

WI-230  
Phillips House and Store  
Allen  
Private

1900

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MARYLAND HISTORIC PRESERVATION PLAN INFORMATION

RESOURCE NAME: Phillips House and Store

MHT INVENTORY NUMBER: WI-230

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  
Former store building

# Maryland Historical Trust State Historic Sites Inventory Form

MARYLAND INVENTORY OF  
HISTORIC PROPERTIES

Survey No. WI-230  
Magi No.  
DOE  yes  no

## 1. Name (indicate preferred name)

historic Phillips House and Store

and/or common

## 2. Location

street & number 3414 Allen Road  not for publication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 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	<b>Public Acquisition</b>	<b>Accessible</b>	<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 (give names and mailing addresses of all owners)

name Mr. and Mrs. Richard Hoke

street & number 3414 Allen Road telephone no.:

city, town Allen state and zip code Maryland 21810

## 5. Location of Legal Description

courthouse, registry of deeds, etc. Wicomico County Clerk of Court Tax Map 56, P.197  
liber 1365

street & number Wicomico County Courthouse folio 90

city, town Salisbury state MD 21801

## 6. Representation in Existing Historical Surveys

title

date  federal  state  county  local

repository for survey records

city, town state

# 7. Description

Survey No. WI-230

<b>Condition</b>		<b>Check one</b>	<b>Check one</b>	
<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			

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

The Phillips house and store stand at 3414 Allen Road in the village of Allen, Wicomico County, Maryland. The two-and-a-half story, combination house and store face east with the principal gable roof oriented on a north/south axis.

Supported on a brick pier foundation, the exterior of the c. 1900 ell-shaped structure is clad with asbestos shingles, and the steeply pitched roof slopes are covered with asphalt shingles. The eaves are extended and the soffits are open.

The east (main) elevation follows an asymmetrical plan with the two-and-a-half story, five-bay house facade joined with the two-story, two-bay commercial front of the former store. The five-bay house facade comprises a center entrance filled with a partially glazed door. Pairs of two-over-two sash windows pierce the wall to each side, and the entire first floor is sheltered by a shed roof front porch supported by tapered posts. Five two-over-two sash windows light the second floor. Centered on the roof is a gable roof dormer pierced with a paired window and trimmed with spindle brackets in the eave. Rising through the roof is a pair of single-flue brick chimney stacks finished with corbelled caps.

The north gable end of the house is marked by a single two-over-two sash window on each floor including the attic. The extended eaves of the roof are finished with a decorative bargeboard, and spindle brackets are located at the base of the roof.

The south gable end is fully covered by the two-story, two-bay by two-room commercial block, which is finished in the same way as the house. The gable-front elevation that faces the street is defined by a block center entrance flanked by two-over-two sash windows. The first floor is sheltered by a single-story porch supported on square posts. The second floor is lighted by a pair of two-over-two sash windows, and a single two-over-two sash lights the attic. The gable end is finished with a decorated bargeboard and spindle eave brackets. A single-flue brick chimney rises through the center of the former store.

The south side of the store is pierced by a pair of French doors and an adjacent two-over-two sash window on the first floor, and two-over-two sash windows on the second floor.

Extending from the back of the house is a single-story kitchen wing. The interior of the house was not seen.

# 8. Significance

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 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
<input type="checkbox"/> 1700-1799	<input type="checkbox"/> art	<input type="checkbox"/> engineering	<input type="checkbox"/> music	<input type="checkbox"/> theater
<input type="checkbox"/> 1800-1899	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> commerce	<input type="checkbox"/> exploration/settlement	<input type="checkbox"/> philosophy	<input type="checkbox"/> transportation
<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** **Builder/Architect**

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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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Due to the relatively intact condition of this property it qualifies for listing in *Category B*, which identifies properties that should be preserved due to their architectural and historical importance. The building contributes as well to the historic character of the village.

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3414 Allen Road  
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Chain of title

1365/90                      Hilda M. Adams  
                                 Irma L. Davis

to

11/15/1993                  Dick P. Hoke  
                                 Janet S. Hoke  
                                 Plat dated 9/28/1982 AJS 984/256

MSB 1247/400                Emphraim Adkins

to

3/18/1991                   Hilda M. Adams  
                                 Irma L. Davis  
                                 1.567 acres

AJS 1032/109                John E. Jacob, Jr. Assignee

to

3/19/1985                   Emphaim Adkins

AJS 984/253                 Union Trust Company, of Maryland

to

1024/624                    Robert E. Bounds  
                                 Valerie L. Bounds

Plat recorded with deed

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Chain of title continued

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AJS 884/883

Victor H. Laws, Personal Representative  
of Anne M. Desmond

to

10/3/1977

Union Trust Company of Maryland, Victor  
H. Laws, William Perry Desmond

JWTS 357/145

Ida Virginia Elliott  
Fred P. Elliott

to

4/30/1954

Anne Messick Desmond  
Gerald Desmond

JWTS 324/468

William Walter Stowman  
Lillian P. Stowman

to

3/5/1951

Ida Virginia Elliott

JWTS 307/302

Emma Phillips, widow et al.

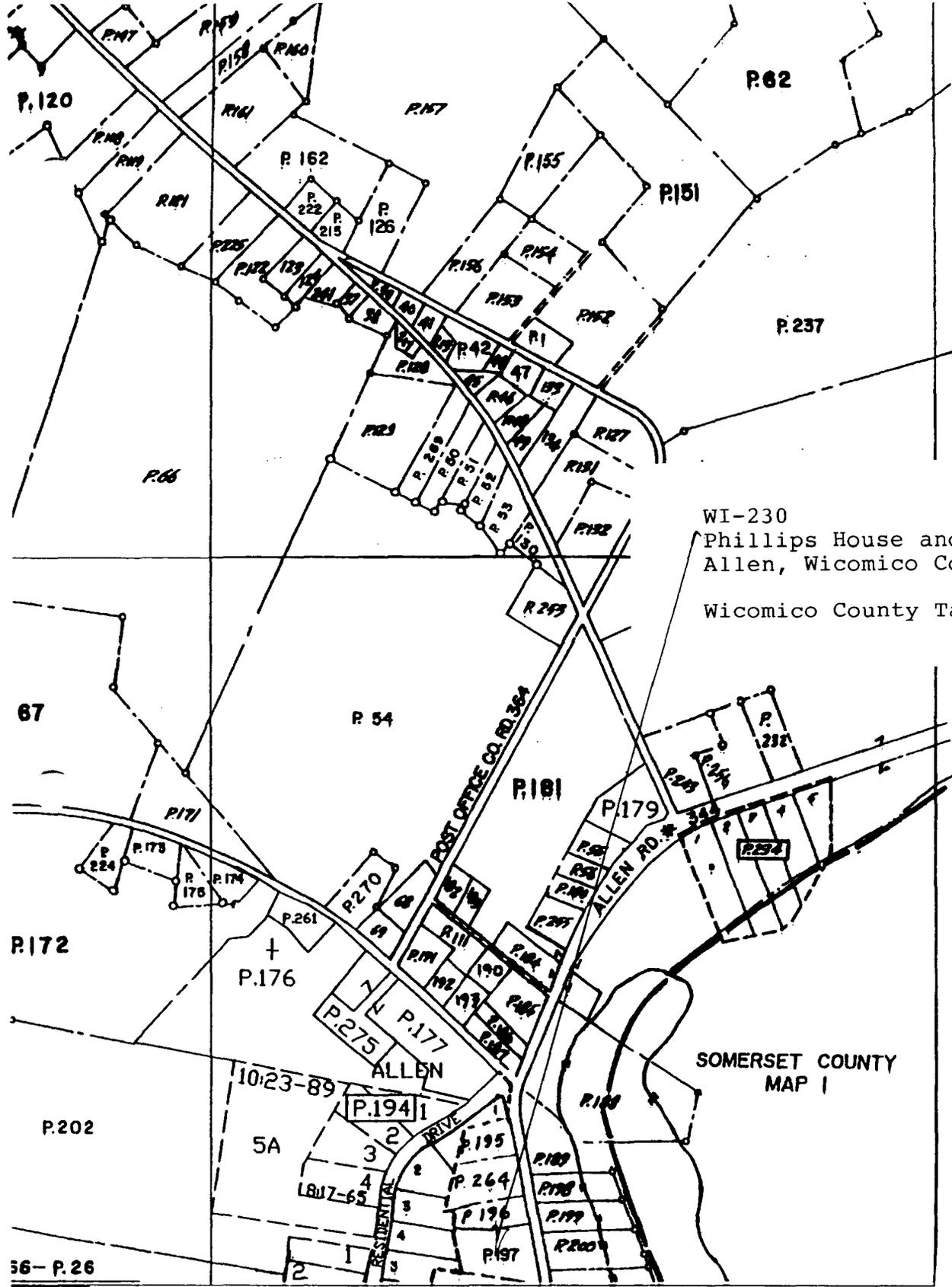
to

9/18/1948

William Walter Stowman  
Lillian P. Stowman







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 Phillips House and Store  
 Allen, Wicomico County, Maryland  
 Wicomico County Tax Map 56  
 Parcel 197



WICOMICO COUNTY,  
 MARYLAND

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MAP NO.  
 56

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 515242.1mE

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Allen

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Loretto

Substation

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Eden, Maryland Quadrangle  
1983

42'30"

'39

(PRINCESS ANNE)  
5860 II NW

PRINCESS ANNE 6.2 KM

40'

42'

SCALE 1:24 000



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Pittsaps House on site

Southeast 1/4 section

Area, Wisconsin County, Wis.

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