WI-526 c. 1890
Ellingsworth Farm
Salisbury vicinity
Private

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Maryland Historical Trust
Maryland Inventory of Historic Properties Form

Inventory No. W I-526

1. Name of Property (indicate preferred name)

historic Ellingsworth Farm

other

2. Location

street and number Nanticoke Road — not for publication

city, town Salisbury — x vicinity

county Wicomico

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

name Kirk D. and Barbara J. Pollitt

street and number Nanticoke Road — 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 37, P. 351

city, town Salisbury, Maryland — liber 1520 — folio 267

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	Ownership	Current Function		Resource Count	
				Contributing	Noncontributing
district	public	agriculture	landscape		buildings
x building(s)	x private	commerce/trade	recreation/culture	4	sites
structure	both	defense	_ religion		structures
site		x domestic	social		objects
object		education	transportation		
		funerary	work in progress	4	Total
		government	unknown		
		health care	vacant/not in use		
		industry	other:		

Number of Contributing Resources previously listed in the Inventory

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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.

Historically identified as the Ellingsworth farm, this two-story, tee-shaped frame farmhouse is located on the north side of Nanticoke Road before the Rockwalkin Creek bridge west of Salisbury, Wicomico County, Maryland. The farmhouse, situated at the end of a tree-lined entrance, faces south with the principal gable roof oriented on a north/south axis.

Dating around 1890, the two-story, tee-shaped main block is supported on a stuccoed brick foundation that has a partially excavated cellar. The exterior is clad in vinyl siding and the steeply pitched roof is covered with asphalt shingles. Attached to the rear corner of the tee plan is a two-story shed roofed infill, which is extended by a shed roof addition. The house is joined on the property by a early twentieth century gambrel roofed barn, a corn crib and another outbuilding used for storage.

The asymmetrical tee-shaped frame house has an uneven south facade with a projecting two-story gable-front pavilion balanced by the recessed leg of the tee that contains the principal entrance. A partially glazed front door is flanked by two-over-four sash windows, and the entire entrance wall is sheltered by a single-story shed roofed porch supported on turned posts. Stretching between the posts is a knee sheathed with vinyl. The gable-front wall is pierced by replacement windows with six-over-six sash on the first and second stories, and a multi-pane window lights the attic. Vinyl shutters flank the windows. The edge of the roof has an extended eave with an open soffit, decorated bargeboard, and stick brackets under the lower ends of the roof.

The south side of the tee shaped dwelling is marked by four replacement windows on the first and second stories, and a cross gable centered on the roof is pierced by a multi-pane attic window. The edge of the roof is finished with an open soffit and exposed rafter tails.

The north gable end of the main block is a single bay wide with replacement windows and vinyl shutters on the first and second floors. The attic is lighted by a multi-pane window. Finishing the edge of the roof is a decorated bargeboard, open soffit and stick brackets.

The rear elevation is more plain and is largely covered by the two-story, shed roofed infill, which extends to the north and west by a single story shed roofed addition.

The interior has been recently reworked with much of its late nineteenth-century woodwork intact. The unfinished attic incorporates reused materials from an earlier structure.

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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
x 1800-1899	X architecture	engineering	invention	politics/government
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] John L. Graham, ed. *The 1877 Atlases and Other Early Maps of the Eastern Shore of Maryland.* Wicomico County Bicentennial Committee, p. 20.

[2] Wicomico County Will Book, ELW 1/43, Last will and testament of Luther M. Williams, proved 27 June 1882.

[3] Wicomico County Land Record, JTT 28/449, 27 November 1900.

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9. Major Bibliographical References

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10. Geographical Data

Acreage of project area			
Acreage surveyed	2.53 acres		
Quadrangle name	Eden, Maryland	Quadrangle scale	1:24,000

Verbal boundary description and justification

The boundary established for 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	10/26/00
city or town	Westover, Maryland 21871	**phone**	**410-651-1094**

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100 Community Place
Crownsville, MD 21032
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Ellingsworth Farm
Nanticoke Road
Salisbury vicinity, Wicomico County, Maryland
Chain of title

Map 37, Parcel 351

1520/267	Eileen B. Lindsay Kirk D. Pollitt Barbara J. Pollitt
	to
12/4/1996	Kirk D. Pollitt Barbara J. Pollitt Plat cabinet MSB 12/90, 2/15/1996, Parcel 220 conveyed to the grantors by two deeds; 1. to John C. Lindsay and Eileen B. Lindsay from Rufus S. Gardener, et ux., 6/1/1971, JWTS 735/342 2. from John C. Lindsay et ux. to Kirk D. Pollitt and Barbara D. Pollitt, 1/21/1980, AJS 937/47
937/47	Eileen B. Lindsay
	to
1/21/1980	Kirk D. Pollitt Barbara J. Pollitt "Woodside Drive lot"
735/342	Rufus S. Gardner, Jr. Dorothy S. Gardner
	to
6/1/1971	John C. Lindsay Eileen B. Lindsay

JWTS 435/116	Charles O. Hughes Stella B. Hughes
	to
7/5/1957	Rufus S. Gardner, Jr.
JWTS 318/360	Glen S. Mezick
	to
8/4/1950	Charles O. Hughes Stella B. Hughes 39 acres
JCK 109/527	Frank C. Colegrove Anna Colegrove
	to
12/12/1918	Glen G. Mezick
EAT 79/417	William P. Woolston Mary S. Woolston
	to
1/23/1913	Frank C. Colegrove

EAT 80/421	Selbyville National Bank
	to
7/16/1912	William P. Woolston 100 acres
EAT 76/479	William G. Williams, Hettie C. Williams, Paul T. Scott, Daisy S. Scott, Sussex County, Delaware
	to
10/2/1911	Selbyville National Bank 100 acres
EAT 56/324	Anna E. Endlen John H. Endlen
	to
11/4/1907	William G. Williams
EAT 47/242	William Malchow Augusta Malchow
	to
9/11/1905	Anna E. Endlen, State of Pennsylvania 100 acres $5,000

JTT 37/143-44	William F. Allen, Martha P. Allen William M. Cooper, Elizabeth D. Cooper
	to
3/27/1903	Ernest A. Hearn $3,000
JTT 32/110	James E. Lowe Emma S. Lowe
	to
11/9/1901	William F. Allen William M. Cooper 100 acres $2,400
JTT 28/449	Hugh Ellingsworth Lucy E. Ellingsworth
	to
11/27/1900	William F. Allen William M. Cooper $2,200
FMS 3/105	Preston Ellingsworth and others
	to
12/30/1887	Hugh Ellingsworth By deed of partition

Wicomico County
Will Book
ELW 1/43

Last Will and Testament of
Luther M. Williams

to, daughter

Written
4/4/1882
Proved
6/27/1882

Lucy E. Ellingsworth
96 acres, except the grave yard upon said property
Alonzo L. Williams, executor

Second Item-to daughter Lucy E. Ellingsworth, 80 acres
to join the land of Hugh Ellingsworth

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Lake, Griffing, and Stevenson Atlas
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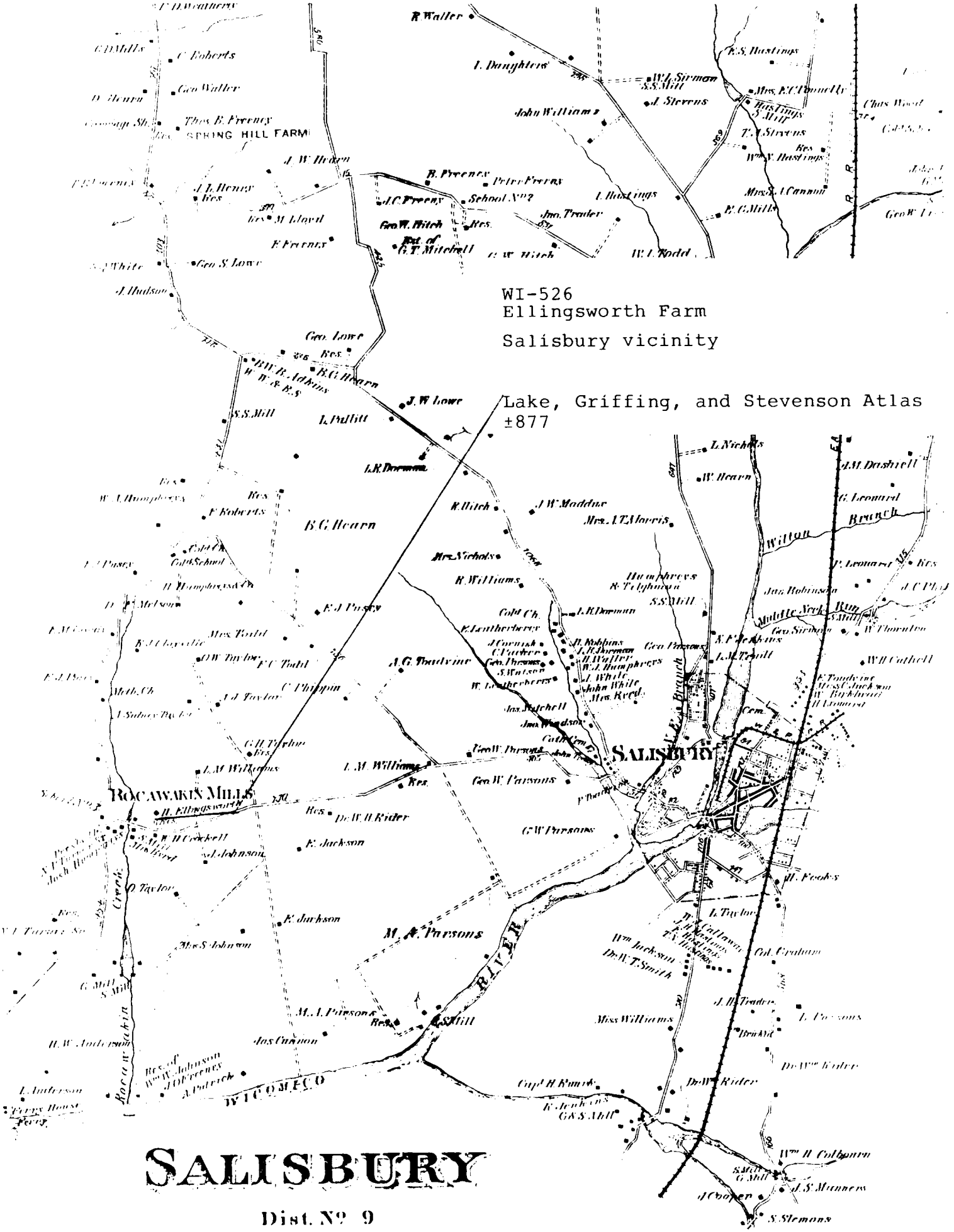

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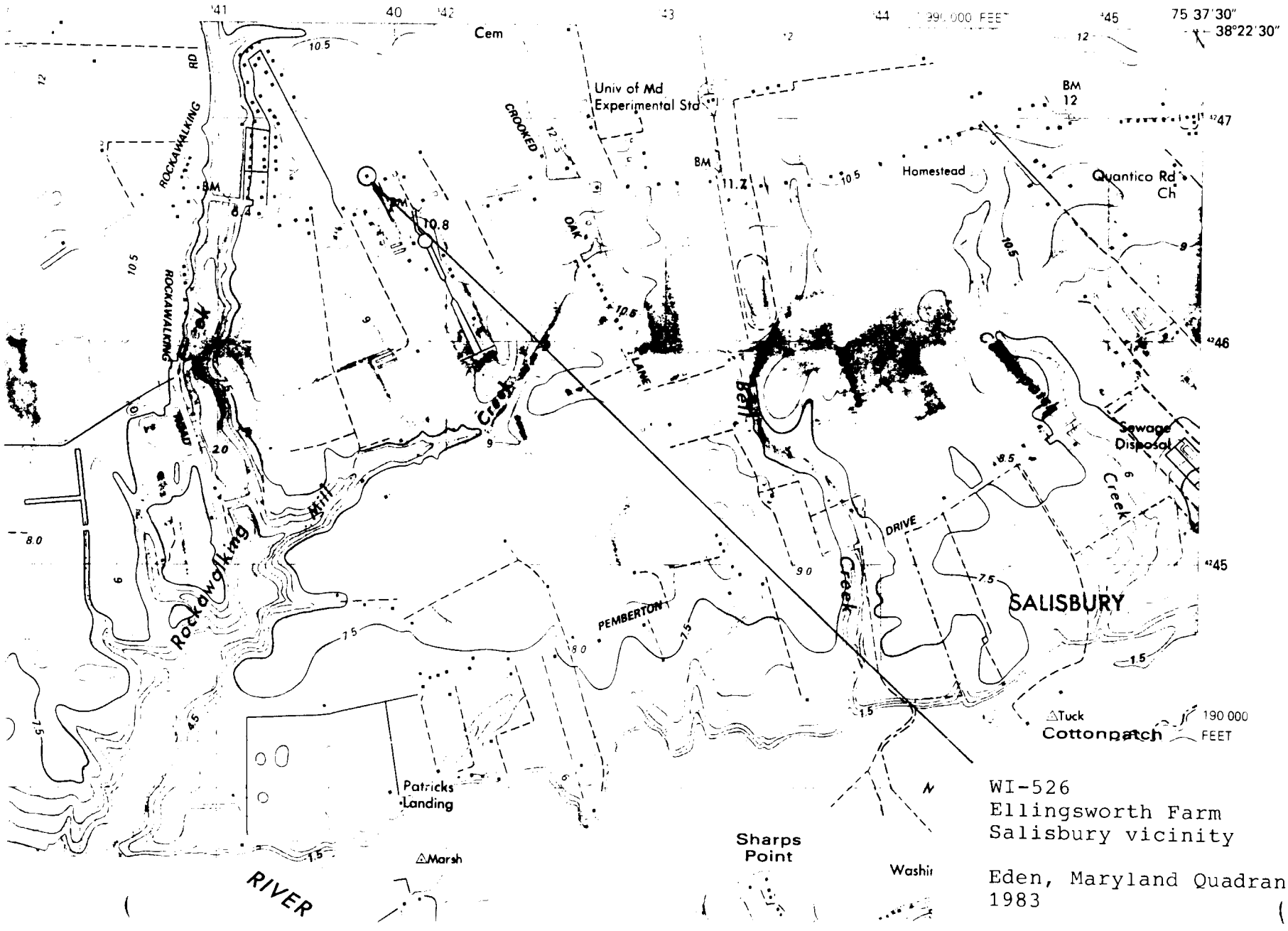

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Eden, Maryland Quadrangle
1983

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SOUTH ELEVATION

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ELLINGSWORTH FARM

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SOUTH ELEVATION OF BARN AND CORN CRIB

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