WI-646 1926
Pratt D. Phillips House
Salisbury
Private

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Maryland Inventory of
Historic Properties Form

Inventory No. WI-646

1. Name of Property (indicate preferred name)

historic: Ivy Court

other: Pratt D. Phillips House

2. Location

street and number: 316 North Division Street — __ not for publication

city, town: Salisbury — vicinity

county: Wicomico

3. Owner of Property (give names and mailing addresses of all owners)

name: Virginia R. Fortenberry

street and number: 316 North Division Street — telephone

city, town: Salisbury — state: Maryland — zip code: 21801

4. Location of Legal Description

courthouse, registry of deeds, etc.: Wicomico County Clerk of Court — liber: 1354 — folio: 31

city, town: Salisbury — tax map: 106 — tax parcel: 948 — tax ID number: 9-054979

5. Primary Location of Additional Data

_____ Contributing Resource in National Register District
_____ Contributing Resource in Local Historic District
_____ Determined Eligible for the National Register/Maryland Register
_____ Determined Ineligible for the National Register/Maryland Register
_____ Recorded by HABS/HAER
_____ Historic Structure Report or Research Report at MHT
_____ Other:_____

6. Classification

Category
__ district
x building(s)
__ structure
__ site
__ object

Ownership
__ public
x private
__ both

Current Function
__ agriculture
__ commerce/trade
__ defense
x domestic
__ education
__ funerary
__ government
__ health care
__ industry
__ landscape
__ recreation/culture
__ religion
__ social
__ transportation
__ work in progress
__ unknown
__ vacant/not in use
__ other:

Resource Count

Contributing	Noncontributing	
2	____	buildings
____	____	sites
_____	_____	structures
_____	_____	objects
2	____	Total

Number of Contributing Resources previously listed in the Inventory

_____

7. Description

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Condition

___ excellent ___ deteriorated
x__ good ___ ruins
___ fair ___ altered

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

The Pratt D. Phillips house stands at 316 North Division Street in the center of the Newtown Historic District in Salisbury, Wicomico County, Maryland. The two-and-a-half story, Colonial Revival brick house faces east with the principal gable roof oriented on a north/south axis. Built in 1926, the stretcher bond brick dwelling is supported on a slightly raised foundation with an excavated cellar. The steeply pitched roof is covered with slate. Standing behind the house is a contemporaneous single-story gable roofed garage.

The east (main) elevation is a symmetrical three-bay, stretcher bond brick façade with a center entrance and flanking tripartite window openings. The front entrance is recessed behind the plane of the wall, and it is sheltered by a segmental arched hood supported on large fluted brackets. The soffit of the hood is finished with raised paneling. A six-panel front door is topped by a tripartite transom with a three-light center panel and two-light sections to each side. Down each side are twelve-light sidelights. The door jamb is paneled. The entrance is flanked by tripartite windows featuring eight-over-eight center sash and six-over-six sash to each side. The window openings are spanned by a course of soldier brick. Three windows light the second story, and each opening is flanked by paneled shutters with candlestick profile cut-outs. The base of the roof is finished with a boxed cornice trimmed with bed and crown moldings. Defining the roof is a series of three gable roofed dormers featuring pediment fronts, fluted pilasters and segmental arched six-over-six sash windows.

The south side is covered on the first floor by an enclosed porch with multi-paned windows enclosing each side. Stretching across the flat roof is a cross-stick balustrade. The second floor is lighted by six-over-six sash windows to each side of an exterior/interior brick stack. Quarter round windows with radiating muntins light the attic. The edge of the roof is finished with an extended eave with returns.

The north side has an enclosed porch as well, and a series of eight-over-eight and six-over-six sash windows light the second floor. Fixed in the gable end is a Palladian style window.

Attached to the back of the house is a two-story, two-bay service wing featuring six-over-six sash windows and an interior side brick stack.

Standing in the backyard is a single-story brick garage built around the same time as the house. The gable roofed structure has a medium pitched slate roof and a two-car garage door front.

8. Significance

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Period	Areas of Significance	Check and justify below		
__ 1600-1699	__ agriculture	__ economics	__ health/medicine	__ performing arts
__ 1700-1799	__ archeology	__ education	__ industry	__ philosophy
_ 1800-1899	architecture	__ engineering	__ invention	__ politics/government
1900-1999	__ art	entertainment/	__ landscape architecture	religion
__ 2000-	__ commerce	recreation	__ law	__ science
	__ communications	__ ethnic heritage	__ literature	__ social history
	__ community planning	__ exploration/	__ maritime history	__ transportation
	__ conservation	settlement	__ military	__ other:

Specific dates **Architect/Builder**

Construction dates 1926

Evaluation for:

_____ National Register _____Maryland Register ____x____not evaluated

Prepare a one-paragraph summary statement of significance addressing applicable criteria, followed by a narrative discussion of the history of the resource and its context. (For compliance projects, complete evaluation on a DOE Form – see manual.)

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[1] R. Lee Burton, Jr., *Canneries of the Eastern Shore*, Centreville, Maryland: Tidewater Publishers, 1986, p. 161.
[2] Charles J. Truitt, *History Salisbury Updated, 1662-1982*, Salisbury, Maryland: Historical Books, Inc., p. 169.

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Pratt D. Phillips House
316 North Division Street
Salisbury, Wicomico County, Maryland
Chain of title

Map 106, Parcel 948

1354/31	Brent R. Fox Dorinda M. Fox
	to
8/30/1993	Virginia R. Fortenberry Items One and Two
MSB 1123/649	Gary Crowell Helen B. Crowell
	to
10/29/1987	Brent R. Fox
AJS 962/582	Pratt D. Phillips, Jr.
	to
8/7/1971	Gary Crowell Helen B. Crowell Items One and Two

JWTS 719/228	Pratt D. Phillips, Jr., Executor of Dora Jones Phillips (died June 9, 1969, Sixth Item, Estate No. 6837)
	to
9/18/1970	Pratt D. Phillips, Jr.
JWTS 276/447	Hannah W. Dawson
	to
2/28/1946	Pratt D. Philllips frontage on Division Street for 196 feet
JWTS 276/447	Dora Jones Phillips Pratt D. Phillips
	to
2/28/1946	Hannah W. Dawson

Conveyed to Dora Jones Phillips by three deeds:

1. from Pratt D. Phillips, 10/15/1925, JCK 140/413
2. from Pratt D. Phillips, 12/24/1938, IDT 213/597
3. from Margaret Smith Webb, 6/8/1945, JWTS 270/376

JCK 140/413	Pratt D. Phillips
	to
10/16/1925	Dora Jones Phillips Plat made by P. S. Shockley, 10/30/1922, JCK 128/573
JCK 128/574	Walter R. Disharoon
	to
11/17/1922	Pratt D. Phillips

9. Major Bibliographical References

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Sanborn Insurance Maps, various issues, microfilm at the Nabb Research Center for Delmarva History and Culture.
Wicomico County Land Records, various volumes, Wicomico County Courthouse.

10. Geographical Data

Acreage of surveyed property	18,521 square feet		
Acreage of historical setting	18,521 square feet		
Quadrangle name	Salisbury, Maryland	Quadrangle scale:	1:24,000

Verbal boundary description and justification

The metes and bounds of this property are coincidental with the current boundary of the lot.

11. Form Prepared by

name/title	Paul B. Touart, Architectural Historian		
organization	Private Consultant	date	11/24/2001
street & number	P. O. Box 5	telephone	410-651-1094
city or town	Westover	state	Maryland 21871

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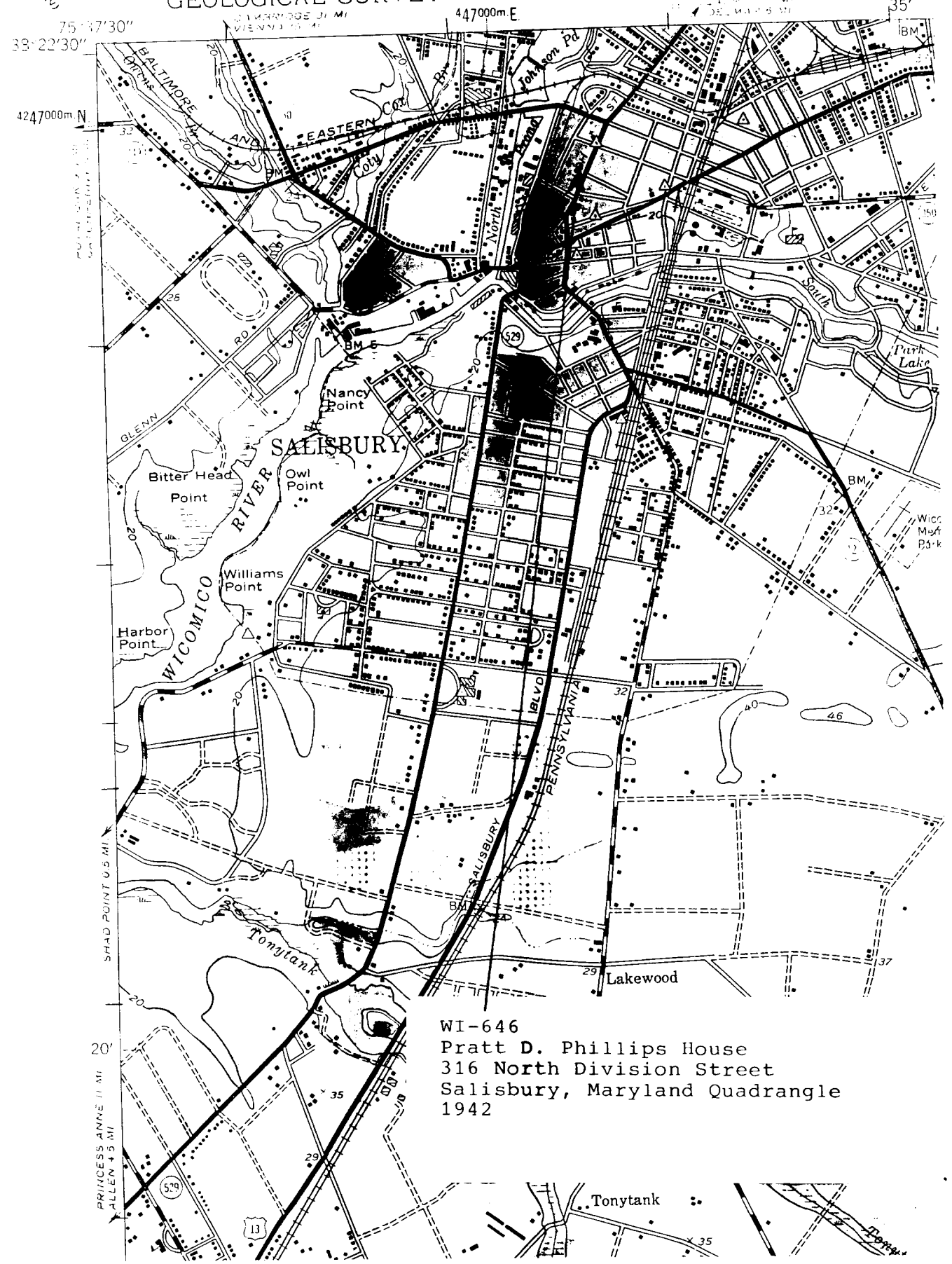

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316 North Division Street
Salisbury, Maryland Quadrangle
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