WI-482 c. 1923
Dr. Charles F. Smith House
Salisbury
Private

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Maryland Historical Trust
Maryland Inventory of Historic Properties Form

Inventory No. W I-482

1. Name of Property (indicate preferred name)

historic Dr. Charles F. Smith House

other

2. Location

street and number 802 Camden Avenue not for publication

city, town Salisbury vicinity

county Wicomico

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

name Michael E. and Mary Kay Crouch

street and number 802 Camden Avenue telephone

city, town Salisbury state MD zip code 21801

4. Location of Legal Description

courthouse, registry of deeds, etc. Wicomico County Clerk of Court tax map and parcel Map 114, P. 1290

city, town Salisbury, Maryland liber 960 folio 560

5. Primary Location of Additional Data

Contributing Resource in National Register District
X **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	Ownership	Current Function		Resource Count	
				Contributing	Noncontributing
district	public	agriculture	landscape		
x building(s)	x private	commerce/trade	recreation/culture	1	buildings
structure	both	defense	religion		sites
site		x domestic	social		structures
object		education	transportation		objects
		funerary	work in progress	1	Total
		government	unknown		
		health care	vacant/not in use	**Number of Contributing Resources previously listed in the Inventory**	
		industry	other:		

7. Description

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 Dr. Charles F. Smith house is located at 802 Camden Avenue in the Camden neighborhood of Salisbury, Wicomico County, Maryland. The story-and-a-half stuccoed frame house, supported on a full cellar, faces east with the principal gable roof oriented on an east/west axis.

Built around 1923, the story-and-a-half stuccoed frame house rests on a brick foundation, and the steeply pitched gable roof is covered with green tiles. The gable roof main block is extended on each end with small shed roofed sections that contain the entrance on the north and an enclosed porch on the south. Attached to the back of the main block is a two-story hip roofed service wing that is original to the early twentieth century structure. Extending farther west is a single-story addition built during the mid 1980s.

The east (main) elevation is a symmetrical facade with round arched openings defining the outer bays. The round arched entrance bay on the north side opens into a small outside vestibule that shelters a round arched door opening. The original door survives with false wrought-iron strap hinges. Fixed atop the door is a round arched transom with pie-shaped panes. The round arched bay on the south side, a former porch door opening, was converted to a window when the front and rear porch entrances were closed up. Fixed between the two arched openings is a bank of casement windows that have been recently installed. Fixed above the bank of first floor casements is a pair of replacement casements that light the second floor bedrooms. The gable end is pierced by a narrow eight-pane window. The edge of the roof is finished with a molded bargeboard. Three roof is pierced by a center brick chimney stack.

The north elevation is an asymmetrical facade with end of the shed roof section marked by side buttresses. Fixed between the buttresses is a set of multi-paned casement windows. The roof is marked by a hip roofed dormer covered with green tiles and stuccoed walls. A bank of casement windows has been recently replaced.

The south side of the main block features a shed roofed extension defined by round arched windows and a rooftop dormer with a hip roof.

The interior retains its original floor plan with a side hall that opens onto a dog-leg staircase that has a secondary stair that leads to the service wing. The front parlor has been modified with the installation of a Federal mantel and raised-panel chimney breast as well as the installation of bookshelves to each side of the front windows. Throughout the house are many original light fixtures including early twentieth century wall sconces. Single-panel doors retain brass and glass door knobs. The interior walls are finished with a textured plaster, and the door and window openings are framed by molded surrounds.

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8. Significance

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

Significance dates **Architect** E. Wilson Booth

Specific dates **Builder**

Evaluation for:

National Register _Maryland Register 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 reports, complete evaluation on a DOE Form – see manual.)

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[2] Wicomico County Land Records, JWS 264/403, 26 October 1944, and AJS 880/274, 22 July 1977.

[3] Wicomico County Land Record, 960/560, 22 June 1981.

9. Major Bibliographical References

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10. Geographical Data

Acreage of project area
Acreage surveyed 1/4 acre
Quadrangle name Salisbury, Maryland Quadrangle scale 1:24,000

Verbal boundary description and justification

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

11. Form Prepared by

name/title	Paul B. Touart, Architectural Historian	
organization	Private Consultant	
street & number	P. O. Box 5	date 4/14/2000
city or town	Westover, Maryland 21871	**phone 410-651-1094**

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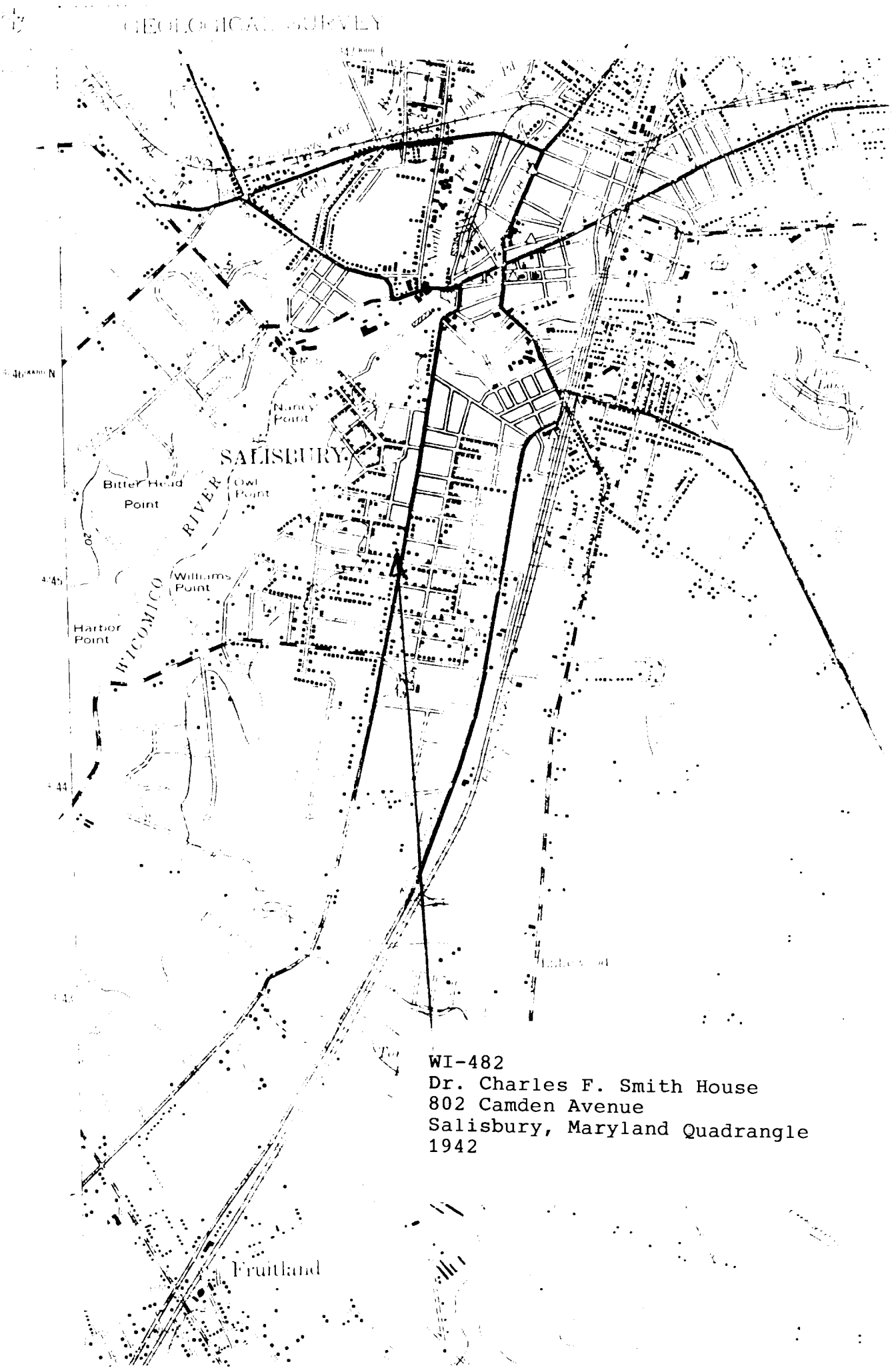
Dr. Charles F. Smith House
802 Camden Avenue
Salisbury, Wicomico County, Maryland
Chain of title

Map 114, Parcel 1290

960/560	George Barton Middleton Barbara M. Middleton
	to
6/22/1981	Michael E. Crouch Mary Kay Crouch
AJS 880/274	Edward E. Shilkret Rae C. Shilkret
	to
7/22/1977	George Barton Middleton Barbara M. Middleton
JWS 264/403	Samuel Stoltz Anna Stoltz
	to
10/26/1944	Edward E. Shilkret Rae C. Shilkret
IDT 195/409	Charles F. Smith Mabyn N. Smith
	to
3/20/1936	Anna Stoltz

JCK 128/552	Caroline R. Humphreys, et al. (Marion A. Humphreys, Nellie R. Jackson, William H. Jackson II
	to
3/22/1923	Charles F. Smith
	three lots or parcels-bounded on the north by the lands of M. Eleanor Collier, bounded on the east by Camden Ave., bounded on the south by Pennsylvania Avenue
	Lots No. 1, 2, & 5 on a plat of the Samuel A. Graham and William M. Day land made by P. S. Shockley, 1/30/1903, EAT 47/207



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Salisbury, Wicomico Co., MD

West Elevation

5/2000, Paul Touart, Photographer

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