

WI-538
Ralph O. Dulany House
Fruitland
Private

c. 1924

The Ralph O. Dulany house is a well-detailed bungalow that defines South Camden Avenue in the city of Fruitland. Built atop a sandy knoll, the story-and-a-half frame dwelling combines features common to the bungalow designs as well as those of the Colonial Revival which were popular during the early twentieth century. Four Colonial Revival Tuscan columns support the shed roof of the front porch, which is an extension of the medium pitched gable roof of the main block. Common to the bungalow style are projecting purlins that support an extended eave. Also characteristic of bungalows is a large dormer centered on the roof. The Dulany house has been enlarged and modified several times with sensitive additions on the north and south sides. The interior spaces are finished with a variety of Colonial Revival as well as Art Deco inspired features. The kitchen is particularly noteworthy as a relatively unchanged interior with its Art Deco inspired cabinetry dating from the 1940s.

The construction of this distinctive bungalow was financed by Ralph O. and Alice R. Dulany, who acquired several parcels along Camden Avenue during the mid to late 1920s. Ralph O. Dulany was the son of John H. Dulany, who started canning local produce around 1900 and took advantage of the railroad connection in Fruitland. The company, John H. Dulany & Son, thrived during the early to mid twentieth century, and around World War II responded to the U.S. government's request to quickly process and package dehydrated sweet potatoes in a twenty-four hour period. The company also moved early into the packaging of frozen vegetables.

Ralph and Alice Dulany's house on Camden Avenue remained in family hands until the early 1980s. Since then the property has changed a handful of times with the current owners purchasing the well-preserved bungalow in 1990.

Maryland Historical Trust Maryland Inventory of Historic Properties Form

Inventory No. WI-538

1. Name of Property (indicate preferred name)

historic Ralph O. Dulany House

other _____

2. Location

street and number 206 South Camden Avenue not for publication

city, town Fruitland vicinity _____

county Wicomico

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

name William N. and Cheryl A. Young

street and number 206 South Camden Avenue telephone _____

city, town Fruitland state MD zip code 21826

4. Location of Legal Description

courthouse, registry of deeds, etc. Wicomico County Clerk of Court liber 1221 folio 156

city, town Salisbury tax map 802 tax parcel 1941 tax ID number 16-006823

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	<u>2</u> buildings
<input type="checkbox"/> site		<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> domestic	<input type="checkbox"/> social	<input type="checkbox"/> sites
<input type="checkbox"/> object		<input type="checkbox"/> education	<input type="checkbox"/> transportation	<input type="checkbox"/> structures
		<input type="checkbox"/> funerary	<input type="checkbox"/> work in progress	<input type="checkbox"/> objects
		<input type="checkbox"/> government	<input type="checkbox"/> unknown	<u>2</u> 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 Ralph O. Dulany house is a story-and-a-half, three-bay frame bungalow that stands at 206 South Camden Avenue in Fruitland, Wicomico County, Maryland. The house faces east with the main gable roof oriented on a north/south axis. Joining the house on the property is a single-story garage.

Built around 1924, the story-and-a-half frame house is supported on a brick foundation with a fully excavated cellar. The exterior is clad with plain weatherboards and the medium pitched roof is covered with asphalt shingles. The initial construction included the center gable roofed bungalow, which was later enlarged with side additions on the north and south gable ends. The original appearance of the house is documented by a historic image taken shortly after construction.

The east (main) elevation is a symmetrical three-bay façade with a center entrance and flanking windows. The partially glazed front door is framed by a three-part transom and sidelights. The transom has divided sections with cross stick muntins on each side of a four-pane center section. To each side of the entrance are large twelve-over-one sash windows. Sheltering the front is a single-story porch supported by Tuscan columns. Supporting the wide eaves are extended purlins with pyramidal shaped ends. Centered on the roof is a large gable roofed dormer fitted with a three-part window opening featuring six-over-one sash. The edge of the dormer roof is finished with an open eave, extended purlins, and exposed rafter tails.

The south gable end includes an exterior/interior brick stack that pierces the extended eave. A single-story gable roofed wing extends from the south side. Six-over-one sash windows light the first floor, and a paired set of six-over-one sash windows pierce the gable end.

The north gable end is extended with a single-story addition as well. Piercing the northeast corner is a large tripartite window with a twenty-pane center window flanked by narrow four-over-four sash windows. A paired set of six-over-one sash windows light the gable end.

The interior is finished with a combination of early twentieth-century features. The eastern half of the house is divided into a large living room on the south side, which is entered through the front door. To the north is the dining room, which has a built-in Colonial Revival corner cupboard. Access to the second floor is provided by a Colonial Revival staircase located in a rear hall behind the living room, which connects a range of rooms across the back of the bungalow. The interior of the kitchen is particularly noteworthy with its intact Art Deco scheme of built-in cupboards.

Northwest of the house is a single-story gable front garage distinguished by extended eaves and exposed rafter ends.

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

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 Wicomico County Land Records, JCK 140/482, 25 August 1923; and JCK 148/93, 17 February 1927.

² R. Lee Burton, *Canneries of the Eastern Shore*, Centerville, Maryland: Tidewater Publishers, 1986, pp. 157-59.

³ Wicomico County Land Record, AJS 995/496, 10 August 1983.

⁴ Wicomico County Land Record, 1221/156, 13 June 1990.

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Ralph O. Dulany House
206 South Camden Avenue
Salisbury, Wicomico County, Maryland
Chain of title

Map 802, Parcel 1941

1221/156

Daniel S Brown
Elsa A. Brown

to

6/13/1990

William Nelson Young
Cheryl A. Young

MSB 1129/365

Elton J. Killmon, Jr.
Christine M. Killmon

to

12/16/11987

Daniel S. Brown
Elsa A. Brown

AJS 995/496

David Dulany-attorney-in-fact for Alice R. Dulany, Personal
Representative of Ralph O. Dulany

to

8/10/1983

Elton J. Killmon, Jr.
Christine M. Killmon

9. Major Bibliographical References

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

10. Geographical Data

Acreage of surveyed property 41,275 square feet

Acreage of historical setting 41,275 square feet

Quadrangle name _____

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.

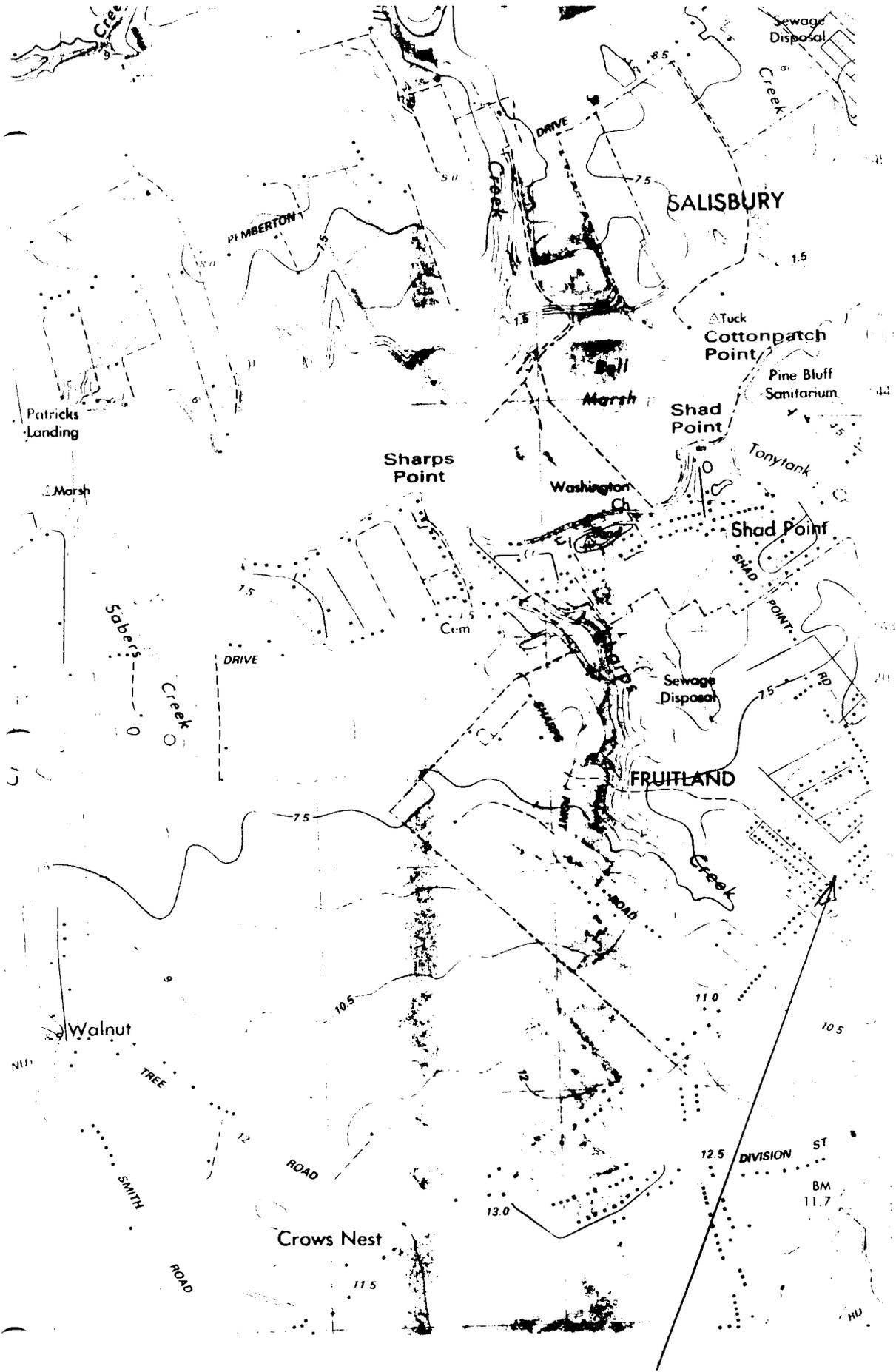
11. Form Prepared by

name/title	Paul B. Touart, Architectural Historian		
organization	Private Consultant	date	8/7/2001
street & number	P. O. Box 5	telephone	410-651-1094
city or town	Westover	state	Maryland 21871

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 Ralph O. Dulany House
 206 South Camden Avenue
 Fruitland, Wicomico Co., Maryland
 Eden, Maryland Quadrangle, 1983



VI-538

Ralph O. Downing House
Fruitland, Nebraska Co., Neb.

NORTHEAST ELEVATION

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RAMP 0 Dairy House

FRANLAND, VICARIO C., MD.

NORTH EAST ELEVATION

7/01, PAUL TOURS, PHOTOGRAPHER

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RANDI O. DALRYMPLE HOUSE
FRUITLAND, NICOMECUMAS, AND
EAST CANTON RD

1/20, PAUL FOWLER, PITTSBURGH, PA

WEG / AND HIGGINS TRUST