WI-230 1900
Phillips House and Store
Allen
Private

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MARYLAND HISTORIC PRESERVATION PLAN INFORMATION

RESOURCE NAME: Phillips House and Store

MHT INVENTORY NUMBER: WI-230

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
Former store building

MARYLAND INVENTORY OF
HISTORIC PROPERTIES

Survey No. WI-230

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DOE __yes __no

Maryland Historical Trust
State Historic Sites Inventory Form

1. Name (indicate preferred name)

historic: Phillips House and Store

and/or common:

2. Location

street & number: 3414 Allen Road ___ not for publication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	X 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: Mr. and Mrs. Richard Hoke

street & number: 3414 Allen Road telephone no.:

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

5. Location of Legal Description

courthouse, registry of deeds, etc.: Wicomico County Clerk of Court Tax Map 56, P.197 liber 1365

street & number: Wicomico County Courthouse folio 90

city, town: Salisbury state: MD 21801

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
___ excellent	___ deteriorated	___ unaltered	X original site
X 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 Phillips house and store stand at 3414 Allen Road in the village of Allen, Wicomico County, Maryland. The two-and-a-half story, combination house and store face east with the principal gable roof oriented on a north/south axis.

Supported on a brick pier foundation, the exterior of the c. 1900 ell-shaped structure is clad with asbestos shingles, and the steeply pitched roof slopes are covered with asphalt shingles. The eaves are extended and the soffits are open.

The east (main) elevation follows an asymmetrical plan with the two-and-a-half story, five-bay house facade joined with the two-story, two-bay commercial front of the former store. The five-bay house facade comprises a center entrance filled with a partially glazed door. Pairs of two-over-two sash windows pierce the wall to each side, and the entire first floor is sheltered by a shed roof front porch supported by tapered posts. Five two-over-two sash windows light the second floor. Centered on the roof is a gable roof dormer pierced with a paired window and trimmed with spindle brackets in the eave. Rising through the roof is a pair of single-flue brick chimney stacks finished with corbelled caps.

The north gable end of the house is marked by a single two-over-two sash window on each floor including the attic. The extended eaves of the roof are finished with a decorative bargeboard, and spindle brackets are located at the base of the roof.

The south gable end is fully covered by the two-story, two-bay by two-room commercial block, which is finished in the same way as the house. The gable-front elevation that faces the street is defined by a block center entrance flanked by two-over-two sash windows. The first floor is sheltered by a single-story porch supported on square posts. The second floor is lighted by a pair of two-over-two sash windows, and a single two-over-two sash lights the attic. The gable end is finished with a decorated bargeboard and spindle eave brackets. A single-flue brick chimney rises through the center of the former store.

The south side of the store is pierced by a pair of French doors and an adjacent two-over-two sash window on the first floor, and two-over-two sash windows on the second floor.

Extending from the back of the house is a single-story kitchen wing. The interior of the house was not seen.

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

Specific dates **Builder/Architect**

check: Applicable Criteria: ___A ___B X C ___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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Due to the relatively intact condition of this property it qualifies for listing in *Category B*, which identifies properties that should be preserved due to their architectural and historical importance. The building contributes as well to the historic character of the village.

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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

name/title	Paul B. Touart, Architectural Historian		
organization	Private Consultant	**date**	10/31/95
street & number	P. O. Box 5	**telephone**	410-651-1094
city or town	Westover	**state**	Maryland 21871

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3414 Allen Road
Allen, Wicomico County, Maryland
Chain of title

1365/90	Hilda M. Adams Irma L. Davis
	to
11/15/1993	Dick P. Hoke Janet S. Hoke Plat dated 9/28/1982 AJS 984/256

MSB 1247/400	Emphraim Adkins
	to
3/18/1991	Hilda M. Adams Irma L. Davis 1.567 acres

AJS 1032/109	John E. Jacob, Jr. Assignee
	to
3/19/1985	Emphraim Adkins

AJS 984/253	Union Trust Company, of Maryland
	to
1024/624	Robert E. Bounds Valerie L. Bounds Plat recorded with deed

AJS 884/883	Victor H. Laws, Personal Representative of Anne M. Desmond
	to
10/3/1977	Union Trust Company of Maryland, Victor H. Laws, William Perry Desmond
JWTS 357/145	Ida Virginia Elliott Fred P. Elliott
	to
4/30/1954	Anne Messick Desmond Gerald Desmond
JWTS 324/468	William Walter Stowman Lillian P. Stowman
	to
3/5/1951	Ida Virginia Elliott
JWTS 307/302	Emma Phillips, widow et al.
	to
9/18/1948	William Walter Stowman Lillian P. Stowman

JTT 28/446	John I. T. Long Cora B. Long
	to
12/6/1900	George M. Phillips to which upon the death of teh said George M. Phillips on April 15, 1933 the property became vested in the said Emma H. Phillips his widow, and the said Lillian Phillips Shivers and Pauline Phillips Best
28/446	Jay Williams, trustee
	to
8/26/1896	John I. T. Long "The Allen Storehouse Lot" Real Estate of J. S. C. Allen
Somerset County Land Record	Elenora Drura
	to
4/24/1866	Joseph S.C. Allen William F. Allen 1½ acres the said W. F. Allen afterwards on 8/23/1883 conveyed interest to Joseph S. C. Allen

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ERENCES.

[illegible]EBB, Dealer in Dry Goods, [illegible]s, [illegible]aps, Boots, Shoes, Hardware, [illegible]vare, [illegible]sware, Ready-made Clothing, [illegible]d Berry Baskets in season, Notions, &c. [illegible]s of Merchandise usually kept in a country [illegible]Fruitland, Md.

[illegible]BY, Dealer in Dry Goods, Groceries, [illegible]ps, Boots, Shoes, Hardware, Queensware, [illegible]re, Notions, &c. Eden, Md.

[illegible]LANY AND SONS, General Dealers [illegible] Shippers of all kinds of Domestic Fruits [illegible]etables. Also dealers in all kinds of Mer- [illegible] adapted to a village store. Fruitland, Md.

[illegible]LEN, Dealers in Dry Goods and Groce- [illegible]nt Medicines, Boots, Shoes, Hardware and [illegible], Paints, Oils, Dye-stuffs, Glass, Drugs [illegible]icines, Fancy Goods, Hats and Caps, and [illegible] Goods usnally kept in a country store. [illegible]r cash or Prodnce. Upper-Trappe, Md.

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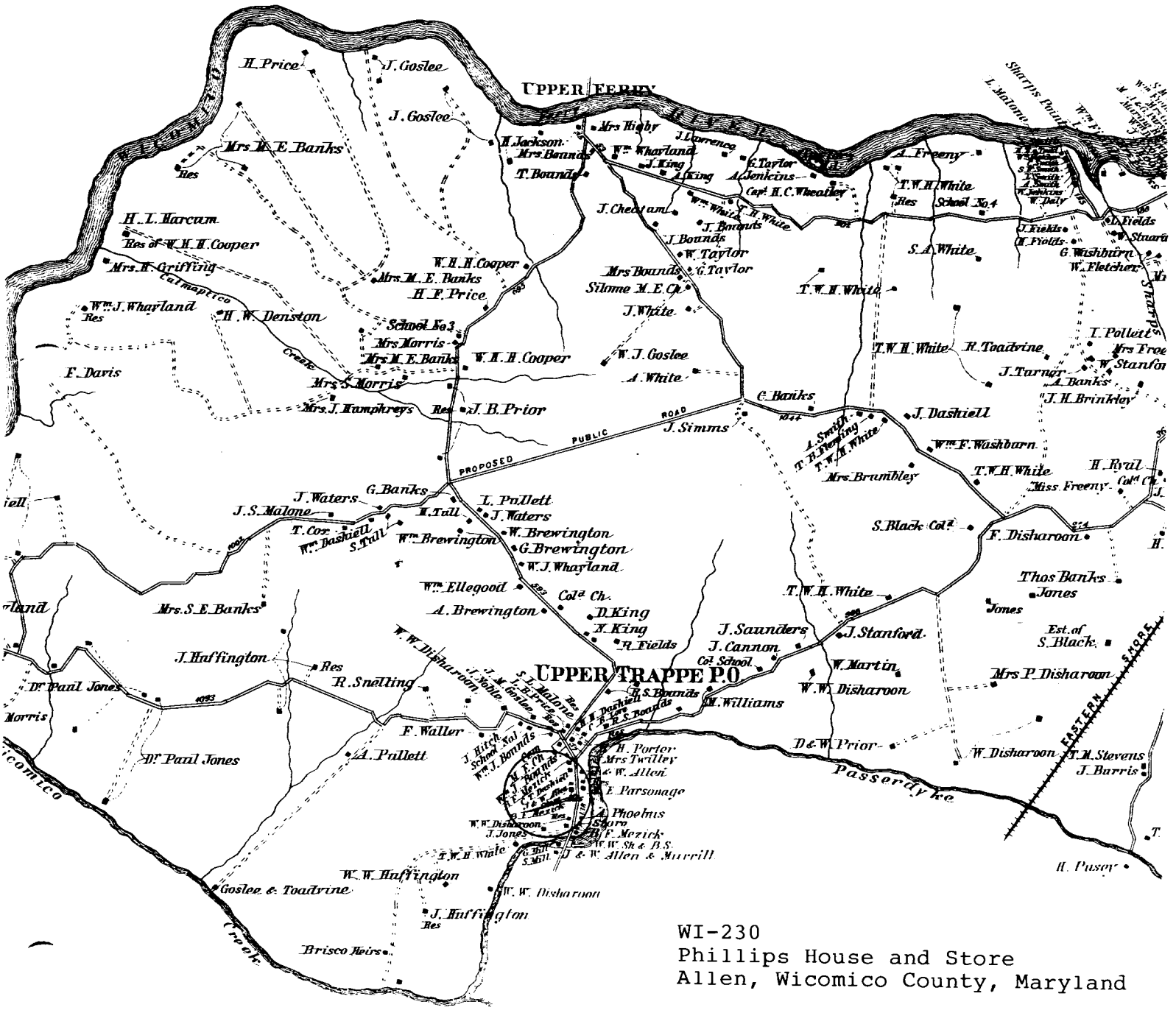

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Lake, Griffing, and Stevenson Atlas
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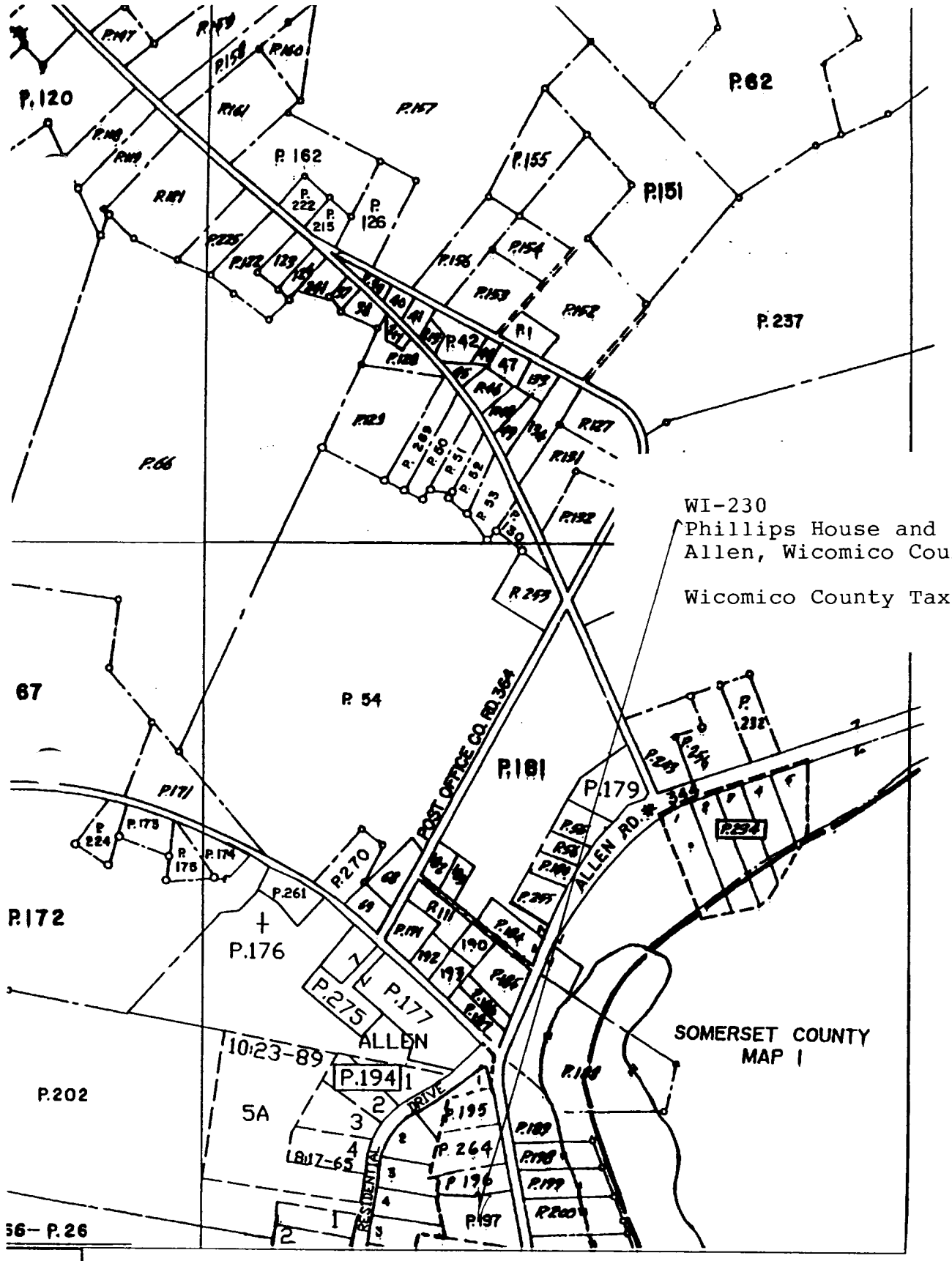

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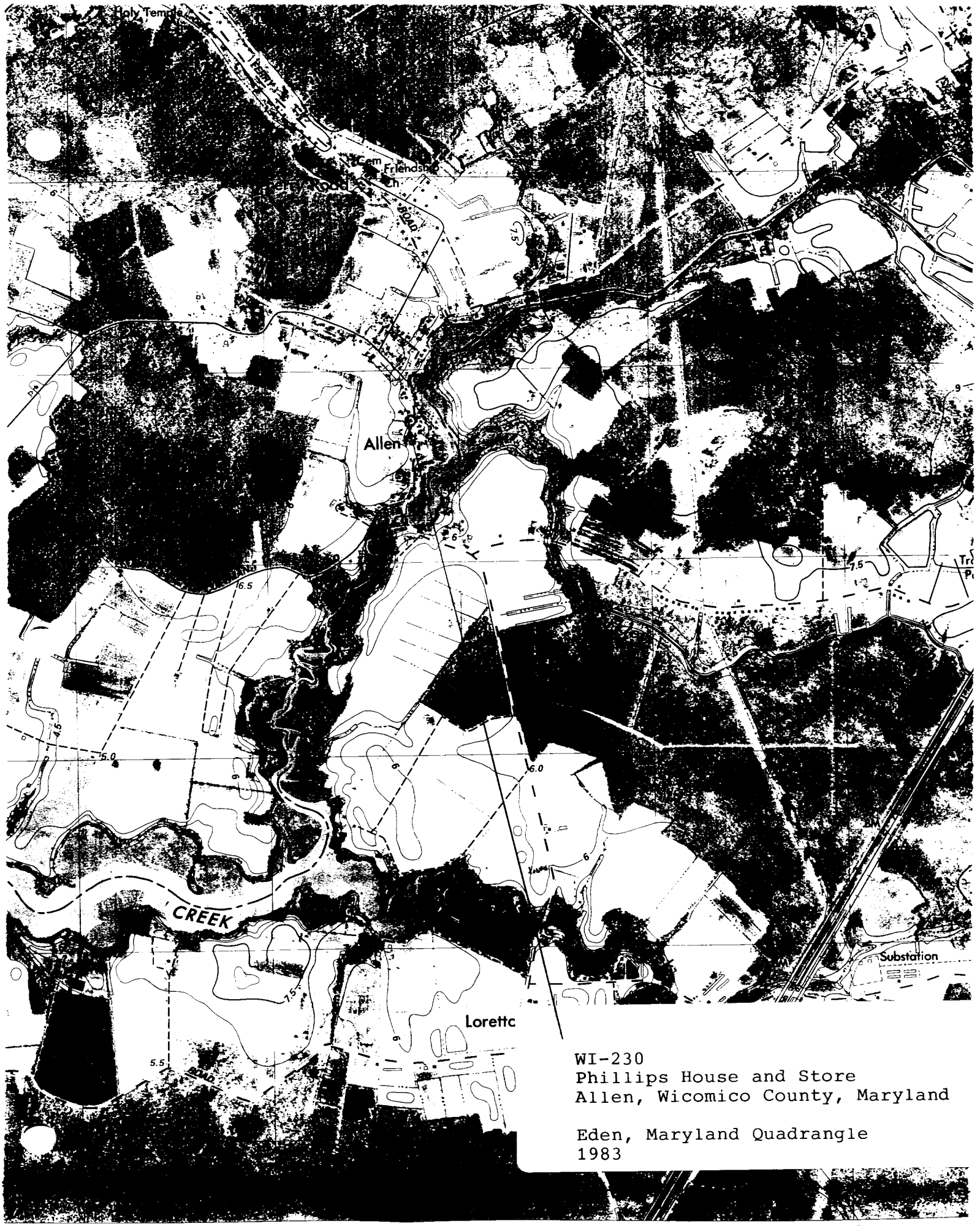
Wicomico County Tax Map 56
Parcel 197



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Eden, Maryland Quadrangle
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