9, 1855. John and Upton Darby, however, appear to have occupied the property for a period of time prior to the date of deed. For, on the back of a riser on the stairs leading to the second floor of the house is found the inscription "Henry Young, Plasterer, June 14, 1855", indicating that the house had been erected and had neared (if not already reached) completion by the deed's date of July 9, 1855. (This situation, however, that is, occupancy before the execution of a proper instrument of conveyance, was not an uncommon occurrence in the 19th century.)

John Darby and Upton Darby, "partners trading under the name and style of John Darby and Son" 2/ and later, Upton Darby and his son Ernest H. Darby, owned and operated the Seneca Mills until 1900, when, under mortgage foreclosure proceedings, the dwelling house and mill were put up for sale by decree of the Montgomery County Court. The sale handbill described the building as "... a two story frame dwelling house, of nine rooms, pantries, etc., beautifully situated." 3/ At the sale, held June 27, 1900, William P. Crenshaw of Baltimore City purchased the 93 1/2 acre mill tract for \$5,055. Immediately after the sale, (and before receiving a proper deed) Crenshaw sold the land to Wilson B. Tschiffely, and, consequently, on September 26, 1900, a formal deed of conveyance was executed from the court-appointed trustees to Tschiffely. 4/ On October 13, 1900, Wilson Tschiffely sold the house and a surrounding 2 1/2 acres to Frederick Allnutt, for \$1,200. 5/ (Tschiffely retained ownership of the residue of the property, including the mill, which he operated until 1931.)

Continued on Attachment Sheet A

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9 MAJOR BIBLIOGRAPHICAL REFERENCES

Montgomery County Land Records
Montgomery County Equity Records

CONTINUE ON SEPARATE SHEET IF NECESSARY

10 GEOGRAPHICAL DATA

ACREAGE OF NOMINATED PROPERTY 2.25 acres and 132 sq. ps.

VERBAL BOUNDARY DESCRIPTION

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

STATE COUNTY

STATE COUNTY

11 FORM PREPARED BY

Architectural Description
Store - Candy Reed
House - Mike Dwyer

NAME / TITLE

Mark Walston

ORGANIZATION

Sugarloaf Regional Trails

STREET & NUMBER

Box 87, Stronghold

CITY OR TOWN

Dickerson

DATE

December 1978

TELEPHONE

926-4510

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.

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

Upton Darby House & Poole's General Store

Frederick Allnutt had operated a general merchandise store along the Chesapeake and Ohio Canal in Seneca. Then, in 1901, he constructed the present general store, situated on the property purchased from Tschiffely and adjacent to the dwelling house. The Allnutt family ran the general store until 1963, when the store building was rented out. Members of the Allnutt family continue to own and occupy the dwelling house and property.

NOTES

1. Deed JGH 7/1, Montgomery County Land Records
2. Deed EBP 8/381, Montgomery County Land Records
3. **Judgment** 10/94, Montgomery County Equity Records
4. Deed TD 16/1, Montgomery County Land Records
5. Deed TD 16/57, Montgomery County Land Records

INVENTORY FORM FOR STATE HISTORIC SITES SURVEY

1 NAME

HISTORIC

Allnutt's Store

AND/OR COMMON

Poole's Store

2 LOCATION

STREET & NUMBER

Old River Road & Seneca Creek

CITY, TOWN

Seneca

CONGRESSIONAL DISTRICT

— VICINITY OF (Poolesville 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
- COMMERCIAL
- EDUCATIONAL
- ENTERTAINMENT
- GOVERNMENT
- INDUSTRIAL
- MILITARY
- MUSEUM
- PARK
- PRIVATE RESIDENCE
- RELIGIOUS
- SCIENTIFIC
- TRANSPORTATION
- OTHER

4 OWNER OF PROPERTY

NAME

Guy Allnutt

Telephone #:

STREET & NUMBER

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CITY, TOWN

Seneca

STATE, zip code

— VICINITY OF (Poolesville P.O.) Maryland

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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:17-62

CONDITION

- EXCELLENT
- GOOD
- FAIR

- DETERIORATED
- RUINS
- UNEXPOSED

CHECK ONE

- UNALTERED
- ALTERED

CHECK ONE

- ORIGINAL SITE
- MOVED DATE _____

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	<input type="checkbox"/> INVENTION			

SPECIFIC DATES _____ BUILDER/ARCHITECT _____

STATEMENT OF SIGNIFICANCE

Store built in 1901. See form for Upton Darby House (#17-61) and SUGARLOAF TRAILS (1976) (Sandstone Trail) Research Notes.

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10 GEOGRAPHICAL DATA

ACREAGE OF NOMINATED PROPERTY _____

VERBAL BOUNDARY DESCRIPTION

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

STATE _____ COUNTY _____

STATE _____ COUNTY _____

11 FORM PREPARED BY

NAME / TITLE

Michael F. Dwyer, Senior Park Historian

ORGANIZATION

M-NCPPC

DATE

5/20/74

STREET & NUMBER

8787 Georgia Ave.

TELEPHONE

589-1480

CITY OR TOWN

Silver Spring

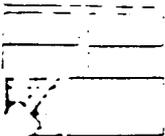
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FOR ADDITIONAL INFORMATION

See correspondence dated May 9, 1988

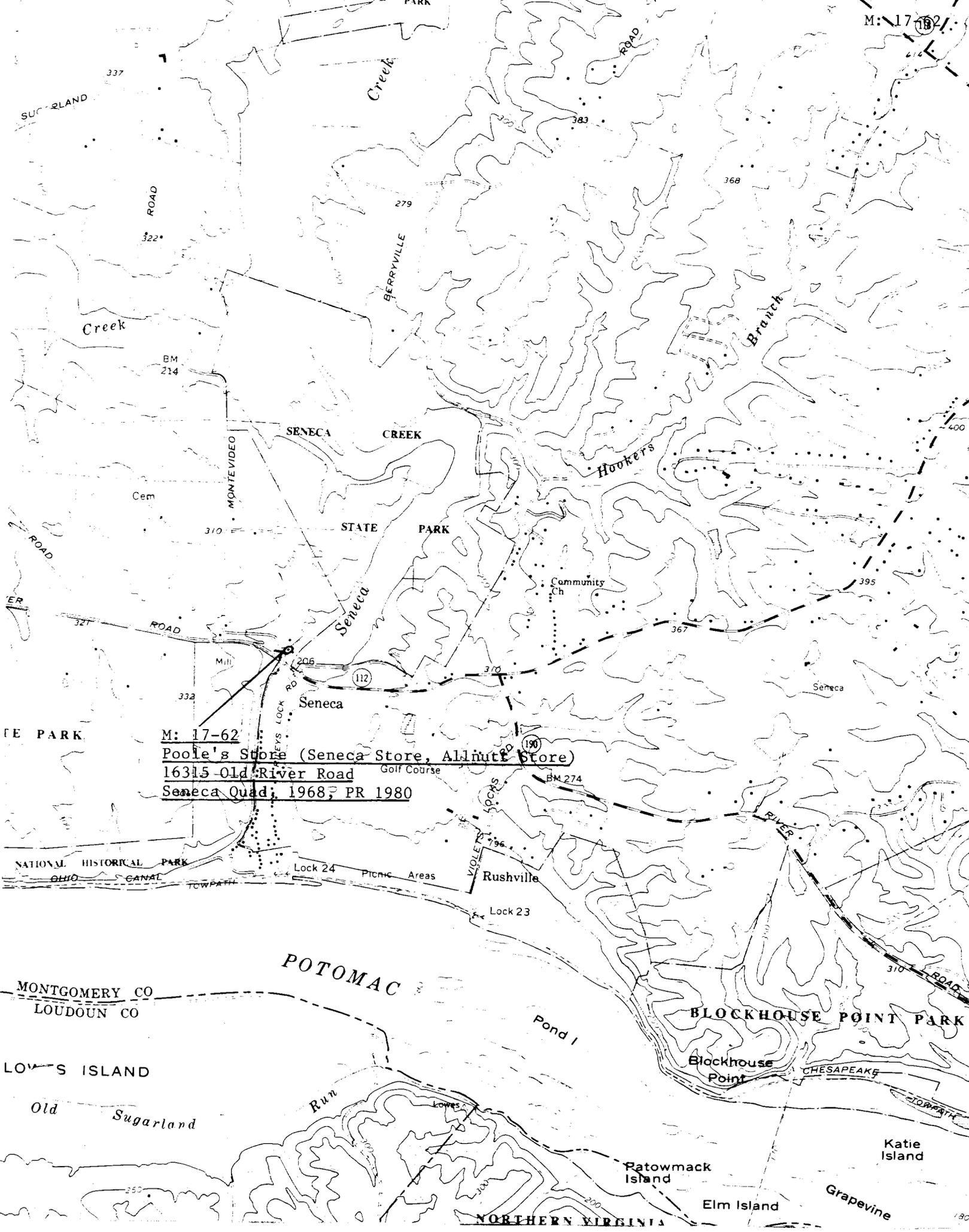
ACTION TAKEN

THE AMENDMENT

The purpose of this Amendment is to designate the following sites on the Master Plan for Historic Preservation thereby extending to them the protection of the County's Historic Preservation Ordinance, Chapter 24A of the Montgomery County Code.

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|----------|------------------------|
| M: 17-01 | Beallsville H.D. |
| M: 17-02 | Charline Manor/Hanover |
| M: 17-24 | East Oaks |
| M: 17-26 | Stoney Castle |
| M: 17-58 | Montevideo |
| M: 17-61 | Upton Darby House |
| M: 17-62 | Pooles General Store |
| M: 18-13 | White/Turner Farm |
| M: 18-14 | Joseph White House |
| M: 18-15 | Friends Advice |
| M: 18-17 | Greenwood/Day House |
| M: 18-19 | Hilary Pyles Farm |

M: 17-62



M: 17-62
Poole's Store (Seneca Store, Alhute Store)
16315 Old River Road
Seneca Quad; 1968, PR 1980

STATE PARK

NATIONAL HISTORICAL PARK

MONTGOMERY CO
LOUDOUN CO

LOWE'S ISLAND

Old Sugarland

NORTHERN VIRGINIA

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POOLE'S GEN. MISC. STORE
SENECA MD.



M: 17/62

Seneca/Poole's General

Merchandise Store

14611 Old River Road

Seneca, MD

Andrea Rebeck 1987

Southwest elevation



M: 17/62

Seneca/Poole's General

Merchandise Store

14611 Old River Road

Seneca, MD

Andrea Rebeck 1987

Warehouse, looking North



M: #17-62

NAME ALLWITT/POOLE STORE

LOCATION RIDER RD., SENECA, MD.

FACADE NW

PHOTO TAKEN 5/20/74

M. DWYER