WI-580 1920-21
W. F. Messick Ice Company Complex
Salisbury
Private

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The W. F. Messick Company acquired a three-acre parcel bordering the N. Y. P. & N. railroad from George T. Huston on November 3, 1920. The company figured significantly in the cold shipments of fruit and other fragile produce from this region. The land remained in company hands until 1982.

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Maryland Inventory of
Historic Properties Form

Inventory No. WI-580

1. Name of Property (indicate preferred name)

historic W. F. Messick Ice Company Office

other

2. Location

street and number Vine Street ___ not for publication

city, town Salisbury ___ vicinity

county Wicomico

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

name Vine Street LLC

street and number 2100 W. Franklin Street telephone

city, town Baltimore state MD zip code 21223

4. Location of Legal Description

courthouse, registry of deeds, etc. Wicomico County Clerk of Court liber 1482 folio 811

city, town Salisbury tax map 112 tax parcel 1628 tax ID number 13-034737

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
____district
_x_building(s)
____structure
____site
____object

Ownership
____public
_x_private
____both

Current Function
____agriculture
_x_commerce/trade
____defense
____domestic
____education
____funerary
____government
____health care
____industry
____landscape
____recreation/culture
____religion
____social
____transportation
____work in progress
____unknown
____vacant/not in use
____other:

Resource Count

Contributing	Noncontributing	
2		buildings
		sites
		structures
		objects
2		Total

Number of Contributing Resources previously listed in the Inventory

_____

7. Description

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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.

Formerly known as the William F. Messick Ice Company, the complex is located on the north side of Vine Street and on the west side of Eastern Shore Drive in Salisbury, Wicomico County, Maryland. The single-story brick office faces south with the gable roof oriented on an east/west axis. Standing behind the office is a large brick and metal storage and warehouse complex.

Erected around 1920-21, the single-story, three-bay brick office is supported on a raised brick foundation with an excavated cellar, and the exterior is laid in stretcher bond brick with accents executed in cream colored bands along the foundation and around the window openings. The office is covered with a medium pitched asphalt shingle roof. Window openings in the foundation are boarded over.

The south (main) façade is a three-bay elevation with a center entrance and flanking fifteen-over-one sash windows. The paneled front door is sheltered by a gable roofed portico supported on Tuscan columns. The entrance platform is reached by a series of four brick steps executed with contrasting red and cream color bricks. The flanking windows are framed by cream colored brick borders. Stretching across the base of the roof is wide eave accented with a block cornice. The outside corners of the building are accented with cream colored brick quoins.

The west gable end is defined by an enclosed pediment that tops a two-bay wall. A pair of twelve-over-one sash windows framed by cream colored brick borders pierce the wall surface. The gable end pediment is pierced by a boarded over six-over-one sash window.

The east gable end features an off-center, part interior, part exterior brick stack that rises through the pediment. The stack is flanked by a nine-over-one sash window. A six-over-one sash window pierces the gable end.

The north (rear) wall is an asymmetrical elevation with a center, partially glazed door. The wall surface to the right is defined by a twelve-over-one sash window, while the left side is defined by a pair of six-over-one sash windows.

The office building is joined on the lot by a large warehouse complex sited along the railroad on the west edge of the property. The oldest section of the warehouse is built in six-course common bond with walls partially covered with painted signs advertising packaged ice. A loading dock sheltered by a single-story porch stretches across the south side of the brick warehouse. Various block and metal walled additions have extended the original warehouse to the north.

The interiors were not seen.

8. Significance

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

Specific dates **Architect/Builder**

Construction dates 1921

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

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[2] Wicomico County Land Record, AJS 979/338, 31 August 1982.

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Name W. F. Messick Ice Company Office
Continuation Sheet

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W. F. Messick Ice Company Office
Vine Street
Salisbury, Maryland
Chain of title
Map 112, Parcel 1628

1482/811	Karra Properties, Inc.
	to
4/11/1996	Vine Street, LLC $450,000 3.1 acres, Subdivision survey, 8/25/1986, AJS 7/162-646
1288/247	Karra Properties
	to
4/9/1992	Karra Properties, Inc.
AJS 979/338	W. F. Messick Ice Company
	to
8/31/1982	"Karra Properties" Conveyed to grantor by four deeds: 1. from George T. Huston, 11/3/1920, JCK 121/26 2. from Swift & Co., 12/3/1969, JWTS 702/450 3. Deed of Exchange of Salisbury, 8/15/1975, AJS 842/74 4. from George T. Huston, 11/25/1939, JWS 221/436

W. F. Messick Ice Company
Salisbury, Maryland
Chain of title continued

JCK 121/26	George T. Huston Georgia F. Huston
	to
11/3/1920	W. F. Messick Ice Company
	Easterly side of N.Y.P. & N. Railroad, on the north side of and binding on upon East Vine Street and on the south side and binding on Pine Street and on the west side of the lands of Samuel F. Gordy and other lands of George T. Huston, containing 3 acres
JCK 121/20	F. Leonard Wailes Thomas H. Lewis Curtis W. Long, trustees
	to
6/5/1920	George T. Huston Lot No. 1

The Wicomico News, November 4, 1920

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9. Major Bibliographical References

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

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10. Geographical Data

Acreage of surveyed property	3 acres		
Acreage of historical setting	3 acres		
Quadrangle name	Salisbury, Maryland 1942	Quadrangle scale:	1:24,000

Verbal boundary description and justification

The metes and bounds conform to the historic boundary of the property.

11. Form Prepared by

name/title	Paul B. Touart, Architectural Historian		
organization	Private Consultant	date	3/14/01
street & number	P. O. Box 5	telephone	410-651-1094
city or town	Westover	state	MD 21871

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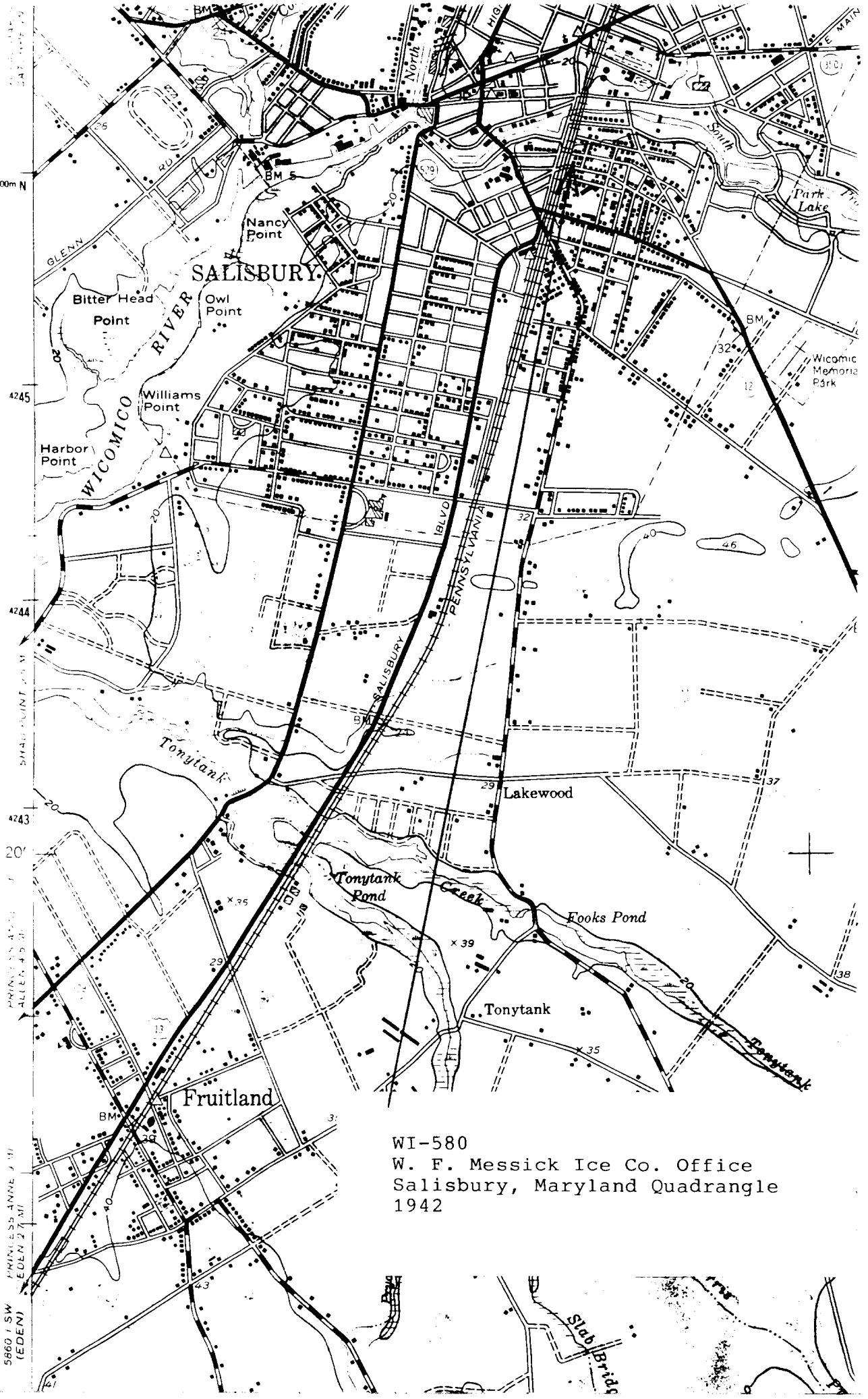

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W. F. Messick Ice Co. Office
Salisbury, Maryland Quadrangle
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MESSICK ICE CO. OFFICE

SALISBURY, WICOMICO CO., MD.

SOUTH ELEVATION

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South Elevation

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