

WI-535
Clara Gunby House
Fruitland
Private

c. 1841

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Clara Gunby is identified historically with the house since she is its most famous occupant. As she reached adulthood during the years leading up to the Civil War, Clara Gunby was an outspoken Southern sympathizer. When Federal troops occupied Salisbury, she was jailed for the defiance and disrespect she displayed towards the Union troops. Refusing to take the oath of allegiance to the Federal government, she was jailed and later transferred to Fort Monroe in Hampton Roads, Virginia. Later in the war she was used as part of a prisoner exchange with captured Union troops, and she resided in Richmond at the time of its siege. On April 2, 1865 she wrote about the arrival of the Federal troops in the capital of the Confederacy.

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Following the war, Clara Gunby returned to the Eastern Shore and married William M. Huffington, who had worked diligently through the years for her release. The couple resided on a farm in the vicinity of Allen.

The house in Fork Town remained the residence of her mother following her father's death in 1868. A "Mrs. Gundy" is located at this site on the Lake, Griffing, and Stevenson atlas, published in 1877. Charlotte Somers Gunby died in 1884. After the Gunby's ownership, few alterations were made to the exterior other than the introduction of a cross gable on the roof and a turned porch Victorian porch across the front.

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Maryland Inventory of Historic Properties Form

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1. Name of Property (indicate preferred name)

historic Clara Gunby House, John Kirk Gunby House

other _____

2. Location

street and number 109 North Division Street ___ not for publication

city, town Fruitland ___ vicinity

county Wicomico

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

name Bryan K. Perdue

street and number P. O. Box 489 telephone _____

city, town Fruitland state Maryland zip code 21826

4. Location of Legal Description

courthouse, registry of deeds, etc. Wicomico County Courthouse liber 1530 folio 255

city, town Salisbury tax map 803 tax parcel 530, Lot 5A tax ID number 16-023434

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	
<input type="checkbox"/> district	<input type="checkbox"/> public	<input type="checkbox"/> agriculture	<input type="checkbox"/> landscape	Contributing
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> building(s)	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> private	<input type="checkbox"/> commerce/trade	<input type="checkbox"/> recreation/culture	Noncontributing
<input type="checkbox"/> structure	<input type="checkbox"/> both	<input type="checkbox"/> defense	<input type="checkbox"/> religion	_____ buildings
<input type="checkbox"/> site		<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> domestic	<input type="checkbox"/> social	_____ sites
<input type="checkbox"/> object		<input type="checkbox"/> education	<input type="checkbox"/> transportation	_____ structures
		<input type="checkbox"/> funerary	<input type="checkbox"/> work in progress	_____ objects
		<input type="checkbox"/> government	<input type="checkbox"/> unknown	_____ Total
		<input type="checkbox"/> health care	<input type="checkbox"/> vacant/not in use	
		<input type="checkbox"/> industry	<input type="checkbox"/> other:	
				Number of Contributing Resources previously listed in the Inventory

7. Description

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Condition

excellent deteriorated
 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 Clara Gunby house, also known as the John Kirk Gunby house, stands at 109 North Division Street in Fruitland, Wicomico County, Maryland. The two-and-a-half story, five-bay, center hall plan frame dwelling faces northwest with the gable roof oriented on a northeast/southwest axis.

Built around 1840, the two-story, five-bay, single-pile frame dwelling is supported on a continuous brick foundation, and the exterior is clad with asbestos shingles. The steeply pitched gable roof is covered with asphalt shingles. Attached to the back of the main block is a single story, one-room plan kitchen wing. The kitchen is covered with a gable roof, and the inside corner is infilled with a shed addition.

The northwest (main) façade is a five-bay elevation with a center entrance and flanking nine-over-six sash windows. Fixed in the entrance is a ten-panel door topped by an eight-pane transom. Each of the window and door openings is framed by a narrow beaded edge surround. Sheltering the center three bays is a Victorian turned post porch distinguished by a hip roof accented with a cross gable. Small decorative sawn drops are attached on the underside of the porch roof and are centered between the posts. The second floor is lighted by a series of five window openings, most of which retain their six-over-six sash. Centered on the roof is a Victorian cross gable pierced by a multi-paned window with colored glass corner panes. The edge of the cross gable has an extended eave and closed soffit. Otherwise, the base of the roof is finished with period boxed cornice dating from the 1840s.

The north and south gable ends are essentially alike with exterior, nine-course common bond brick stacks centered on each wall. The base of each stack is corbelled at grade level, and the shoulders are corbelled at the second story level. Each chimney stack is finished with a corbelled cap. Piercing the gable ends to each side of the chimney stacks are nine-over-six sash windows on the first floor and six-over-six sash windows on the second. The attic is lighted by four-over-two windows. Finishing the edge of the gable ends are period bargeboard moldings.

The southeast (rear) wall is covered partly by the single-story gable roofed frame kitchen wing, which is two bays across and one-room deep. A side door and window mark the southwest side. Filling the southeast corner of the rear wall is a single-story shed roofed section.

The interior was not seen.

8. Significance

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

Specific dates

Architect/Builder

Construction dates

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

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¹ Worcester County Land Records, GMH 4/384, 14 August 1841 and GMH 4/383, 10 June 1841.

² Worcester County Land Record,

³ Journal of Clara Gunby, April 2, 1865, original held in the collection of the Nabb Research Center of Delmarva History and Culture.

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Clara Gunby House
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Fruitland, Wicomico County, Maryland
Chain of title

Map 803, Parcel 530

1530/255

Christopher F. Davis, Personal Representative of
the estate of Eva V. Seney

to

2/14/1997

Bryan Keith Perdue
Lot 5A "Resubdivision for Walter W. and Martha Perdue

JWTS 633/100

Juanita M. Jones

to

6/22/1966

Georgia A. Watson, Wicomico County
Eva V. Seney, as joint tenants, Baltimore City, Maryland

JWTS 633/96

Georgia A. Watson, widow
Eva V. Seney, widow of Baltimore City, Maryland
Marvin L. Adkins and Estelle Adkins, Northampton County, VA.
Charlotte Elaine Adkins

to

6/22/1966

Juanita Jones

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Clara Gunby House
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Chain of title continued

JWTS 273/18

Juanita M. Jones

to

10/25/1945

John B. Adkins
Cordelia F. Adkins
(and conveyed to Juanita M. Jones by John B. Adkins and Cordelia F.
Adkins by even date herewith)

JCK 113/492

John W. Hitch/Susie A. Hitch
Raymond A. Hitch/Florence E. Hitch

to

9/6/1919

John B. Adkins

113/487

Harry V. Toadvine
F. Leonard Wailes, Executors of the Last Will and Testament of
Catherine A. Malone

to

9/6/1919

John W. Hitch

Register of Wills
Report of Sales
LJG 2/320

Report of Sales on Auction at Courthouse, 3/29/1919, Fruitland,
six acres, sold to Minnie A. Toadvine for \$1200, and then sold
afterwards to John W. Hitch

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Worcester County
Land Record
GMH 4/384

James K. Gunby
Ann Gunby

to

8/14/1841

John Gunby
\$50 all that Lot of ground lying in Fork Town left the said James K. Gunby
by his grandfather Joshua Morris

¼ acre of Morris's Conclusion

GMH 4/383

William Gunby
Jane Gunby

to

6/10/1841

John Gunby
\$500all those three following lots of Land lying and being in Worcester
County and in Fork Town devised by Joshua Morris deceased in his
last will and testament to his three Grand Children Sally Gunby,
John Gunby and Mary A. J. Gunby

MH 10/358

Last Will and Testament of Joshua Morris

3 January 1819
Filed
2 March 1819

to wife Amelia Morris—the clearing on the west side of the road which
divides Somerset from Worcester County. Also her thirds of tracts
Morris Conclusion, Summer Field, Roaches Conclusion for her lifetime
to son Jephy Morris—land bought of Stephen Roach being part of a tract
called Summer Field, Roaches Conclusion and one acre at Fork Town where
his house stands
to daughter Mary Gunby—right and title to the mill and land bought of Purnell
Toadvine, tract called Pollit's Trial, acre at Fork Town to be laid off on the
Northwest side of the lot she now lives on to be laid off on the road leading from

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Fork Town being the piece Jack Morris laid off
to grandchildren William Gunby, Sarah Gunby, Mary A. Gunby, James
Gunby each one fourth acre adjoining Morris's lot on the road that leads
through Fork Town . All these lots from tract Morris Conclusion
to Stephen Taylor—lot at Fork Town where his house stands

Seventh Census of the United States, 1850, Population Schedule for Worcester County, transcribed by Ruth
T. Dryden, p. 61

John Gunby, 39, merchant
Charlotte, 27
Clara, 11
John W., 9
Francis M., 7
Anna S., 5
Ida L. W., 2

Eighth Census of the United States, 1860, Population Schedule for Worcester County, transcribed by John C.
Barnes, p. 93.

Charlotte Gunby, 39, lady
Clara L. Gunby, 21
John W. Gunby, 19
Francis M. Gunby, 16
Annie Gunby, 14
Edwin, 9
Louis, 6
Charles, 4
Samuel, 7 months

Clara Gunby (9/21/1839-10/2/1891) married William M. Huffington in 1865. Her parents were John
Kirk Gunby (1809-1868) and Charlotte Somers (2/9/1808-1884) married on December 20, 1838.

Other children; John W. Gunby (2/2/1842-10/7/1879) fought in Civil War, never married.
Frank McClelland Gunby (7/12/1844-5/11/1884) fought in Civil War, in which he was
wounded, married a girl from Charleston, S. C.
Annie Gunby (9/2/1846-12/20/1862) never married.

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Ida Gunby (4/29/1849-12/22/1853)

Edwin Gunby (1851-1908) never married, crippled at birth.

Louis White Gunby (3/5/1854-2/21/1951) went to work at the age of 13 to help support the family following father's death in 1868. He was founder of L. W. Gunby & Co., a prominent hardware dealer in Salisbury. L. W. Gunby married Frances Graham of Salisbury and had nine children.

Charles Somers Gunby (12/31/1859-9/1931) married Lizzietta Perdue, sister of Dean Perdue who was his partner in a carriage and later automobile firm. He was also a large farmer. He and his wife "Lizzie" had six children.

Clara Gunby was born in Forktown (Fruitland), Maryland on September 9, 1839 to John K. and Charlotte Somers Gunby. She attended Mrs. Symington's School in Salisbury and later she graduated with honors from the Baltimore Female College.

Clara Gunby was sent to Fort Monroe, Hampton Roads, Virginia for treasonous activities during the Civil War. She was later sent to Richmond in a prisoner exchange. She resided in Richmond where she witnessed the burning of the Confederate capital.

From her journal: April 2, 1865

"Mr. Dorset came home with me. All confusion, wagons rolling along, our poor weary animals dashing through the town bearing their riders to their commands. All excitement!"

"Went to sleep, was awakened at 4 o'clock by blowing up of gunboats, got up, found the city on fire, gunboats roaring and exploding far and near."

Journal Entries from April 2, 1865 continued

"All completely in a state of demoralization. The fire approaches. Our terror. It gets so near as we stand on the varanda (sic) that the heat scorches our foreheads."

"Negro soldiers enter screaming a camp meeting hymn & waving & brandishing their swords over their heads, long, long processions of the enemy. They hoist the flag over the capital, our heart sinks within us to see the hateful rag over our National Capital, moved some of my clothes to Mrs. P's, expecting the house to be burned, left my heart to perish with the house, John B[eale] comes takes my trunk & me to Dr. B, found the house on fire, hard work to put it out, carried water for three hours."

9. Major Bibliographical References

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Gunby Family Collection, newspaper clippings and assorted correspondence, Nabb Research Center for Delmarva History and Culture.

Journal of Clara Gunby, typescript and facsimile of original, Nabb Research Center for Delmarva History and Culture.

Seventh and Eighth Censuses of the United States, Population Schedules for Worcester County.

Wicomico County Land Records, various volumes, Wicomico County Courthouse.

Worcester County Land Records, various volumes, Worcester County Courthouse.

10. Geographical Data

Acreage of surveyed property 1/2 acre
Acreage of historical setting 1/2 acre
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	2/28/2001
street & number	P. O. Box 5	telephone	410-651-1094
city or town	Westover	state	Maryland 21871

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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DHCD/DHCP
100 Community Place
Crownsville, MD 21032-2023
410-514-7600

FAMILY OF JOHN ELLEN GUNBY OF FORTTOWN, MARYLAND

John K. Gunby was born 1809 and died 1868.
Married Charlotte Somers in 12/20/1838. (born 2/1/1812-1884)
Resided in Forttown, (Fruitland), Annapolis County, Maryland.

1. Clara Louise (daughter) (9/21/1839-10/2/1890), was imprisoned during Civil War for Confederate sympathies. Married William L. Huffington after war. Had a son, Marion, and a daughter, Charlotte.

John W. (son) (2/2/1842-10/7/1879) fought in C. - never wed.

FRANK
Francis McClelland (son) (7/12/1844-5/11/1884) - fought in Civil War where he was wounded. Afterward went South and married Olive of Charleston, S. C. They lived in Columbus, Ga., until because of ill health, he went to Texas to seek a new home for his family in a more beneficial climate, leaving them behind. He died, before his mission could be accomplished, and was buried in Junction City, Texas.

Annie (Daughter) (9/1/1846-12/13/1862) - never married.

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Charles

S. Somers (son) (12/31/1859-9/1931) youngest child of John and Charlotte Gunby. Married Lizzietta Perdue, sister of Dean Perdue who was his partner in a carriage and later automobile firm. He was also a large farmer. He and "Miss Lizzie" had six children.

MARYLAND HISTORY

EASTERN SHORE WOMAN DEFIED UNION ARMY

Clara Gunby: 'Death before submission'

• *The Maryland Colonial Society sponsors an essay contest for students around the state who are interested in Maryland history. The following is this year's winning entry, as judged by Dr. Edward C. Papenfuss, state archivist.*

By Paula F. Miller

During the Civil War, Maryland was divided between Union and Confederate supporters. Among Confederate advocates was Clara Gunby, a fiery Eastern Shore aristocrat with strong beliefs and determination. Clara started a diary when she was 14 and there recorded some fascinating events which illustrate her courage and commitment.

Clara, born in 1839, was the daughter of a Revolutionary hero, Col. John Gunby. Her family homestead was Forktown (presently known as Fruitland) in Somerset County. She attended boarding school in Salisbury and then Baltimore Female Academy, where she studied art. Through her school years Clara made occasional entries in her diary, a poignant account of her activities.

When the Civil War began in 1861, the country was torn apart. Maryland, a border state, was slow in committing itself. The Gunby family, however, actively supported the Confederacy. Clara's two brothers, Frank and John, enlisted in the Confederate Army. In her diary Clara notes that she engaged in preparing supplies to smuggle to the Confederate troops and during that time ran into trouble with Northern soldiers.

Yankee soldiers hung flags across the streets of Salisbury. When Clara refused to walk under them the Yankees, in retaliation, placed a Union flag over her door. Thereafter, Clara chose to enter and exit the house through windows. Clara was arrested in her home, sent to Baltimore and tried for treason.

After her trial she was placed in a room at the Washington Hotel in

Baltimore and guarded constantly. For her release Clara needed only to take the Union loyalty oath, but she refused. Her fiance, William Huffington, desperately tried to get her freed. Her dedication to the South would not allow Clara to alter her position. She wrote, "Mr. Huffington came in this afternoon. Wants me to take the oath. Not I. Death before submission."

Eventually Clara was sent to Fortress Monroe, a federal prison in Virginia, and then exchanged for a federal officer. She arrived in Richmond on July 13, 1864, and was granted an interview with Jefferson Davis, president of the Confederacy. She gave him several valuable pieces of information aiding the Confederate cause. In gratitude President Davis provided employment for Clara and helped find her brothers.

Reunited with her brothers, Clara wrote, "Oh such a joy to find them both well." It is said Clara pulled down the drapes, had her brother lie down on the floor for a pattern, and cut out his shape to make clothes for him.

In April 1865, Clara was still in Virginia. She describes the fall of Richmond as "All completely in a state of demoralization, fire approaches, our terror, gets so near as we stand on the veranda. The heat scorches our foreheads . . . We found the house on fire, hard work to put it out, carried water for three hours." Clara stayed on the balcony late into the night watching the fire, her face almost blistered from the heat.

There is no record of any further wartime activities in her diary. After the war Clara returned home to marry William Huffington and lived a quiet life. The spirit of this noble yet little-known woman lives on through her paintings and poetry, now heirlooms in her family.

• *Paula F. Miller, 17, is a 12th grader at Mardela High School in Wicomico County.*

According to a letter dated 3/21/82 to Mrs. Hara from Paula F. Miller, this paper on Clara Gunby won first place in a state wide contest. The award was \$100.00 - the ceremony was in Baltimore, Maryland on March 25, 1982.

Death of Mrs. Clara Huffington—A

Lady Passes Away
9/21/1899 10/2/1891

"Nothing can we call our own, but Death,
And that small model of the barren earth,
Which serves as paste and cover to our bones."
—SHAKESPEARE.

Thursday evening last, as the sun was slowly sinking behind the Western horizon, and darkness was drawing down her sable robes, the life of Mrs. Clara Huffington slowly ebbed away, and her spirit borne on angels wings was carried up, up, beyond this 'vale of tears' to rest forever on the bosom of her God. Her's had been a checkered life, full of usefulness and goodness, and she needs no greater monument to perpetuate her memory than her exemplary life. Being naturally bright and witty she won for herself many kind and loving friends in her youthful days, whose friendship did not wane as the years grew old. Mrs. Huffington was born at Fruitland, this county, 51 years ago; she was educated at the Baltimore Female Academy, and left school full of honors.

In 1862, during the hottest of the war, Mrs. Huffington, then Miss Gunby, made up a parcel of clothing and other articles and hearing that her two brothers John and Frank Gunby were prisoners at Fort Delaware, determined to carry the parcel to them. On arriving at Fort Delaware she at once engaged the attention of the Com. Gen. Scheff, whose wife was a Maryland lady, and was taken in and entertained comfortably. Finding her brothers were not there, she through the finence of Mrs. Scheff, distributed the articles to some of the Confederate prisoners. She returned to Salishury and was soon after arrested as a sympathizer of the South, taken to Baltimore and detained two weeks and then sent to Fortress Monroe, where she was placed in company with Mrs. Coker, a lady prisoner from South Carolina, Together with Mrs. Coker she was exchanged for a Northern prisoner and sent to Richmond, where she was introduced into the best society, through the influence of Cols. Taylor and Calvert, who took a great interest in her from the fact that she was a descendant of Gen. Gunby, who covered the retreat of Washington on Long Island. She was a close friend to the family of President Davis and did some valuable work for the Confederacy.

She returned home and in 1865 began again the study of art in Baltimore city, under Prof. Keft. Her artistic career was a very successful one.

Mrs. Huffington leaves a husband and two children. She was a sister of Messrs. L. W. Gunby, Edward Gunby and S. S. Gunby of this city.

Her funeral services were held at Broad St. Presbyterian Church, Saturday morning, Rev. Mr. Reigart officiating.

1899 10/2/1891
Close of an Eventful Life.

Mrs. Clara Gunby Huffington, wife of Wm. W. Huffington, died at her home in Salishury last Thursday evening about 6 o'clock, of cancer. She had been taken from her home in Trappe district some weeks previous, and brought to town where she could receive closer medical attention.

Mrs. Huffington was rather a remarkable woman and filled the measure of an eventful life. During the late war she was a strong sympathizer of the southern cause, and openly showed her sympathy by aiding relatives and friends fighting for the cause. She was once imprisoned by the federal government for disloyalty, at Richmond.

In 1865 she was married to Mr. Huffington of Trappe district. Shortly after her marriage she began the study of painting and made it a life-long work. Many of her productions she sold, but a collection valued by her at \$2,000, is among her effects. She leaves a husband and two children, a son who is now assistant purser on one of the steamships plying between New York and Havana and a daughter who has been her constant attendant.

Two years ago she spent the winter in Philadelphia under treatment for cancer and returned in the spring, cured as she thought, but it soon proved otherwise.

She was a daughter of the late Mrs. Charlotte Gunby, and sister to Lewis W. Somers, and Edward, Gunby.

—Mr. Wm. W. Huffington, a highly respected citizen of this county died at home at Allen last Saturday, aged years. Funeral services were held in M. E. church there on Monday aft which the remains were interred in the church yard. He leaves two children, son, Mr. Marion J. Huffington and daughter, Miss Lottie. Mr. Huffington was at one time in life a large real estate owner. He in connection with his brother Jesse, also carried on the timber business at one time—principally white oak. His wife who died a few years ago was sister of Mr. L. W. Gunby of this city. He had been a member of the Methodist church more than half a century.

A Woman With a History

9/21/1899 10/2/1891
SALISBURY, Oct. 2.—Mrs. Clara Huffington, nee Gunby, died here to-night at 6 o'clock of cancer of the throat. Mrs. Huffington was a well-known artist, and for many years resided in Baltimore and contributed to the art galleries of that city. Her paintings are also favorably known in New York. The late A. T. Stewart gave several of her paintings very flattering notice.

She was a leader here in the Southern cause, and in 1862 was arrested for refusing to walk under the Union flag and taken to Fortress Monroe, where she was exchanged and sent to Richmond, where she served as a nurse for the Southern Confederacy.

She was well-known to the late Jeff Davis and other Southerners.

Mrs. Huffington was one of the brightest lights of the state, and a complete history could be written on her life. She was a sister of L. W. Gunby, the hardware dealer of this city. Among her estate are several very valuable paintings, the best one being "Pharaoh's Horses" and the "Petition to the Dodge," each valued at \$500.

WILLIAM DANIEL,
ATTORNEY AT LAW,

No. 67 W. Fayette Street,

Baltimore, June 29, 1864.

My Dear Sir,

Your last was recd
yesterday. I had previously
~~been in~~
reference to my brother from
Annapolis, and had also
got Mr. Dix's say the other to
call and see him. This
morning I called myself
and saw both Col. Stanley
& Miss Spitzer.

Col. Stanley informed me
that he had refused my
letter to Gen. Wallace & that
Wallace had replied she
must take the oath of
allegiance and give bond
for \$5,000 for his good behav-
ior or go beyond the lines at

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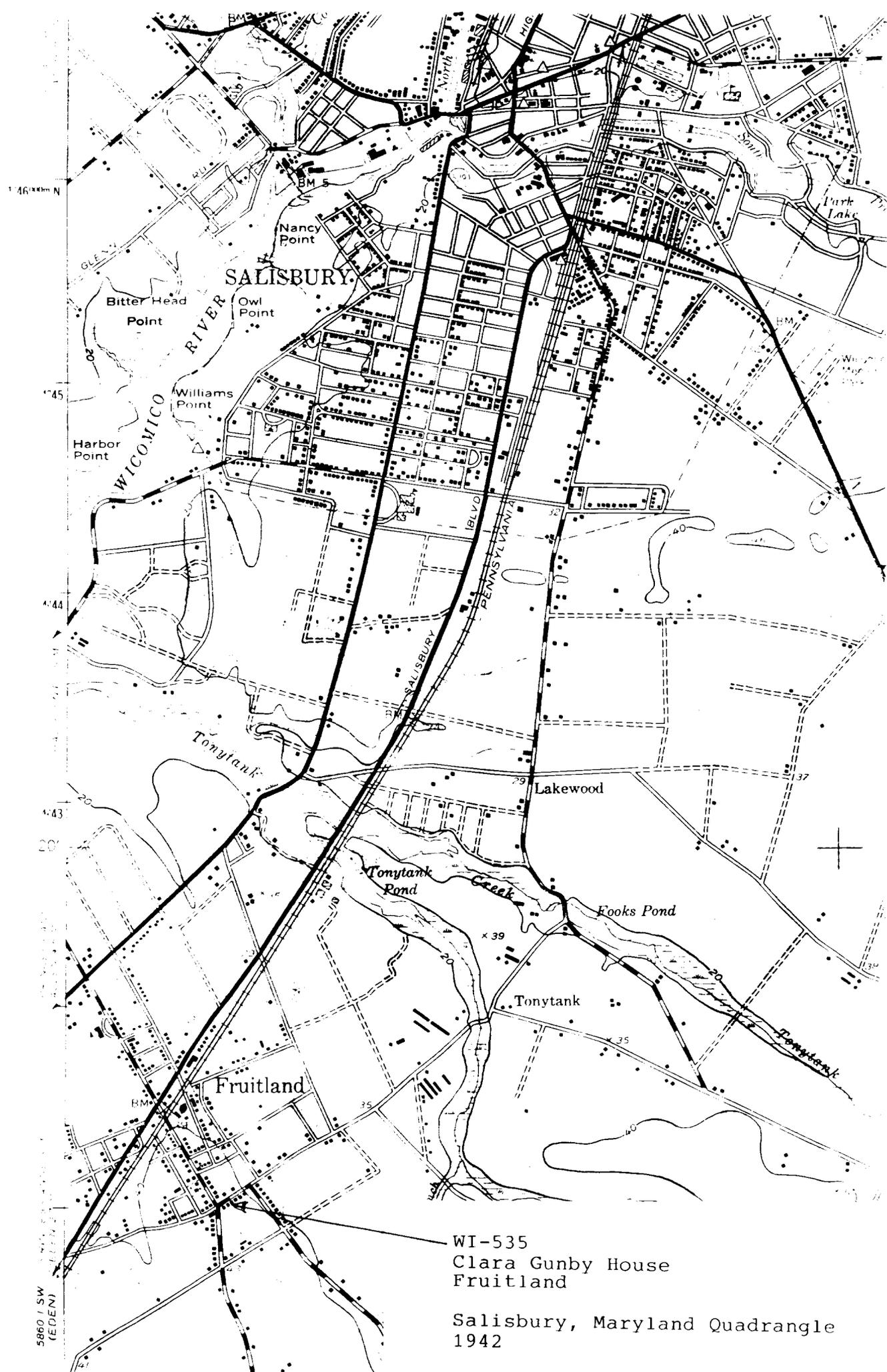
the first opportunity.
 He also then informed
 me that they had de-
 termined to send her
 this evening by way
 of Fort St. M. I
 then had a talk
~~with her~~
 seemed somewhat troubled
 with the idea of going
 South so soon. Said
 she would like to see
 her friends to-morrow, as
 that was her reception
 day. She still seemed
 unwilling to take the
 oath, so I suppose there
 is no help for her.
 Genl. Wallace is
 sick in bed or I would
 try and see him. I
 think I will possibly
 go & inquire if he can

be seen.

I am,

Very truly your friend
 Wm. Paul

To Mr. J. H. Haffner



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