

WI-241
Allen Post Office
Allen
Private

1947

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MARYLAND HISTORIC PRESERVATION PLAN INFORMATION

RESOURCE NAME: Allen Post Office

MHT INVENTORY NUMBER: WI-241

MARYLAND COMPREHENSIVE PLAN DATA

1. Historic Period Theme(s): Architecture
Government

2. Geographic Orientation: Eastern Shore

3. Chronological/Development Period(s): Modern Period 1830-Present

4. Resource Type(s): Post Office

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Magi No.

DOE yes no

1. Name (indicate preferred name)

historic

and/or common Allen Post Office

2. Location

street & number North side of Post Office Road not for publication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 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 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 Mr. James Fields

street & number 3570 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 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

postitory for survey records

city, town state

7. Description

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Condition		Check one	Check one	
<input type="checkbox"/> excellent	<input type="checkbox"/> deteriorated	<input type="checkbox"/> unaltered	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> original site	
<input checked="" 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.

The old Allen post office stands on the north side of Post Office Road on the northern edge of Allen, Wicomico County, Maryland. The single-story frame structure faces southeast with the gable roof oriented on a northeast/southwest axis.

Built in 1947-48, the rectangular single-story frame structure is supported on a concrete block foundation, and the exterior is clad with weatherboard siding. The medium pitched gable roof is sheathed with asphalt shingles. The front and rear edge of the roof is trimmed with a boxed cornice, and the gable ends are flush.

The southeast (main) elevation is an asymmetrical facade with an off-center entrance and flanking six-over-six sash windows. A small shed roofed stoop supported by square posts shelters the front entrance, which is filled with a three-panel door. There is a paired six-over-six sash window to the left of the entrance.

The northeast gable end is defined by a single six-over-six sash window, and the gable end is flush. The southwest gable end, on the other hand, is marked by a side entrance and a six-over-six sash window. A concrete block stack rises against the gable end. The door is partially glazed.

The northwest (rear) wall is marked by a single six-over-six sash window and a rear entrance sheltered by a shed roofed hood.

The interior was not seen.

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
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<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 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 checked="" type="checkbox"/> politics/government	<input type="checkbox"/> transportation
		<input type="checkbox"/> invention		<input type="checkbox"/> other (specify)

Specific dates 1947 **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.

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The old post office is eligible for listing in *Category C*, which designates buildings where alterations should be considered carefully since the structure stands close to a site listed in the A or B category.

9. Major Bibliographical References

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10. Geographical Data

Acreeage of nominated property _____

Quadrangle name _____

Quadrangle scale _____

UTM References do NOT complete UTM references

A
 Zone Easting Northing

B
 Zone Easting Northing

C

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Verbal boundary description and justification

List all states and counties for properties overlapping state or county boundaries

state	code	county	code

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Allen Post Office
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Allen, Wicomico County, Maryland

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Loretto

Substation

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42'30"

'39

(PRINCESS ANNE)

5860 II NW

PRINCESS ANNE F.A.M.

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'42

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Old Allen Post Office

Allen, Union Co. Kentucky, 1842

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