

Inventory Number:
Charles Allnutt House H17:SS
Montgomery Co., MD
C. Mazurek
October 23, 1997
Section 7.1

Addendum

This property has no structures standing on it due to vandalism and arson.

INVENTORY FORM FOR STATE HISTORIC SITES SURVEY

1 NAME

HISTORIC

Charles Allnut house

AND/OR COMMON

Cloverdale

2 LOCATION

STREET & NUMBER

River Road

CITY, TOWN

within Seneca State Park — VICINITY OF

CONGRESSIONAL DISTRICT

STATE

Maryland

COUNTY

Montgomery

3 CLASSIFICATION

CATEGORY	OWNERSHIP	STATUS	PRESENT USE
<input type="checkbox"/> DISTRICT	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> PUBLIC	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> OCCUPIED	<input type="checkbox"/> AGRICULTURE <input type="checkbox"/> MUSEUM
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<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	PUBLIC ACQUISITION	ACCESSIBLE	<input type="checkbox"/> ENTERTAINMENT <input type="checkbox"/> RELIGIOUS
<input type="checkbox"/> OBJECT	<input type="checkbox"/> IN PROCESS	<input 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"/> NO	<input type="checkbox"/> MILITARY <input type="checkbox"/> OTHER abandoned

4 OWNER OF PROPERTY

NAME

Maryland Department of Natural Resources

Telephone #:

STREET & NUMBER

Taylor Avenue

CITY, TOWN

Annapolis

— VICINITY OF

STATE, zip code

Maryland 21401

5 LOCATION OF LEGAL DESCRIPTION

COURTHOUSE,

REGISTRY OF DEEDS, ETC

STREET & NUMBER

Montgomery County Court House

Liber #: 5048

Folio #: 362

CITY, TOWN

Rockville

STATE

Maryland

6 REPRESENTATION IN EXISTING SURVEYS

TITLE

DATE

—FEDERAL —STATE —COUNTY —LOCAL

DEPOSITORY FOR
SURVEY RECORDS

CITY, TOWN

STATE

7 DESCRIPTION

M.17-55

CONDITION		CHECK ONE	CHECK ONE
<input type="checkbox"/> EXCELLENT	<input checked="" 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 Charles Allnutt house, also known as "Cloverdale", is one of several area farmhouses built around 1900.

Situated atop a gentle hill which dominates the surrounding acreage south of River Road between the road and the Potomac, this rather unassuming frame structure, clad in wooden clapboards painted white, represents a typical example of its type: a plan consisting of a squarish main block extended into an "L" configuration by the addition of a rectangular wing containing the kitchen and other auxiliary rooms.

The north and principal facade of the farmhouse is characterized by a two-bay composition. On the first story a door with transom and sidelights is located toward the northeast corner of the house and beside it a 1/1 double hung sash window, once shuttered. On the second story are two of the same type of windows located above the first floor door and window, respectively, but separated from them by the sloping roof of a one story high porch. This porch extends from the bay window system on the east side of the building, wraps around the northeast corner and extends across the length of the north facade. It is supported by turned baluster-like posts, four spaced at intervals across the facade, one opposite the corner where the porch is cut at an angle, and one at the porch's termination and adjacent to the bay window. Atop the north face of the hipped roof is a gable roofed window dormer with same double hung sash as the other windows in the facade.

The east facade consists of three parts, the face of the main block articulated by two diagonally placed square windows on the stairway. These are separated by the roof of the first story porch. The two story bay window system constitutes the central part; its configuration is three sided, shuttered windows in each story, the bay being capped by a polygonal roof projecting from the sloping gable of the main roof. At the southeastern corner of the building is a recessed porch adjacent to the bay system at the second story level.

The most significant of the various outbuildings is a large, prominently sited, early twentieth century barn retaining older techniques of barn construction such as mortise and tenon and pegged joints, and it is decorated by false louvers.

Also on the property is a tenant house situated south of River Road to the east side of the driveway which leads to the main house. Also built in the early 1900s, it is a two-story frame structure, sheathed in clapboarding, and with the one-room deep plan typical of its type. The principal facade is two bays wide, consisting of a door and window on the first story topped by two six over six windows on the second

CONTINUE ON SEPARATE SHEET IF NECESSARY
See continuation Sheet

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/HUMANITARIAN		
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<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> 1900-	<input type="checkbox"/> COMMUNICATIONS	<input type="checkbox"/> INDUSTRY	<input type="checkbox"/> POLITICS/GOVERNMENT	<input type="checkbox"/> OTHER (SPECIFY)		
		<input type="checkbox"/> INVENTION				

SPECIFIC DATES c. 1910 BUILDER/ARCHITECT

STATEMENT OF SIGNIFICANCE

This farmhouse, though plagued by vandalism and victimized by owner neglect and abuse, is a fine example of regional, post 1900 domestic architecture in a rural setting. Along with its well preserved barn, and assorted outbuildings, it forms a complex of exceptional scenic value of the kind once typical to most of Montgomery County.

The Allnutt family has long been connected to this area. Charles Allnutt (1869-1929), the builder and first owner of the house, was the son of Benoni Allnutt, the builder and original owner of Rocklands (c. 1868-9), a two story sandstone manor house of substantial proportions located nearby on Montevideo Road.¹

By 1900 Charles Edward Allnutt and Thomas Darby (a member of another family of long-standing residence in the Seneca area) were farming the acreage which was the site of Cloverdale. The land was commonly known as "Seneca Quarry Farm", and was Charles' portion of the division of Benoni and Emily (Dawson) Allnutt's holdings. Charles Allnutt raised two children at Cloverdale; his son, Charles, Jr., inherited the farmstead and lived there until his death in 1962. The property was subsequently sold to Mr. Brockett Muir, who owned it until DNR's acquisition in 1965.²

Charles Allnutt's daughter, Julia, a teacher, lived with her brother, Charles, Jr., at Cloverdale while she taught area children at Seneca schoolhouse (c. 1868), the red sandstone structure on River Road, also included with the Allnutt dwellings, both Rocklands and Cloverdale, in the present Seneca National Register district.

¹Sween, Mary Jane: "Dawsonville/Seneca", Vertical File, Montgomery County Historical Society, Rockville, Md.

²Ibid, op cit.

9 MAJOR BIBLIOGRAPHICAL REFERENCES

Hiebert, Ray Eldon and MacMaster, Richard K.: A Grateful Remembrance: The Story of Montgomery County, Maryland, Montgomery County Government Rockville, 1976.

Seneca Historic District National Register Nomination form, 1978.

Sween, Mary Jane: "Dawsonville/Seneca", Vertical file, Montgomery County Historical Society, Rockville

CONTINUE ON SEPARATE SHEET IF NECESSARY

10 GEOGRAPHICAL DATA

ACREAGE OF NOMINATED PROPERTY _____

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

Ellen Coxe, Historic Sites Surveyor

ORGANIZATION

Maryland Historical Trust

DATE

March 1979

STREET & NUMBER

Shaw House, 21 State Circle

TELEPHONE

269-2438

CITY OR TOWN

Annapolis

STATE

Maryland

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
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INVENTORY FORM FOR STATE HISTORIC SITES SURVEY

CONTINUATION SHEET

Charles Allnutt house

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story. An open, shed-roofed porch, resting on four simple timber supports, extends from the northwest corner, two-thirds of the length of the facade, thereby sheltering the entrance doorway. The gable ends of the building are articulated by two windows, one at each story level. The chimney, positioned at the center of the house indicating the location of the fireplace system, projects from a corrugated tin roof. A smooth cornice with plain frieze encircles the building with flaring vergeboards under the eaves at the gable ends.

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MARYLAND HISTORICAL TRUST

INVENTORY FORM FOR STATE HISTORIC SITES SURVEY

1 NAME

HISTORIC

AND/OR COMMON

Old Allnutt Farm

2 LOCATION

STREET & NUMBER

River Road & Reddick Road

CITY TOWN

Poolesville (Seneca) VICINITY OF

CONGRESSIONAL DISTRICT

STATE

Maryland

COUNTY

Montgomery

3 CLASSIFICATION

CATEGORY

- DISTRICT
- BUILDING(S)
- STRUCTURE
- SITE
- OBJECT

OWNERSHIP

- PUBLIC
- PRIVATE
- BOTH
- PUBLIC ACQUISITION
- IN PROCESS
- BEING CONSIDERED

STATUS

- OCCUPIED
- UNOCCUPIED
- WORK IN PROGRESS
- ACCESSIBLE
- YES RESTRICTED
- YES UNRESTRICTED
- NO

PRESENT USE

- AGRICULTURE
- COMMERCIAL
- EDUCATIONAL
- ENTERTAINMENT
- GOVERNMENT
- INDUSTRIAL
- MILITARY
- MUSEUM
- PARK
- PRIVATE RESIDENCE
- RELIGIOUS
- SCIENTIFIC
- TRANSPORTATION
- OTHER

4 OWNER OF PROPERTY

NAME

State of Md.-Md. Park Service

Telephone #:

STREET & NUMBER

Seneca State Park

CITY TOWN

Seneca & Germantown VICINITY OF

STATE, zip code

Maryland

5 LOCATION OF LEGAL DESCRIPTION

COURTHOUSE
REGISTRY OF DEEDS, ETC.

Montgomery County Courthouse

Liber #:

Folio #:

STREET & NUMBER

CITY TOWN

Rockville

STATE

Maryland

6 REPRESENTATION IN EXISTING SURVEYS

TITLE

DATE

FEDERAL STATE COUNTY LOCAL

DEPOSITORY FOR
SURVEY RECORDS

77 DESCRIPTION

CONDITION		CHECK ONE	CHECK ONE
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<input type="checkbox"/> GOOD	<input type="checkbox"/> RUINS	<input type="checkbox"/> ALTERED	<input type="checkbox"/> MOVED DATE _____
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DESCRIBE THE PRESENT AND ORIGINAL (IF KNOWN) PHYSICAL APPEARANCE

This is a vacant, large square farmhouse, built ca. 1900 in the Colonial Revival style. The main entrance facade faces north. Nearby are several notable farm buildings, including a large frame hay barn (also ca. 1900.)

8 SIGNIFICANCE

PERIOD	AREAS OF SIGNIFICANCE -- CHECK AND JUSTIFY BELOW			
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		<input type="checkbox"/> INVENTION		

SPECIFIC DATES

BUILDER/ARCHITECT

STATEMENT OF SIGNIFICANCE

One of the few older farmhouses left along the Potomac River bluffs. Because of the costs involved for repairs, plans by the State call for removal of the house. This was the home of the Allnutt family early in this century.

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10 GEOGRAPHICAL DATA

ACREAGE OF NOMINATED PROPERTY _____

VERBAL BOUNDARY DESCRIPTION

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

STATE

COUNTY

STATE

COUNTY

11 FORM PREPARED BY

NAME / TITLE

Michael F. Dwyer, Senior Park Historian

ORGANIZATION

M-NCPPC

DATE

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STREET & NUMBER

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TELEPHONE

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CITY OR TOWN

Silver Spring

STATE

Maryland

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M:17-55

FOR ADDITIONAL INFORMATION

See correspondence dated 5/27/82 and 7/6/82

ACTION TAKEN

5/27/82.....Notice of Public Hearing
Proposed Removal of Sites from the "Locational
Atlas and Index of Historic Sites in Montgomery
County"

7/6/82..... Planning Board voted to confirm the
Historic Preservation Commission's recommendation
not to keep these sites on the Locational Atlas
and not to place them on the Master Plan.

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| M: 10/11 | M: 18/1 | M: 22/24 |
| M: 12/26 | M: 18/9 | M: 23/20 |
| M: 13/15 | M: 19/8 | M: 24/12 |
| M: 13/16 | M: 19/18 | M: 25/1 |
| M: 13/28 | M: 19/20 | M: 26/21 |
| M: 14/15 | M: 20/6 | M: 27/7 |
| M: 14/18 | M: 20/27 | M: 28/26 |
| M: 14/31 | M: 21/4 | M: 30/3 |
| M: 14/40 | M: 22/18 | M: 30/7 |
| M: 14/48 | M: 22/21 | M: 30/9E |
| M: 17/55 | M: 22/23 | |

Old Allnutt Farm

M:17-55

This site was removed from the Locational Atlas and Index of Historic Sites in Montgomery County and is not included in the Master Plan for the county. This determination was made by the Montgomery County Planning Board on June 17, 1982.

M:17-55

FOR ADDITIONAL INFORMATION

See correspondence dated June 12, 1984

ACTION TAKEN

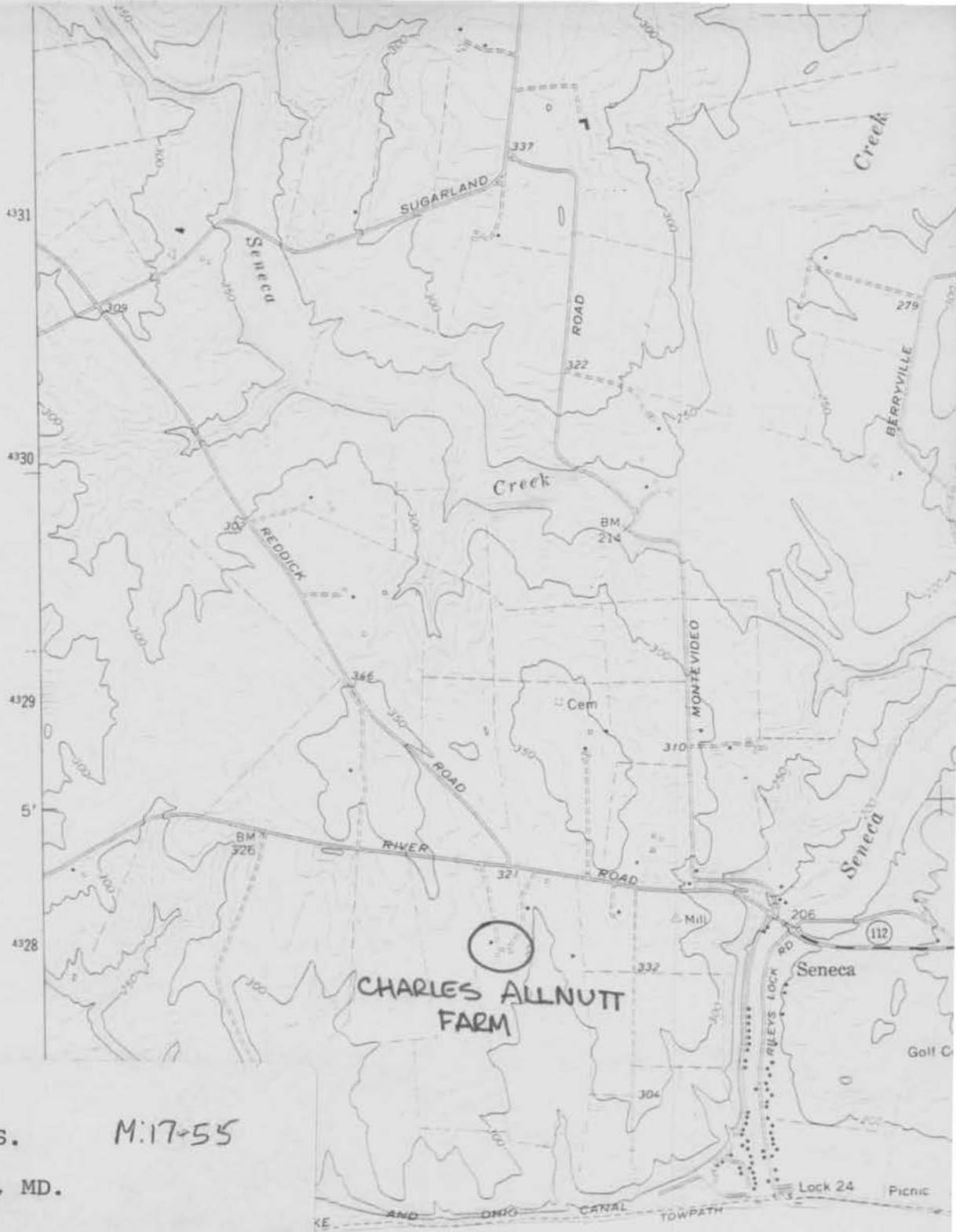
The following sites have been reviewed and found not suitable for regulation under the Historic Preservation Ordinance. Those sites also listed on the Locational Atlas will no longer be subject to regulation under the Moratorium on Alteration and Demolition.

Site No.

10/2			
10/9		23/70	
10/11		23/98-1	
10/22		24/12	
10/25		24/14	
10/54		24/15	
10/71		25/1	
10/73		25/10-1	
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	15/68	27/5	
	15/69	27/7	
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11/8	*17/4	*27/11	
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15/11			
15/18			
*15/62			

*Recommended for designation by the Mont. Co. Historic Preservation Commission.

**These sites were previously considered by the County Council and found not to warrant regulation under the Historic Preservation Ordinance. They are listed here to bring the functional Master Plan in conformance with Council's actions.



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MONTGOMERY CO
 LOUDOUN CO

POTOMAC

LOWES ISLAND

Sugarland

Old Sugarland

Run

Golf Course



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CHARLES ALLNUTT FARMHOUSE
SENECA STATE PARK

7/78 BMD

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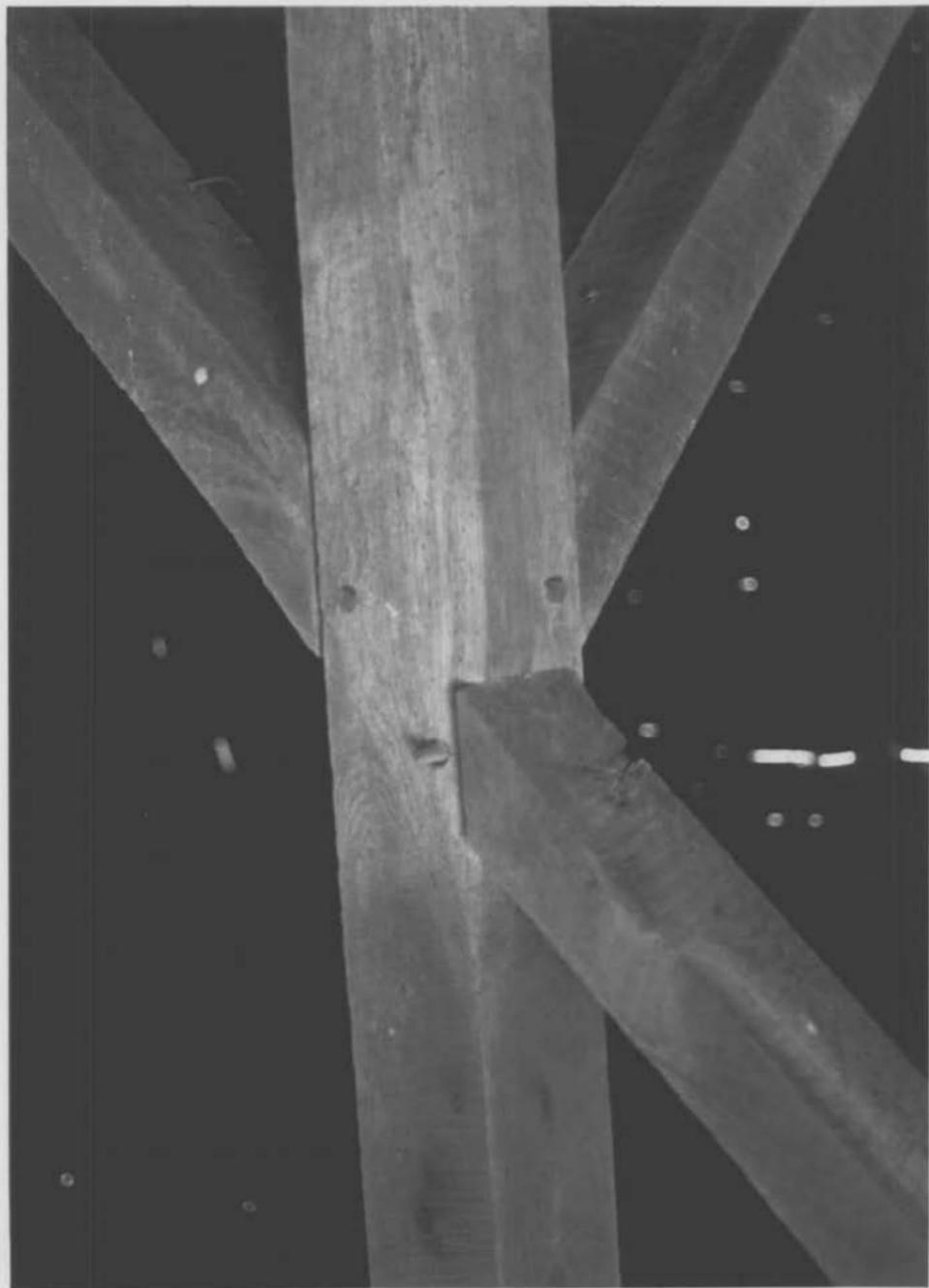
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CHARLES ALLNUTT BARN
SENECA S.P.

7/78 BMD

NE ELEV.



M 17-55; SEN/DNR 35
CHARLES ALLNUTT BARN
SENECA S.P.
7/78 BMD
NE ELEV.



M 17-55; SEN/DNR 35

CHARLES ALLNUTT BARN

SENECA S.P.

7/78 BMD

INTERIOR DETAIL: PEGGING



M 17-35; SEN/DNR 28

CHARLES ALLNUTT FARMHOUSE
SENECA S.P.

7/78; BMD

INTERIOR, STAIRCASE



M 17-55; SEN/DNR 28

CHARLES ALLNUTT FARMHOUSE

SENECA S.P.

7/78 BMD

INTERIOR: DOORWAY BETW. PARLORS