

WI-451
Brick Row
Salisbury
Private

1911

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The partnership of William C. Powell, John W. Windsor, and Glen Perdue was responsible for the construction of the Fitzwater rowhouse block. John W. Windsor and the date 1911 is inscribed in a marble datestone fixed above the door on the northeast corner unit, which has served as a commercial storefront. The construction of the rowhouse block was mentioned in an article that appeared in the Salisbury Advertiser on October 1, 1911 which stated that the area's plumbing and heating contractors were overwhelmed with work. The paper stated:

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hot water and steam is steadily on the increase in Salisbury and all the leading contractors, including Lewis Morgan, L. W. Gunby Company and R. McKenney Price have contracts which will keep them busy until well into the winter.

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MARYLAND HISTORIC PRESERVATION PLAN INFORMATION

RESOURCE NAME: Brick Row

MARYLAND HISTORICAL TRUST INVENTORY NUMBER: WI-451

MARYLAND COMPREHENSIVE PLAN DATA

1. **Historic Period Theme(s):** Architecture
2. **Geographic Orientation:** Eastern Shore
3. **Chronological/Development Period(s):** Industrial/Urban Dominance
1870-1930
4. **Resource Type(s):** Rowhouse block

Survey No. WI-451

MARYLAND INVENTORY OF HISTORIC PROPERTIES

Magi No.

DOE ___yes ___no

Maryland Historical Trust State Historic Sites Inventory Form

1. Name (indicate preferred name)

historic Brick Row

and/or common

2. Location

street & number 669-683 Fitzwater Street ___ not for publication

city, town Salisbury ___ vicinity of congressional district First

state Maryland county Wicomico

3. Classification

Category Ownership Status Present Use
___ district ___ public ___X occupied ___ agriculture ___ museum
X building(s) X private ___ unoccupied ___ commercial ___ park
___ structure ___ both ___ work in progress ___ educational X private residence
___ site Public Acquisition Accessible ___ entertainment ___ religious
___ object ___ in process X yes: restricted ___ government ___ scientific
___ being considered ___ yes: unrestricted ___ industrial ___ transportation
X not applicable ___ no ___ military ___ other:

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

name Terry R. Sell, B. A. Investments

street & number P. O. Box 2142 telephone no.:

city, town Salisbury state and zip code Maryland 21801

5. Location of Legal Description

courthouse, registry of deeds, etc. Wicomico County Clerk of Court Map 106, P. 1284 liber 1002

street & number Wicomico County Courthouse folio 710

city, town Salisbury state Md 21801

6. Representation in Existing Historical Surveys

title

date ___ federal ___ state ___ county ___ local

depository for survey records

city, town state

7. Description

Condition		Check one	Check one	
<input type="checkbox"/> excellent	<input type="checkbox"/> deteriorated	<input type="checkbox"/> unaltered	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> original site	
<input checked="" 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.

The property known as "Brick Row" is located between 665 and 683 Fitzwater Street on the southwest intersection with Hill Street in the west side neighborhood of Salisbury, Wicomico County, Maryland. The two-story, nine-unit block faces southeast.

Built in 1911, the two-story, nine-unit block is anchored at its north end by a two-story, part stucco, part brick corner storefront. The storefront block, which has a corner entrance, is marked by a marble datestone inscribed, "J. W. Windsor & Co., 1911.) The other eight units are two-story, two-bay rowhouses built of stretcher and common bond brick walls. Each pair of units shares part of a two-story service wing. The rowhouse block is covered by a shed roof.

The southeast (main) pressed brick facade is laid in stretcher bond and each door and window opening is spanned by double rowlock arches. The windows and doors along the Fitzwater Street facade have been replaced. Sheltering the first floor on a few units at the south end is a shed roofed porch supported by square posts. The portion on the wall formerly covered by the porch roof is laid in an inferior method to that of the rest of the wall surface. The top of the front wall is accented with a metal cornice. Interior brick stove chimney rise through the midst of the building.

The back of the rowhouse block is dominated by the two-story service wing which are shared between paired units. The walls are pierced by segmental arched window opening filled with replacement sash. Attached to the north side of each service wing is a shed roofed frame addition.

The interiors of the rowhouse block were not seen.

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"/> 1400-1499	<input type="checkbox"/> archeology-historic	<input type="checkbox"/> conservation	<input type="checkbox"/> law
<input type="checkbox"/> 1500-1599	<input type="checkbox"/> agriculture	<input type="checkbox"/> economics	<input type="checkbox"/> literature
<input type="checkbox"/> 1600-1699	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> architecture	<input type="checkbox"/> education	<input type="checkbox"/> military
<input type="checkbox"/> 1700-1799	<input type="checkbox"/> art	<input type="checkbox"/> engineering	<input type="checkbox"/> music
<input type="checkbox"/> 1800-1899	<input type="checkbox"/> commerce	<input type="checkbox"/> exploration/settlement	<input type="checkbox"/> philosophy
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> 1900-	<input type="checkbox"/> communications	<input type="checkbox"/> industry	<input type="checkbox"/> politics/government
		<input type="checkbox"/> invention	<input type="checkbox"/> religion
			<input type="checkbox"/> science
			<input type="checkbox"/> sculpture
			<input type="checkbox"/> social/ humanitarian
			<input type="checkbox"/> theater
			<input type="checkbox"/> transportation
			<input type="checkbox"/> other (specify)

Specific dates 1911 **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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¹ *Salisbury Advertiser*, 1 October 1911.

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Salisbury, Wicomico County, Maryland
Chain of title continued

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JWTS 415/283

James M. Bennett
Flora Price Anderson,
Executors of L. Atwood Bennett

to

8/1/1956

H. Louis Horner

IDT 216/509

J. Asbury Holloway

to

5/5/1939

L. Atwood Bennett
Alice C. Bennett

IDT 216/504

L. Atwood Bennett
Alice C. Bennett

to

5/4/1939

J. Asbury Holloway

IDT 201/392

Stanley C. Robins, trustee (W. Samuel Hawkins, Florence
Hawkins, Carrie H. Marvel, Marion Marvel, M. Slemmons
Hawkins, Goldie Hawkins, Idabelle H. Tubbs, and William
Tubbs)

to

4/5/1937

L. Atwood Bennett
\$1315

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JCK 134/285

George C. Bounds
Hilda H. Bounds

to

5/24/1924

Samuel Hawkins
Margaret Hawkins

JCK 124/451-53

Glen Perdue, et al. (Ella W. Perdue and
George C. Bounds)

to

12/31/1921

George C. Bounds

EAT 80/115

William C. Powell
John W Windsor

to

4/11/1912

Glen Perdue

EAT 71/398

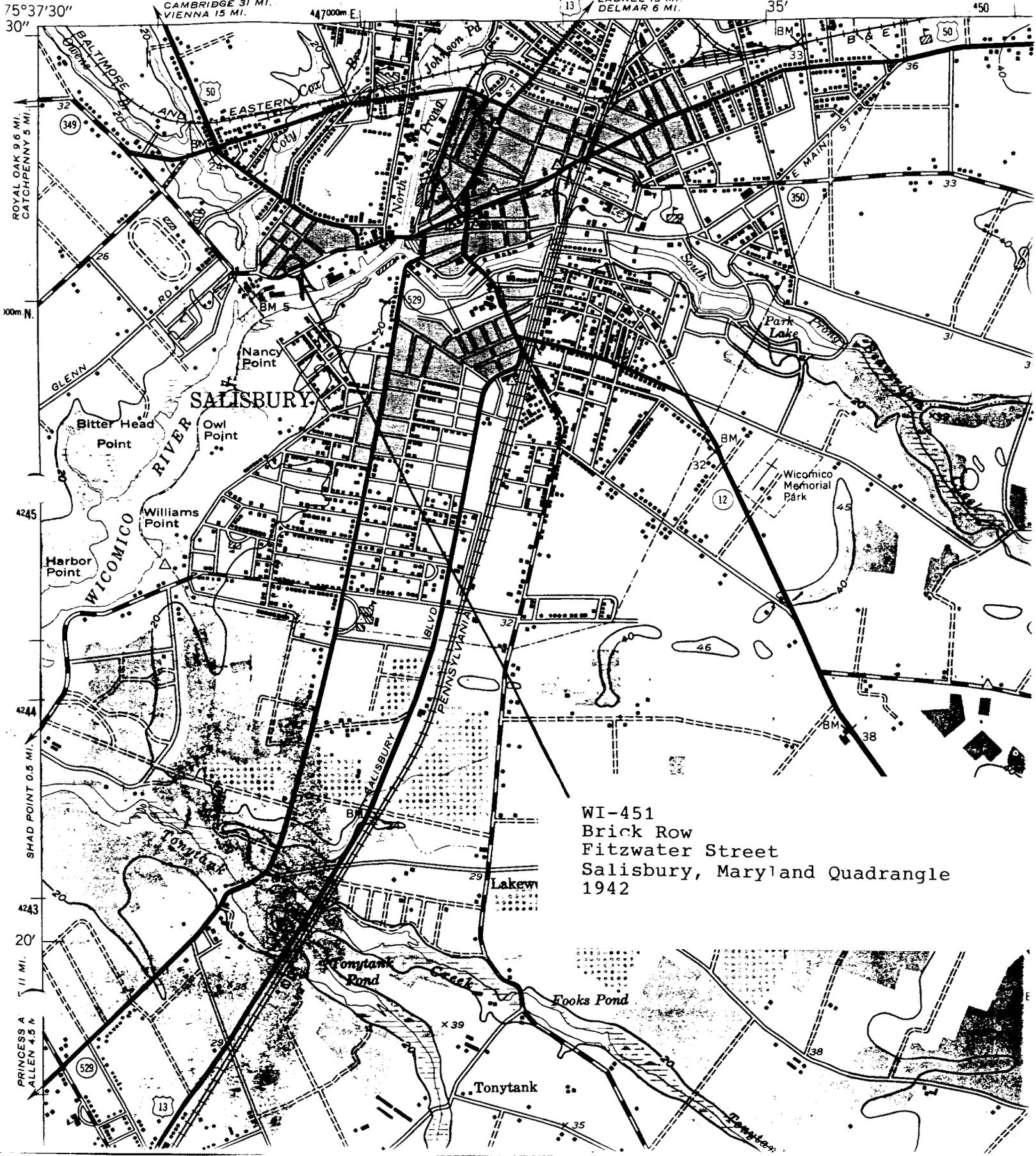
Azariah Hillman
Olivia Hillman

to

2/3/1911

William C. Powell
\$750 Plat made by P. S. Shockley, 1/21/1911,
272' frontage on Fitzwater Street
117.80 frontage on Hill Street

UNITED STATES
DEPARTMENT OF THE INTERIOR
GEOLOGICAL SURVEY



75°37'30"
30"
ROYAL OAK 9.6 MI.
CATCHPENNY 5 MI.
100m N.
4245
4244
4243
20'
11 MI.
PRINCESS A
ALLEN 4.5 N

CAMBRIDGE 31 MI.
VIENNA 15 MI.
447000m E.
13
LAUREL 13 MI.
DELMAR 6 MI.

35'
50

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Brick Row
Fitzwater Street
Salisbury, Maryland Quadrangle
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