

WI-238
Peninsula Farm Market
Allen
Private

1926 and later

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Maryland Historical Trust State Historic Sites Inventory Form

MARYLAND INVENTORY OF HISTORIC PROPERTIES

Survey No. WI-238

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DOE yes no

1. Name (indicate preferred name)

historic Peninsula Farm Market

and/or common Kolb's Store

2. Location

street & number Allen Road not for publication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 checked="" 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 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 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 David W. Kolb

street & number P. O. Box 103 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 liber

street & number Wicomico County Courthouse folio

city, town Salisbury state Maryland 21801

6. Representation in Existing Historical Surveys

title

date federal state county local

pository 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.

Formally known as the Peninsula Farm Market, and commonly called Kolb's Store, this single story frame building stands on the south side of Allen Road on the northern side of the village of Allen, Wicomico County, Maryland. The building faces northwest with the low pitched gable roof oriented on a northwest/southeast axis.

Erected in stages beginning around 1926, the Kolb store building is a single-story frame and concrete block structure. The center frame section, which comprises the original early twentieth century store is covered by a low pitched asphalt shingle gable roof disguised by a parapet wall. Lateral wings attached to each side of the store are covered with flat roofs. The exterior of the frame sections is largely clad with asbestos shingles, although the front wall of the initial early twentieth century store survives with plain weatherboard siding. The post office section, added in 1980, has exposed concrete blocks. A shed roofed porch stretches across the entire front of the composite store and post office building. A centrally located, single bay width of the porch roof projects slightly forward of the main shed roof, which is supported by a series of wood and metal posts.

The front wall of the store is marked by a centrally positioned door with flanking paired six-over-one sash windows. A large multi-pane bay window lights the portion of the store to the southwest, and a single door and paired window light the front wall of the post office section.

The interior of the store has not changed significantly since the early to mid twentieth century with narrow tongue-and-groove boards covering the walls and ceiling. The principal interior features include a few old store counters and display cases.

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
<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
<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 1926 **Builder/Architect**

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 Peninsula Farm Market falls into *Category D*, which identifies it as a structure where alterations should be considered less strictly. The building does contribute to the historic nature of Allen as the last of several general stores that operated in the village.

10. Geographical Data

Acreege of nominated property _____

Quadrangle name _____

Quadrangle scale _____

UTM References do NOT complete UTM references

A
 Zone Easting Northing

B
 Zone Easting Northing

C

D

E

F

G

H

Verbal boundary description and justification

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

state	code	county	code

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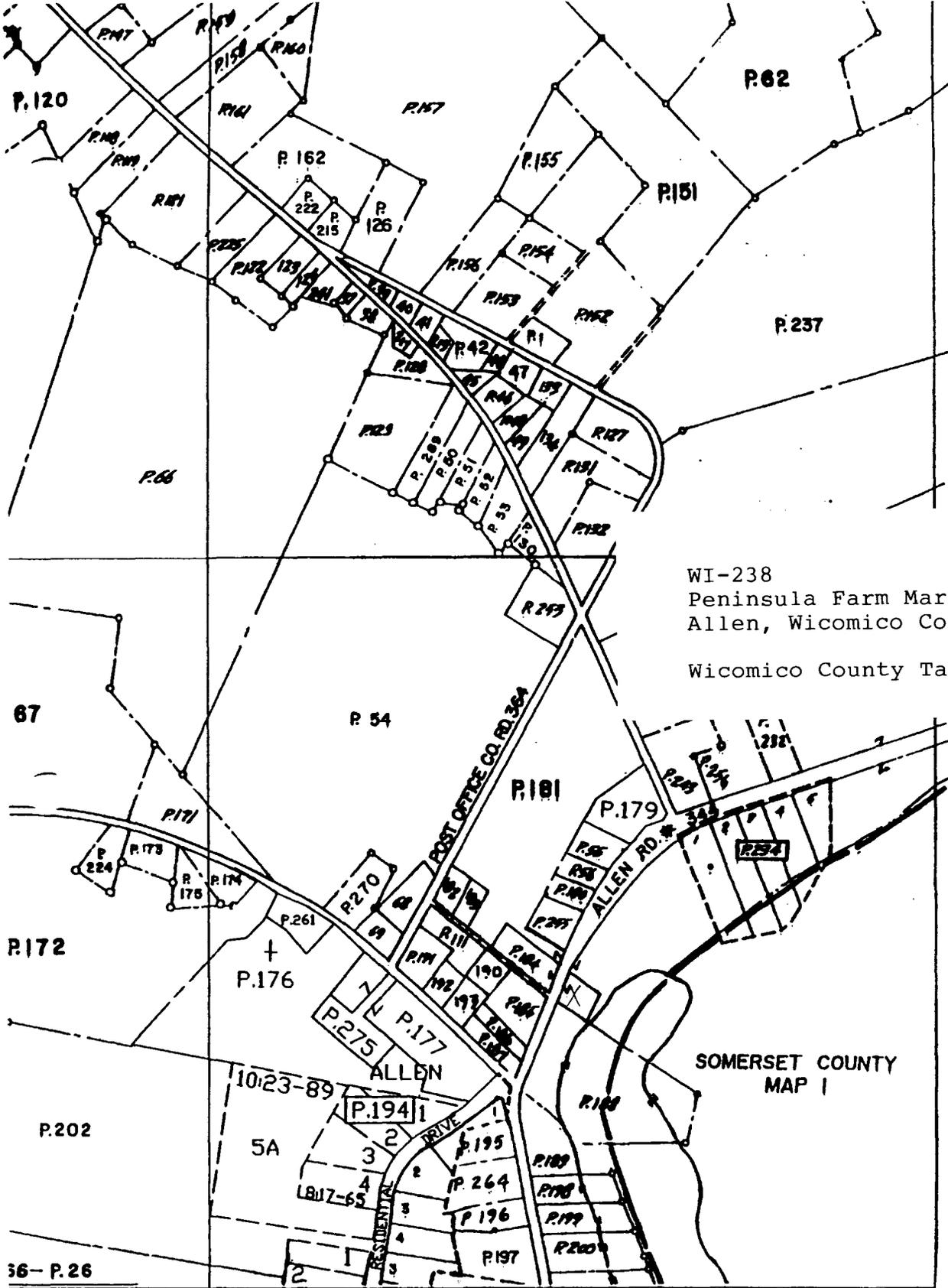
city or town Westover state Maryland 21871

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 Peninsula Farm Market
 Allen, Wicomico County, Maryland

Wicomico County Tax Map 56
 Parcel 184

SOMERSET COUNTY
 MAP 1

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69722.2mN
 51524.21mE

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WICOMICO COUNTY,
 MARYLAND

1175

1178

MAP NO.
56



Holy Temple

Ferry Road

Cem Friendship
Ch

Allen

CREEK

Loretto

Substation

CONRAIL

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Peninsula Farm Market
Allen, Wicomico County, Maryland

Eden, Maryland Quadrangle
1983

42'30"

'39

(PRINCESS ANNE)
5860 11 NW

40'

'42

SCALE 1:24 000



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PENINSULA FARM MARKET

Allen, Winnebago County, WISCONSIN

NORTH ELEVATION

11/25, PAUL TOWNSEND, PHOTOGRAPHER -
N.E. / MID. 175' TOWER

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