

WI-238  
Peninsula Farm Market  
Allen  
Private

1926 and later

The Peninsula Farm Market is housed in a composite frame and concrete block building that stands on the south side of Allen Road in the village of Allen in southern Wicomico County. One of the few rural village stores to remain in business, the structure also incorporates the village post office as well. Erected in stages between 1926 and 1980, the center core of the store building is a single-story gable roofed frame building covered by a low pitched gable roof. A parapet wall disguised by a shed roofed porch stretches across the front of the frame store buildings as well as its lateral frame and concrete block additions. The early twentieth century store interior retains board walls and ceiling and a combination of nineteenth and twentieth century store counters and display cases.

Jesse Pollitt, the current proprietor's grandfather, built the initial store structure in 1926 and expanded the one-room building over the following decades. In addition to selling general merchandise, Jesse Pollitt ran a local auction block for local farm produce and he carried a line of fertilizers as well.

**Maryland Historical Trust  
State Historic Sites Inventory Form**

MARYLAND INVENTORY OF  
HISTORIC PROPERTIES

Survey No. WI-238

Magi No.

DOE  yes  no

**1. Name** (indicate preferred name)

historic Peninsula Farm Market

and/or common Kolb's Store

**2. Location**

street & number Allen Road  not for publication

city, town Allen  vicinity of congressional district First

state Maryland county Wicomico

**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 type="checkbox"/> private residence
<input type="checkbox"/> site	<b>Public Acquisition</b>	<b>Accessible</b>	<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 checked="" type="checkbox"/> not applicable	<input type="checkbox"/> no	<input type="checkbox"/> military <input type="checkbox"/> other:

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

name David W. Kolb

street & number P. O. Box 103 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 liber

street & number Wicomico County Courthouse folio

city, town Salisbury state Maryland 21801

**6. Representation in Existing Historical Surveys**

title

date  federal  state  county  local

pository for survey records

city, town state

# 7. Description

Survey No. WI-238

<b>Condition</b>		<b>Check one</b>	<b>Check one</b>
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> excellent	<input type="checkbox"/> deteriorated	<input type="checkbox"/> unaltered	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> original site
<input type="checkbox"/> good	<input type="checkbox"/> ruins	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> altered	<input type="checkbox"/> moved    date of move _____
<input type="checkbox"/> fair	<input type="checkbox"/> unexposed		

Prepare both a summary paragraph and a general description of the resource and its various elements as it exists today.

Formally known as the Peninsula Farm Market, and commonly called Kolb's Store, this single story frame building stands on the south side of Allen Road on the northern side of the village of Allen, Wicomico County, Maryland. The building faces northwest with the low pitched gable roof oriented on a northwest/southeast axis.

Erected in stages beginning around 1926, the Kolb store building is a single-story frame and concrete block structure. The center frame section, which comprises the original early twentieth century store is covered by a low pitched asphalt shingle gable roof disguised by a parapet wall. Lateral wings attached to each side of the store are covered with flat roofs. The exterior of the frame sections is largely clad with asbestos shingles, although the front wall of the initial early twentieth century store survives with plain weatherboard siding. The post office section, added in 1980, has exposed concrete blocks. A shed roofed porch stretches across the entire front of the composite store and post office building. A centrally located, single bay width of the porch roof projects slightly forward of the main shed roof, which is supported by a series of wood and metal posts.

The front wall of the store is marked by a centrally positioned door with flanking paired six-over-one sash windows. A large multi-pane bay window lights the portion of the store to the southwest, and a single door and paired window light the front wall of the post office section.

The interior of the store has not changed significantly since the early to mid twentieth century with narrow tongue-and-groove boards covering the walls and ceiling. The principal interior features include a few old store counters and display cases.

# 8. Significance

Survey No. WI-238

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 checked="" 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/
<input type="checkbox"/> 1700-1799	<input type="checkbox"/> art	<input type="checkbox"/> engineering	<input type="checkbox"/> music	<input type="checkbox"/> humanitarian
<input type="checkbox"/> 1800-1899	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> commerce	<input type="checkbox"/> exploration/settlement	<input type="checkbox"/> philosophy	<input type="checkbox"/> theater
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> 1900-	<input type="checkbox"/> communications	<input type="checkbox"/> industry	<input type="checkbox"/> politics/government	<input type="checkbox"/> transportation
		<input type="checkbox"/> invention		<input type="checkbox"/> other (specify)

**Specific dates**      1926      **Builder/Architect**

---

check: Applicable Criteria:     A     B     C     D  
and/or  
Applicable Exception:     A     B     C     D     E     F     G

Level of Significance:     national     state     local

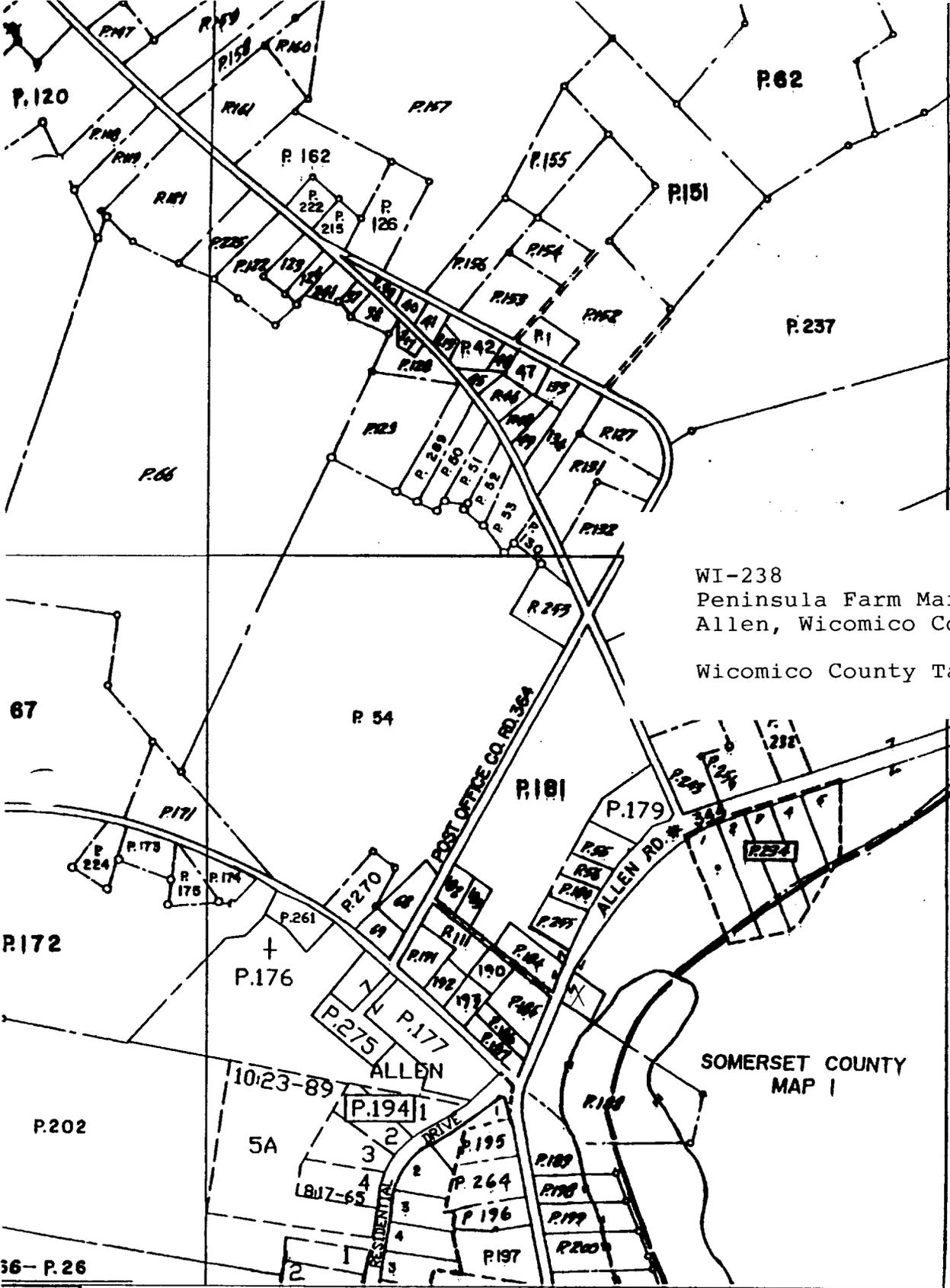
Prepare both a summary paragraph of significance and a general statement of history and support.

The Peninsula Farm Market is housed in a composite frame and concrete block building that stands on the south side of Allen Road in the village of Allen in southern Wicomico County. One of the few rural village stores to remain in business, the structure also incorporates the village post office as well. Erected in stages between 1926 and 1980, the center core of the store building is a single-story gable roofed frame building covered by a low pitched gable roof. A parapet wall disguised by a shed roofed porch stretches across the front of the frame store buildings as well as its lateral frame and concrete block additions. The early twentieth century store interior retains board walls and ceiling and a combination of nineteenth and twentieth century store counters and display cases.

Jesse Pollitt, the current proprietor's grandfather, built the initial store structure in 1926 and expanded the one-room building over the following decades. In addition to selling general merchandise, Jesse Pollitt ran a local auction block for local farm produce and he carried a line of fertilizers as well.

The Peninsula Farm Market falls into *Category D*, which identifies it as a structure where alterations should be considered less strictly. The building does contribute to the historic nature of Allen as the last of several general stores that operated in the village.





WI-238  
 Peninsula Farm Market  
 Allen, Wicomico County, Maryland

Wicomico County Tax Map 56  
 Parcel 184

SOMERSET COUNTY  
 MAP 1



WICOMICO COUNTY,  
 MARYLAND

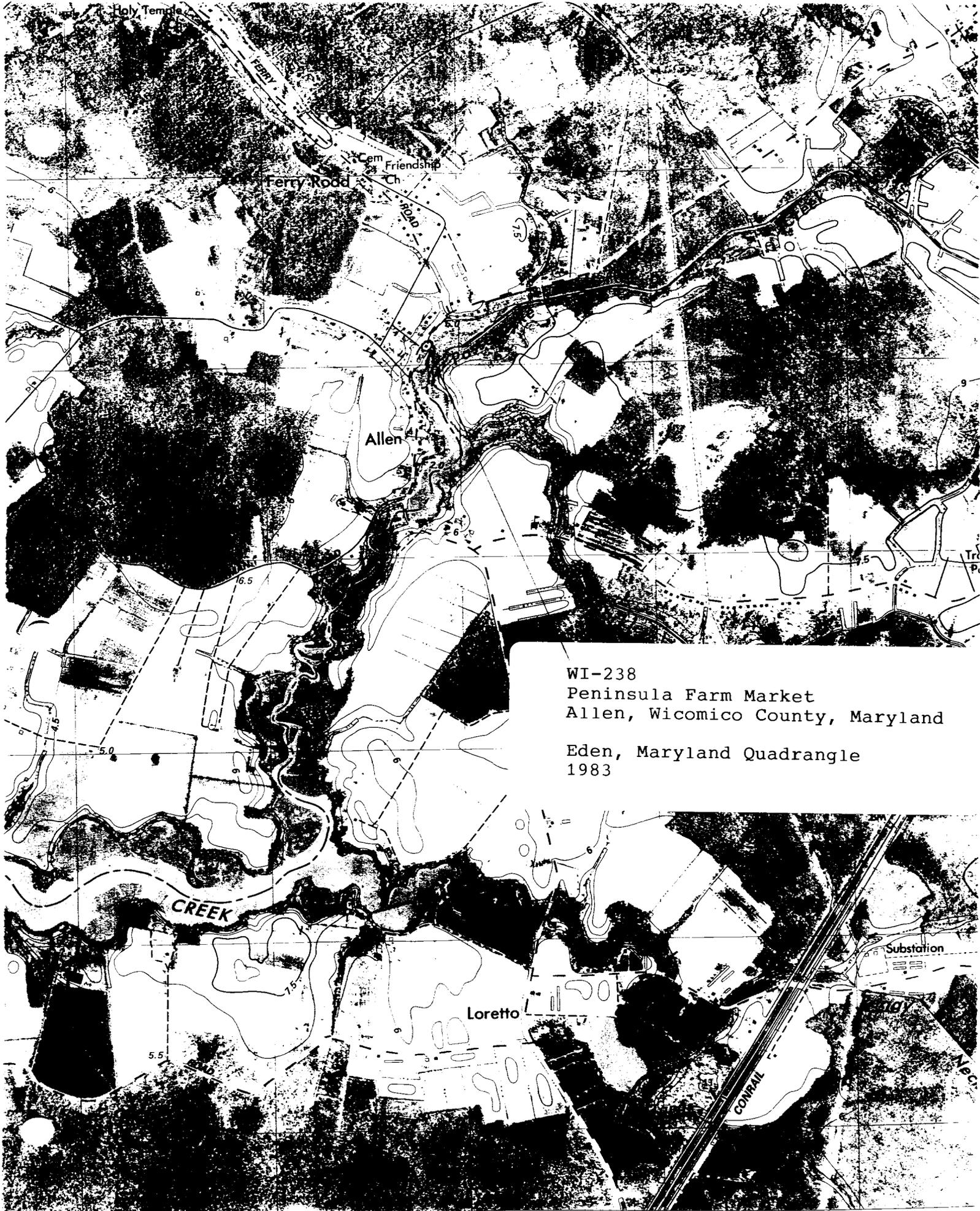
69722.2mN  
 51524.2mE

MAP NO.  
 56

1175

1178

168



WI-238  
Peninsula Farm Market  
Allen, Wicomico County, Maryland  
  
Eden, Maryland Quadrangle  
1983

42°30'

'39

(PRINCESS ANNE)  
5860 II NW  
SCALE 1:24 000

PRINCESS ANNE EAST  
5860 I NE NW

40'

'42



W1-238

PENINSULA FROM ALASKA

ALLEN, VINCENNA COUNTY, INDIANA

NORTH ELEVATION

1905, PAUL TOWNSEND, 1900-5000 FT. =

1000 / MID. 1750 FT. TOWN

1/1