

14/46 ALLIN LOG TOBACCO HOUSE
22201 Davis Mill Rd.

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11-1991

***** HISTORIC SITE FORM *****

ATLAS # 14/046-000 HIST. NAME ALLIN LOG TOBACCO HOUSE
ADDRESS 22201 DAVIS MILL ROAD
OWNER EVELYN H ALLIN
CITY GERMANTOWN
TAX ACCOUNT # 00922655 TAX MAP # FV323 MAP COORD
LOT/BLOCK P890 ACREAGE 0008.80 ZONING RDT USE FARMS, CROPS
MASTER PLAN AGRICULTURE & RURAL A CIVIC 238 246

ENTRY DATE 09/04/85

ADDRESS 22201 DAVIS MILL ROAD
STATE MD ZIP 20874 PHDNE

***** DESCRIPTION/SIGNIFICANCE *****

CRITERIA YEAR COND DEMOLISHD STYLE
FEATURES/INTEREST
ENVIR SETTING

***** ADMINISTRATIVE INFORMATION *****

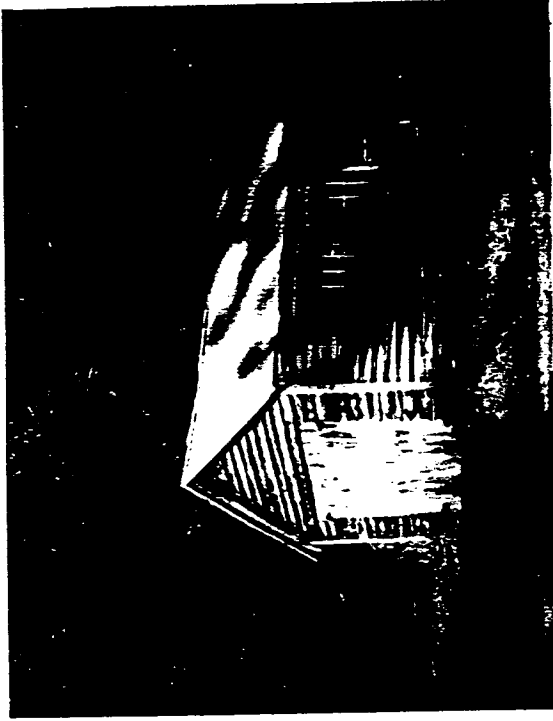
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HIST PRES COMM REC NEG BOARD REC COUNCIL ACTION
HPC EVAL OATE 11/17/83 BOARD HEARING DATE BOARD ACTION DATE
CC RES # DATE MNCPPC RES # DATE

COMMENTS STONE FOUNDATION & SHED

CRITERIA

- (1) *Historical and cultural significance.* The historic resource:
 - a. Has character, interest or value as part of the development, heritage or cultural characteristics of the county, state or nation;
 - b. Is the site of a significant historic event;
 - c. Is identified with a person or a group of persons who influenced society; or
 - d. Exemplifies the cultural economic, social, political or historic heritage of the county and its communities.

- (2) *Architectural and design significance.* The historic resource:
 - a. Embodies the distinctive characteristics of a type, period or method of construction;
 - b. Represents the work of a master;
 - c. Possesses high artistic values;
 - d. Represents a significant and distinguishable entity whose components may lack individual distinction; or
 - e. Represents an established and familiar visual feature of the neighborhood, community or county due to its singular physical characteristic or landscape. (Ord. No. 9-4, § 1.)

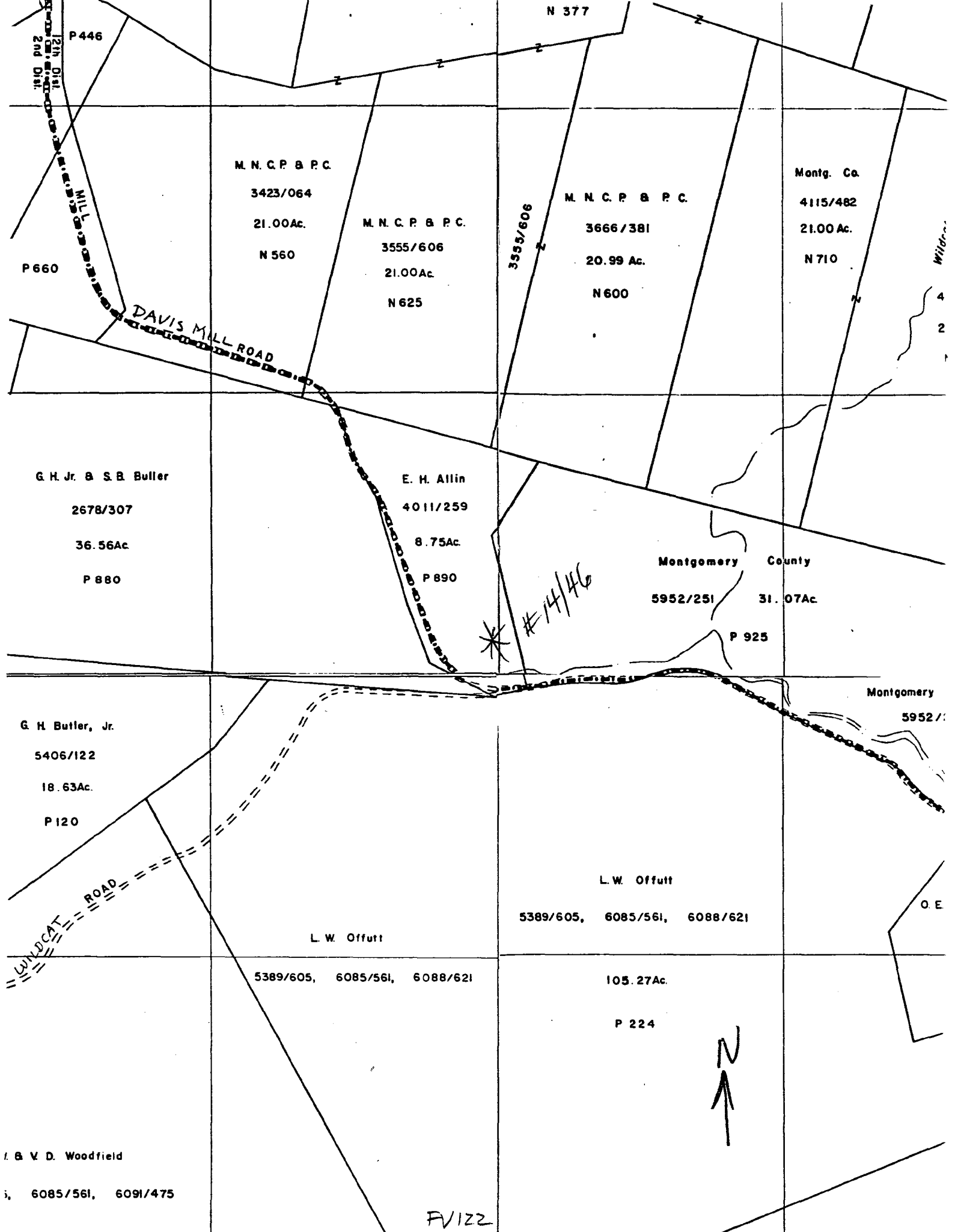


Foundations



Outbuilding

14/46 ALLIN LOG TOBACCO HOUSE



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P 446

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N 560

M. N. C. P. & P. C.
3555/606
21.00Ac.
N 625

M. N. C. P. & P. C.
3666/381
20.99 Ac.
N 600

Montg. Co.
4115/482
21.00 Ac.
N 710

P 660

DAVIS MILL ROAD

3555/606

Wild...

G. H. Jr. & S. B. Buller
2678/307
36.56Ac
P 880

E. H. Allin
4011/259
8.75Ac.
P 890

Montgomery County
5952/251
31.07Ac
P 925

#14/46

G. H. Butler, Jr.
5406/122
18.63Ac.
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Montgomery
5952/...

WINDCAT ROAD

L. W. Offutt
5389/605, 6085/561, 6088/621

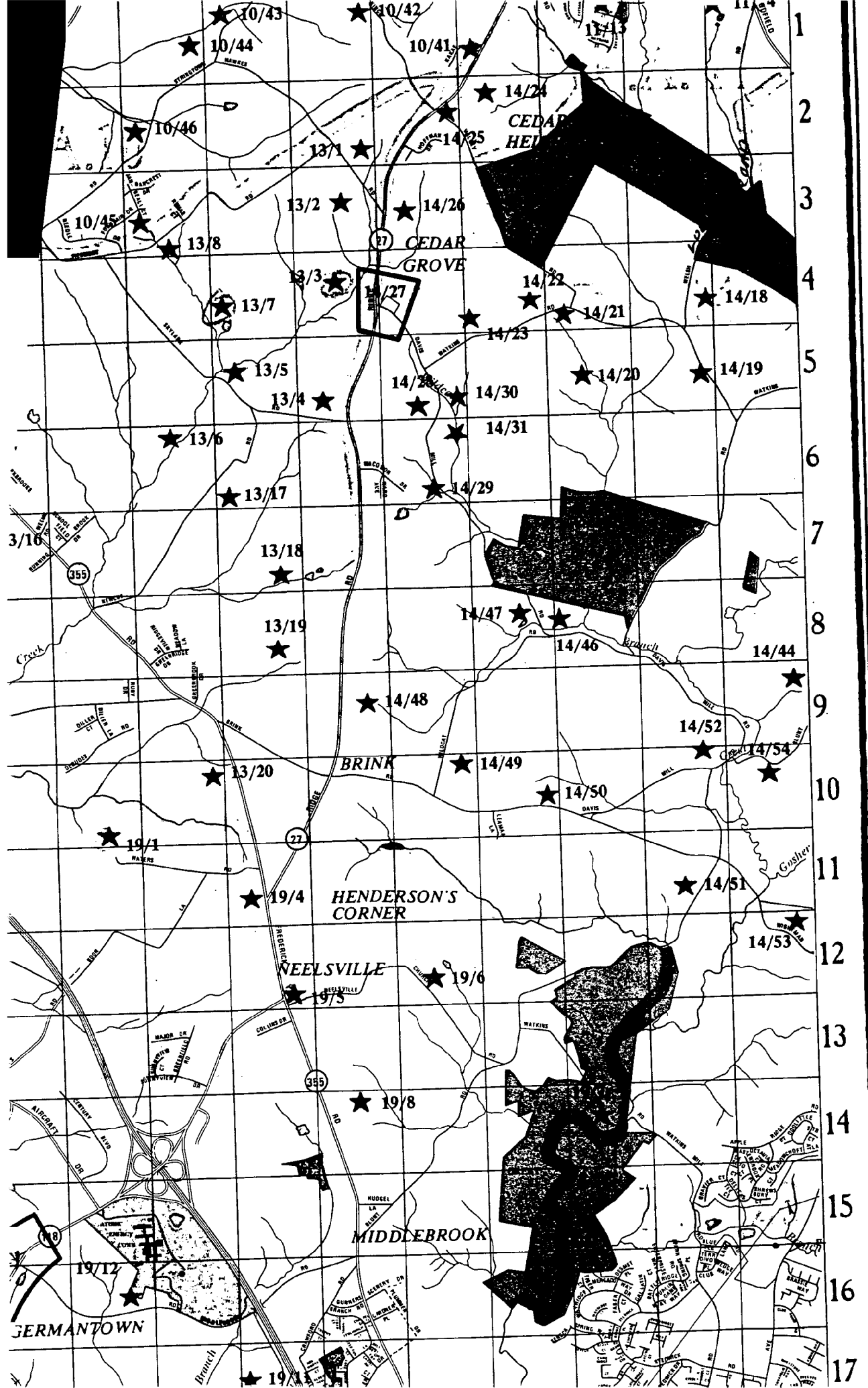
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Mr. Norman Christeller
December 1, 1983
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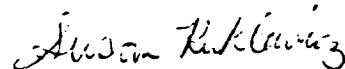
The Commission also evaluated the following sites, listed by the Park Historian as 'ruins' or 'outbuildings only' on his compilation of February 18, 1983: 13/31 William Burdette; 15/48 Chimney ruins, 17/5 Darby farm; 15/25 Doyle log house; 23/30 Charles Griffith; 14/9 Griffith double log (demolished); 17/43 Jarboe ruins; 19/12 Log cabin - Middlebrook Road; 23/83 Log house ruins; 15/57 Murphy's Ford/log house; 17/51 Padget farm; 13/17 Purdum house; 24/28 Seneca C.M.E. Church; 11/7 Sheckles Log Tobacco house (demolished); 10/51 Soper log house (demolished); 28/4 Stabler ruins; 15/22 Stanley House (demolished); 12/30 Stone chimney ruins; 23/7 Stone springhouse ruins; 11/18 Warfield log tobacco house; 10/53 Watkins log house; 10/56 Ziegler stone house (foundation only); 12/39 Mary Fisher farm; 17/36 Isaac Fyffe; 14/46 Allin log tobacco house; 15/7 Brown's log tobacco house and spring house; 10/75 Bank Barn; 22/10 Barn; 13/2 Beall Barn; 22/16 Grandby farm outbuildings; 10/14 Ingalls farm; 14/36 Old Pope farm (barn); 10/45 A.J. Waters barn (demolished).

The Commission found that these sites did not meet any of the criteria of the Ordinance, and therefore, it recommends that they not be added to the Master Plan.

Owners of these sites were not notified due to the difficulty in locating accurate legal descriptions and premise addresses. Planning Board staff has indicated that notice of your public hearing will be advertised. Our legal council has advised us that such notification is sufficient.

The Commission will have a representative attend your public hearing and work session on these sites. Please do not hesitate to call either Bobbi Hahn or myself in the interim if we can provide any additional information.

Sincerely,



Susan Kuklewicz, Chairwoman
Historic Preservation Commission

SK/BH/ehw
03621/13-14

The motion was seconded by Mr. King. Those in favor: Mr. Patterson, Mr. King, Ms. McGuckian, Mrs. Kuklewicz, Mr. Edson. Opposed: Mr. McConihe who maintained that insufficient study has been given to the matter. The motion carried.

2. Ruins and Outbuildings

Ms. McGuckian went through the pictures and research on the following sites, listed by the park Historian as 'ruins' and 'outbuildings only,' and which the HPC subcommittee had visited and were recommending against placement on the Master Plan: 13/31 William Burdette; 15/48 Chimney ruins; 17/5 Darby farm; 15/25 Doyle log house; 23/30 Charles Griffith; 14/9 Griffith double log (demolished); 17/43 Jarboe ruins; 19/12 Log cabin - Middlebrook Road; 23/83 Log house ruins; 15/57 Murphy's Ford/log house; 17/51 Padget farm; 13/17 Purdum house; 24/28 Seneca C.M.E. Church; 11/7 Sheckles Log Tobacco house (demolished); 10/51 Soper log house (demolished); 28/4 Stabler ruins; 15/22 Stanley House (demolished); 12/30 Stone chimney ruins; 23/7 Stone springhouse ruins; 11/18 Warfield log tobacco house; 10/53 Watkins log house; 10/56 Ziegler stone house (foundation only); 12/39 Mary Fisher farm; 17/36 Isaac Fyffe; 14/46 Allin log tobacco house; 15/7 Brown's log tobacco house and spring house; 10/75 Bank Barn; 22/10 Barn; 13/2 Beall Barn; 22/16 Grandby farm outbuildings; 10/14 Ingalls farm; 14/36 Old Pope farm (barn); 10/45 A.J. Waters barn (demolished).

MOTION: Ms. McGuckian moved that it be recommended to the Planning Board that the above listed sites should not be placed on the Master Plan because they did not meet any of the criteria of the Ordinance. Mr. Patterson seconded the motion which passed unanimously.

II. Hearings on Historic Area Work Permits

1. Mrs. Hahn reviewed the plans for new construction at 2813 Beechbank Road, Silver Spring, which is within the Capitol View Park historic district, as presented to the Commission at its November 3, 1983 meeting by owner/developer Richard Pokrass. The Local Advisory Committee had recommended adoption of the plans as presented with the condition that no additional trees be removed.

ACHS SUMMARY FORM

File

- 1. Name: Jacob Miller's Log Tobacco House (Allin Log House)
- 2. Planning Area/Site Number: 14/46 3. M-NCPPC Atlas Reference: Map 7
J-8
- 4. Address: 22201 Davis Mill Road, Germantown

5. Classification Summary

Category <u>building</u>	Previous Survey Recording <u>M-NCPPC</u>
Ownership <u>private</u>	Title and Date: <u>Inventory of Historical Sites - 1976</u>
Public Acquisition <u>NA</u>	
Status <u>occupied</u>	
Accessible <u>no</u>	Federal <u> </u> State <u>X</u> County <u>X</u> Local <u> </u>
Present use <u>private residence</u>	

- 6. Date: mid-19th century 7. Original Owner: Jacob Miller

8. Apparent Condition

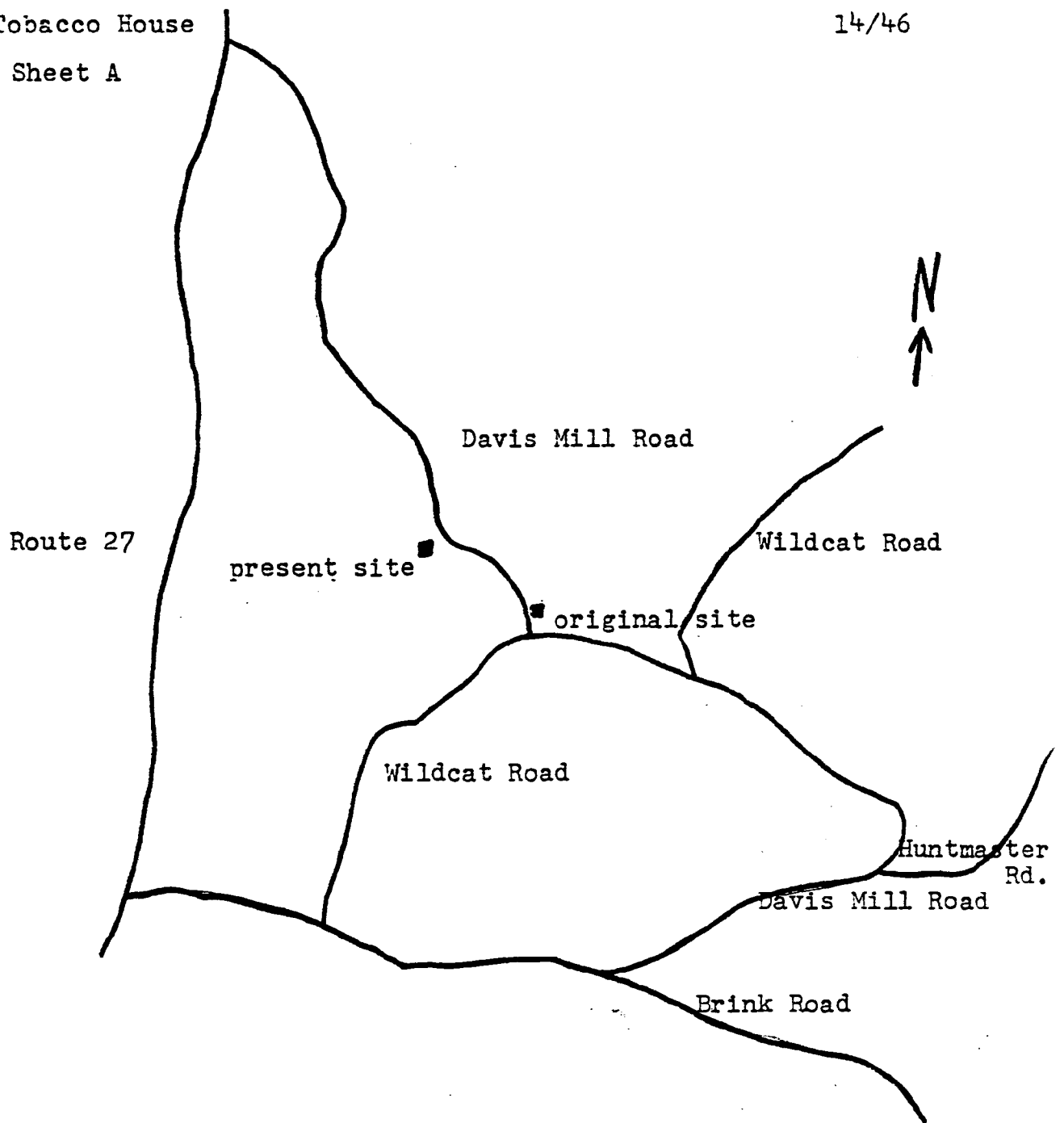
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- 11. Researcher and date researched: Barbara Knapp - 4/79 Candy Reed Arch. Description
- 12. Compiler: Peg Coleman 13. Date Compiled: 6/79 14. Designation Approval
- 15. Acreage: 8.75 acres



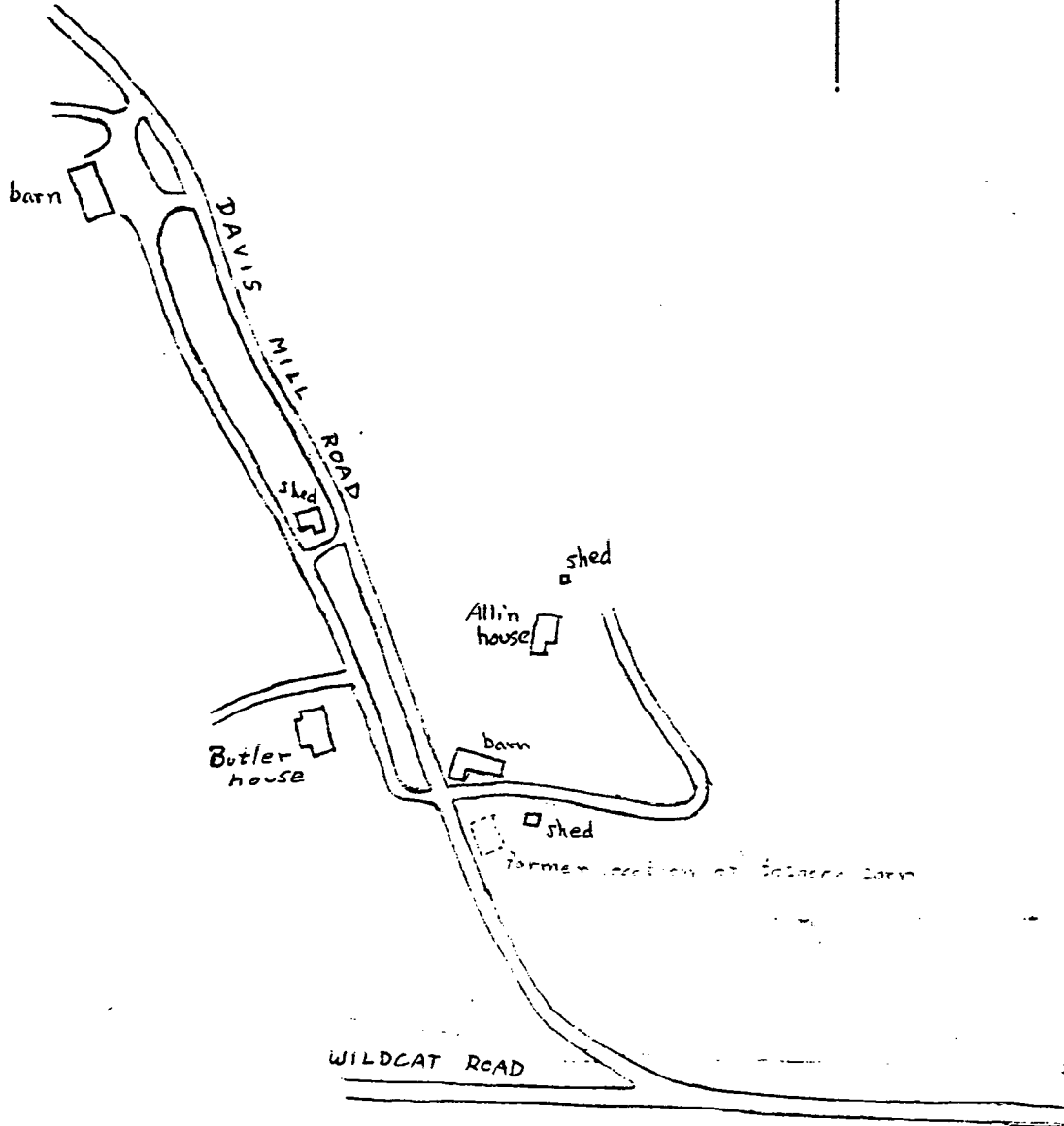
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Attachment Sheet B
Allin Log Tobacco House
Butler's Log House

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1" = 200'



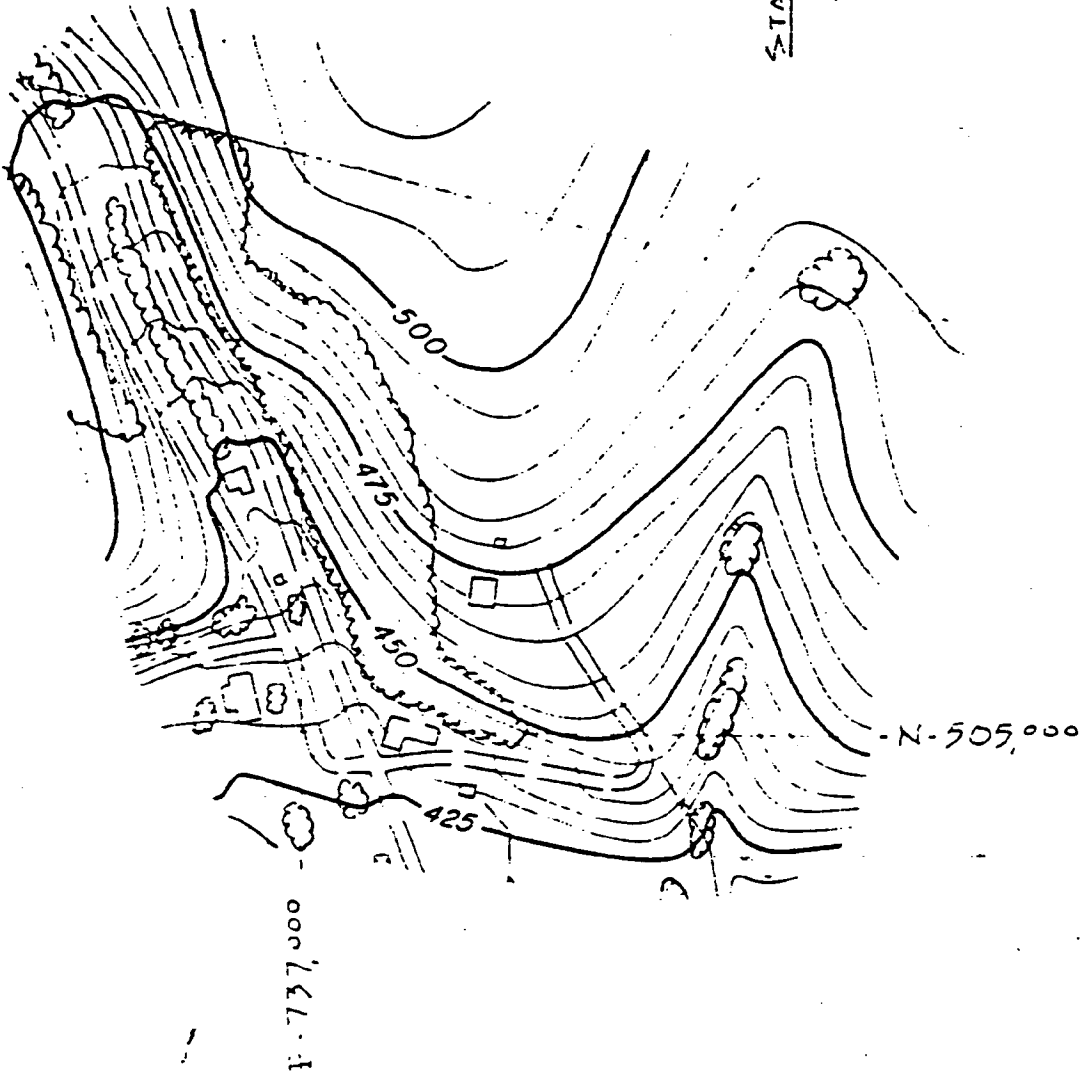
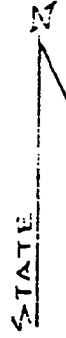
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Allin Log Tobacco House
Butler's Log House

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M: 14/47

1" = 200'
5' CONTOUR
INTERVAL



MARCH 04

Contour map of
part of Butler and Allin
property

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DANASSO DISTRICT

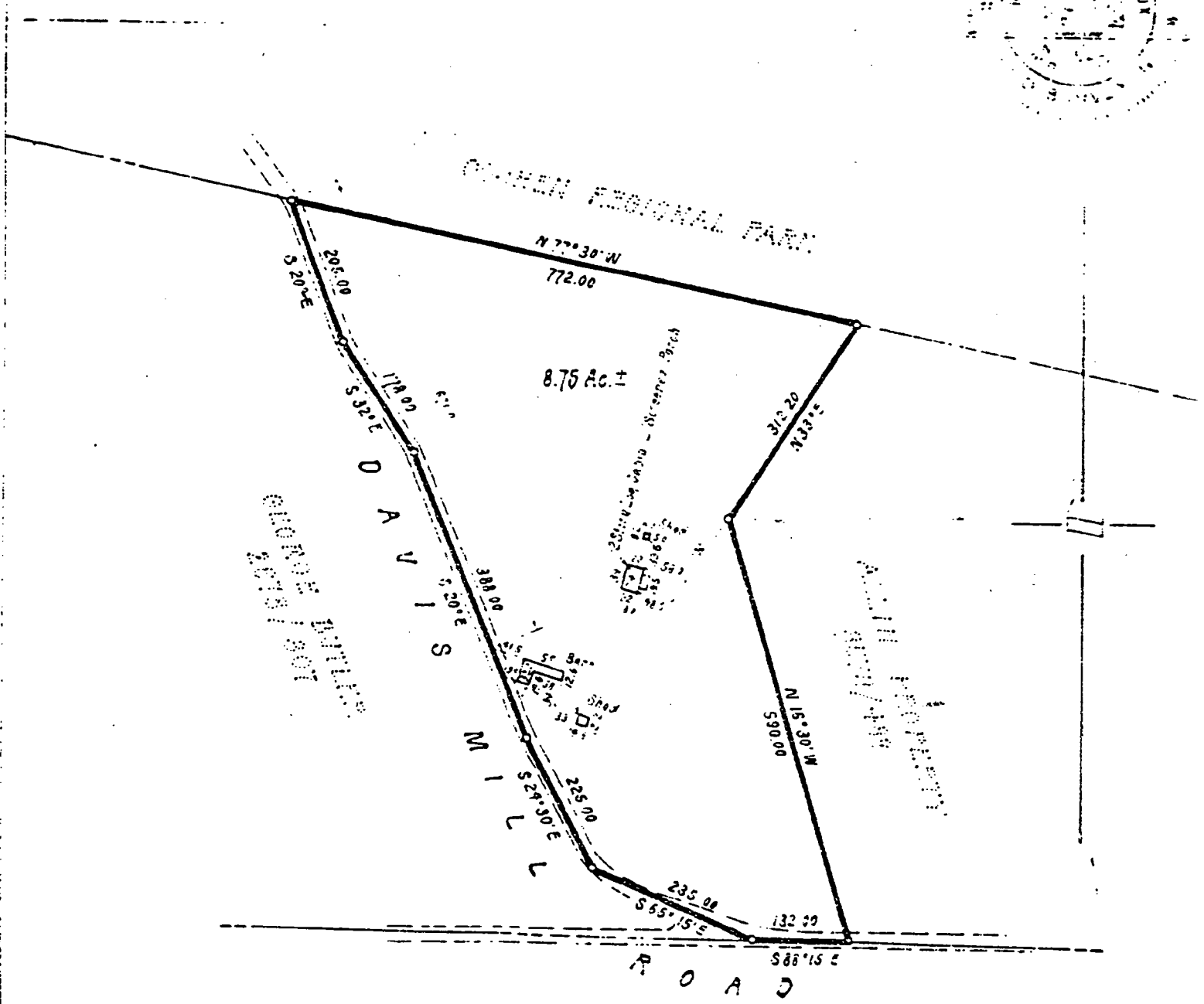
PLAT OF LAND
BELONGING TO
EVELYN ALLIN

Attachment Sheet C
Allin Log Tobacco Hs.
Butler's Log House

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M: 14/47

DATED

PREPARED FOR MRS. JOHN ALLIN, MOUNTAIN VIEW, MARYLAND.



J. W. WOODFIELD PROPERTY

MARYLAND HISTORICAL TRUST

M: 14/46
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INVENTORY FORM FOR STATE HISTORIC SITES SURVEY

1 NAME

HISTORIC

Jacob Miller's Log Tobacco House

AND/OR COMMON

Allin Log House

2 LOCATION

STREET & NUMBER

22201 Davis Mill Road

CITY, TOWN

Germantown

___ VICINITY OF

CONGRESSIONAL DISTRICT

8

STATE

Maryland

COUNTY

Montgomery

3 CLASSIFICATION

CATEGORY	OWNERSHIP	STATUS	PRESENT USE	
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4 OWNER OF PROPERTY

NAME

Evelyn H. Allin

Telephone #: 428-0312

STREET & NUMBER

22201 Davis Mill Road

CITY, TOWN

Germantown

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STATE, zip code

Maryland 20767

5 LOCATION OF LEGAL DESCRIPTION

COURTHOUSE,
REGISTRY OF DEEDS, ETC.

Montgomery County Courthouse

Liber #: 4011

Folio #: 259

STREET & NUMBER

CITY, TOWN

Rockville

STATE

Maryland

6 REPRESENTATION IN EXISTING SURVEYS

TITLE

MNCPPC Inventory of Historical Sites

DATE

1976

___ FEDERAL STATE COUNTY ___ LOCAL

DEPOSITORY FOR
SURVEY RECORDS

Park Historian's Office

CITY, TOWN

Derwood

STATE

Maryland 20855

7 DESCRIPTION

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		<input type="checkbox"/> INVENTION		

SPECIFIC DATES Mid-19th Century BUILDER/ARCHITECT _____

STATEMENT OF SIGNIFICANCE

The Allin House is believed to be the only log tobacco house in the County that has been adapted for use as a dwelling, and is an excellent example of an adaptive use of old farm buildings. Located in the valley of the Wildcat Branch of Little Seneca Creek, it signifies the eminent position of tobacco as a crop in northwestern Montgomery County in past years. Tobacco is still grown in this valley, but has been overtaken in turn by corn and wheat, peaches and strawberries and suburban houses on wooded lots as chief use of the valley's fertile soil.

The log tobacco house was built by Jacob Miller in the mid-nineteenth century, and moved to the present site in 1947. (See attached map). Miller had purchased 309 1/5 acres of land in 1840. (1) He built a saw mill on the Wildcat as well as grew tobacco.

The property changed hands numerous times until 1943 (2) when purchased by Percy K. and Hazel A. Norris. (3) Their friends, Bushrod W. and Thelma A. Allin took apart the old log tobacco house and re-assembled it elsewhere on the property. In 1947 the Allins received title to the house and 42.44 acres. (4) They lived in Washington, D.C. and used this house as a vacation home and a place for agricultural experimentation. They added the south wing (5) and deeded the house and 8.75 acres to their son and his wife in 1968. (6) The current owner is their daughter-in-law.

FOOTNOTES:

- 1 Montgomery County Land Records, BS 10/128, 1840.
- 2 JA 58/61, 1896; 248/440, 1915; 642/260, 1936; 642/262, 1936;
- 3 652/398, 1937; 642/262 & 3, 1936.
- 3 921/88, 1943.
- 4 1115/320, 1947.
- 5 Parker Poole, Germantown, Md. Interview. Poole is a longtime resident of the valley on property adjacent to this house.
- 6 3816/889, 1968.

9 MAJOR BIBLIOGRAPHICAL REFERENCES

Land records of Montgomery County.
Parker, Poole, Germantown, Md., interview.

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10 GEOGRAPHICAL DATA

ACREAGE OF NOMINATED PROPERTY 8.75

VERBAL BOUNDARY DESCRIPTION

See Attachment Sheet C

LIST ALL STATES AND COUNTIES FOR PROPERTIES OVERLAPPING STATE OR COUNTY BOUNDARIES

STATE

COUNTY

STATE

COUNTY

11 FORM PREPARED BY

NAME / TITLE

Barbara Knapp

Candy Reed/Architectural Description

ORGANIZATION

Sugarloaf Regional Trails

DATE

April 1979

STREET & NUMBER

Box 87

TELEPHONE

926-4510

CITY OR TOWN

Dickerson

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.

The Survey and Inventory are being prepared for information and record purposes only and do not constitute any infringement of individual property rights.

RETURN TO: ~~Maryland Historical Trust~~
The Shaw House, 21 State Circle
Annapolis, Maryland 21401
(301) 267-1438

SUGARLOAF REGIONAL TRAILS
Box 87, Stronghold
Dickerson, Md. 20753
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Category building Previous Survey Recording M-NCPPC
 Ownership private Title and Date: Inventory of Historical
 Public Acquisition NA Sites - 1976
 Status occupied
 Accessible no Federal State X County X Local
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Attachment Sheet A

Route 27

present site

Davis Mill Road

original site

Wildcat Road

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Huntmaster Rd.

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Brink Road



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SPECIFIC DATES Mid-19th Century

BUILDER/ARCHITECT

STATEMENT OF SIGNIFICANCE

The Allin House is believed to be the only log tobacco house in the County that has been adapted for use as a dwelling, and is an excellent example of an adaptive use of old farm buildings. Located in the valley of the Wildcat Branch of Little Seneca Creek, it signifies the eminent position of tobacco as a crop in northwestern Montgomery County in past years. Tobacco is still grown in this valley, but has been overtaken in turn by corn and wheat, peaches and strawberries and suburban houses on wooded lots as chief use of the valley's fertile soil.

The log tobacco house was built by Jacob Miller in the mid-nineteenth century, and moved to the present site in 1947. (See attached map). Miller had purchased 309 1/5 acres of land in 1840. (1) He built a saw mill on the Wildcat as well as grew tobacco.

The property changed hands numerous times until 1943 (2) when purchased by Percy K. and Hazel A. Norris. (3) Their friends, Bushrod W. and Thelma A. Allin took apart the old log tobacco house and re-assembled it elsewhere on the property. In 1947 the Allins received title to the house and 42.44 acres. (4) They lived in Washington, D.C. and used this house as a vacation home and a place for agricultural experimentation. They added the south wing (5) and deeded the house and 8.75 acres to their son and his wife in 1968. (6) The current owner is their daughter-in-law.

FOOTNOTES:

- 1 Montgomery County Land Records, BS 10/128, 1840.
- 2 JA 58/61, 1896; 248/440, 1915; 642/260, 1936; 642/262, 1936;
- 3 652/398, 1937; 642/262 & 3, 1936.
- 3 921/88, 1943.
- 4 1115/320, 1947.
- 5 Parker Poole, Germantown, Md. Interview. Poole is a longtime resident of the valley on property adjacent to this house.
- 6 3816/889, 1968.

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