

WI-588
Fred P. Adkins House
Salisbury
Private

1908

One of the most substantial structures to stand along Park Avenue is the two-and-a-half story, three-bay dwelling known as the Fred P. Adkins house. Solidly built in stretcher bond brick, the blockish main block incorporates an expansive front porch distinguished by a broad eave punctuated by Craftsman style triangular brackets fixed under the cornice, which is also marked by the exposed tails of the porch rafters. A segmental arch spans the front entrance, which incorporates long, single-pane sidelights. The segmental arch form was repeated as well in an unusual dormer design. A segmentally arched roof spans an open porch or alcove between a pair of dormers that light the attic. Another segmentally arched door opening is located within the alcove to provide access. Distinctive as well is the broad gable roof incorporating a kicked eave that is highlighted by large modillion blocks. With its Craftsman style influenced design, the Fred P. Adkins house differs significantly from the other early twentieth century dwellings that line Park Avenue. The Craftsman style 1908 design is surely attributable to Fred P. Adkins' association with E. S. Adkins & Co. and company knowledge of the most recent building trends.

Frederick Paul Adkins (1878-1963), the eldest son of Elijah Stanton and Henrietta Tilghman Adkins, was born in Powellville prior to the family's relocation to Salisbury in 1893. One of four sons who worked with the family business, Fred P. Adkins was named president following his father's death in November 1912. He remained president of E. S. Adkins & Company for forty-one years, and served as the

chairman of the board until his death in 1963. Several years following his marriage to Edna Sheppard in 1902, he is mentioned in *The Wicomico News*,

Mr. Fred P. Adkins has begun the erection of a handsome residence on Park Street (sic), between the properties of D. J. Elliott and A. F. Benjamin. It will be an attractive addition to that already pretty residential section.

The house that Fred and Edna Adkins financed followed a popular architectural trend for the early twentieth century with its use of Craftsman style features in 1908. Most of the adjacent dwellings were designed and built in a variety of Victorian and Colonial Revival styles.

In addition to his position as president of E. S. Adkins & Company, Fred P. Adkins was influential throughout Salisbury's early to mid twentieth century history. Following his death, an aluminum sculpture centered on the downtown plaza was erected in his honor in 1970.

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1. Name of Property (indicate preferred name)

historic Fred P. Adkins House

other

2. Location

street and number 321 Park Avenue ___ not for publication

city, town Salisbury ___ vicinity

county Wicomico

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

name Richard and Dominique Issacs

street and number 321 Park Avenue telephone

city, town Salisbury state MD zip code 21801

4. Location of Legal Description

courthouse, registry of deeds, etc. Wicomico County Clerk of Court liber 1676 folio 21

city, town Salisbury tax map 107 tax parcel 967 tax ID number 9-042830

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	Noncontributing
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> building(s)	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> private	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> commerce/trade	<input type="checkbox"/> recreation/culture	1	<input type="checkbox"/> buildings
<input type="checkbox"/> structure	<input type="checkbox"/> both	<input type="checkbox"/> defense	<input type="checkbox"/> religion	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/> sites
<input type="checkbox"/> site		<input type="checkbox"/> domestic	<input type="checkbox"/> social	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/> structures
<input type="checkbox"/> object		<input type="checkbox"/> education	<input type="checkbox"/> transportation	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/> objects
		<input type="checkbox"/> funerary	<input type="checkbox"/> work in progress	1	<input type="checkbox"/> Total
		<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:		
				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 Fred P. Adkins house is located at 321 Park Avenue in the Newtown Historic District of Salisbury, Wicomico County, Maryland. The two-and-a-half story, three-bay, center hall plan dwelling faces west with the gable roof oriented on a north/south axis.

Built in 1908, the two-and-a-half story, three-bay brick house is supported on a raised brick foundation that includes an excavated cellar. The walls are laid in stretcher bond of finely pressed brick. The medium pitched gable roof is covered with asphalt shingles as is the shed roofed front porch. Attached to the back of the house is a two-story rear wing.

The west (main) façade is a symmetrical three-bay elevation with a center entrance and flanking tripartite windows. The paneled front door, flanking with vertical sidelights, is encased within a segmental arched door opening. The adjacent windows have twelve-over-one center sash flanked by six-over-one windows. The window openings are flanked by paneled shutters. The entire first floor is sheltered by a shed roofed porch supported by large brick posts. A square baluster handrail stretches between the porch posts. The eave of the porch roof is decorated with Craftsman style, triangular brackets as well as modillion blocks across the cornice. The second floor is defined by a projecting bay in the center which is pierced by a twelve-over-one sash window flanked by narrow sidelights. The projecting bay was executed in wood and extends forward of the brick wall approximately one foot. The flanking bays are filled with twelve-over-one sash windows that have paneled shutters. Stretching across the base of the roof is a wide eave highlighted by large modillion blocks arranged in pairs. Fixed atop the gable roof is a tripartite dormer arrangement with a center porch covered by a segmental roof. The segmentally arched porch roof connects adjacent dormers fitted with pairs of eight-pane windows.

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 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 1908

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 Mary U. Corddry, “100 Years of Looking Ahead,” no date, p. 10.
² *The Wicomico News*, June 4, 1908.

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Fred P. Adkins House
321 Park Avenue
Salisbury, Wicomico County, Maryland
Chain of title

Map 107, Parcel 967

1676/21 Max Edward Warren
Gail Miller-Warren

to

4/15/1999 Richard Isaacs
Dominique Isaacs

1601/716 Max Edward Warren

to

4/22/1998 Max Edward Warren
Gail Miller-Warren

MSB 1544/179 Joseph A. Lamanna
Kathleen B. Mead

to

5/22/1997 Max Edward Warren

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MSB 1205/469

K. Kirk Kinnamon

to

1/11/1990

Joseph A. Lamanna
Kathleen B. Mead

AJS 980/765

Tilghman O'Neill
Margaret C. O'Neill

to

11/10/1982

K. Kirk Kinnamon
Pamela T. Kinnamon

AJS 874/791

William J. Clarke III, et al. (Florence H. Clarke, his wife, William E. Heiser
and Joyce A. Heiser, Edward F. Chandler and Jennifer M. Chandler)

to

4/29/1977

Tilghman O'Neill
Margaret O'Neill

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JWTS 715/465

Bertha S. Adkins

to

8/26/1970

William J. Clarke III
Florence H. Clarke
Undivided 1/3 interest
... the said Fred P. Adkins died testate, 3/31/1952, JAH 8/3 devised
property to his wife Bertha S. Adkins

EAT 47/408

Isabella S. Leonard, et al.

to

9/29/1905

Fred P. Adkins
\$600

EAT 39/103

Committee of the Presbyterian Church of Salisbury

to

4/10/1903

Fred P. Adkins

EAT 38/178

Henry L. D. Stanford, Trustee

to

12/21/1902

Fred P. Adkins

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EAT 38/310 Elisha E. Twilley

to

11/6/1903 Fred P. Adkins

JCK 134/265 Helen L. Benjamin

to

6/22/1921 Fred P. Adkins

The Wicomico News, June 4, 1908.

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9. Major Bibliographical References

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Wicomico County Land Records, various volumes, Wicomico County Courthouse.
The Wicomico News, June 4, 1908.

10. Geographical Data

Acreage of surveyed property 10,934 square feet
Acreage of historical setting 10,934 square feet
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	5/3/01
street & number	P. O. Box 5	telephone	410-651-1094
city or town	Westover	state	MD 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.

return to: Maryland Historical Trust
DHCD/DHCP
100 Community Place
Crownsville, MD 21032-2023
410-514-7600

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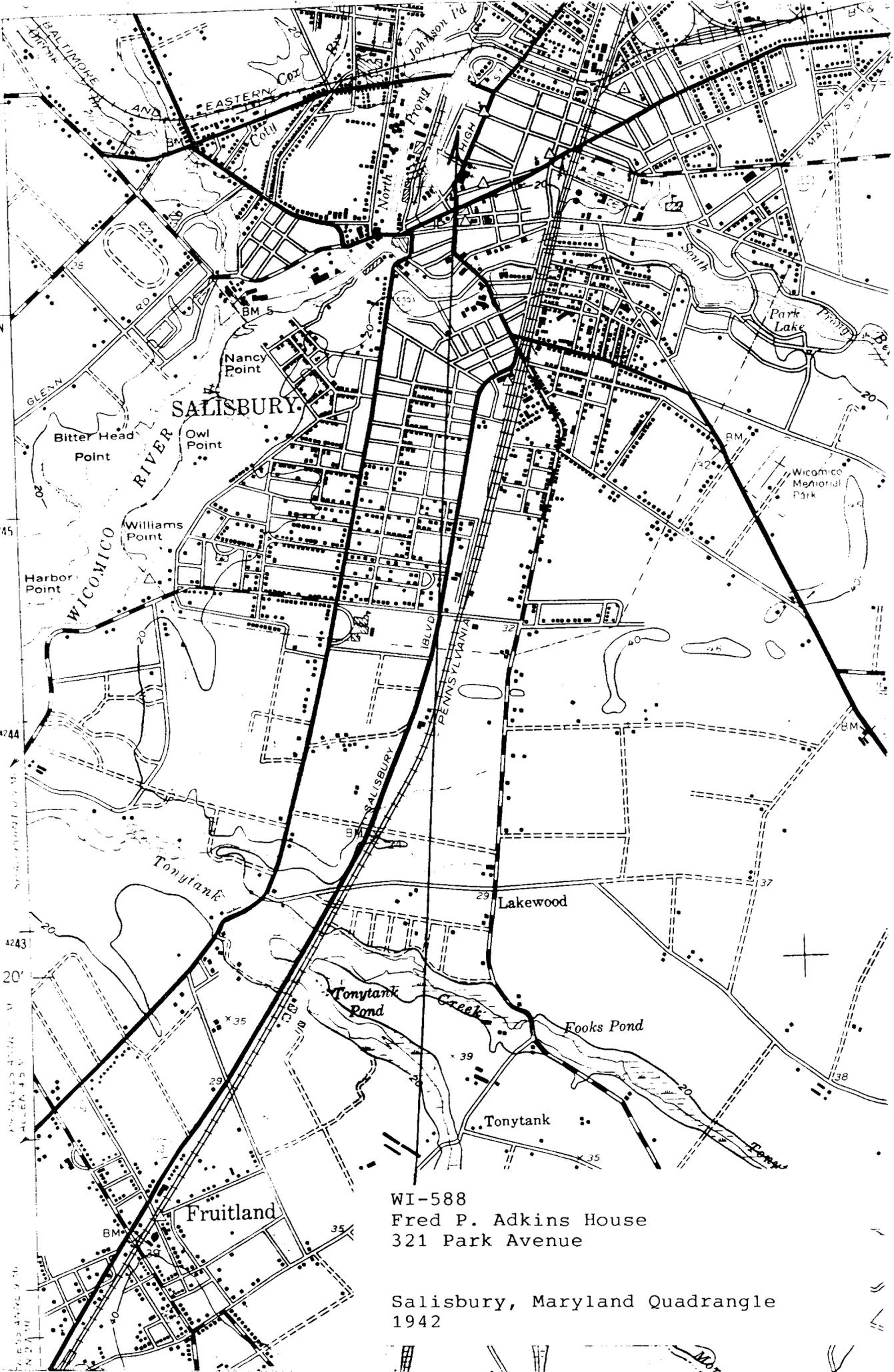
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 Fred P. Adkins House
 321 Park Avenue

Salisbury, Maryland Quadrangle
 1942





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FREN P. ANDERSON'S HOUSE

SALISBURY, WILMOT CO., MD.

WEST SIDE

3101, PAUL TOWN, PHOTOGRAPHIC

NEAR MD. HISTORICAL TRUST

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