

**Maryland Historical Trust**  
**Maryland Inventory of Historic Properties Form**  
**Intercounty Connector Project**

DOE \_\_\_yes \_\_\_no

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

historic

and/or common Allnutt Property

**2. Location:**

street &amp; number 5918 Muncaster Mill Road

\_\_\_ not for publication

city, town Derwood

 vicinity of

congressional district

state

Maryland

county

Montgomery

**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"/> education <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> private
<input type="checkbox"/> site	<b>Public Acquisition</b>	<b>Accessible</b>	<input type="checkbox"/> entertainment <input type="checkbox"/> residence
<input type="checkbox"/> object	<input type="checkbox"/> in process	<input type="checkbox"/> yes: restricted	<input type="checkbox"/> government <input type="checkbox"/> religious
	<input type="checkbox"/> being considered	<input type="checkbox"/> yes: unrestricted	<input type="checkbox"/> industrial <input type="checkbox"/> scientific
	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> not applicable	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> no	<input type="checkbox"/> military <input type="checkbox"/> other:
			<input type="checkbox"/> transportation

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

name Harold B. Allnutt

street &amp; number 5918 Muncaster Mill Road

telephone no.:

city, town Derwood

state and zip code Maryland, 20855

**5. Location of Legal Description**

Land Records Office of Montgomery County

liber 4920

street &amp; number Montgomery County Judicial Center

folio 366

city, town Rockville

state Maryland

**6. Representation in Existing Historical Surveys**

title

date

\_\_\_ federal

\_\_\_ state

\_\_\_ county

\_\_\_ local

depository for survey records

city, town

state

## 7. Description

Survey No. M:22-37 (PACS A6.34)

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			

Resource Count: 4

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

The Allnutt Property is a 1½-story, 3-bay bungalow-style house on the southwest side of Muncaster Mill Road in the Derwood vicinity, Montgomery County. Constructed in 1938, the building is a rectangular plan with an integral front porch and an enclosed rear porch.

The structure has a side-gable roof, with three gable dormers and an exterior end chimney in the northwest gable end. It is of wood frame construction with asbestos shingle siding, and it has a concrete block foundation. The windows are double-hung wood sash. The house has an integral porch on the front, or northeast, elevation. The porch has four tapered, square wooden posts on brick piers.

The front entrance is centered in the northeast elevation and consists of a wood panel door with 3 lights and a wood storm door. The fenestration pattern is symmetrical with two, paired 3/1 double-hung windows on each side of entrance. The second story has one 3/1 double-hung window in each of the three dormers.

Typical elements of the bungalow style include the integral porch, tapered porch posts and the craftsman-style 3/1 double hung windows which are evident on this elevation. Alterations to the elevation include the removal of the porch railing, the covering of the exterior walls with asbestos shingles and the dormers with aluminum siding.

The northwest elevation has an exterior end chimney. The fenestration pattern is irregular, with two 3-light, fixed sash windows on the basement level and two single windows and a pair of 3/1 double-hung windows on the first story. The second story has a pair of 3/1 double-hung windows and two 4-light fixed sash windows near the corners of the house. A small attic ventilator is centered in the gable and an aluminum awning projects over the pair of double-hung windows on the second story.

The northeast elevation of the enclosed rear porch has a single 3/1 double-hung window.

The southwest, or rear, elevation has a one-story shed roof addition and a gable dormer. The fenestration pattern is asymmetrical, with one 3-light fixed sash window on the basement level and two 3/1 double-hung windows on the first story. The second story has two 3/1 double-hung windows in the dormer.

The southwest, elevation of the enclosed rear porch has two 1/1 double-hung window, one 3/1 double-hung window and a 4-light glass and panel door.

The fenestration pattern on the northwest elevation is irregular, with two 3-light fixed sash windows on the basement level and two pairs of 3/1 double-hung windows on the first story. The second story has a pair of 3/1 double-hung windows and two 4-light fixed sash windows. There is an attic ventilator in the gable end and an aluminum awning over the pair of double-hung windows on the second floor. There are no windows on the northwest side of the enclosed rear porch.

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## 7. Description (Continued)

There are three outbuildings associated with this property. The first outbuilding is a garage, with a front-gabled roof covered with standing seam metal. Constructed circa 1940, it is of concrete block construction. The structure is located south of the house.

The second outbuilding is a shed with a shed roof. Constructed in 1938, it is of wood frame construction with vertical wood siding. The structure is located south of the house and garage.

The third building is a chicken coop, which is south of the house and the other outbuildings. It has a wood-covered gable roof and vertical siding.

The property is located on the southwest side of Muncaster Mill Road, with residential property to the southeast and northwest, open space to the southwest and an elementary school to the northeast. There are some trees between the road and the front of the house and the lot slopes down to the southwest and the rear of the lot. The property's setting is primarily residential in character. The area around the building has become increasingly developed within the last decade, with new houses under construction to the southeast and a large addition to the school the northeast side of Muncaster Mill Road.

# 8. Significance

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Period	Areas of Significance—Check and justify below			
<input type="checkbox"/> prehistoric	<input type="checkbox"/> archaeology-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
<input type="checkbox"/> 1600-1699	<input 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 type="checkbox"/> commerce	<input type="checkbox"/> exploration/settlement	<input type="checkbox"/> philosophy	<input type="checkbox"/> theater
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> 1900-	<input type="checkbox"/> communication	<input type="checkbox"/> industry	<input type="checkbox"/> politics/government	<input type="checkbox"/> transportation
		<input type="checkbox"/> invention		<input type="checkbox"/> other (specify)

Specific dates	1938	Builder/Architect
check:	Applicable Criteria: <input type="checkbox"/> A <input type="checkbox"/> B <input type="checkbox"/> C <input type="checkbox"/> D and/or	
	Applicable Exceptions: <input type="checkbox"/> A <input type="checkbox"/> B <input type="checkbox"/> C <input type="checkbox"/> D <input type="checkbox"/> E <input type="checkbox"/> F <input type="checkbox"/> G	
	Level of Significance: <input type="checkbox"/> national <input type="checkbox"/> state <input type="checkbox"/> local	

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

The Allnutt Property, constructed in 1938, was a part of a 80.1 hectare (198 acre) tract of land owned by William George Robertson in 1870. The land was owned by three separate parties before 50.5 hectare (125 acres) was sold to George M. Kephart in 1908. The land then passed into the Allnutt family and today contains a .40 hectare (1-acre) parcel with a bungalow-style house.

The Allnutt Property is located on land that was previously farmland near the community of Derwood. Derwood was known only as a small crossroads community until the late 1800s, with a blacksmith shop and a post office. The area was originally known as "Deer Park", which may have later become "Deer Wood", finally being transformed into Derwood. The community experienced growth beyond a crossroads community with the completion of the Metropolitan Branch of the B & O Railroad. By 1889, a second railroad station was constructed, replacing an earlier "waiting shed", which served as a commuter stop, as well as a freight and baggage station. The station also had an office for handling agricultural and dairy products, in support of the local agricultural industry. The only industry in Derwood other than the railroad and farming was Schwartz's Mill, a flour mill built in 1887, directly across the railroad tracks from the railroad station.

The majority of the housing in Derwood was built around the turn of the century, and was primarily simple, worker housing. In addition to residences, a church, a warehouse, and a general store were built during the same time period.

Despite its location on the railroad line, Derwood did not experience significant growth, unlike the nearby communities of Gaithersburg and Rockville. That growth which did occur, began to plateau as the automobile grew in popularity and the community's proximity to the railroad became less important. A fire in 1954, which destroyed Schwartz's Mill and the railroad station, brought the railroad era in Derwood to an end, as the decreased number of passengers on the railroad made reconstruction of the station impractical.

The Allnutt Property was developed during the intense period of suburbanization in the early twentieth century. The automobile and an improved system of roads offered an opportunity for suburban expansion; new communities appeared, in some cases quite distant from railroad and streetcar lines. Between 1900 and 1930 the population of Prince George's County had doubled in size to 60,000 (M-NCPPC 1993:15). Montgomery County's population also increased in size during this period but not at a comparable rate (Montgomery County Government 1970:9 and State Planning Department 1968:67). In 1920, the population of Montgomery County numbered 34,921 (Farquhar 1962:52).

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8. Significance (Continued)

The bungalow became the dominant style of middle and working class housing during this early period of suburbanization. The popularity of the style began in the early 1900s and lasted into the 1930s. It was a style spread primarily by plans sold in popular catalogues, rather than by architects. Bungalows are typically one-and-a-half-story structures, with low, horizontal lines and an integral porch on the front of the house. They are also characterized by a series of broad gables that form contiguous and receding planes. Gables often are bracketed and have wide projecting eaves. Roofs are gently pitched and often have either gable or shallow shed dormers. Windows are either sash or casement with many lights or single panes of glass. Bungalows are also notable for their earth-tone stains and use of natural materials such as stones, shingling, or stucco. The bungalow form frequently features Craftsman-style detailing, such as exposed rafter tails, wood brackets under eave overhangs, three-over-one double-hung sash windows, and wide wood frames around doors and windows. There are numerous variations to the bungalow style such as the Colonial, Swiss, and Spanish. Bungalows were enormously popular in the early years of the twentieth century because they were inexpensive to design and build. Their emergence coincided with the rise in the number of working and middle class Americans who could afford to purchase a house (Klein 1985, 44).

NATIONAL REGISTER EVALUATION:

The Allnutt Property, constructed in 1938, is not eligible for the National Register of Historic Places. The property is not eligible under Criteria A or B, since it is not known to have been associated with any important event or significant persons. The property does not meet Criterion C due to a lack of architectural integrity as a result of the removal of the porch railing, the enclosure of the rear porch and the covering of the exterior with asbestos and vinyl siding. In addition, the house is not a distinctive example of the Bungalow style. Finally, the property has no known potential to yield important information, and therefore, does not meet Criterion D.

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Eligibility recommended \_\_\_\_\_

Eligibility Not Recommended   K  

Comments

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Reviewer, OPS: Andrew Lewis

Date: 01/02/02

Reviewer, NR Program: Skuntz

Date: 3/4/02



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## 9. Major Bibliographical References Survey No. M:22-37(PACS A6.34)

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See Continuation Sheet

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## 10. Geographical Data

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Acreage of nominated property \_\_\_\_\_  
Quadrangle name Sandy Spring

Quadrangle scale 1:24,000

Verbal boundary description and justification

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

state	code	county	code
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state	code	county	code
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## 11. Form Prepared By

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name/title Caroline Hall/Tim Tamburrino

organization P.A.C. Spero & Company

date October 1996

street & number 40 W. Chesapeake Ave., Suite 412

telephone (410) 296-1635

city or town Baltimore

state Maryland

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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 purposed only and do not constitute any infringement of individual property rights.

return to: Maryland Historical Trust  
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Crownsville, MD 21032-2023  
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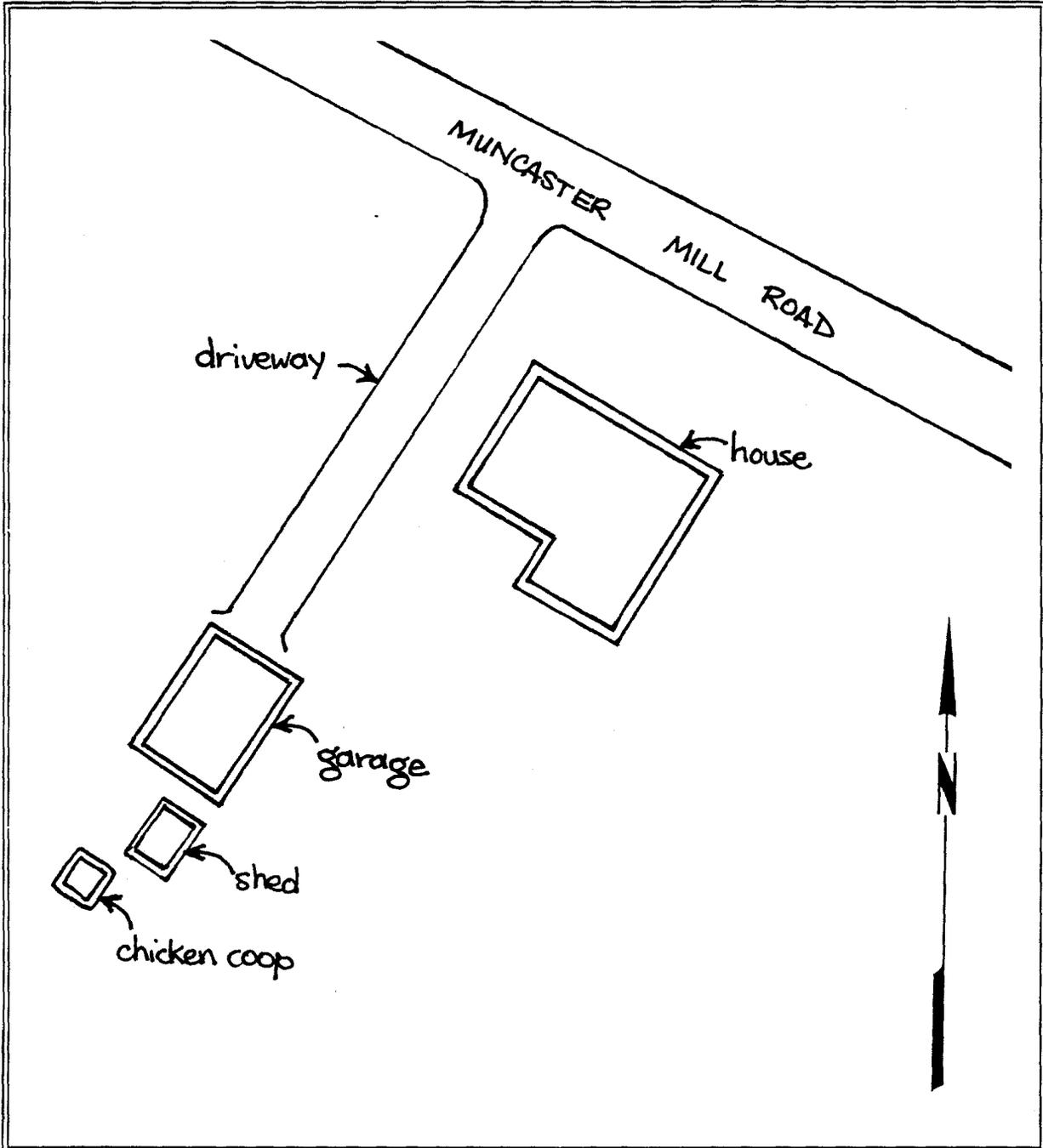
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10. Geographical Data (Continued)

Resource Sketch Map:



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Maryland Comprehensive Historic Preservation Plan Data Sheet

Historic Context:

MARYLAND COMPREHENSIVE PRESERVATION PLAN DATA

Geographic Organization: Piedmont

Chronological/Developmental Period Theme (s):

12. Modern Period A.D. 1930 - Present

Prehistoric/Historic Period Theme(s):

2. Architecture

RESOURCE TYPE:

Category (see Section 3 of survey form):

Building

Historic Environment (urban, suburban, village, or rural):

Suburban

Historic Function(s) and Use(s):

Dwelling

Known Design Source (write none if unknown):

None

Preparer:

P.A.C. Spero & Company

October 1996





1 M: 22-37

2 Allnutt Property

3 Montgomery County

4 Tim Tamburino

5 February 1996

6 PAC Spero and Company, Towson MD

7 5918 Murcott Mill Road

front, or northeast elevation

8 1/4



- 1 M: 22-31
- 2 Allnutt Property
- 3 Montgomery County
- 4 Tim Tamburino
- 5 February 1996
- 6 PAC Spero and Company, Towson MD
- 7 5918 Muncaster Mill Road  
northwest elevation

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- 1 M: 22-61
- 2 Allutt Property
- 3 Montgomery County
- 4 Tim Tamburino
- 5 February 1996
- 6 PAC Spero and Company, Towson MD
- 7 5918 Muncaster Mill Road  
rear, southwest elevation
- 8 3/4



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- 2 Allkutt Property
3. Montgomery County
- 4 Tim Tamburino
- 5 February 1996
- 6 PAC Spero and Company, Towson MD
- 7 5918 Muncaster Mill Road,  
outbuildings
- 8 4/4