

ACHS SUMMARY FORM

1. Name Rocklands/Allnutt Farm

2. Planning Area/Site Number 18/39

3. MNCPPC Atlas Reference
Map 13 Coordinate D-11

4. Address 14525 Montevideo Road, Seneca

5. Classification Summary

Category buildingOwnership privatePublic Acquisition n.a.Status occupiedAccessible noPresent use private residencePrevious Survey Recording M-NCPPC Federal State x County x Local

6. Date 1870

7. Original Owner Benoni Allnutt

8. Apparent Condition

a. excellentc. original siteb. altered

9. Description Outbuildings: bankbarn, log quarters, dairy, and log meathouse.

The house is a two story, sandstone building with a two story stone wing. The main block is laid up in coursed, dressed stone with quoined corners; the wing is laid up in uncoursed stone. The facade is five bays, with a central doorway. The windows are 4/4 double hung sash with false segmentally arched heads formed by moulded framing. The roof is hipped, with a "widow's walk" having a balustrade of sawn, openwork, design. The front porch has paired columns on either side of the steps. The cornice is brackets. The balustrade is composed of turned posts. At either end are two interior brick chimneys. The wing, set back from the facade, repeats the motif of the main block.

10. Significance The land on which Rocklands sits has been associated with the Allnutt family for over 200 years. James Allnutt originally came to this section of the Seneca Creek basin from Prince George's County around 1750. By his death in 1786, James held 746 acres, which he divided amongst his sons. James' son Lawrence by his 1825 will passed on his share (supplemented with additional acreage) to his sons Benoni and Lawrence. The 2 brothers jointly possessed the land until their deaths in 1859; as Benoni never married, the land was divided amongst Lawrence's children, and Lawrence's son Benoni took the 171 1/8 acres between Dry and Great Seneca Creeks. To a house on this property Benoni brought his new bride in 1860.

Benoni Allnutt proved to be a successful farmer, and soon became a prominent and distinguished figure in the community. He had built for himself in 1870 of native stone a grand home reflective of his success.

Benoni Allnutt died in 1899, and the farm remained in the family until 1949. The present owners purchased the property in 1955.

11. Date researched and researcher November 1978 Mark Walston

12. Compiler
Eileen McGuckian13. Date Compiled
December 197814. Designation
Approval

15. Acreage: 195 Acres

INVENTORY FORM FOR STATE HISTORIC SITES SURVEY

1 NAME

HISTORIC Rocklands/Allnutt Farm

AND/OR COMMON Mann Farm

2 LOCATION

STREET & NUMBER 14525 Montevideo 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 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 type="checkbox"/> NO	<input type="checkbox"/> MILITARY <input type="checkbox"/> OTHER

4 OWNER OF PROPERTY

NAME James Mann

Telephone #: (301) 948-9183

STREET & NUMBER 14525 Montevideo Road

CITY, TOWN Seneca

— VICINITY OF

STATE, zip code Maryland

5 LOCATION OF LEGAL DESCRIPTION

COURTHOUSE, REGISTRY OF DEEDS, ETC. Montgomery County Courthouse

Liber #: 2099
Folio #: 245

STREET & NUMBER

CITY, TOWN Rockville

STATE Maryland

6 REPRESENTATION IN EXISTING SURVEYS

TITLE MNCPPC Historic Sites Inventory - Montgomery County

DATE 1976

—FEDERAL STATE COUNTY LOCAL

DEPOSITORY FOR SURVEY RECORDS 6700 Needwood Road

CITY, TOWN Rockville

STATE Maryland 20855

7 DESCRIPTION

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CONDITION		CHECK ONE	CHECK ONE
<input 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 type="checkbox"/> ALTERED	<input type="checkbox"/> MOVED DATE _____
<input type="checkbox"/> FAIR	<input type="checkbox"/> UNEXPOSED		

DESCRIBE THE PRESENT AND ORIGINAL (IF KNOWN) PHYSICAL APPEARANCE

The house is a two story, sandstone building with a two story stone wing. The main block is laid up in coursed, dressed stone with quoined corners; the wing is laid up in uncoursed stone. The facade is five bays, with a central doorway. The windows are four over four double hung sash with false segmentally arched heads formed by moulded framing. The sills and lintels are both cut stone blocks.

A broad wooden frieze encircles the house below the boxed cornice. The frieze carries the paired brackets; between sets of brackets, a panelling motif decorates the frieze. The roof is hipped, with a "widow's walk" having a balustrade of sawn, openwork, design.

The front porch has paired columns on either side of the steps. The cornice is bracketed. The balustrade is composed of turned posts.

At either end are two interior brick chimneys.

The wing, set back from the facade, repeats the motif of the main block.

Surviving outbuildings include a framed bankbarn on a cut sandstone foundation; a two story, log quarters with board and batten siding and a large, external stone chimney; a sandstone dairy; and a log meathouse.

CONTINUE ON SEPARATE SHEET IF NECESSARY

8 SIGNIFICANCE

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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 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 checked="" type="checkbox"/> OTHER (SPECIFY) Local history
		<input type="checkbox"/> INVENTION		

SPECIFIC DATES 1870

BUILDER/ARCHITECT

STATEMENT OF SIGNIFICANCE

This portion of Montgomery County in which the "Rocklands" is situated has been associated with the Allnutt family for over two hundred years. James Allnutt originally came to this section of the Seneca Creek basin from Prince Georges County around the year 1750. By the time of his death in 1786, he held 746 acres of "Thomas' Discovery", which, by his will, was divided amongst his sons. Some 171 acres, with "...the dwelling houses where I do now dwell" was devised to his wife Jane Allnutt. To his son Lawrence Allnutt, James Allnutt bequeathed 171 acres of "Thomas' Discovery". (1) Lawrence supplemented this with a purchase of 88 additional acres of "Thomas' Discovery" from Roger Johnson, on December 5, 1818. (2)

Lawrence Allnutt died in 1825, and by his will, probated on June 10 of that year, devised these two parcels of "Thomas' Discovery" (the original 171 acres being the dwelling plantation of Lawrence Allnutt) to his sons Benoni and Lawrence. (3) This acreage was added onto by the conveyance of 171 1/8 acres of "Thomas' Discovery Fortified" from Ann Vinson to Lawrence Allnutt, on November 2, 1849. (4) The two brothers agreed to a joint possession of the lands, with Lawrence Allnutt granting to Benoni "...that tract conveyed by Ann Vinson to Lawrence Allnutt and also the free use and enjoyment and possession during the natural life of Benoni of the dwelling house, out houses, stables, barns, etc., on the farm or plantation whereon the said Lawrence and Benoni now reside in common with the said Lawrence and his family...and that the said Benoni may make the same his home or domicile during his natural life, without cost, charge, or molestation". (5)

Both Lawrence and Benoni Allnutt died in August of 1859; Lawrence on the 20th, and Benoni on the 4th. Benoni Allnutt never married. Consequently, the various heirs of Lawrence Allnutt petitioned the courts for an equitable division of their father's land. Benoni Allnutt (born in 1835), exercising his right as an elder son, elected to take that 171 1/8 acres of "Thomas' Discovery Fortified", bounded on the west by the road to Seneca Mill, on the south by Dry Seneca Creek, and on the east by the Great Seneca Creek. The court-commissioned surveyor's plat, dated June 4, 1860, depicts a dwelling situated upon this part of "Thomas' Discovery Fortified". Whereas Lawrence Allnutt's house, Benoni's boyhood home was located on that section of "Thomas' Discovery" directly north of and adjacent to Benoni's elected parcel, and was taken up by his brother, Benjamin W. Allnutt, it is not known exactly who constructed or originally occupied this dwelling. In any case, it was to this house that Benoni Allnutt brought his new bride in 1860. (6)

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Benoni Allnutt proved to be a successful farmer, and soon became a prominent and distinguished community figure. Consequently, he decided to construct for himself and his family an edifice more reflective of his success. This residence, the subject building, was completed in 1870, and was constructed of native stone. A noted state historian, in an 1882 publication, stated that "Mr. Allnutt's home is one of the finest in the county... (It) is not only a handsome architectural specimen, but embodies all the comforts and conveniences that improved skill and refined taste could suggest" (7)

Benoni Allnutt died on May 30, 1899, but the farm remained in the Allnutt family until 1949. The present owners purchased the property in 1955.

NOTES

1. Will B/231, Montgomery County Orphan's Court Records
2. Deed U/406, Montgomery County Land Records
3. Will O/171, Montgomery County Orphan's Court Records
4. Deed STS 4/259, Montgomery County Land Records
5. Deed JGH 2/560, made Dec. 19, 1853, Montgomery County Land Records
6. Judgment JGH 3/294, Montgomery County Equity Records
7. J.T. Scharf, History of Western Maryland (Phila., 1882) p.738

9 MAJOR BIBLIOGRAPHICAL REFERENCES

Montgomery County Land Records
Montgomery County Equity Records
Montgomery County Orphan's Court Records
Scharf, J.T., History of Western Maryland (Phila., 1882)

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10 GEOGRAPHICAL DATA

ACREAGE OF NOMINATED PROPERTY 195 acres

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

Mark Walston

November 1978

ORGANIZATION

Sugarloaf Regional Trails

DATE

STREET & NUMBER

Box 87, Stronghold

TELEPHONE

926-4510

CITY OR TOWN

Dickerson

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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Annapolis, Maryland 21401
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MARYLAND HISTORICAL TRUST WORKSHEET

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

1. NAME				
COMMON: Rockland				
AND/OR HISTORIC: Benoni Allnutt House				
2. LOCATION				
STREET AND NUMBER: Montevideo Road				
CITY OR TOWN: Poolesville				
STATE: Maryland			COUNTY: Montgomery	
3. CLASSIFICATION				
CATEGORY (Check One)		OWNERSHIP		STATUS
<input type="checkbox"/> District <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Building <input type="checkbox"/> Site <input type="checkbox"/> Structure <input type="checkbox"/> Object		<input type="checkbox"/> Public <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Private <input type="checkbox"/> Both		Public Acquisition: <input type="checkbox"/> In Process <input type="checkbox"/> Being Considered
				<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Occupied <input type="checkbox"/> Unoccupied <input type="checkbox"/> Preservation work in progress
ACCESSIBLE TO THE PUBLIC				
Yes: <input type="checkbox"/> Restricted				
No: <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Unrestricted				
PRESENT USE (Check One or More as Appropriate)				
<input type="checkbox"/> Agricultural	<input type="checkbox"/> Government	<input type="checkbox"/> Park	<input type="checkbox"/> Transportation	<input type="checkbox"/> Comments
<input type="checkbox"/> Commercial	<input type="checkbox"/> Industrial	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Private Residence	<input type="checkbox"/> Other (Specify)	_____
<input type="checkbox"/> Educational	<input type="checkbox"/> Military	<input type="checkbox"/> Religious	_____	_____
<input type="checkbox"/> Entertainment	<input type="checkbox"/> Museum	<input type="checkbox"/> Scientific	_____	_____
4. OWNER OF PROPERTY				
OWNER'S NAME: James H. Mann				
STREET AND NUMBER: Montevideo Road				
CITY OR TOWN: Poolesville			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: Historic Sites in the Bi-County Region				
DATE OF SURVEY: 1969 <input type="checkbox"/> Federal <input type="checkbox"/> State <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> County <input type="checkbox"/> Local				
DEPOSITORY FOR SURVEY RECORDS: The Maryland-National Capital Park and Planning Commission				
STREET AND NUMBER: 8787 Georgia Avenue				
CITY OR TOWN: Silver Spring			STATE: Maryland	

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7. DESCRIPTION

CONDITION	(Check One)				
	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Excellent	<input type="checkbox"/> Good	<input type="checkbox"/> Fair	<input type="checkbox"/> Deteriorated	<input type="checkbox"/> Ruins
	(Check One)			(Check One)	
	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Altered	<input type="checkbox"/> Unaltered	<input type="checkbox"/> Moved	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Original Site	

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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) 1868-9

AREAS OF SIGNIFICANCE (Check One or More as Appropriate)

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| <input type="checkbox"/> Aboriginal | <input type="checkbox"/> Education | <input type="checkbox"/> Political | <input type="checkbox"/> Urban Planning |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Prehistoric | <input type="checkbox"/> Engineering | <input type="checkbox"/> Religion/Phi- | <input type="checkbox"/> Other (Specify) |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Historic | <input type="checkbox"/> Industry | lasophy | _____ |
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| <input type="checkbox"/> Architecture | <input type="checkbox"/> Landscape | <input type="checkbox"/> Sculpture | _____ |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Art | Architecture | <input type="checkbox"/> Social/Human- | _____ |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Commerce | <input type="checkbox"/> Literature | itarian | _____ |
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| <input type="checkbox"/> Conservation | <input type="checkbox"/> Music | <input type="checkbox"/> Transportation | _____ |

STATEMENT OF SIGNIFICANCE

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9. MAJOR BIBLIOGRAPHICAL REFERENCES

10. GEOGRAPHICAL DATA

LATITUDE AND LONGITUDE COORDINATES DEFINING A RECTANGLE LOCATING THE PROPERTY			O R	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	
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SW	° ' "	° ' "		° ' "	° ' "	

APPROXIMATE ACREAGE OF NOMINATED PROPERTY:

Acreage Justification:

SEE INSTRUCTIONS

11. FORM PREPARED BY

NAME AND TITLE:
Christopher Owens, Park Historian

ORGANIZATION: M-NCPPC

DATE: 20 May 74

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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NAME ROCKLAND/BENONI ALWUTT HOUSE

LOCATION MONTEVIDEO RD., SENECA, MD.

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NAME ROCKLAND/BENONI ALLNUTT HOUSE

LOCATION MONTEVIDEO RD., SENECA, MD.

FACADE NE

PHOTO TAKEN 5/20/74

M. DWYER



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NAME ROCKLAND/BENONI ALLWITT FARM

LOCATION MONTEVIDEO RD., SENECA, MD.

FACADE 5

PHOTO TAKEN 5/20/74

M. RUYER



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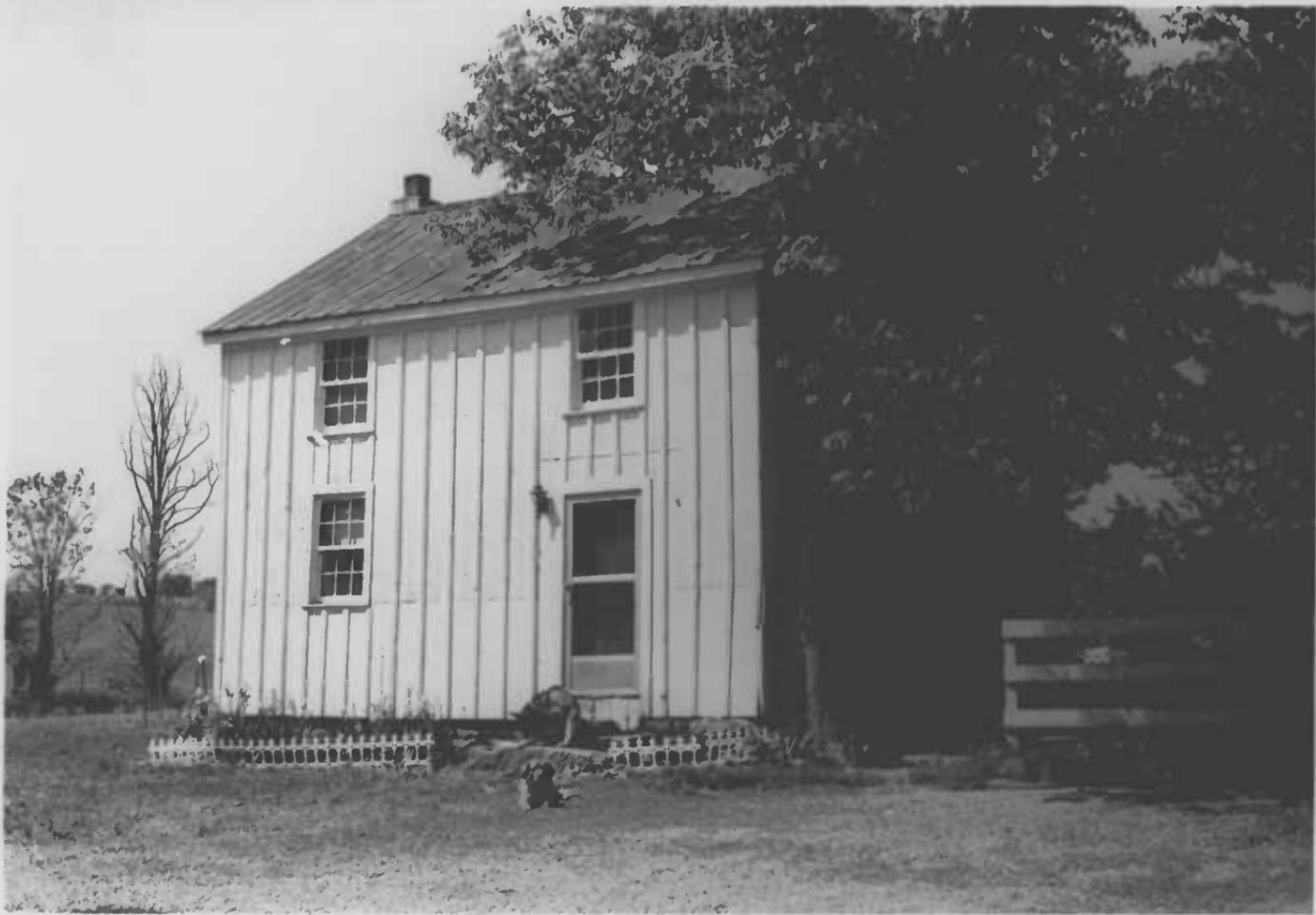
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LOCATION MONTEVIDEO RD., SENECA, MD.

FACADE SW

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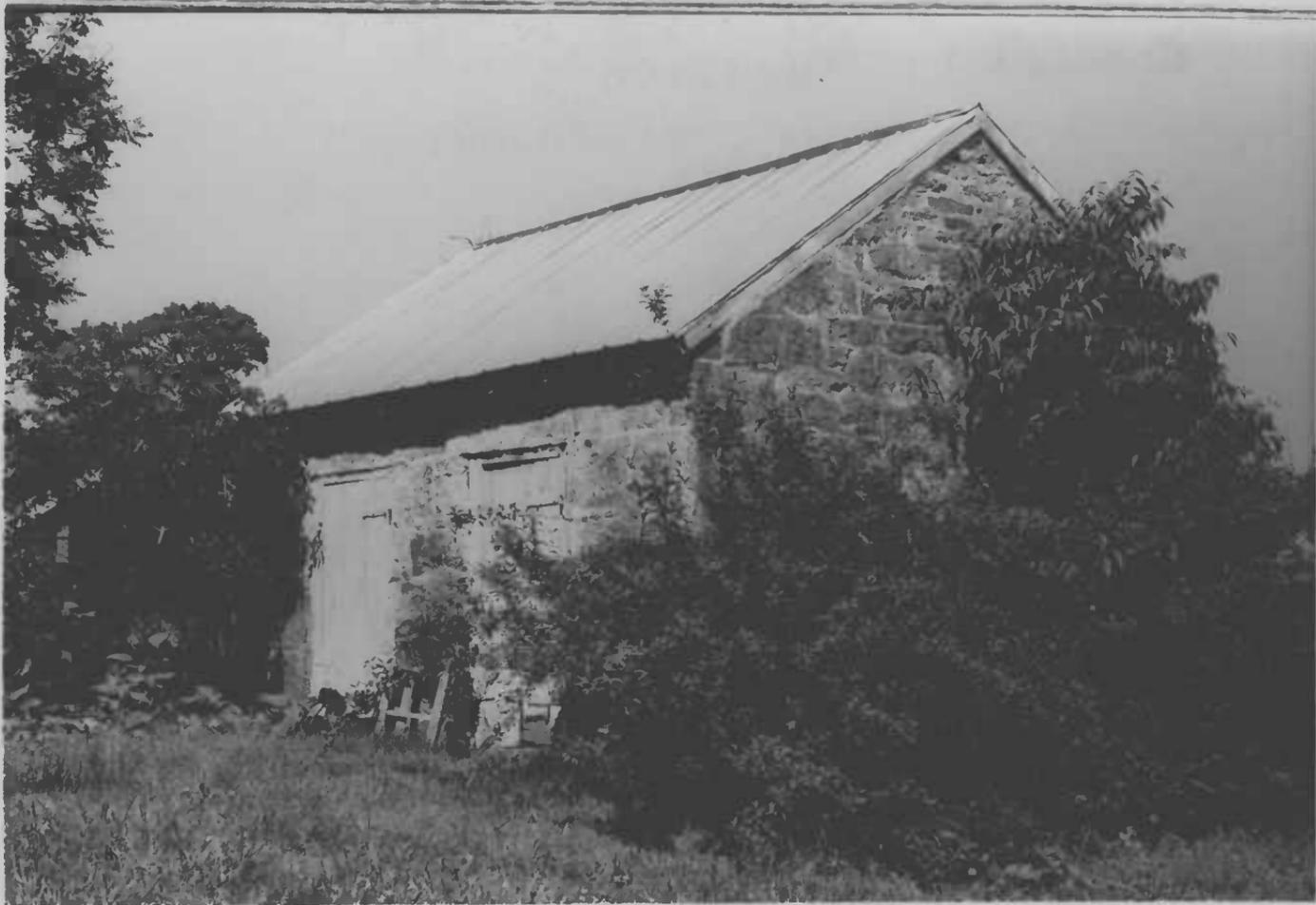
NAME ROCKLAND-TENANT HOUSE

LOCATION MONTEVIDEO RD., SENECA, MD.

FACADE S

PHOTO TAKEN 5/20/74

M. DWYER



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NAME ROCKLAND-OUTBUILDING

LOCATION MONTEVIDEO RD., SENECA, MD.

FACADE SW

PHOTO TAKEN 5/20/74

M. DWYER



#18-39

NAME ROCKLAND-MEATHOUSE

LOCATION MONTEVIDEO RD., SENECA, MD.

FACADE SE

PHOTO TAKEN 5/20/74

M. DWYER