NATIONAL REGISTER OF HISTORIC PLACES INVENTORY - NOMINATION FORM

1. NAME

COMMON: Allenville Mill
AND/OR HISTORIC: Company Storehouse, Allenville, Esmond

2. LOCATION

STREET AND NUMBER: 5 Esmond Street
CITY OR TOWN: Esmond, Smithfield
STATE: Rhode Island 02917

3. CLASSIFICATION

CATEGORY (Check One)
- District
- Site
- Object
- Building
- Structure

OWNERSHIP
- Public
- Private
- Both

STATUS
- Public Acquisition
- In Process
- Being Considered

ACCESSIBLE TO THE PUBLIC
- Yes:
  - Occupied
  - Unoccupied
  - Preservation work in progress
- No:
  - Restricted
  - Unrestricted

PRESENT USE (Check One or More as Appropriate)
- Agricultural
- Commercial
- Educational
- Entertainment
- Government
- Industrial
- Military
- Private Residence
- Religious
- Public
- Park
- Transportation
- Other (Specify) [None]

4. OWNER OF PROPERTY

OWNER'S NAME: Bar-Mal Realty Company
STREET AND NUMBER: 340 Waterman Avenue
CITY OR TOWN: Esmond, Smithfield
STATE: Rhode Island

5. LOCATION OF LEGAL DESCRIPTION

COURTHOUSE, REGISTRY OF DEEDS, ETC:
- Smithfield Town Clerk
STREET AND NUMBER: 64 Farnum Pike
CITY OR TOWN: Esmond, Smithfield
STATE: Rhode Island

6. REPRESENTATION IN EXISTING SURVEYS

TITLE OF SURVEY:
- Rhode Island Chapter A.I.A. Survey, HABS Survey No. RI-727
DATE OF SURVEY: 1955
DEPOSITORY FOR SURVEY RECORDS:
- Rhode Island Historical Society
STREET AND NUMBER: 52 Power Street
CITY OR TOWN: Providence
STATE: Rhode Island
The only non-domestic structure surviving in the present village of Esmond from the earliest period its manufacturing development is a stone building thirty foot square on the exterior, two stories plus attic with gable roof on Esmond Street south of the mill dam. The rubble walls of the building, which appears to have been the company storehouse, are typical of the construction of cotton textile mills and associated structures in the area built during and after the War of 1812.

The original fenestration is largely evident, although the eastern first story window of the front facade has been somewhat enlarged. This and other alterations may have occurred during the last decades of the nineteenth century or the early years of the twentieth when the building became the United States Post Office. A side entrance on the southwestern end of the building appears to be a later change, perhaps replacing an original window. A flat pedimented front door enframed with attached columns on protruding plinths and surrounded with wooden rustication similarly appears to be an alteration, but one which provides an important visual point to the simple building.
LONG CONSIDERED THE COTTON MILL ERECTED IN 1813 BY GOVERNOR PHILIP ALLEN, IT IS MORE LIKELY THAT THIS SOLE SURVIVING STONE STRUCTURE OF THE EARLY MILL WAS THE COMPANY STOREHOUSE. PHILIP ALLEN'S BROTHER, ZACHARIAH, RECORDED IN HIS DIARY FOR MARCH 5, 1821 A LIST OF COSTS FOR CARPENTRY "PAID BY P. ALLEN FOR BUILDING HIS FACTORY" WHICH INCLUDES THE EARLIEST DESCRIPTION OF THE "COTTON MILL 36 FEET BY 60 FROM OUTSIDE TO OUTSIDE". AN INSURANCE POLICY TAKEN BY PHILIP ALLEN IN 1836 INCLUDES HIS STONE COTTON FACTORY AS WELL AS A "STORE AND CLOTH ROOM". CORROBORATION FOR THE USE OF THE SURVIVING 30 FOOT SQUARE STONE BUILDING AS THE COMPANY STOREHOUSE IS FOUND IN A LITHOGRAPH MAP ENTITLED "THE COTTON MILL ESTATE, SMITHFIELD, R.I." SURVEYED BY CUSHING AND PARNUM AND RECORDED IN THE TOWN DEEDS (PLAT A10) IN 1858. THE BUILDING IS RECORDED AS NUMBER 10, A "STOREHOUSE (OF) STONE" AND MEASURED 30' X 30' ON THE MAP. THE POST OFFICE WAS LOCATED IN THE BUILDING IN 1937 WHEN THE FEDERAL WRITER'S PROJECT PUBLISHED THE GUIDEBOOK OF RHODE ISLAND, CALLING THE BUILDING THE "OLD ALLENVILLE MILL".

THE ORIGINAL OWNER OF THE PROPERTY, ESEK SMITH, SOLD THIS PLOT OF 1½ EMPTY ACRES TO PHILIP ALLEN IN 1813. ALLEN MAINTAINED OWNERSHIP OF THIS MILL COMPLEX KNOWN AS ALLENVILLE DURING HIS TERMS AS GOVERNOR OF RHODE ISLAND (1851-53) AND SOLD THE PROPERTY DURING HIS TERMS AS UNITED STATES SENATOR (1853-59) IN 1857. THE BUSINESS AGAIN CHANGED OWNERSHIP IN 1860 AND WAS RENAMED THE SMITHFIELD MANUFACTURING COMPANY.

9. Major Bibliographical References.


9. MAJOR BIBLIOGRAPHICAL REFERENCES

Allen, Zachariah, Diary 1821-1824, R.I.H.S. Collection MSS
Bayles, Richard M., History of Providence County, R.I. (New York, 1891) II
Recorded in Smithfield Deeds, June 28, 1858, plat a10, Central Falls, R.I.

10. GEOGRAPHICAL DATA

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LATITUDE AND LONGITUDE COORDINATES
DEFINING A RECTANGLE LOCATING THE PROPERTY

LATITUDE AND LONGITUDE COORDINATES
DEFINING THE CENTER POINT OF A PROPERTY
OF LESS THAN TEN ACRES

Approximate Acreage of nominated property: Less than one acre

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11. FORM PREPARED BY

Richard M. Candee, Researcher in Architecture

Old Sturbridge Village

April 9, 1971

12. STATE LIASON OFFICER CERTIFICATION

As the designated State Liaison Officer for the National Historic Preservation Act of 1966 (Public Law 89-665), I hereby nominate this property for inclusion in the National Register and certify that it has been evaluated according to the criteria and procedures set forth by the National Park Service. The recommended level of significance of this nomination is:

National [ ] State [ ] Local [X]

I hereby certify that this property is included in the National Register.

Chief, Office of Archaeology and Historic Preservation

Date

ATTEST:

Keeper of the National Register

Date
Photo from: Old Sturbridge Village

Allenville Mill Storehouse
5 Esmond Street
Smithfield, R.I.
# National Register of Historic Places

## Property Map Form

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