WI-212 c. 1920
Allendale Cottage
Allen
Private

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MARYLAND HISTORIC PRESERVATION PLAN INFORMATION

RESOURCE NAME: ALLENDALE COTTAGE

MHT INVENTORY NUMBER: WI-212

MARYLAND COMPREHENSIVE PLAN DATA

1. Historic Period Theme(s): Architecture

2. Geographic Orientation: Eastern Shore

3. Chronological/Development Period(s): Industrial/Urban Dominance 1870-1930

4. Resource Type(s): Single family dwelling

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DOE ___yes ___no

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State Historic Sites Inventory Form

MARYLAND INVENTORY OF HISTORIC PROPERTIES

1. Name (indicate preferred name)

historic: Allendale Cottage

and/or common:

2. Location

street & number: 3311 Allen Road ___ not for publication

city, town: Allen ___ vicinity of congressional district: First

state: Maryland county: Wicomico

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 not applicable	___ no	___ military	___ other:

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

name: William Lee and Mary Agnes Fiddler

street & number: 3311 Allen Road P.O.Box 54 telephone no.: 546-1558

city, town: Allen state and zip code: Maryland 21810

5. Location of Legal Description

courthouse, registry of deeds, etc.: Wicomico County Clerk of Court Map 66, P. 21 liber 1147

street & number: Wicomico County Courthouse folio 453

city, town: Salisbury state: MD 21810

6. Representation in Existing Historical Surveys

title:

date: ___ federal ___ state ___ county ___ local

depository for survey records:

city, town: state:

7. Description

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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.

Allendale Cottage is located at 3311 Allen Road in the village of Allen, Wicomico County, Maryland. The two-and-a-half story, center hall frame house faces west with the gable roof oriented on a north/south axis.

Built around 1920, the two-and-a-half story, three-bay, double-pile frame dwelling is supported on a poured concrete foundation, and the exterior is clad with a combination of plain weatherboard siding and vinyl siding. The plain weatherboards remain exposed under a wraparound porch, while the balance of the structure has been covered with vinyl. The steeply pitched gable roof, finished with boxed cornices and extended eaves, is covered with asphalt shingles. An enclosed porch is attached to the back side of the main block.

The west (main) elevation is a basically symmetrical five-bay facade with a center entrance and flanking window openings. The front door is flanked by eight-pane sidelights with a single panel below. Fixed on each side of the doorway are eight-over-one sash window openings flanked by four-over-one sidelights. The entire first floor is sheltered by a Tuscan column porch supported on granite piers. The granite was salvaged from the foundation of the nearby Allen mill when it was dismantled in the early twentieth century. The second floor is marked by a paired set of four-over-one sash windows in the center bay and six-over-one sash to each side. A large hip roofed dormer is centered on the steeply pitched gable roof. Rising through the roof in an off-center location is a single flue brick stove chimney.

The north and south sides of the house are partially sheltered by the Tuscan columned porch supported on granite piers. The first and second floors are marked by triple or single six-over-one sash windows. The upper gable is pierced by paired six-over-one sash windows. The east (rear) wall of the house is partially covered by the single-story enclosed porch.

The early twentieth century interior has remained virtually unaltered since the 1920s. The center hall is divided by a wide doorway with glazed French doors that enclosed the stairwell from the entry. Wide openings with French doors open into the adjacent rooms as well. The door and window openings are trimmed with plain surrounds capped by a molded lintel. The floors on the first floor are maple.

Rising in the rear section of the hall is the staircase, which has large square newel posts and rectangular balusters that support a molded handrail. The living room on the south side of the hall is fitted with built-in bookshelves and plain board wainscoting. A neoclassical mantel frames the fireplace. Projecting square columns support a heavy dimensioned mantel.

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The second floor is divided into four principal bedrooms with a small additional room partitioned at the head of the hall. Five-panel doors are framed by plain surrounds. The floors in the various rooms are of a variety of woods including fur and perhaps sycamore. A molded baseboard trims the perimeter of each of the rooms.

A partially finished attic is accessible through a narrow staircase fixed between the two bedrooms on the north side. In the fully excavated cellar large timbers salvaged from the mill are clearly evident.

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
___ 1800–1899	___ commerce	___ exploration/settlement	___ philosophy	___ transportation
_x_ 1900–	___ communications	___ industry	___ politics/government	___ other (specify)
		___ invention		

Specific dates **Builder/Architect** Peter A. Malone, builder

check: Applicable Criteria: __A __B _xC __D
and/or
Applicable Exception: __A __B __C __D __E __F __G

Level of Significance: __national __state x_local

Prepare both a summary paragraph of significance and a general statement of history and support.

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The house is of large proportions with a generous center hall, double-pile plan. Surrounding three sides of the dwelling is a Tuscan columned porch. The interior, although finished in a relatively plain manner, is generous laid out with double door openings separating the first floor spaces. Maple floors are found in several downstairs rooms.

This house falls into *Category B*, signifying that it should be preserved since it is a structure exhibiting some good architectural details representing a good example of architectural development and style, and supporting the character of the village.

9. Major Bibliographical References

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10. Geographical Data

Acreage of nominated property _____

Quadrangle name _____ **Quadrangle scale** _____

UTM **References** do NOT complete UTM references

	Zone	Easting	Northing		Zone	Easting	Northing
A				B			
C				D			
E				F			
G				H			

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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organization	Private Consultant	**date**	10/23/95
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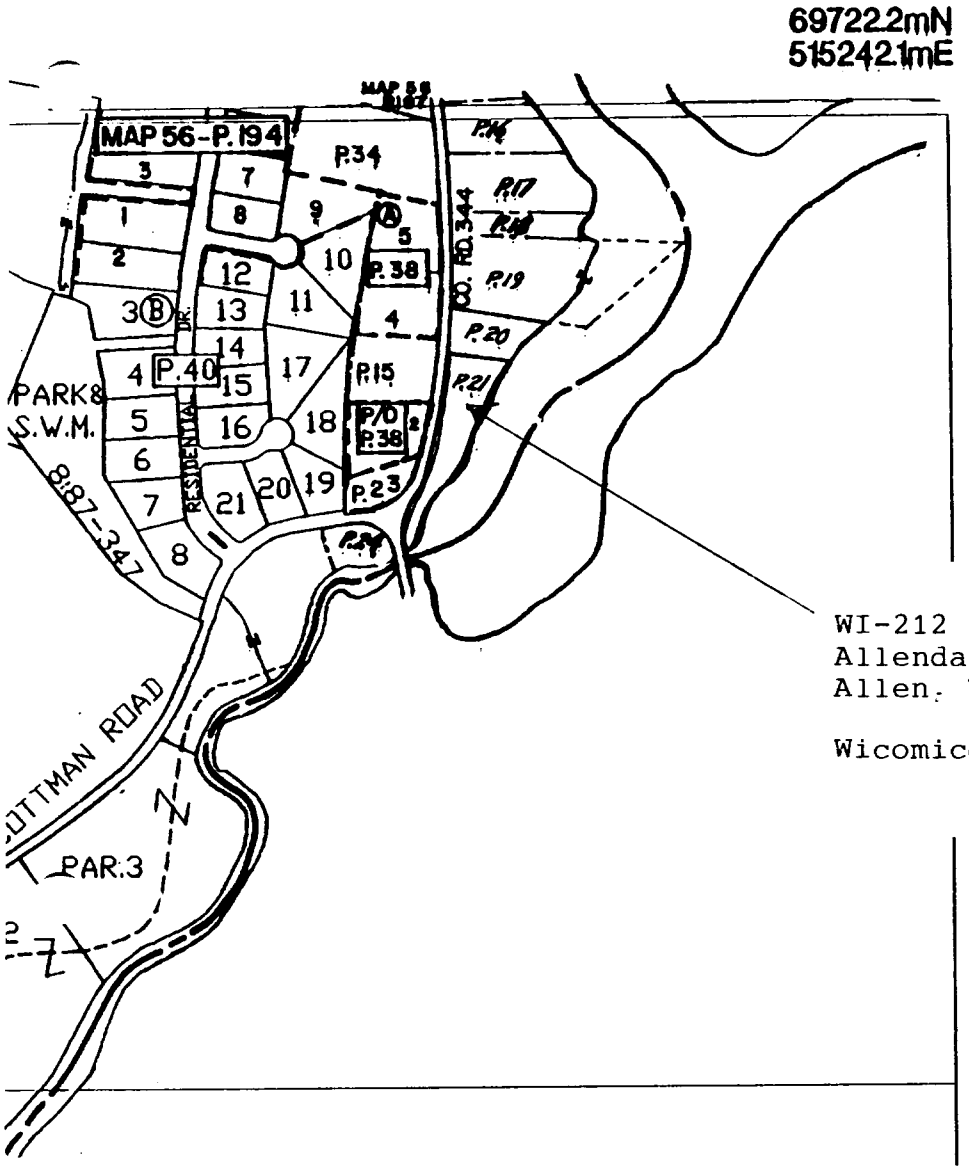
ALLENDALE COTTAGE
3311 Allen Road
Allen, Wicomico County, Maryland
Chain of title

1147/453	Daniel J. Gallagher Anne F. Gallagher
	to
6/17/1988	William Lee Fiddler Mary Agnes Fiddler
AJS 839/429	William E. Sinkbeil, Sr. Gloria White Sinkbeil
	to
6/27/1985	Daniel J. Gallagher Anne F. Gallagher "Tableau Lot"
JWTS 730/29	Donald L. Hitch, State of Kansas Thornton P. Hitch, State of Maryland
	to
3/8/1971	W. E. Sinkbeil, Sr. Gloria White Sinkbeil 7/8 acre "Tableau Lot"
322/351	Thornton P. Hitch, Personal Representative of the Estate of Laura L. Hitch
	to
	Thornton P. Hitch Donald L. Hitch

EAT 97/180	Charles C. Vickers Martha G. Vickers
	to
6/18/1915	Beverly T. Hitch
	"Tableau Lot"
EAT 94/313	William J. Phillips
	to
12/8/1914	Charles C. Vickers
	$65.00



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Allendale Cottage
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Wicomico County Tax Map 66
Parcel 21

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1983

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South Elevation

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