

WI-537  
Holly Hill  
Salisbury  
Private

1926-27

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# Maryland Historical Trust Maryland Inventory of Historic Properties Form

Inventory No. WI-537

## 1. Name of Property (indicate preferred name)

historic Holly Hill  
other Fulton W. Allen House

## 2. Location

street and number 1520 Camden Avenue not for publication  
city, town Salisbury vicinity  
county Wicomico

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

name Terrence and Susan Conway  
street and number Camden Avenue telephone 410-860-2244  
city, town Salisbury state MD zip code 21801

## 4. Location of Legal Description

Wicomico County Clerk of Court courthouse, registry of deeds, etc. liber folio  
city, town Salisbury tax map tax parcel tax ID number

## 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	2
<input type="checkbox"/> structure	<input type="checkbox"/> both	<input type="checkbox"/> defense	<input type="checkbox"/> religion	
<input type="checkbox"/> site		<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> domestic	<input type="checkbox"/> social	
<input type="checkbox"/> object		<input type="checkbox"/> education	<input type="checkbox"/> transportation	
		<input type="checkbox"/> funerary	<input type="checkbox"/> work in progress	2
		<input type="checkbox"/> government	<input type="checkbox"/> unknown	
		<input type="checkbox"/> health care	<input type="checkbox"/> vacant/not in use	
		<input type="checkbox"/> industry	<input type="checkbox"/> other:	
				Noncontributing
				_____ buildings
				_____ sites
				_____ structures
				_____ objects
				_____ Total
				Number of Contributing Resources previously listed in the Inventory
				_____

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## 7. Description

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### Condition

excellent       deteriorated  
 good             ruins  
 fair               altered

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Prepare both a one paragraph summary and a comprehensive description of the resource and its various elements as it exists today.

Known for the past seventy years as Holly Hill, this story-and-a-half Dutch Colonial brick house is located at 1520 Camden Avenue in Salisbury, Wicomico County, Maryland. The house faces southeast with the principal roof oriented on a northeast/southwest axis.

Built in 1926-27, the story-and-a-half stretcher bond brick house is supported on a fully excavated foundation, and the exterior is faced with a rough-edge or "clinker" brick used on several houses in and around Salisbury during the 1920s. The gambrel roof is covered with asphalt shingles. Attached to the back of the main block is single-story, gable-roofed brick wing built during the mid 1950s. Joining the house on the property is a single-story board-and-batten frame office that stands north of the main dwelling. In addition, a modern three-bay frame garage of modern construction stands behind the office. Half a millstone from the Tony Tank mill is set in the front walk.

The southeast (main) façade is a three-bay elevation with a center entrance sheltered by a gable roofed porch supported by stout Tuscan columns. Flanking the front entrance is a tripartite set of six-over-six sash windows to the right (northeast) and a set of four six-over-six sash to the left (southwest). Intersecting the portico roof is a pent eave that stretches across the full front of the gambrel roofed house. The gambrel roof is defined by a full shed dormer pierced with paired six-over-six sash windows to each side of a rectangular panel defined in the center of the wall surface. The edge of the shed dormer is finished with a slightly extended eave. Piercing the roofline is an off-center brick stack.

The southwest gable end is partially covered by a single-story enclosed porch, whereas six-over-six sash windows light the second floor. Piercing the upper wall surface is a half-round lunette window. The edge of the roof is finished with an extended eave with returns at the base.

The northeast gable end is defined by a set of paired six-over-six sash windows on the corner that lights the dining room, whereas a bank of modern windows light the kitchen behind. The second floor is lighted by two six-over-six sash windows, and a lunette window pierces the upper gable end.

Covering a portion of the northwest wall is a single-story, mid twentieth-century brick wing that is covered by a medium sloped gable roof. Stretching across the length of the house above is another shed roofed dormer pierced by six-over-six sash windows as well as a door that opens onto the roof of a small frame appendage that extends from the northwest corner of the house.

The double-pile interior has a small entry vestibule with a living room to the south and a dining room to the north. Colonial Revival woodwork survives in several rooms. A built-in corner cupboard is located in the dining room, and a fluted pilaster mantel and bookshelves distinguish the living room. A simple Colonial Revival staircase is located along the back of the house between the kitchen and study.

Joining the house on the lot is an early twentieth-century board-and-batten frame office and a modern board-and-batten hip roofed garage.

# 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 type="checkbox"/> 1800-1899	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> architecture	<input type="checkbox"/> engineering	<input type="checkbox"/> invention	<input type="checkbox"/> politics/government
<input checked="" 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** E. S. Adkins Arch. Dept.

**Construction dates** 1926-27

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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<sup>1</sup> Wicomico County Land Records, JCK 114/244, 31 October 1919; JCK 140/548, 25 November 1925; IDT 216/227, 4 March 1939.

<sup>2</sup> Wicomico County Land Record, 744/579, 1 October 1971.

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Holly Hill  
Fulton W. Allen House  
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Salisbury, Wicomico County, Maryland  
Chain of title

Map 48, Parcel 596

744/579

Maryland National Bank, M. Wilson Snow and Charles  
E. Hearne, Jr., Trustees and Executors of Fulton W. Allen  
Deceased and Julia A. Hancock, Guardian for Lois Jennings  
Allen

Plat 716/71, 4/15/1971, conveyed to Fulton W. Allen

1. from W.F. Allen, 10/31/1919, JCK 114/244
2. from Tony Tank Development Company, dated 3/4/1939,  
IDT 216/227
3. from Louise W. Cooper, dated 11/25/1925, JCK 140/548

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## 9. Major Bibliographical References

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Personal Interview with Susan Conway, 15 November 2001.

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

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## 10. Geographical Data

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Acreage of surveyed property 3 acres  
Acreage of historical setting 3 acres  
Quadrangle name \_\_\_\_\_

Quadrangle scale: 1:24,000

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### Verbal boundary description and justification

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

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## 11. Form Prepared by

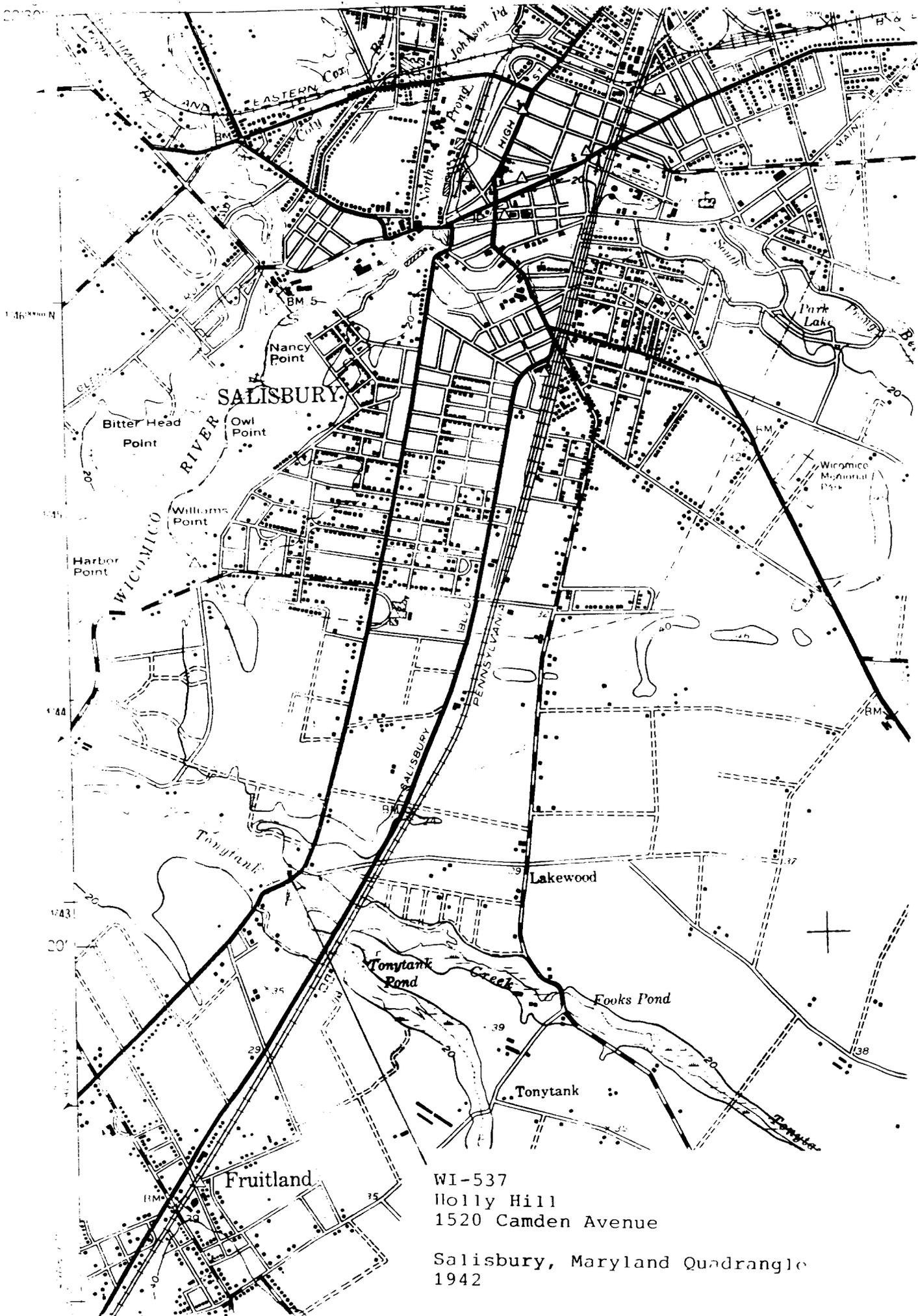
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organization	Private Consultant	date	11/15/2001
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city or town	Westover	state	Maryland 21871

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 Holly Hill  
 1520 Camden Avenue

Salisbury, Maryland Quadrangle  
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Swiss Bank, American 1 - 1000

SOUTHWEST - E 1000 + SW

11/01, Pam Town, Pt. 1000 + SW

NE. / 1000. 1000 + SW

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SARISBURY, WINDSOR CO. CT. RD.

NORTHEAST QUARTER

18/01, PAUL TOWN, PHOTOGRAPHIC

NEW AND HISTORICAL TOWN

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SARISBURY, W. VIRGINIA 24649-1113

EAST ELEVATION

11/01, PAUL TOWN, PHOTOGRAPHER

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