WI-515 c. 1910
Elihu J. Pusey House
Salisbury
Private

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Maryland Historical Trust
Maryland Inventory of
Historic Properties Form

Inventory No. W I-515

1. Name of Property (indicate preferred name)

historic Elihu J. Pusey House

other

2. Location

street and number 306 Newton Street not for publication

city, town Salisbury vicinity

county Wicomico

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

name George A. and Susie M. Copeland

street and number 306 Newton Street 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 111, P. 218

city, town Salisbury, Maryland liber 938 folio 66

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	1	buildings
x building(s)	x private	commerce/trade	recreation/culture		sites
structure	both	defense	religion		structures
site		x domestic	social		objects
object		education	transportation		
		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:		

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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 Elihu J. Pusey house stands at 306 Newton Street in the Camden Historic District in Salisbury, Wicomico County, Maryland. The two-and-a-half story brick dwelling has a northern exposure with the hip roof oriented on a north/south axis.

Built around 1910, the two-and-a-half story three-bay by four-bay brick house is supported on a raised brick foundation with a partially excavated cellar. The brick walls, laid in pressed stretcher bond with thin butter joints, rise to a steeply pitched hip roof covered in slate. Attached to the rear is a two-and-a-half story service wing.

The north (main) elevation is a asymmetrical three-bay facade with a side entrance and a wraparound porch that shelters the first floor. The replacement front door is framed by a seven-light transom and multipane sidelights. A large window fills the adjacent bay, and the opening is spanned by a long jack arch. The window opening also features a marble sill. The wraparound porch roof is supported on tapered and paneled square posts with a rectangular baluster handrail stretching between the posts. Marking the entrance bay is a shallow pitched cross gable featuring a sunburst pattern in the gable. The second floor is lighted by three window openings across the front wall, twelve-over-one sash windows on either side of a smaller center opening filled with a jalousie window. Fixed atop the roof is a large hip roofed dormer distinguished by a tripartite series of twelve-over-one and flanking nine-over-one sash windows. The base of the roof is enclosed with a wide boxed cornice trimmed with long modillion blocks.

The west elevation of the main block is a four-bay facade with the wraparound porch sheltering the first floor openings. Rising between the northern two twelve-over-one sash windows is an exterior brick stack. The window openings are spanned by brick jack arches fitted with marble keystones. The third and fourth bays are marked by a large square edged bay window featuring paneled sides and three large panes. The second story is lighted by four twelve-over-one sash windows featuring brick jack arches and marble keystones. Fixed atop the roof is a large hip roofed dormer fitted with a center twelve-over-one sash window and flanking nine-over-one sash windows.

The east side is distinguished by an filled center two bays that was probably a two-story porch originally. Twelve-over-one sash windows light the first and second floors.

The rear wall of the main block is largely covered by a two-and-a-half story service wing which is detailed in much the same way as the main block. The wraparound porch extends across the east wall to shelter a partially glazed side entrance. Defining the entrance bay is a shallow pitched cross gable featuring the same sunburst pattern as the front porch gable. The second floor is lighted by a single twelve-over-one sash window, and marking the roof is a single hip roofed dormer filled with a nine-over-one sash window.

The interior was not seen.

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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
Specific dates	**Builder**

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

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[1] Wicomico County Land Record, JWTS 764/176, 9 June 1972.

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 boundary of this property coincides 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 9/27/00	
city or town	Westover, Maryland 21871	**phone 410-651-1094**	

The Maryland Inventory of Historic Properties was officially created by an Act of the Maryland Legislature to be found in the Annotated Code of Maryland, Article 41, Section 181 KA, 1974 supplement.

The survey and inventory are being prepared for information and record purposes only and do not constitute any infringement of individual property rights.

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100 Community Place
Crownsville, MD 21032
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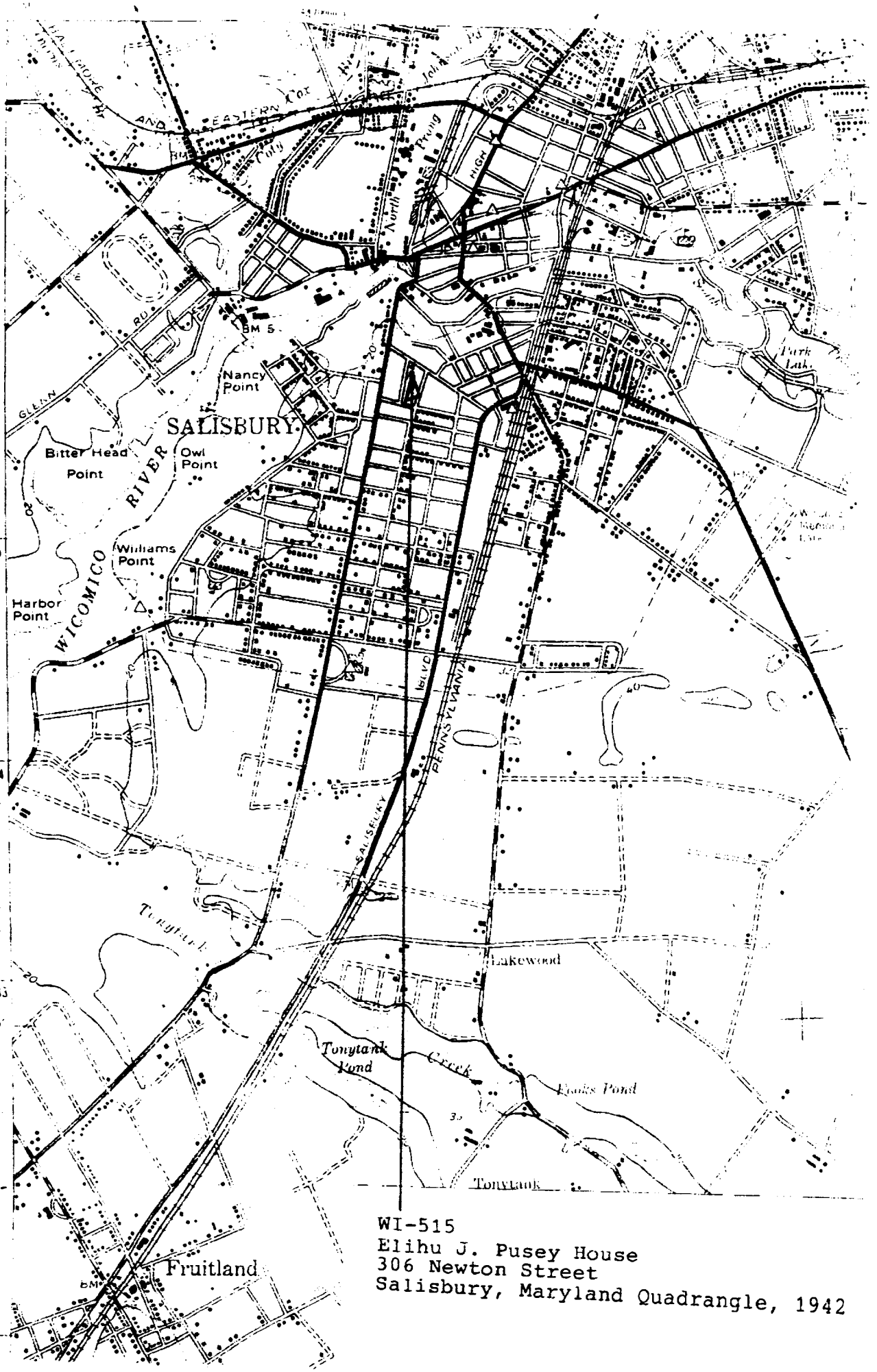
Elihu J. Pusey House
306 Newton Street
Salisbury, Wicomico County, Maryland
Chain of title

Map 111, Parcel 218

938/66	James A. Chalmers, Jerome H. Lonegro, K. Nelson Butler
	to
2/15/1980	George A. Copeland and Susie M. Copeland 87.54' on Newton Street 73.62' on Light Street
AJS 858/835	Frederick N. Bruner and Shirley J. Bruner
	to
7/12/1976	James A. Chalmers, Jerome H. Lonegro, K. Nelson Butler Plat recorded 9/30/1905, EAT 47/306
JWTS 764/176	Nellie P. Pennewell, et al.
	to
6/9/1972	Frederick M. Bruner and Shirley J. Bruner
764/174	Nellie P. Pennewell, Personal Representative of the Estate of Mary R. Pusey
	to
6/9/1972	Nellie P. Pennewell and Allison P. Freshwater, and Edward S. Freshwater, Jr. ...and being real estate devised to Mary R. Pusey by the Last Will and Testament of Elihu J. Pusey, JAH 2/474

EAT 61/407	James L. Powell
	to
1/6/1909	Elihu J. Pusey ....as per plat made by Peter S. Shockley, 9/30/1905, EAT 47/306, conveyed to grantor by two deeds... 1. from James M. Beauchamp, 10/23/1906, EAT 52/405 2. from T. Ellen Beauchamp, 5/25/1908, EAT 58/78



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Elihu J. Pusey House
306 Newton Street
Salisbury, Maryland Quadrangle, 1942

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Elihu J. Pusey House

Salisbury, Wicomico Co., Md.

Northwest elevation

10/00, Paul Touart, photographer

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Elihu J. Pusey House

Salisbury, Wicomico Co., MD

West Elevation

10/00, Paul Tomkins, Photographer

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