

WI-212
Allendale Cottage
Allen
Private

c. 1920

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MARYLAND HISTORIC PRESERVATION PLAN INFORMATION

RESOURCE NAME: ALLENDALE COTTAGE

MHT INVENTORY NUMBER: WI-212

MARYLAND COMPREHENSIVE PLAN DATA

1. Historic Period Theme(s): Architecture

2. Geographic Orientation: Eastern Shore

3. Chronological/Development Period(s): Industrial/Urban Dominance 1870-1930

4. Resource Type(s): Single family dwelling

Maryland Historical Trust State Historic Sites Inventory Form

MARYLAND INVENTORY OF
HISTORIC PROPERTIES

Survey No. WI-212

Magi No.

DOE yes no

1. Name (indicate preferred name)

historic Allendale Cottage

and/or common

2. Location

street & number 3311 Allen Road not for publication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 checked="" type="checkbox"/> building(s)	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> private	<input type="checkbox"/> unoccupied	<input type="checkbox"/> commercial
<input type="checkbox"/> structure	<input type="checkbox"/> both	<input type="checkbox"/> work in progress	<input type="checkbox"/> educational
<input type="checkbox"/> site	Public Acquisition	Accessible	<input type="checkbox"/> entertainment
<input type="checkbox"/> object	<input type="checkbox"/> in process	<input type="checkbox"/> yes: restricted	<input type="checkbox"/> government
	<input type="checkbox"/> being considered	<input type="checkbox"/> yes: unrestricted	<input type="checkbox"/> industrial
	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> not applicable	<input type="checkbox"/> no	<input type="checkbox"/> military
			<input type="checkbox"/> museum
			<input type="checkbox"/> park
			<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> private residence
			<input type="checkbox"/> religious
			<input type="checkbox"/> scientific
			<input type="checkbox"/> transportation
			<input type="checkbox"/> other:

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

name William Lee and Mary Agnes Fiddler

street & number 3311 Allen Road P.O.Box 54 telephone no.: 546-1558

city, town Allen state and zip code Maryland 21810

5. Location of Legal Description

courthouse, registry of deeds, etc. Wicomico County Clerk of Court Map 66, P. 21
liber 1147

street & number Wicomico County Courthouse folio 453

city, town Salisbury state MD 21810

6. Representation in Existing Historical Surveys

title

date federal state county local

depository for survey records

city, town state

7. Description

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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 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.

Allendale Cottage is located at 3311 Allen Road in the village of Allen, Wicomico County, Maryland. The two-and-a-half story, center hall frame house faces west with the gable roof oriented on a north/south axis.

Built around 1920, the two-and-a-half story, three-bay, double-pile frame dwelling is supported on a poured concrete foundation, and the exterior is clad with a combination of plain weatherboard siding and vinyl siding. The plain weatherboards remain exposed under a wraparound porch, while the balance of the structure has been covered with vinyl. The steeply pitched gable roof, finished with boxed cornices and extended eaves, is covered with asphalt shingles. An enclosed porch is attached to the back side of the main block.

The west (main) elevation is a basically symmetrical five-bay facade with a center entrance and flanking window openings. The front door is flanked by eight-pane sidelights with a single panel below. Fixed on each side of the doorway are eight-over-one sash window openings flanked by four-over-one sidelights. The entire first floor is sheltered by a Tuscan column porch supported on granite piers. The granite was salvaged from the foundation of the nearby Allen mill when it was dismantled in the early twentieth century. The second floor is marked by a paired set of four-over-one sash windows in the center bay and six-over-one sash to each side. A large hip roofed dormer is centered on the steeply pitched gable roof. Rising through the roof in an off-center location is a single flue brick stove chimney.

The north and south sides of the house are partially sheltered by the Tuscan columned porch supported on granite piers. The first and second floors are marked by triple or single six-over-one sash windows. The upper gable is pierced by paired six-over-one sash windows. The east (rear) wall of the house is partially covered by the single-story enclosed porch.

The early twentieth century interior has remained virtually unaltered since the 1920s. The center hall is divided by a wide doorway with glazed French doors that enclosed the stairwell from the entry. Wide openings with French doors open into the adjacent rooms as well. The door and window openings are trimmed with plain surrounds capped by a molded lintel. The floors on the first floor are maple.

Rising in the rear section of the hall is the staircase, which has large square newel posts and rectangular balusters that support a molded handrail. The living room on the south side of the hall is fitted with built-in bookshelves and plain board wainscoting. A neoclassical mantel frames the fireplace. Projecting square columns support a heavy dimensioned mantel.

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DESCRIPTION (continued)
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The second floor is divided into four principal bedrooms with a small additional room partitioned at the head of the hall. Five-panel doors are framed by plain surrounds. The floors in the various rooms are of a variety of woods including fur and perhaps sycamore. A molded baseboard trims the perimeter of each of the rooms.

A partially finished attic is accessible through a narrow staircase fixed between the two bedrooms on the north side. In the fully excavated cellar large timbers salvaged from the mill are clearly evident.

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
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		<input type="checkbox"/> invention		

Specific dates _____ **Builder/Architect** Peter A. Malone, builder

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 house is of large proportions with a generous center hall, double-pile plan. Surrounding three sides of the dwelling is a Tuscan columned porch. The interior, although finished in a relatively plain manner, is generous laid out with double door openings separating the first floor spaces. Maple floors are found in several downstairs rooms.

This house falls into *Category B*, signifying that it should be preserved since it is a structure exhibiting some good architectural details representing a good example of architectural development and style, and supporting the character of the village.

10. Geographical Data

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Quadrangle name _____

Quadrangle scale _____

UTM References do NOT complete UTM references

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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

state	code	county	code

11. Form Prepared By

name/title	Paul B. Touart, Architectural Historian		
organization	Private Consultant	date	10/23/95
street & number	P. O. Box 5	telephone	410-651-1094
city or town	Westover	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.

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 CROWNSVILLE, MD 21032-2023
 514-7600

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ALLENDALE COTTAGE
3311 Allen Road
Allen, Wicomico County, Maryland
Chain of title

1147/453 Daniel J. Gallagher
 Anne F. Gallagher

to

6/17/1988 William Lee Fiddler
 Mary Agnes Fiddler

AJS 839/429 William E. Sinkbeil, Sr.
 Gloria White Sinkbeil

to

6/27/1985 Daniel J. Gallagher
 Anne F. Gallagher
 "Tableau Lot"

JWTS 730/29 Donald L. Hitch, State of Kansas
 Thornton P. Hitch, State of Maryland

to

3/8/1971 W. E. Sinkbeil, Sr.
 Gloria White Sinkbeil
 7/8 acre "Tableau Lot"

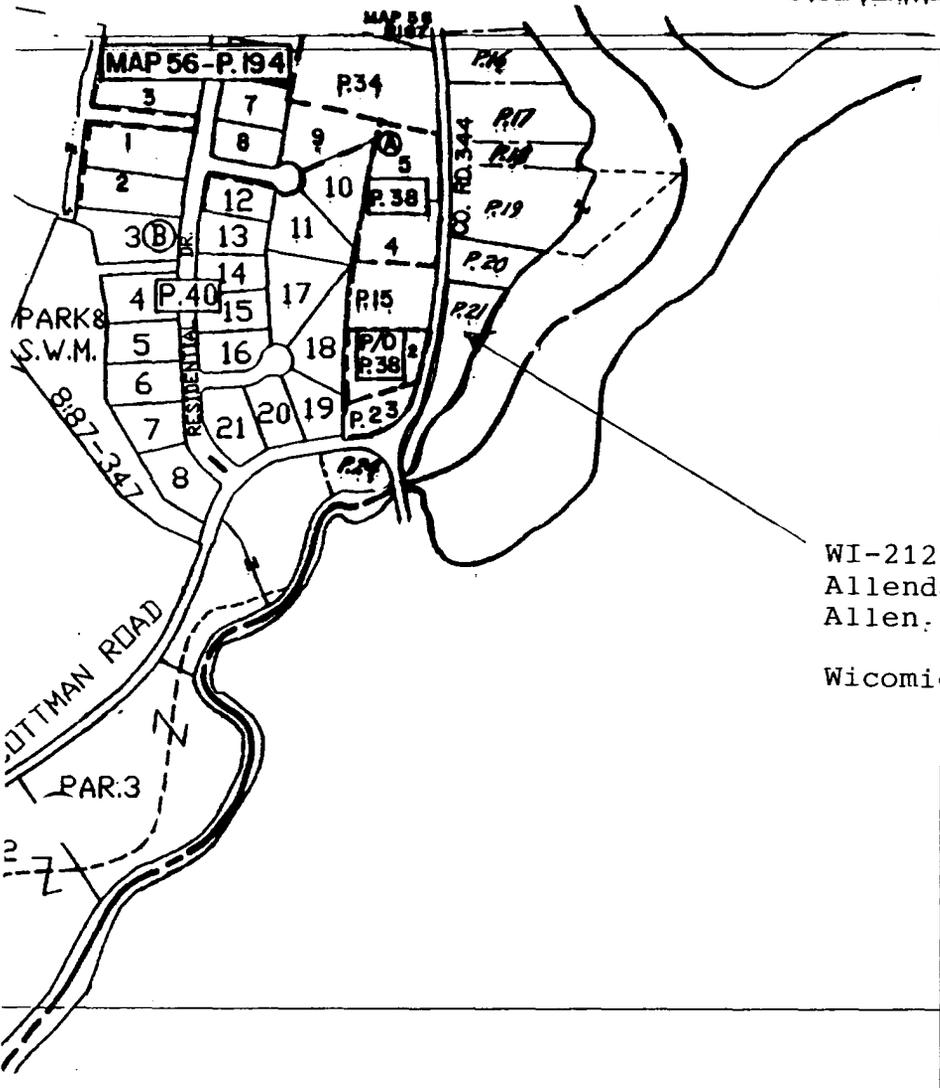
322/351 Thornton P. Hitch, Personal Representative
 of the Estate of Laura L. Hitch

to

Thornton P. Hitch
Donald L. Hitch

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Wicomico County Tax Map 66
Parcel 21

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ALLENDALE COTTAGE
Eden, Maryland Quadrangle
1983

42' 30"

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(PRINCESS ANNE)
5860 II NW
SCALE 1:24 000

PRINCESS ANNE 64 44'

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ACUMINATE C-1416

AREA, VICINITY CACAO, MARYLAND

SOUTH ELEVATION

10/95, PAIR TRACT, PLYMOUTH

NO. 1 AND HISTORICAL TRACT

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