

QA-617
Jones-Allen House
326 Wye Mills Road
Queenstown vicinity
Queen Anne's County

Constructed circa 1870
Private

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Located on the west side of Wye Mills Road just south of its intersection with Foreman's Landing Road, the Jones-Allen House historically stood on a five-acre tract of land. Historic maps indicate that a house was located on the site as early as 1866. The existing house may encompass part or all of the mid-nineteenth-century house. However, limited access to the property and the lack of exterior details make it difficult to date the building or trace its evolution. In the late nineteenth and early twentieth centuries, the property appears to have been operated as a farm, despite its small size.

Maryland Historical Trust

Maryland Inventory of Historic Properties Form

Inventory No. QA-617

1. Name of Property (indicate preferred name)

historic

other Jones-Allen House (preferred)

2. Location

street and number 326 Wye Mills Road not for publication

city, town Queenstown, MD 21658-1517 vicinity

county Queen Anne's County

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

name Alison V. Grosh

street and number 326 Wye Mills Road telephone

city, town Queenstown state MD zip code 21658-1517

4. Location of Legal Description

courthouse, registry of deeds, etc. Queen Anne's County Courthouse liber SM 1044 folio 152

city, town Centreville tax map 60 tax parcel 19 tax ID number 05-018730

5. Primary Location of Additional Data

- Contributing Resource in National Register District
- Contributing Resource in Local Historic District
- Determined Eligible for the National Register/Maryland Register
- Determined Ineligible for the National Register/Maryland Register
- Recorded by HABS/HAER
- Historic Structure Report or Research Report at MHT
- Other: _____

6. Classification

Category	Ownership	Current Function	Resource Count
<input type="checkbox"/> district	<input type="checkbox"/> public	<input type="checkbox"/> agriculture	Contributing
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> building(s)	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> private	<input type="checkbox"/> commerce/trade	Noncontributing
<input type="checkbox"/> structure	<input type="checkbox"/> both	<input type="checkbox"/> defense	<u>1</u> buildings
<input type="checkbox"/> site		<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> domestic	<u>0</u> sites
<input type="checkbox"/> object		<input type="checkbox"/> education	<u>0</u> structures
		<input type="checkbox"/> funerary	<u>0</u> objects
		<input type="checkbox"/> government	<u>1</u> Total
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		<input type="checkbox"/> industry	
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		<input type="checkbox"/> other:	
			Number of Contributing Resources previously listed in the Inventory
			<u>0</u>

7. Description

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Condition

<input type="checkbox"/> excellent	<input type="checkbox"/> deteriorated
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> good	<input type="checkbox"/> ruins
<input type="checkbox"/> fair	<input type="checkbox"/> altered

Summary

The Jones-Allen House is located approximately four-and-one-half miles southwest of Queenstown in Queen Anne's County. It faces east towards Wye Mills Road (MD Route 662), and comprises a two-story, three-bay, double-pile main block with a two-story ell attached to the rear (west elevation) of the dwelling. A gravel drive runs west from Wye Mills Road on the south side of the house, leading to a circle in front of the house's south elevation. Two non-historic frame sheds are situated on the west side of the gravel circle, to the southwest of the house.

Description

The Jones-Allen House is located approximately four-and-one-half miles southwest of Queenstown in Queen Anne's County. It sits on a grassy lot that is situated above the grade of the road. Chesapeake College is located across Wye Mills Road from the house. An agricultural field borders the property to its south, while the land to its west is wooded. A circa 1970, brick ranch house occupies the property to the north. Facing east, the two-story, frame house is set back approximately fifty feet from Wye Mills Road (MD Route 662). A drainage ditch runs along Wye Mills Road, and a wood, split-rail fence runs along the property line on the west side of the ditch. The front lawn is dotted with mature trees and shrubs, and a few plantings line the foundation. A gravel drive runs west from Wye Mills Road on the south side of the house, leading to a circle in front of the house's south elevation. Two non-historic frame sheds are situated on the west side of the gravel circle, to the southwest of the house.

The Jones-Allen House comprises a two-story, three-bay, double-pile main block with a two-story ell attached to the rear (west elevation) of the dwelling. The house's foundation was not visible at the time of survey. The house is clad with asbestos shingles, with unadorned, wood cornerboards. The main block's side-gable roof is sheathed with asphalt shingles. The gable roof of the ell is set at a slightly lower pitch than that on the main block, and is sheathed with asphalt shingles. An exterior-end, concrete-block, flue chimney stands at the south end of the main block, and a centered, interior, brick chimney with a corbelled cap straddles the ridgeline of the ell. A one-story, one-bay portico shelters the centered front entry; its pyramidal roof is sheathed with asphalt shingles and is supported by square, wood posts. A one-story, shed-roofed, enclosed porch is located along part of the south elevation of the rear ell. A small, gable-roofed addition is attached to the ell's west elevation; its purpose is not clear.

The Jones-Allen House's three-bay, symmetrically organized façade (east elevation) features two windows framing the main entry in the first story, and three windows in the second story. A metal storm door occupies the front door opening; the door was not visible at the time of survey. The first- and second-story window bays are occupied by six-over-six, double-hung, wood windows framed by molded wood trim, and projecting wood sills. The concrete block chimney centered on the main block's south elevation is flanked by a window on either side in both the first and second stories. The windows match those found on the house's façade. The west elevation of the main block is devoid of fenestration. The north elevation of the main block features a three-light, fixed, wood window in the easternmost bay of its first story. The single second-story window matches those on the façade and is also located in the easternmost bay.

The south elevation of the Jones-Allen House's rear ell incorporates a one-story enclosed porch that occupies the eastern three-quarters of its first story. Five, one-over-one, wood windows of various sizes occupy the south elevation of the enclosed porch. The westernmost bay of the ell's first story features a window that matches those found on the façade. A similar window is located in the asymmetrically organized second story, directly above the first-story window. A small, metal, second-story, jalousie window is located closer to the main block.

The ell's two-bay north elevation is symmetrically organized, with two windows in each story that match those on the façade. The ell's west elevation was not visible at the time of survey.

Secondary Resources (buildings, sites, structures, objects.)

Two one-story, frame sheds are located southwest of the Jones-Allen House. The shed closest to the house was built circa 1970, and has a side-gable roof sheathed with standing-seam metal. It is clad with T-111 siding, and displays open eaves. Built circa 1990, the second shed has a shed roof sheathed with asphalt shingles.

8. Significance

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Period	Areas of Significance	Check and justify below		
<input type="checkbox"/> 1600-1699	<input type="checkbox"/> agriculture	<input type="checkbox"/> economics	<input type="checkbox"/> health/medicine	<input type="checkbox"/> performing arts
<input type="checkbox"/> 1700-1799	<input type="checkbox"/> archeology	<input type="checkbox"/> education	<input type="checkbox"/> industry	<input type="checkbox"/> philosophy
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	<input type="checkbox"/> communications	<input type="checkbox"/> ethnic heritage	<input type="checkbox"/> literature	<input type="checkbox"/> social history
	<input type="checkbox"/> community planning	<input type="checkbox"/> exploration/	<input type="checkbox"/> maritime history	<input type="checkbox"/> transportation
	<input type="checkbox"/> conservation	<input type="checkbox"/> settlement	<input type="checkbox"/> military	<input type="checkbox"/> other: _____

Specific dates

Architect/Builder

Construction dates circa 1870

Evaluation for:

National Register

Maryland Register

not evaluated

Summary Statement of Significance

Located on the west side of Wye Mills Road just south of its intersection with Foreman's Landing Road, the Jones-Allen House historically stood on a five-acre tract of land. Historic maps indicate that a house was located on the site as early as 1866. The existing house may encompass part or all of the mid-nineteenth-century house. However, limited access to the property and the lack of exterior details make it difficult to date the building or trace its evolution. In the late nineteenth and early twentieth centuries, the property appears to have been operated as a farm, despite its small size.

Historical Narrative

The Jones-Allen House stands on land that, in the early nineteenth century, was part of a larger farm known as "Purchase" or the Ewel (or Yewell) Farm.¹ An 1866 map of Queen Anne's County shows a house in this location owned by W. Jones.² Deeds indicate that William Jones purchased the five-acre property in 1872, though he may have occupied the house as a tenant prior to that time.³ An 1877 map shows a house in this location owned or occupied by J. Dodd.⁴ However, William Jones or his heirs owned the property in 1877; it is possible that J. Dodd was a tenant on the property, and the mapmaker mistakenly identified him as the owner.

The two-story, three-bay, frame house with a rear ell represents a common vernacular form in Queen Anne's County. No significant decorative details are currently visible on the house, though these may have been obscured by the addition of non-historic siding. The existing house may encompass part or all of the mid-nineteenth-century dwelling on this site. However, limited access to the property and the lack of exterior details make it difficult to date the building or trace its evolution.

In 1893, Christopher C. "Lum" Allen and his wife, Mary "Mollie" Allen, purchased the five-acre property. C.C. Allen may have been related to William Jones, the prior owner of the property.⁵ The 1900 U.S. Population Census indicates that the Allens were farming the land, with the assistance of Mary Allen's two brothers, Thomas and James Dodd. (Mary, Thomas, and James Dodd's relationship to the J. Dodd shown in the 1877 map is unknown; their parents were Thomas and Anna Dodd.)⁶ The Allens may have owned other farmland as well, since it would have been difficult to make a living farming only the five acres of land associated with the house.

¹ Queen Anne's County Land Records, Liber ASG Jr. 2, folio 567 (20 May 1940).

² *J.G. Strong's Map of Queen Anne's County* (n.p.: J.G. Strong, 1866).

³ Queen Anne's County Land Records, Liber JW 3, folio 399 (31 May 1872).

⁴ *An Illustrated Atlas of Kent and Queen Anne Counties, MD* (Philadelphia: Lake, Griffing & Stevenson, 1877).

⁵ Queen Anne's County Land Records, Liber WHC 5-A, folio 338 (7 September 1937). The deed is conveyed from William Jones, Charles H. Allen and Ella W. Allen.

⁶ 1900 U.S. Population Census, Queen Anne's County, Maryland, District 5, Enumeration District 65, Sheet 9; 1880 U. S. Population Census, Queen Anne's County, Maryland, District 5, Enumeration District 63, Sheet 28.

9. Major Bibliographical References

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U.S. Population Census, Queen Anne's County, Maryland, 1880, 1900, & 1910.

10. Geographical Data

Acreage of surveyed property 1.11 acres

Acreage of historical setting 5 acres

Quadrangle name Wye Mills

Quadrangle scale: 1:24,000 (7.5 minute)

Verbal boundary description and justification

The property boundary is defined by the current parcel boundaries shown on tax map 60, grid 21, parcel 19 in Queen Anne's County, Maryland.

11. Form Prepared by

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city or town	Washington	state	DC

The Maryland Inventory of Historic Properties 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.

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Maryland Department of Planning
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Crownsville, MD 21032-2023
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It is possible that the Allens constructed the rear ell on the existing house. In the late nineteenth century, it was common for owners to build a rear ell to provide space for the kitchen and other domestic activities. They may have been responsible for other changes as well, and it is also possible that they constructed the existing house to replace one already standing on the property.

In 1905, C.C. Allen died, and his widow Mary became the sole owner of the farm.⁷ According to the 1910 population census, Mary Allen was living off of her existing assets but a white farm laborer – Raymond Fisher – lived in her household, suggesting that she continued to operate a farm. Her brother James Dodd also lived with her and worked at various odd jobs.⁸

C.C. and Mary Allen's son, Thomas Bernard Allen, inherited the property following his mother's death in 1937. In 1940, he sold it to Walter and Florence Mae Garrettson, who owned it for four years.⁹ In 1945, Samuel and Lillian Whitby purchased the property.¹⁰ The Whitbys sold part of the five-acre tract in 1963.¹¹ Their heirs owned the house until 2002. Later owners further subdivided the property to its current size of 1.1 acres.

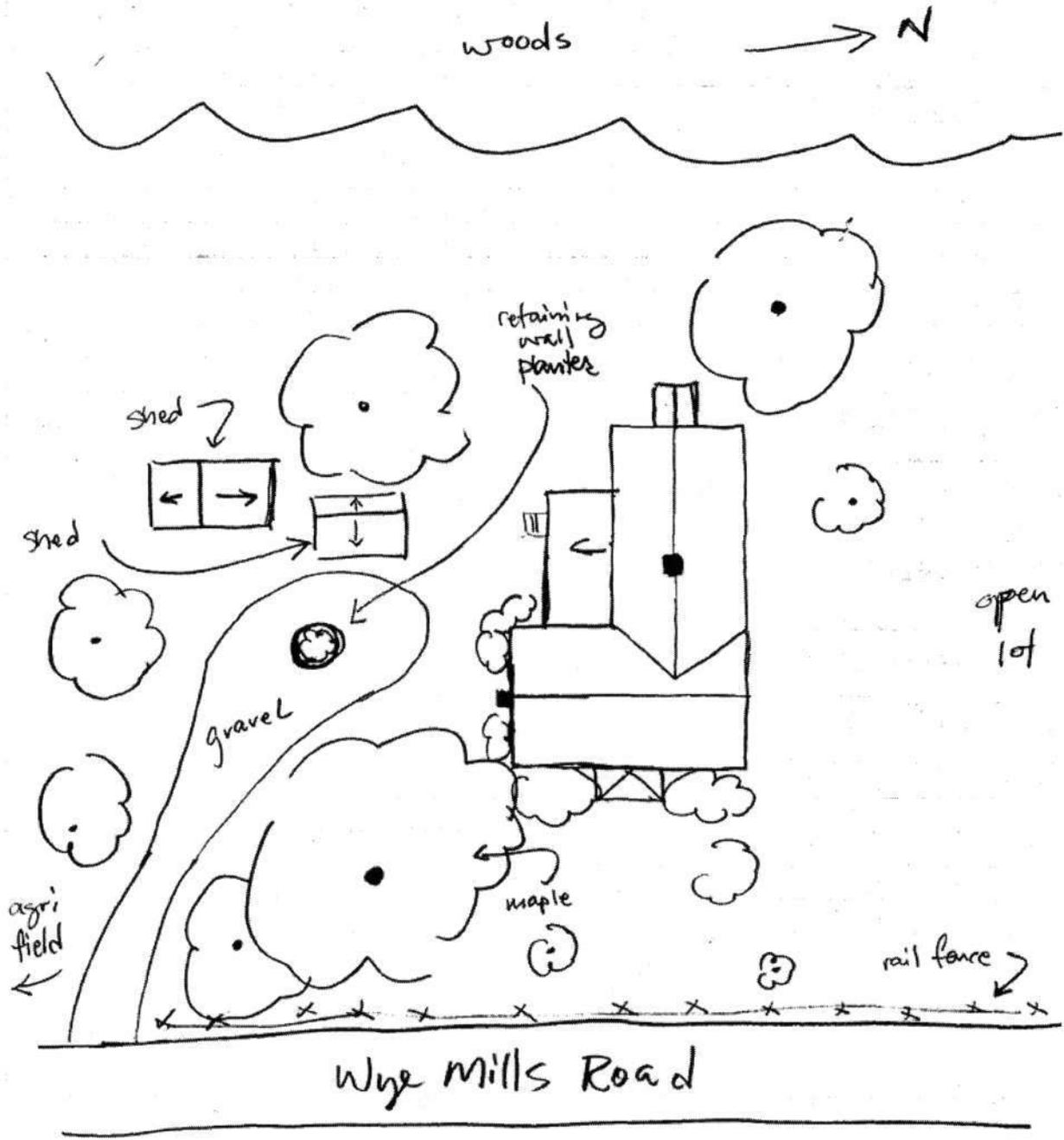
⁷ Queen Anne's County Land Records, Liber ASG Jr. 2, folio 567 (20 May 1940).

⁸ 1910 U.S. Population Census, Queen Anne's County, Maryland, District 5, Enumeration District 71, Sheet 17B.

⁹ Queen Anne's County Land Records, Liber ASG Jr. 2, folio 567, 20 May 1940 and Liber ASG Jr. 10, folio 193, 7 October 1944. Harvey and Audrey Ruth owned the property briefly between 1944 and 1945.

¹⁰ Queen Anne's County Land Records, Liber ASG Jr. 11, folio 101 (21 April 1945).

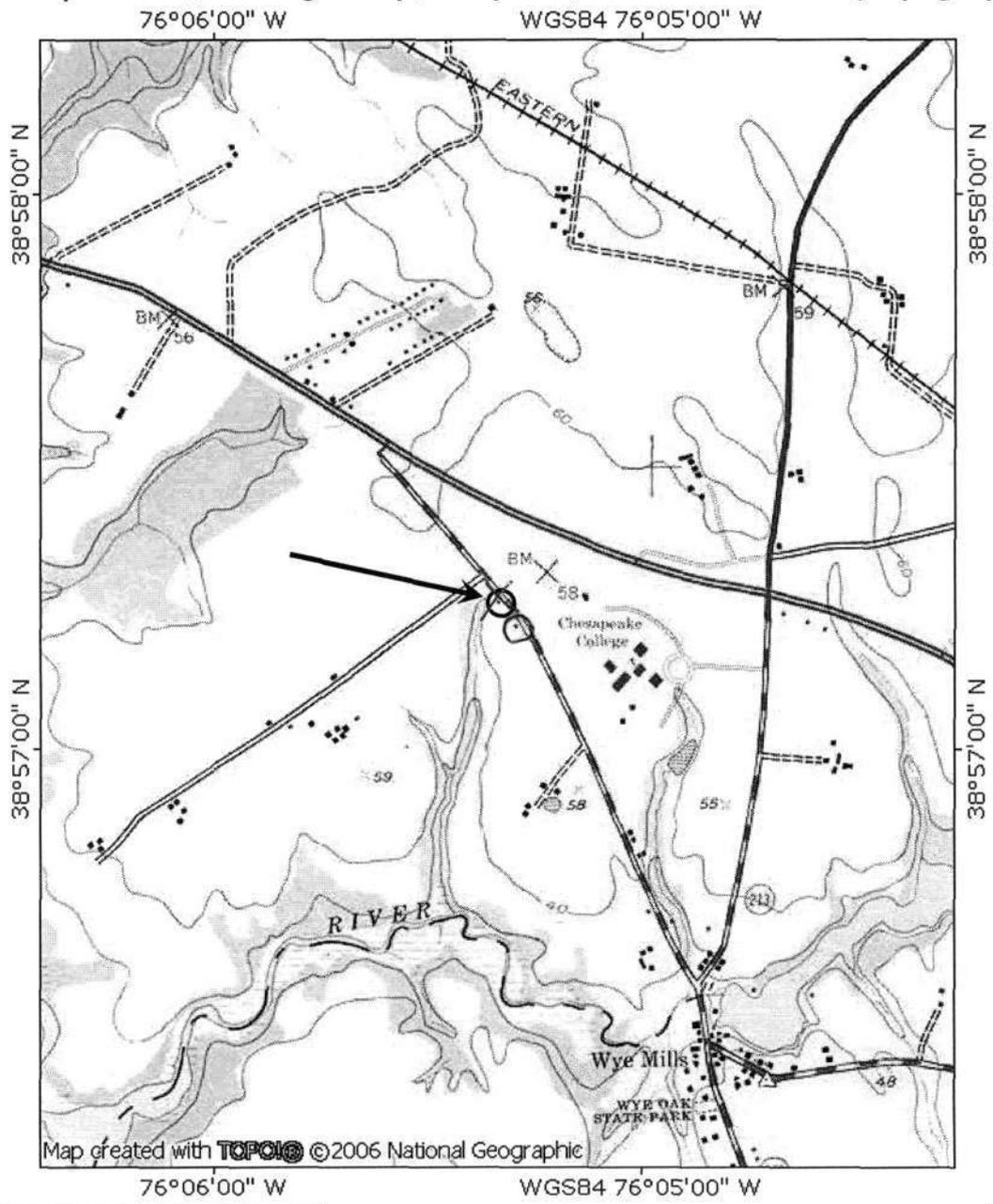
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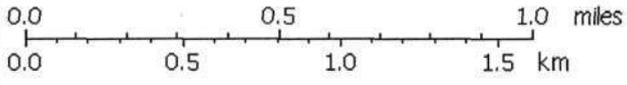
Site Plan
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 Jones-Allen House
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not to scale

USGS Wye Mills Quadrangle Map, Maryland, 7.5 Minute Series (Topographic)



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Facade, Looking SW
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South elevation

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