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MAGI # 1650075604
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ACHS SUMMARY FORM

1. Name Allnutt House

2. Planning Area/Site Number 26/7
(West End Park Historic District)

3. MNCPPC Atlas Reference Map 15 E-12

4. Address 541 Beall Avenue, Rockville

5. Classification Summary

Category building
Ownership private
Public Acquisition NA
Status occupied
Accessible no
Present use private residence
Previous Survey Recording _____ Federal ___ State ___ County ___ Local X
(Title and date: City of Rockville Historic District )

6. Date 1890

7. Original Owner Henry Copp

8. Apparent Condition

a. good

b. altered

c. original site

9. Description: This two bay by four bay, two and a half story, L-shaped frame house faces south. It has blue asbestos siding. The south porch wraps around to the east elevation. Nine turned posts support the half-hipped roof which has pressed metal covering. The porch is enclosed by a decorative railing and screen and there are simple brackets at each post. There are one over one double hung windows flanked by white wooden louvered shutters. There is a two story square bay window on the east elevation and two bay windows on the west elevation. The house has a gable roof with cross gables on the south, east, and west elevations. All gable ends have fishscale shingles. At the southeast corner there is a three story square tower with a pyramidal roof.

10. Significance

The Allnutt house is an example of the comfortable Victorian residences that developers foresaw by the hundreds in planned suburbs along the Metropolitan Branch of the B&O. The Allnutt house is one of the earliest built in Henry Copp's 520 acre "West End Park", carved out of a farm, to the west of the Rockville city limits. The house reflected the modern architectural features latest conveniences, such as a speaking tube from second floor to kitchen and wiring for electric lighting. Copp's promotional brochure of 1890 mentions a windmill-driven pump connected to deliver water to the house. Copp himself may have lived in this house between 1890 and 1900 while attempting to nurse his faltering development plans. After Judge John T. Vinson bought the house and remaining lots at public auction in 1900, the Henry C. Allnutt family bought the house and surrounding 10 lots in 1903. It remained in the Allnutt family for 40 years.

11. Date researched and researcher June 1978 -- Anne W. Cissel
Candy Reed - Architectural Description

12. Compiler Gail Rothrock 13. Date Compiled 2/79 14. Designation Approval ____

15. Acreage 11,536 sq. ft.

in West End Park H.D.
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# MARYLAND HISTORICAL TRUST

## INVENTORY FORM FOR STATE HISTORIC SITES SURVEY

### 1 NAME

HISTORIC: Allnutt House

AND/OR COMMON:

### 2 LOCATION

STREET & NUMBER: 541 Beall Avenue

CITY, TOWN: Rockville ___ VICINITY OF

CONGRESSIONAL DISTRICT: Eighth

STATE: Maryland

COUNTY: Montgomery

### 3 CLASSIFICATION

| CATEGORY | OWNERSHIP | STATUS | PRESENT USE | |
|---|---|---|---|---|
| __DISTRICT | __PUBLIC | X 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 |
| | | X NO | __MILITARY | __OTHER: |

### 4 OWNER OF PROPERTY

NAME: Julian & Margaret Sante

Telephone #: 424-8059

STREET & NUMBER: 541 Beall Avenue

Maryland 20850

CITY, TOWN: Rockville ___ VICINITY OF

STATE, zip code

### 5 LOCATION OF LEGAL DESCRIPTION

COURTHOUSE, REGISTRY OF DEEDS, ETC.: Montgomery County

Liber #: 3241
Folio #: 248

STREET & NUMBER: Rockville, Maryland

CITY, TOWN

STATE

### 6 REPRESENTATION IN EXISTING SURVEYS

TITLE: Declared an Historic District by City of Rockville

DATE: December 1974

__FEDERAL __STATE __COUNTY X LOCAL

DEPOSITORY FOR SURVEY RECORDS:

CITY, TOWN

STATE

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# 7 DESCRIPTION

| CONDITION | | CHECK ONE | CHECK ONE |
|---|---|---|---|
| __EXCELLENT | __DETERIORATED | __UNALTERED | X ORIGINAL SITE |
| X GOOD | __RUINS | X ALTERED | __MOVED DATE_____ |
| __FAIR | __UNEXPOSED | | |

DESCRIBE THE PRESENT AND ORIGINAL (IF KNOWN) PHYSICAL APPEARANCE

This two and a half story, two bay by four bay, L-shaped frame house faces south on Beall Avenue.

It has blue asbestos siding. The south (front) porch wraps around to the east elevation. Nine turned posts support the half hipped roof which is covered by pressed metal roofing. The porch is enclosed by a decorative railing and screen and there are simple brackets at each post. The south (front) double door has wooden paneling. There are one over one double hung windows throughout the house flanked by white wooden louvered shutters. There is a two story square bay window on the east elevation and two bay windows on the west elevation.

The house has a gable roof with cross gables on the south, east, and west. All the gables ends have fish scale shingling. The roof has a pressed metal covering and a boxed and bracketed cornice line. At the southeast corner of the south elevation there is a three story square tower. The third story has white fish scale shingling and the tower has a pyramidal roof capped by a finial. There is one interior brick chimney visible from the west elevation.

The house is located in a mixed neighborhood of older and more recent houses. It is set back from the street and has a round headed wrought iron fence.

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## 8 SIGNIFICANCE

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| PERIOD | AREAS OF SIGNIFICANCE -- CHECK AND JUSTIFY BELOW | | | |
|---|---|---|---|---|
| __PREHISTORIC | __ARCHEOLOGY-PREHISTORIC | X 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 1890 Pictured under construction BUILDER/ARCHITECT

STATEMENT OF SIGNIFICANCE

Though Rockville had long been the county seat, during the last two decades of the 19th century, Rockville boomed. This was primarily due to the coming of the railroad. The numerous daily trains of the Metropolitan Branch of the B&O made Rockville a convenient alternative to living in the city. Builders, investors and developers saw the promise of developing and promoting Rockville as a planned and pleasant suburb.

This house is one of the earliest built in Henry Copp's 520 acre"West End Park ". This subdivision was to contain commodious and comfortable houses for the middle class. This house reflected all the latest conveniences and most modern architectural features that the enterprising young professional man or civil servant could desire. It contained ten rooms, metal roof, bay windows and verandahs and at its sale at public auction in 1900 such features as its "speaking tube from second floor to kitchen" and its wiring for electric lighting were advertised. (Sentinel newspaper, November 10, 1900.)

In his promotional brochure entitled Peerless Rockville: What it Offers to Homeseekers and Investors, Edition of Oct, 1890, Copp mentions that a windmill driven pump on the circle at the end of Beall Avenue had been connected to deliver water to the house and to be extended as other residences are built. It is thought that Copp himself may have lived in this house between 1890-1900 while attempting to nurse his faltering development plans for West End Park. It sold in 1900 for $2,000, and by that date Copp's grandiose scheme for the west end of Rockville had failed. Only 220 lots had been sold and in default of the mortgages on the land, this house and many of the remaining lots were sold at public auction to the mortgagee, Judge John T. Vinson.

Sometime before 1903 the Henry C. Allnutt family purchased the house and surrounding 10 lots from Judge Vinson and it remained in the Allnutt family for the next 40 years. It has always been a private residence and maintained in excellent condition. It stands today as one example of the comfortable Victorian residence that Henry Copp envisioned in the hundreds in that area of Rockville.

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## 9 MAJOR BIBLIOGRAPHICAL REFERENCES

See Attached Sheet (A)

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## 10 GEOGRAPHICAL DATA

ACREAGE OF NOMINATED PROPERTY 11,536 square feet

Lot 67 of Block 14, Section Two of "West End Park"
Formerly lots 20 & 21 of Block 14, Section Three of "West End Park"

VERBAL BOUNDARY DESCRIPTION

Bounded on the west by part of lot 65 and part of lot 66; on the south by Beall Avenue; on the east by lot 68 and on the north by part of lot 47 and part of lot 48.

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

STATE COUNTY

STATE COUNTY

## 11 FORM PREPARED BY

NAME / TITLE Candy Reed - Architectural Description

Anne W. Cissel

ORGANIZATION DATE

Sugarloaf Regional Trails, Landmarks Research Program June, 1978

STREET & NUMBER TELEPHONE

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Dickerson Maryland, 20753

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The Shaw House, 21 State Circle
Annapolis, Maryland 21401
(301) 267-1438

Attachment Sheet A

Allnutt House

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Historic District

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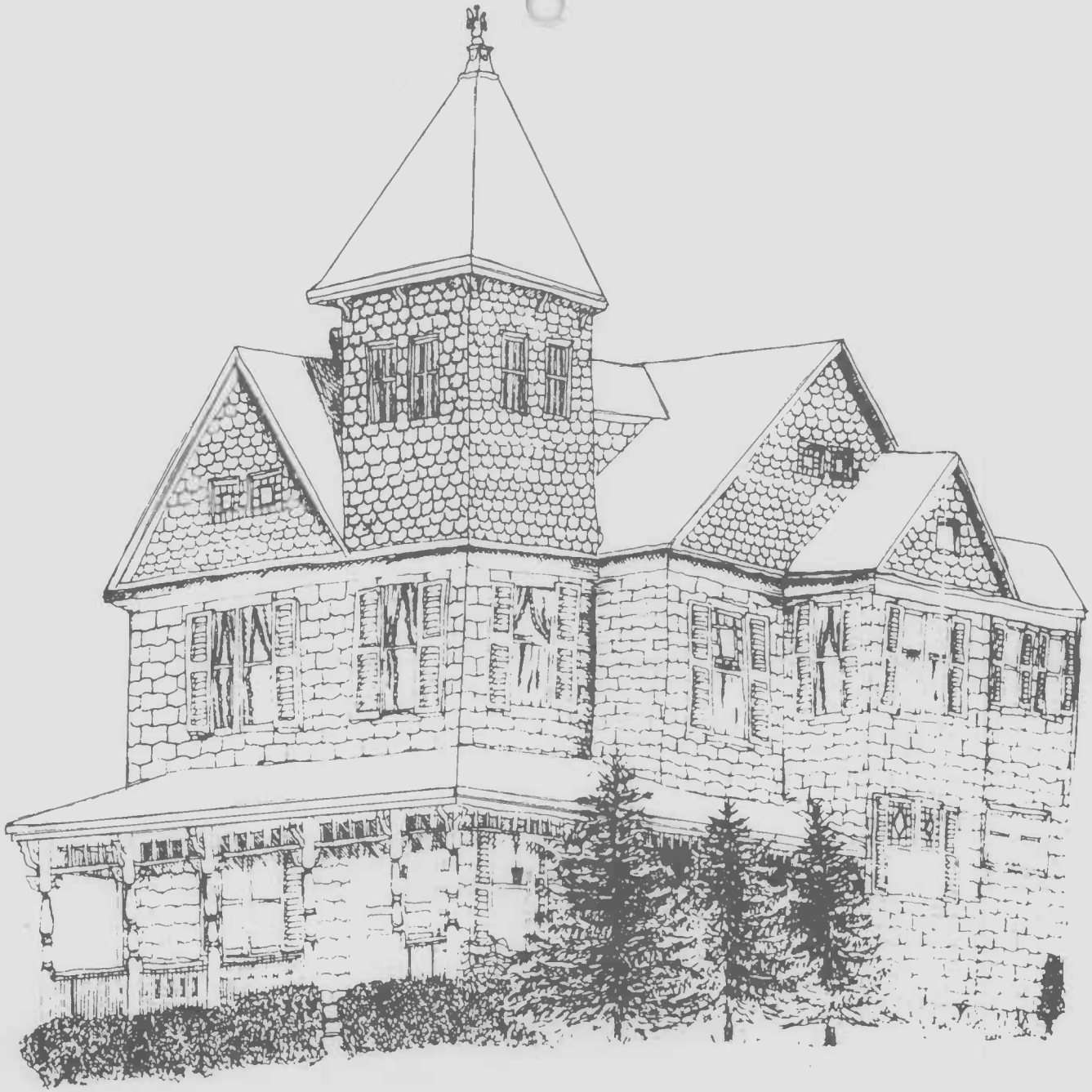

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