

HA-319

Edward M. Allen House
725 Darlington Road
Darlington vicinity
Private

c. 1880

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INVENTORY FORM FOR STATE HISTORIC SITES SURVEY

1 NAME

HISTORIC

Edward M. Allen House

AND/OR COMMON

Kelvin Grove Manor

2 LOCATION

STREET & NUMBER

725 Darlington Road

CITY, TOWN

Darlington

VICINITY OF

CONGRESSIONAL DISTRICT

1st

STATE

Maryland

COUNTY

Harford

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

NAME

Oakie H. Bishop, Jr.

Telephone #: 836-3803

STREET & NUMBER

725 Darlington Road

CITY, TOWN

Darlington

VICINITY OF

STATE, zip code

MD 21034

5 LOCATION OF LEGAL DESCRIPTION

COURTHOUSE
REGISTRY OF DEEDS, ETC

Harford County Courthouse

Liber #: 970

Folio #: 490

STREET & NUMBER

40 So. Main St.

CITY, TOWN

Bel Air

STATE

MD

6 REPRESENTATION IN EXISTING SURVEYS

TITLE

Maryland Historical Trust Historic Sites Inventory

DATE

c. 1970

FEDERAL STATE COUNTY LOCAL

DEPOSITORY FOR
SURVEY RECORDS

Maryland Historical Trust

CITY, TOWN

Annapolis

STATE

MD

7 DESCRIPTION

CONDITION		CHECK ONE	CHECK ONE
<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 _____
<input type="checkbox"/> FAIR	<input type="checkbox"/> UNEXPOSED		

DESCRIBE THE PRESENT AND ORIGINAL (IF KNOWN) PHYSICAL APPEARANCE

The Edward M. Allen House is a three sectioned coursed stone house with two stories and a slate gable roof dating from the last quarter of the 19th century. It is located on the east side of Darlington Road (MD 161) about one-tenth of a mile north of Deer Creek in Harford County, Maryland.

The structure consists of two parallel gabled sections on an east-west axis perpendicular to a third gabled section on the west. The present orientation of the house is to the north, but a formal entry on the west elevation suggests this may have been an earlier main facade.

The north elevation is composed of a dormered 1-1/2 story section adjoining the gable end of the west wing. The three dormers are faced with board and batten. A shed entry porch with a scroll-sawn balustrade is located on the east end of the dormered section. A low one-story projection to the north may have been a springhouse or dairy, judging by its height, proportions, and the cupola on its gable roof. This projection also has dormers and a frame upper section. There is a double door on the north end of the projection. This extension has been completely renovated on the interior and is joined to the dormered section. The north gable end of the west wing has a columned entry porch.

The west elevation has an irregular arrangement of bays, with five on the first floor and three on the second floor. The center entrance has a plain pilastered surround and a simple triglyph and metope frieze. The three dormers on the second level have board and batten facing.

A modern flagstone terrace is on the south elevation, which is an irregular arrangement of adjoining sections. The fenestration of the house is mostly six-over-six sliding sash with storm windows or screens over several windows. The dormers have four-over-four sash.

According to the present owner, the oldest section of the house is the 1-1/2 story section with the small springhouse or dairy extension. The original inventory form on this site, completed in a 1970 windshield survey, suggested that the present house was rebuilt in the second half of the 19th century around an earlier stone house.

The present outbuildings consist of a modern concrete block garage about 50 yards southeast of the house, a small frame house about 30 yards northeast of the house, and two large modern barns about 100 yards north. The frame house is a one-room cabin on a stone foundation with an exterior stone chimney on the east. The gable roof is slate and the exterior is white painted clapboard. The size and location of the house suggests that it may have been a slave or servant's quarters. On the east side of the barns, a long stone retaining wall may be a remnant of an earlier barn on this site.

There are two tenant houses associated with the E.M. Allen House. See HA-320, Allen Tenant House, for information on the older of the two. The newer house is a two-story concrete block structure with an apartment over a garage, which is located on the north bank of Deer Creek about 100 yards south of the Allen House. It appears to have been built about 1940.

CONTINUE ON SEPARATE SHEET IF NECESSARY

8 SIGNIFICANCE

PERIOD	AREAS OF SIGNIFICANCE -- CHECK AND JUSTIFY BELOW			
PREHISTORIC	<input type="checkbox"/> ARCHEOLOGY-PREHISTORIC	<input type="checkbox"/> COMMUNITY PLANNING	<input type="checkbox"/> LANDSCAPE ARCHITECTURE	<input type="checkbox"/> RELIGION
1400-1499	<input type="checkbox"/> ARCHEOLOGY-HISTORIC	<input type="checkbox"/> CONSERVATION	<input type="checkbox"/> LAW	<input type="checkbox"/> SCIENCE
1500-1599	<input type="checkbox"/> AGRICULTURE	<input type="checkbox"/> ECONOMICS	<input type="checkbox"/> LITERATURE	<input type="checkbox"/> SCULPTURE
1600-1699	<input type="checkbox"/> ARCHITECTURE	<input type="checkbox"/> EDUCATION	<input type="checkbox"/> MILITARY	<input type="checkbox"/> SOCIAL/HUMANITARIAN
1700-1799	<input type="checkbox"/> ART	<input type="checkbox"/> ENGINEERING	<input type="checkbox"/> MUSIC	<input type="checkbox"/> THEATER
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> 1800-1899	<input type="checkbox"/> COMMERCE	<input type="checkbox"/> EXPLORATION/SETTLEMENT	<input type="checkbox"/> PHILOSOPHY	<input type="checkbox"/> TRANSPORTATION
1900-	<input type="checkbox"/> COMMUNICATIONS	<input type="checkbox"/> INDUSTRY	<input type="checkbox"/> POLITICS/GOVERNMENT	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> OTHER (SPECIFY) local history
		<input type="checkbox"/> INVENTION		

SPECIFIC DATES c. 1880

BUILDER/ARCHITECT

STATEMENT OF SIGNIFICANCE

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William Stump Forwood, in his "Homes on Deer Creek" series in the Aegis-Intelligencer in 1879-80, states that an older house stood on the site of the Allen House, but was burned prior to the building of the present house. The older house was owned by Rachel Wilson, Allen's mother-in-law.

CONTINUE ON SEPARATE SHEET IF NECESSARY

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9 MAJOR BIBLIOGRAPHICAL REFERENCES

McGrain, John. Mollinography of Harford County
Preston, W.S. Our Harford Heritage
Martenet's Map of Harford County, 1878
Forwood, William Stump. "Homes on Deer Creek", Aegis-Intelligencer, 1879-80.

CONTINUE ON SEPARATE SHEET IF NECESSARY

10 GEOGRAPHICAL DATA

ACREAGE OF NOMINATED PROPERTY 92.65

Includes the present tax parcel

VERBAL BOUNDARY DESCRIPTION

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

STATE	COUNTY
STATE	COUNTY

11 FORM PREPARED BY

NAME / TITLE

Janet L. Davis, Historic Sites Surveyor

ORGANIZATION

Harford County Dept. of Planning and Zoning

DATE

September 1982

STREET & NUMBER

45 So. Main St.

TELEPHONE

(301) 838-6000, ext. 207

CITY OR TOWN

Bel Air

STATE

MD 21014

The Maryland Historic Sites Inventory was officially created by an Act of the Maryland Legislature, to be found in the Annotated Code of Maryland, Article 41, Section 181 KA, 1974 Supplement.

The Survey and Inventory are being prepared for information and record purposes only and do not constitute any infringement of individual property rights.

RETURN TO: Maryland Historical Trust
The Shaw House, 21 State Circle
Annapolis, Maryland 21401
(301) 267-1438

EDWARD M. ALLEN HOUSE

HA-319

HDC 970/490 Grantor: Oakie H. Bishop, Jr. and wife Eunice D.
Feb. 28, 1975 Grantee: Oakie H. Bishop, Jr.
Acreage: 92.65

HDC 930/110 Grantor: William H. Grier and Mary B. Grier
June 27, 1973 Grantee: Oakie H. Bishop, Jr. and wife Eunice D. Bishop
Acreage: 92.65

GRG 635/224 Grantor: Mary Hobbs Griffith, widow; Charles Hobbs Griffith and
Nov. 18, 1963 Annette C. Griffith, wife (of San Patricio County, TX)
Grantee: William H. Grier and Mary B. Grier

GRG 368/223 Grantor: Lester W. Tucker, Jr. and Nancy W. Tucker, his wife;
Dec. 20, 1951 and Harry C. Lawder III and Marguerite J. Lawder, his wife
Grantee: William M. Griffith
Acreage: 184.396, including Tract # 2, " . . . known as Kelvin
Manor . . ."

GRG 335/79 Grantor: Frederick H. Keer and wife
Oct. 3, 1949 Grantee: Harry C. Lawder III and wife
Acreage: 3.33
\$16,000

GRG 318/262 Grantor: Alexander W. Keer, unmarried, Newark, NJ
July 31, 1948 Grantee: Frederick H. Keer and Elizabeth Keer, his wife, Aurora, Ohio
Acreage: 3.33
\$13,500

GCB 297/399 Grantor: Rea H. Todd, unmarried, New York City
June 29, 1946 Grantee: Alexander W. Keer, Frederick H. Keer and Elizabeth Rhoades
Keer, his wife
Acreage: 3.33

GCB 291/161 Grantor: Sylvia Sawyer Todd
Oct. 10, 1945 Grantee: Rea H. Todd
(Property settlement in divorce action)

GCB 271/197 Grantor: James R. Manning and wife, Miriam S. D. Manning
Feb. 16, 1942 Grantee: Rea H. Todd and wife
Acreage: 184.396
"Kelvin Manor"

SWC 239/81 Grantor: Tom Gilbert Lawrance and Marie Grace Lawrance, his wife
Nov. 8, 1935 Grantee: James R. Manning and Miriam S. D. Manning, his wife
Acreage: 184.396
"Kelvin Manor"

SWC 227/319 Grantor: Grace A. T. Allen and J.A. Graeme Allen, trustee
Nov. 8, 1933 Grantee: Tom Gilbert Lawrance
(J.A.G. Allen appointed trustee to sell real estate to settle equity
case between McComas Brothers, complainants, and Edward M. Allen, Jr.
et al, defendants. Grace A.T. Allen was wife of Edward M. Allen, Jr.)

WSF 122/100 Grantor: Margaret N. Allen and J.A. Graeme Allen, her husband
 Aug. 29, 1907 Grantee: Edward M. Allen, Jr.
 Acreage: 129
 \$10,000

WSF 104/162 Grantor: J.A. Graeme Allen
 April 14, 1902 Grantee: Margaret N. Allen
 Acreage: 129
 ". . . \$10 and natural affection . . ."

WSF 99/258 Grantor: Edward M. Allen, Jr. and wife
 Jan. 12, 1900 Grantee: J.A. Graeme Allen
 Acreage: 129
 \$8,000

WSF 90/48 Grantor: Edward M. Allen, trustee of Sallie E. Allen, his wife, and
 Dec. 28, 1896 others
 Grantee: Edward M. Allen, Jr. and J.A. Graeme Allen (brothers)

WHD 17/396 Grantor: Rachel Wilson
 July 25, 1866 Grantee: Edward M. Allen, trustee for Sallie E. Allen
 Acreage: about 128
 \$13, 043.20
 ". . . for the sole and separate use of his wife Sallie E. Allen . . ."

(Transactions up to 1900 also mention quarrying rights on Coale property on south side of Deer Creek, indicating probable building activity on the Allen tract.)

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MD. HISTORICAL TRUST
BOX 1704
ANNAPOLIS, MD. 21404

NATIONAL REGISTER OF HISTORIC PLACES
INVENTORY - NOMINATION FORM

(Type all entries - complete applicable sections)

STATE:	
COUNTY:	
FOR NPS USE ONLY	
ENTRY NUMBER	DATE

1. NAME

COMMON: Grier - Allen house

AND/OR HISTORIC:

2. LOCATION

STREET AND NUMBER: East side of Darlington Road about 0.1 mi north

CITY OR TOWN: Darlington of Deer Creek

STATE: Maryland CODE: COUNTY: Harford CODE:

3. CLASSIFICATION

CATEGORY (Check One)	OWNERSHIP	STATUS	ACCESSIBLE TO THE PUBLIC
District <input type="checkbox"/> Building <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Public <input type="checkbox"/>	Public Acquisition: <input type="checkbox"/>	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Occupied <input type="checkbox"/>	Yes: <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Restricted <input type="checkbox"/>
Site <input type="checkbox"/> Structure <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Private <input type="checkbox"/>	In Process <input type="checkbox"/>	Unoccupied <input type="checkbox"/>	Unrestricted <input type="checkbox"/>
Object <input type="checkbox"/>	Both <input type="checkbox"/>	Being Considered <input type="checkbox"/>	Preservation work in progress <input type="checkbox"/>
No: <input type="checkbox"/>			
PRESENT USE (Check One or More as Appropriate)			
Agricultural <input type="checkbox"/>	Government <input type="checkbox"/>	Park <input type="checkbox"/>	Transportation <input type="checkbox"/>
Commercial <input type="checkbox"/>	Industrial <input type="checkbox"/>	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Private Residence <input type="checkbox"/>	Other (Specify) <input type="checkbox"/>
Educational <input type="checkbox"/>	Military <input type="checkbox"/>	Religious <input type="checkbox"/>	Comments <input type="checkbox"/>
Entertainment <input type="checkbox"/>	Museum <input type="checkbox"/>	Scientific <input type="checkbox"/>	_____

4. OWNER OF PROPERTY

OWNERS NAME: Mr & Mrs William Grier

STREET AND NUMBER: Darlington Road - RFD

CITY OR TOWN: Darlington STATE: MD CODE:

5. LOCATION OF LEGAL DESCRIPTION

COURTHOUSE, REGISTRY OF DEEDS, ETC.: CLERK OF THE CIRCUIT COURT

STREET AND NUMBER: HARFORD COUNTY COURTHOUSE 40 S. MAIN ST.

CITY OR TOWN: BEL AIR STATE: MARYLAND CODE:

APPROXIMATE ACREAGE OF NOMINATED PROPERTY:

6. REPRESENTATION IN EXISTING SURVEYS

TITLE OF SURVEY:

DATE OF SURVEY: Federal State County Local

DEPOSITORY FOR SURVEY RECORDS:

STREET AND NUMBER:

CITY OR TOWN: STATE: CODE:

SEE INSTRUCTIONS

STATE: COUNTY: ENTRY NUMBER DATE

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7. DESCRIPTION

N. R. FIELD SHEET

CONDITION Excellent Good Fair Deteriorated Ruins Unexposed (Check One)

INTEGRITY Altered Unaltered Moved Original Site (Check One) (Check One)

DESCRIBE THE PRESENT AND ORIGINAL (if known) PHYSICAL APPEARANCE

This pleasant stone house, 1 1/2 stories, has 3 wide ~~gables~~ ^{dormers} gables, part frame, in the west facade. T-shaped, the main section faces west, 5 bays x 2 downstairs, (3 x 2 above). The wing runs east along the south wall, 1 1/2 stories of smaller scale with wide eaves and ~~gables~~ dormers light up the second floor. The roof is slate. Porches north and south, and a terrace south overlooking Deer Creek.

SEE INSTRUCTIONS

8. SIGNIFICANCE

PERIOD (Check One or More as Appropriate)

- Pre-Columbian 16th Century 18th Century 20th Century
 15th Century 17th Century 19th Century *Unknown?*

SPECIFIC DATE(S) (If Applicable and Known)

AREAS OF SIGNIFICANCE (Check One or More as Appropriate)

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|---|---------------------------------------|---|--|
| Aboriginal <input type="checkbox"/> | Education <input type="checkbox"/> | Political <input type="checkbox"/> | Urban Planning <input type="checkbox"/> |
| Prehistoric <input type="checkbox"/> | Engineering <input type="checkbox"/> | Religion/Philosophy <input type="checkbox"/> | Other (Specify) <input type="checkbox"/> |
| Historic <input type="checkbox"/> | Industry <input type="checkbox"/> | Science <input type="checkbox"/> | _____ |
| Agriculture <input type="checkbox"/> | Invention <input type="checkbox"/> | Sculpture <input type="checkbox"/> | _____ |
| Art <input type="checkbox"/> | Landscape <input type="checkbox"/> | Social/Humanitarian <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> | _____ |
| Commerce <input type="checkbox"/> | Architecture <input type="checkbox"/> | Theater <input type="checkbox"/> | _____ |
| Communications <input type="checkbox"/> | Literature <input type="checkbox"/> | Transportation <input type="checkbox"/> | _____ |
| Conservation <input type="checkbox"/> | Military <input type="checkbox"/> | | _____ |
| | Music <input type="checkbox"/> | | _____ |

STATEMENT OF SIGNIFICANCE (Include Personages, Dates, Events, Etc.)

This Victorian house of a wealthy business man, S. M. Allen, may have been built over from an earlier stone house.

The site, overlooking Deer Creek among tall trees, is very nice.

SEE INSTRUCTIONS

9. MAJOR BIBLIOGRAPHICAL REFERENCES

Blank area for major bibliographical references.

10. GEOGRAPHICAL DATA

LATITUDE AND LONGITUDE COORDINATES DEFINING A RECTANGLE LOCATING THE PROPERTY			O R	LATITUDE AND LONGITUDE COORDINATES DEFINING THE CENTER POINT OF A PROPERTY OF LESS THAN ONE ACRE		
CORNER	LATITUDE	LONGITUDE		LATITUDE	LONGITUDE	
	Degrees Minutes Seconds	Degrees Minutes Seconds		Degrees Minutes Seconds	Degrees Minutes Seconds	
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SW	° ' "	° ' "		° ' "	° ' "	

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

STATE:	CODE	COUNTY	CODE

11. FORM PREPARED BY

NAME AND TITLE: **JEAN S. EWING**

ORGANIZATION: **MARYLAND HISTORICAL TRUST** DATE: _____

STREET AND NUMBER: **50 STATE CIRCLE**

CITY OR TOWN: **ANNAPOLIS** STATE: **MARYLAND** CODE: _____

12. STATE LIAISON OFFICER CERTIFICATION

As the designated State Liaison Officer for the National Historic Preservation Act of 1966 (Public Law 89-665). I hereby nominate this property for inclusion in the National Register and certify that it has been evaluated according to the criteria and procedures set forth by the National Park Service. The recommended level of significance of this nomination is:

National State Local

Name _____

Title _____

Date _____

NATIONAL REGISTER VERIFICATION

I hereby certify that this property is included in the National Register.

Chief, Office of Archeology and Historic Preservation

Date _____

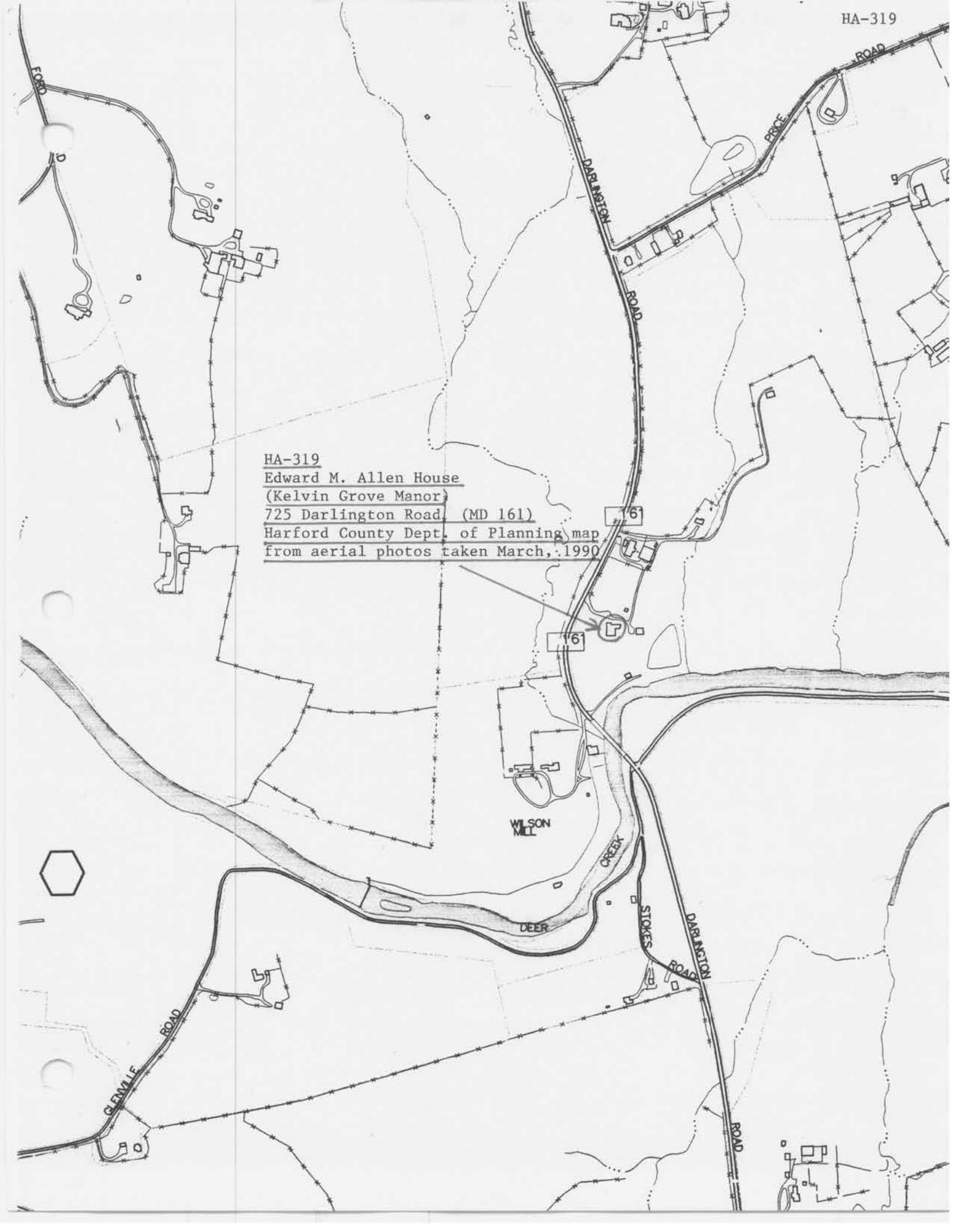
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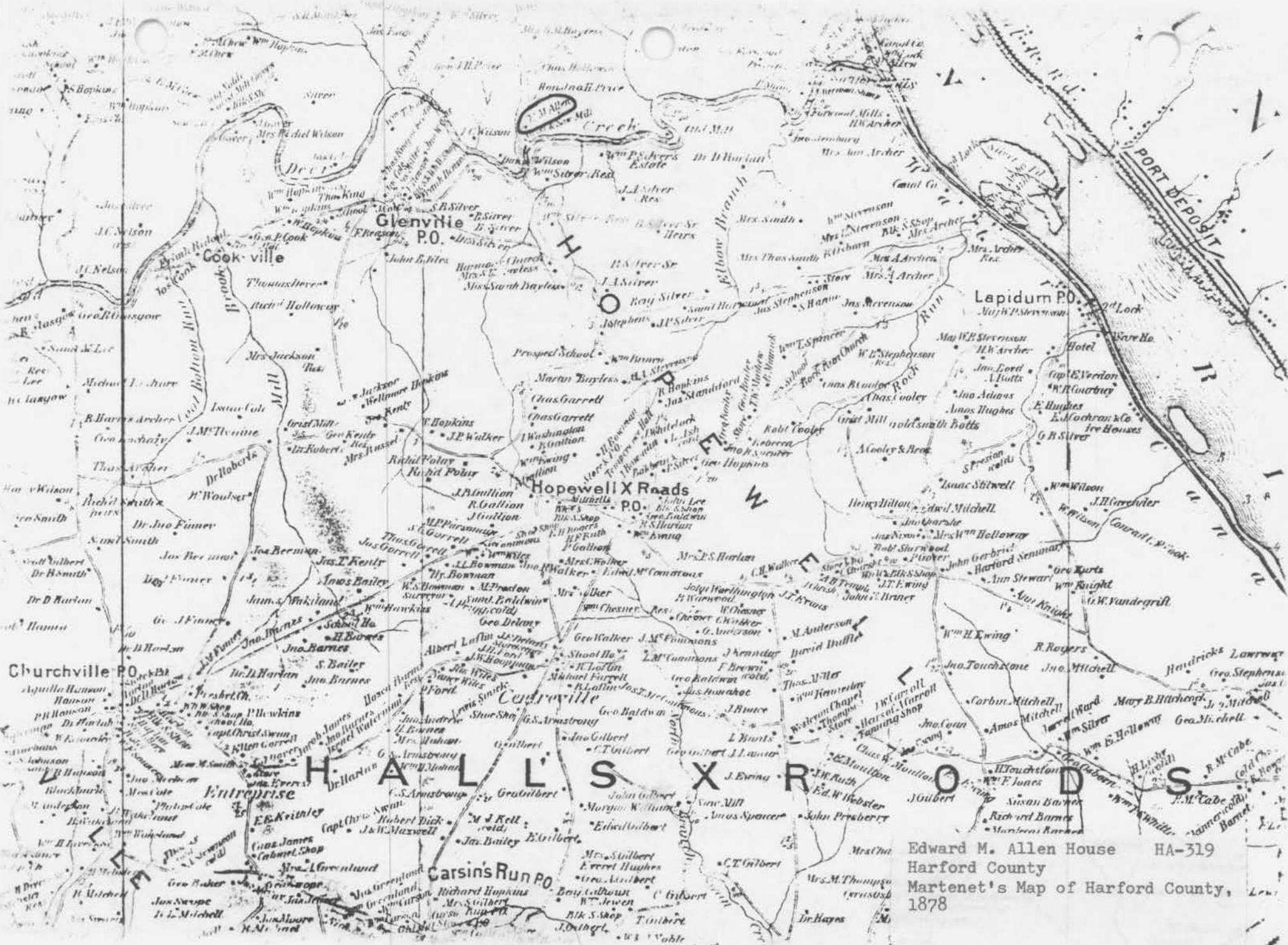
Keeper of The National Register

Date _____

SEE INSTRUCTIONS

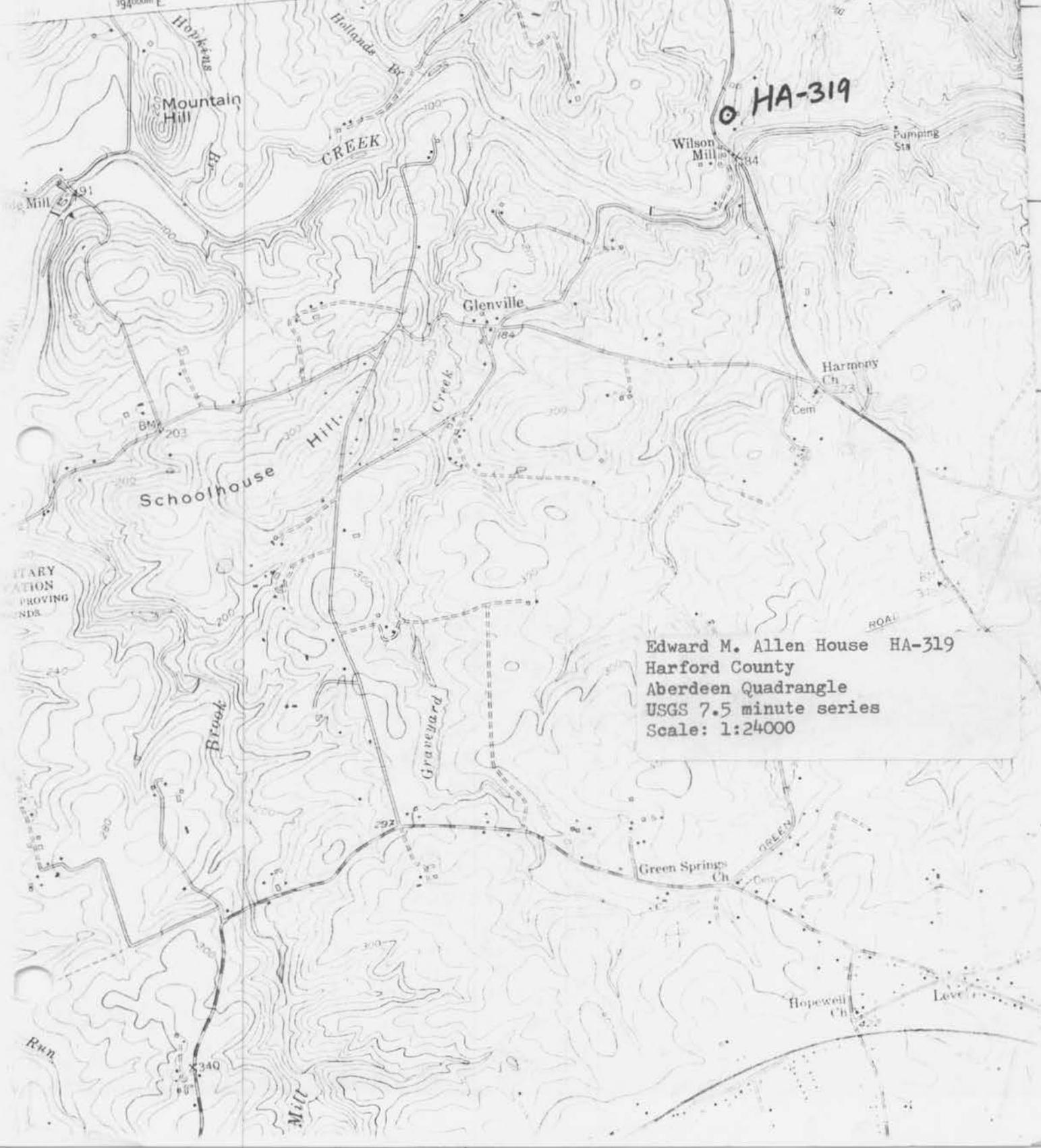
HA-319
Edward M. Allen House
(Kelvin Grove Manor)
725 Darlington Road (MD 161)
Harford County Dept. of Planning map
from aerial photos taken March, 1990





Edward M. Allen House HA-319
Harford County
Martenet's Map of Harford County,
1878

UNITED STATES
GEOLOGICAL SURVEY
OF THE INTERIOR



Edward M. Allen House HA-319
Harford County
Aberdeen Quadrangle
USGS 7.5 minute series
Scale: 1:24000