

VIRGINIA HISTORIC LANDMARKS COMMISSION SURVEY FORM

Historic Name: **G. G. Allen**

County/Town/City: **Manassas**

Street Address or Route Number: **9303 Prescott Avenue, Manassas, VA**

USGS Quad: **Manassas**

Date or period: **ca. 1910**

Original owner: **G. G. Allen**

Architect/builder/craftsmen:

Original use: Residence

Source of name:

Present owner: **G. G. Allen Estate**

Source of date: **Archit. evidence; local tradition**

Present owner address: **c/o Guy W. Allen Jr. & John R. -**

Stories: **2 stories**

Present use: **House, Admin., Germantown, MD**

Foundation and wall: **Stone foundation, frame walls**

Acreage: **.26**

Roof type: **Metal-covered hip roof**

State condition of structure and environs: **House & surrounding area in good condition. Porch needs repairs.**

State potential threats to structure:

Note any archaeological interest:

Should be investigated for possible register potential? Yes No

Architectural description (Note) significant features of plan, structural system and interior and exterior decoration, taking care to point out aspects not visible or clear from photographs. Explain nature and period of all alterations and additions. List any outbuildings and their approximate ages, cemeteries, etc.)

This is a small, two-story, hip-roofed, frame-constructed house with a deep, one-story, columned porch across the front and north side. The house is clad in wide-gauge aluminum siding. Decorative features include patterned shingle dormers, which contain lunettes, or semi-circular attic windows; a bracketed and moulded cornice; and a pediment in the porch at the front door. The Tuscan order porch columns are smooth, having unadorned capitals and bases.

The house is now painted white with dark window and door trim, in contrast to the way it looked in 1911 – white weatherboards with dark roof; dark window and door trim; and dark shutters, cornice, columns, porch rails, and cornerboards. The porch has since lost its jigsaw cutout balusters and rail.

The windows are 2/2, with the exception of a large picture window on the front having a diamond-pane pattern in the upper half. The trim around the doors and windows is plain. The front door, a 15-pane glass door, has 6-light overhead and 5-light side windows. The interior trim is symmetrically moulded with corner blocks. There is at least one oak mantel. The stair, a 2-flight open stair, is oak. The floors are pine.

This house, though its architecture is not rare 9there are several similar houses on Prescott avenue) and though the house is not old or historically important, does contribute to the aesthetic and historical qualities that make Prescott Avenue a potential local historic district.

Historic significance (Chain of title: individuals, families, events, etc, associated with the property.)

This house was new when the Manassas Journal photograph was published in 1911. It has G. G. Allen was a postal clerk on the Southern Railroad.
