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Salisbury Barracks
Salisbury,
Public (restricted access)

1938-1939

The Salisbury Barracks of the Maryland State Police is one of three barracks built 1938-39 on major U.S. routes in response to the changing needs of the Police force who were becoming increasingly involved with crime detection work and law enforcement in addition to patrol of an ever-larger volume of traffic on State Highways. The barracks is very similar in plan to the Benson Barracks (HA-1527) near Bel Air, Harford County, and the Waterloo Barracks, (HO- 569) near Jessup, Howard County. The Salisbury Barracks is a 2½ story brick structure, executed in Flemish bond, in a severely streamlined interpretation of the Federal style.

MARYLAND HISTORICAL TRUST

INVENTORY FORM FOR STATE HISTORIC SITES SURVEY

DEMOLISHED

1 NAME

HISTORIC Salisbury Barracks, Maryland State Police
AND/OR COMMON

2 LOCATION

STREET & NUMBER U.S. Route 13 (Delmar Road)
CITY, TOWN Salisbury, CONGRESSIONAL DISTRICT
STATE Maryland VICINITY OF COUNTY Wicomico

3 CLASSIFICATION

CATEGORY	OWNERSHIP	STATUS	PRESENT USE	
<input type="checkbox"/> DISTRICT	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> PUBLIC	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> OCCUPIED	<input type="checkbox"/> AGRICULTURE	<input type="checkbox"/> MUSEUM
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> BUILDING(S)	<input type="checkbox"/> PRIVATE	<input type="checkbox"/> UNOCCUPIED	<input type="checkbox"/> COMMERCIAL	<input type="checkbox"/> PARK
<input type="checkbox"/> STRUCTURE	<input type="checkbox"/> BOTH	<input type="checkbox"/> WORK IN PROGRESS	<input type="checkbox"/> EDUCATIONAL	<input type="checkbox"/> PRIVATE RESIDENCE
<input type="checkbox"/> SITE	PUBLIC ACQUISITION	ACCESSIBLE	<input type="checkbox"/> ENTERTAINMENT	<input type="checkbox"/> RELIGIOUS
<input type="checkbox"/> OBJECT	<input type="checkbox"/> IN PROCESS	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> YES: RESTRICTED	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> GOVERNMENT	<input type="checkbox"/> SCIENTIFIC
	<input type="checkbox"/> BEING CONSIDERED	<input type="checkbox"/> YES: UNRESTRICTED	<input type="checkbox"/> INDUSTRIAL	<input type="checkbox"/> TRANSPORTATION
		<input type="checkbox"/> NO	<input type="checkbox"/> MILITARY	<input type="checkbox"/> OTHER

4 OWNER OF PROPERTY

NAME State of Maryland Telephone #: 321-3686
STREET & NUMBER
Department of Public Safety and Correctional Services
CITY, TOWN Suite 500 - One Investment Place STATE, zip code
Towson, Maryland VICINITY OF

5 LOCATION OF LEGAL DESCRIPTION

COURTHOUSE, REGISTRY OF DEEDS, ETC. Wicomico County Courthouse
STREET & NUMBER Salisbury
CITY, TOWN Maryland STATE

Liber #: 210
Folio #: 43

6 REPRESENTATION IN EXISTING SURVEYS

TITLE
DATE
DEPOSITORY FOR SURVEY RECORDS
CITY, TOWN STATE
_FEDERAL _STATE _COUNTY _LOCAL

7 DESCRIPTION

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CONDITION		CHECK ONE	CHECK ONE
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> EXCELLENT	<input type="checkbox"/> DETERIORATED	<input type="checkbox"/> UNALTERED	<input type="checkbox"/> ORIGINAL SITE
<input type="checkbox"/> GOOD	<input type="checkbox"/> RUINS	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> ALTERED	<input type="checkbox"/> MOVED DATE _____
<input type="checkbox"/> FAIR	<input type="checkbox"/> UNEXPOSED		

DEMOLISHED**DESCRIBE THE PRESENT AND ORIGINAL (IF KNOWN) PHYSICAL APPEARANCE**

The Salisbury Barracks of the Maryland State Police is located on U.S. Route 13 three miles north of Salisbury. The surrounding area contains mixed agricultural and light industrial uses.

The Salisbury Barracks is one of three Barracks constructed 1938-39 on a nearly identical plan. All are 2½ story brick structures executed in Flemish bond, and rest on full fieldstone basements. The roofs are hipped and slate tiled. The front facades are wide and symmetrical with center pedimented doorway, and constitute a severely streamlined interpretation of the Federal style. The original floor plans for these Barracks allowed for office spaces and bedrooms on the first floor, bedrooms and bath on the second floor, storage areas or additional sleeping quarters on the third floor, and temporary jail cells and storage rooms in the basement. The changing needs of the State Police, who became increasingly engaged in crime detection work as well as increased patrolling of a rapidly growing volume of motor vehicle traffic after World War II, led to the phasing out of dormitory uses of the Barracks. By the 1950's they had been converted almost exclusively to office and administrative uses.

The front (U.S. Route 13) facade is five bays wide. At basement level three 3/3 sash windows set into the stone foundation wall flank the center doorway, two in the first and second bays from the southwest corner and one on the first bay from the northwest corner. Immediately left of the center doorway, cement steps guarded by iron pipe railing descend to a basement entry.

At ground level, a flight of five brick steps with decorative iron railing leads to a cement slab landing at first floor level. The entrance is comprised of a modern steel and plate glass door with painted wooden door surround, surmounted by a five-pane transom. The doorway is topped by a painted wooden pediment. A wooden plaque over the doorway is inscribed "Maryland State Police."

Flanking either side of the center doorway at first and second floor levels are two 6/6 sash windows, with wooden trim and splayed brick lintels. At third floor level, a dormer with 3/3 sash window trimmed with wood projects from the hipped, slate tiled roof.

The south facade is four bays wide and contains a brick chimney. At basement level two windows occupy the middle bays; they are 3/3 sash set into the stone foundation wall. At first floor level, a small window containing an air conditioning unit is in the first bay from the southwest corner. On the other side of the chimney, in the two bays nearest the southeast corner, windows are 6/6 sash with splayed brick lintels and wooden trim. At second floor level are four windows, all 6/6 sash with wooden trim and flat brick arches. At third floor level is a dormer window, 3/3 sash, trimmed as on the front facade.

The north facade is three bays wide, with one 3/3 sash window set into the stone basement wall. At first floor level are two 6/6 sash windows, at second floor three 6/6 sash windows, and a dormer window at third floor level, all treated in a fashion corresponding to those on the rest of the building. The rear bay

CONTINUE ON SEPARATE SHEET IF NECESSARY

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PERIOD	AREAS OF SIGNIFICANCE -- CHECK AND JUSTIFY BELOW			
<input type="checkbox"/> PREHISTORIC	<input type="checkbox"/> ARCHEOLOGY-PREHISTORIC	<input type="checkbox"/> COMMUNITY PLANNING	<input type="checkbox"/> LANDSCAPE ARCHITECTURE	<input type="checkbox"/> RELIGION
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		<input type="checkbox"/> INVENTION		

SPECIFIC DATES 1939 BUILDER/ARCHITECT Builder: Price Construction Co., Baltimore

STATEMENT OF SIGNIFICANCE

The Maryland State Police Barracks at Salisbury is located three miles north of the city on U.S. Route 13. The July 25, 1938 issue of the Salisbury Times noted that construction was soon to begin, with Price Construction Company of Baltimore acting as general contractor. State Police records indicate that William P. Brown of Salisbury was principal subcontractor.

Initial plans called for a three story brick residence and five-car garage. Subsequent Times articles indicate that costs at completion totaled \$60,000 (April 20, 1939).

The Salisbury Barracks was completed on February 1, 1939, and served all the southern counties of Maryland's Eastern Shore.

The first State Police barracks at Salisbury was established in 1925 and first occupied a cottage 3 miles north of Salisbury on U.S. Rote 213. After several moves to other residences on Soute 213, the Barracks settled into the second floor of the National Guard Armory in downtown Salisbury (now the home of the Wicomico County Library) which it occupied from 1934 until construction was completed on the present Barracks in 1939.

Recommendations:

Continue present use as Maryland State Police barracks.

SALISBURY BARRACKS, MARYLAND STATE POLICE

at basement and first floor level is joined to a one story garage building, also executed in Flemish bond, now converted to office space. Garage windows are 3/3 sash with splayed brick lintels and brick sills.

The rear (east) facade is five bays wide. At basement level two 3/3 sash windows are set into the stone basement wall on the north end of the facade only. At ground level, 6 cement steps with iron pipe railing lead to a modern steel and plate glass door surmounted by splayed brick lintel. The two windows to the north of the doorway and one in the farthest south bay are 6/6 sash, with splayed brick lintels and wooden trims.

Two small windows in the middle bays immediately south of the doorway are probably alterations: one contains an air conditioning unit. At third floor level are five windows, all 6/6 sash with wooden trims and splayed brick lintels. At third floor level an enlarged dormer projects from the roof, containing a 3/3 sash window, and covered on all sides with slate tiles.

On the spacious grounds behind (to the east) of the Barracks are new metal garages and parking lots. Flanking on the south side is a helicopter landing field.

Continuation Sheet # 1

Item 10

Salisbury Barracks
Maryland State Police
Salisbury, Maryland

VERBAL BOUNDARY DESCRIPTION

Beginning for the same at the beginning of the first line of the tract of land described in a deed dated December 17, 1926, from F. William Freeny and wife to Arthur H. Holloway and J. McFadden Dick and recorded among the Land Records of Wicomico County in Liber JCK No. 146, folio 371, and binding along a part of the first line of said deed as now surveyed; south 21 degrees 5 minutes 21 seconds west 208.72 feet, thence leaving said first line by a line hereby established as the southern limits of the Maryland State Police Lot as now surveyed: South 68 degrees 54 minutes 39 seconds East 313.08 feet, thence leaving said line by a line hereby established as the eastern limits of said lot now surveyed North 21 degrees 5 minutes 21 seconds East 299.50 feet to intersect the sixth line of the aforementioned deed, thence binding on a part of said sixth line as now surveyed: North 85 degrees 4 minutes 48 seconds West 325.98 feet to the place of beginning; containing an area of 1.82 acres more or less.

/ Part of larger tract of land recorded in 146/371, December 17, 1926, containing approximately 101.06 acres, with the Dagsboro Road and the stone road leading from Salisbury to Dalmar as its northern and eastern boundaries, respectively, these being the northern and eastern boundaries of the present Police lot. /

NOTE:

The Maryland State Police Barracks, Salisbury, Maryland was on the corner of Delmar Road (U.S. Rt. 13) and Dagsboro Road (Rt. 133), 3 miles north of Salisbury, Maryland. The location originally marked on the topographic quad map is incorrect, showing it as being in Salisbury proper, on the corner of the same Delmar Road (U.S. Rt. 13) and Decatur Avenue.

Perhaps the close proximity of a radio tower to both sites was the source of some confusion.

A telephone conversation with the State Police Barracks in Salisbury on 8/6/93 confirmed the true location of the structure. Unfortunately, that same conversation yielded the information that the structure has been torn down, and a new building built just to the south of the old location.

J.L.K.
8/6/93

(GIS PROJECT)

CHAIN OF TITLE

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Maryland State Police
Salisbury, Maryland

210/43
23 May 1938
Deed

From: J.M. Dick and Louise S. Dick, his wife
Eureka-Maryland Assurance Corp.
Vaughn S. Gordy

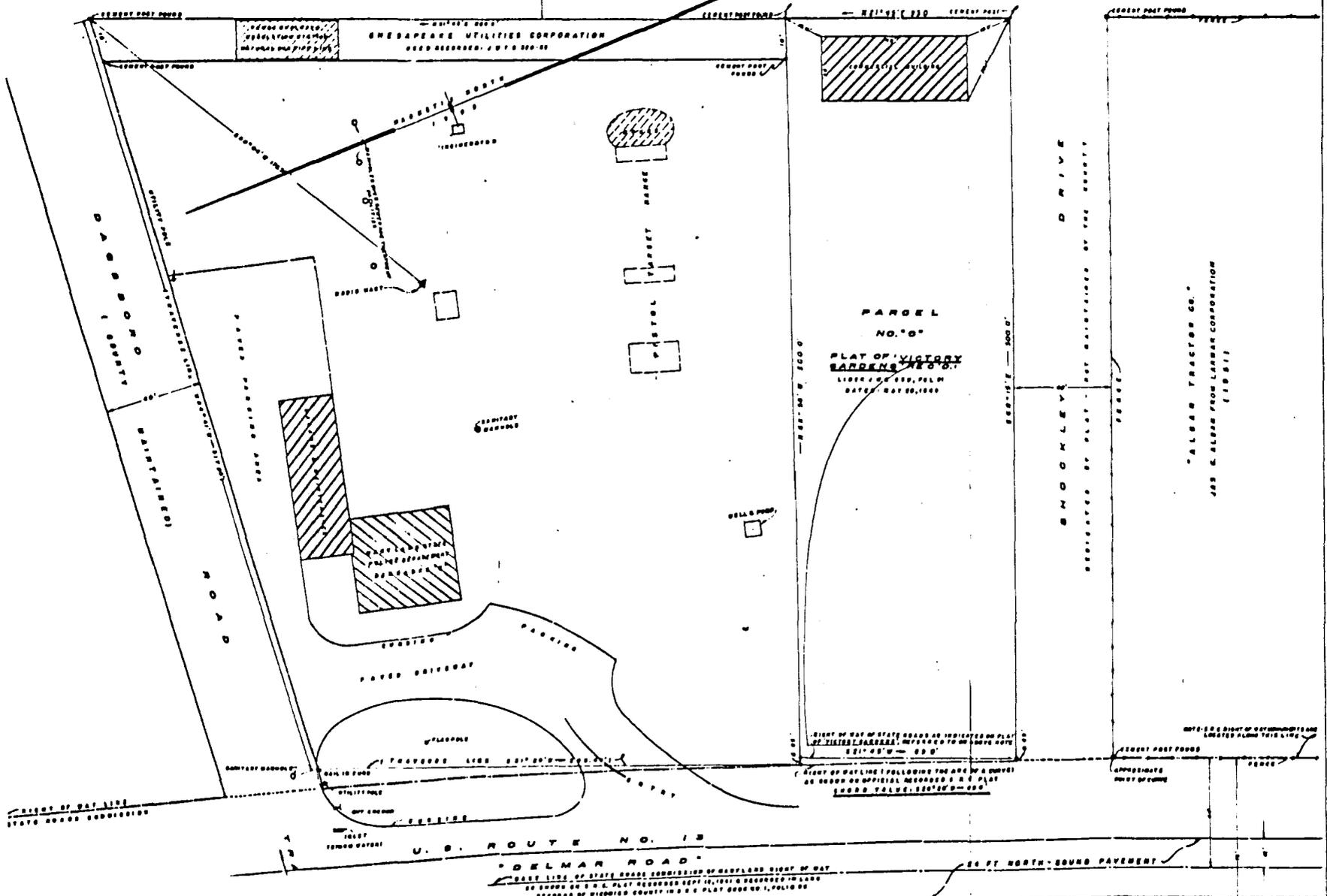
To: Maryland State Police Department

Consideration: \$25.00

DICKERSON

LANE

DEDICATED BY PLAT - NOT MAINTAINED BY THE COUNTY



SALISBURY BARRACKS
 MARYLAND STATE POLICE
 Survey of Property Boundaries
 1" = 20'
 May, 1963

STATE OF MARYLAND
 STATE POLICE DEPARTMENT
 BARRACKS, SALISBURY
 SURVEY OF PROPERTY BOUNDARIES

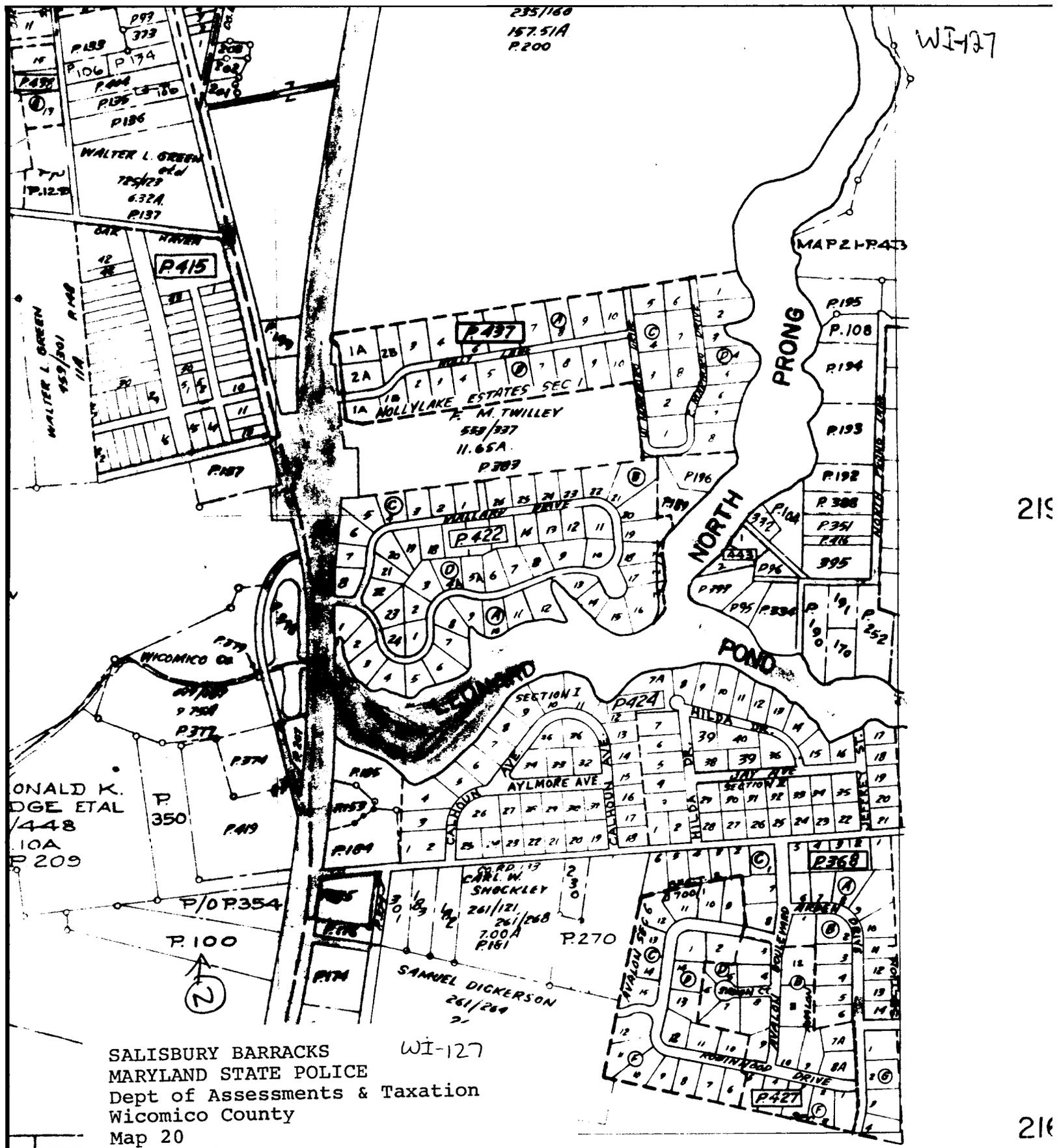
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SCALE: 1" = 20'

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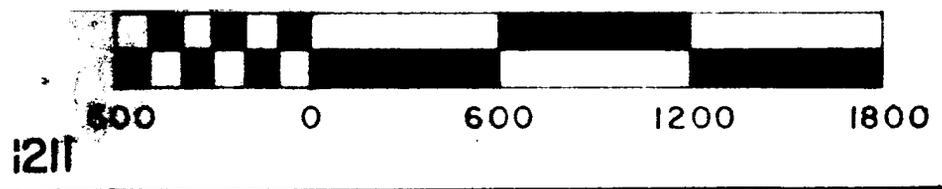
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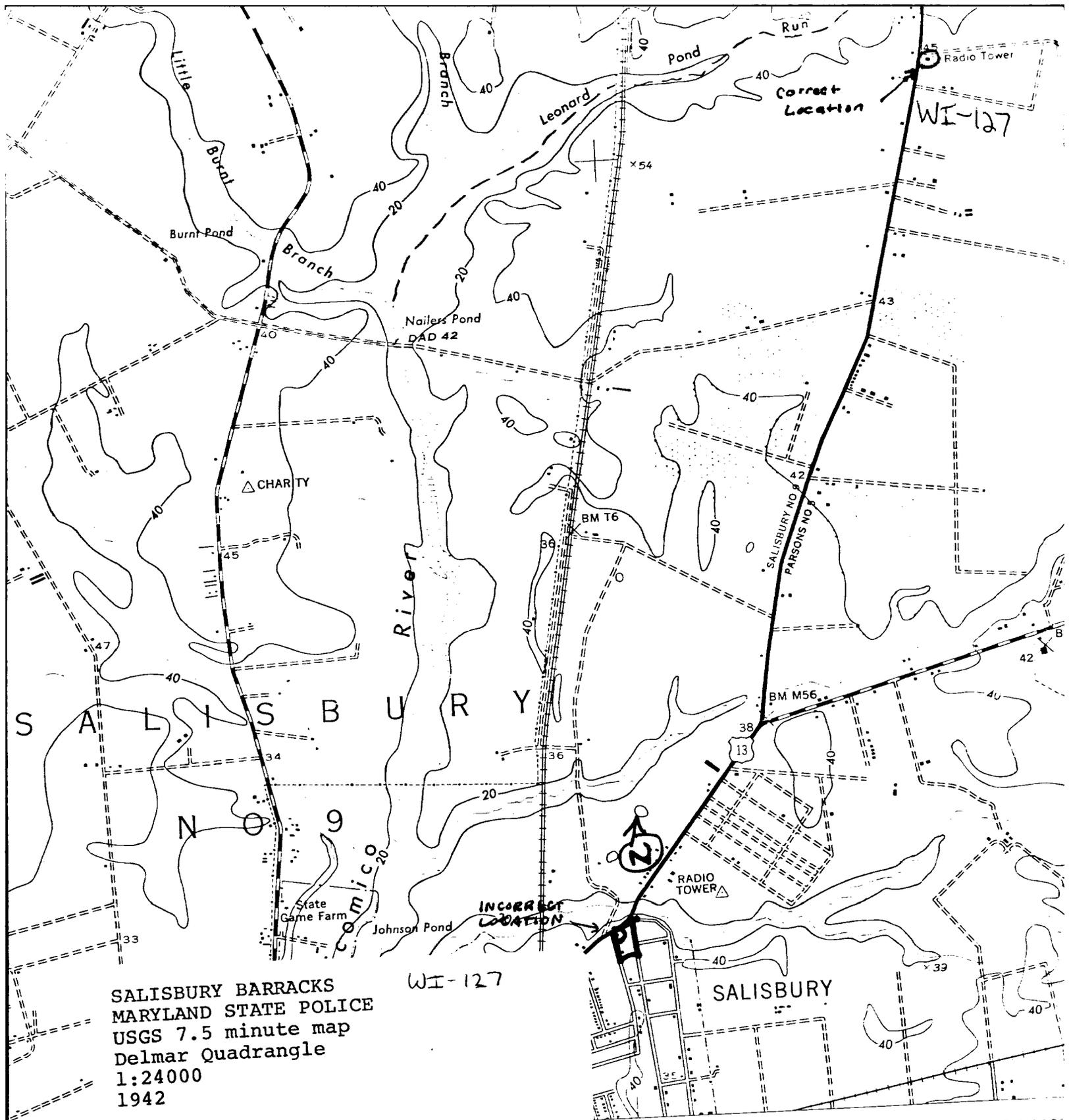
SALISBURY BARRACKS
 MARYLAND STATE POLICE
 Dept of Assessments & Taxation
 Wicomico County
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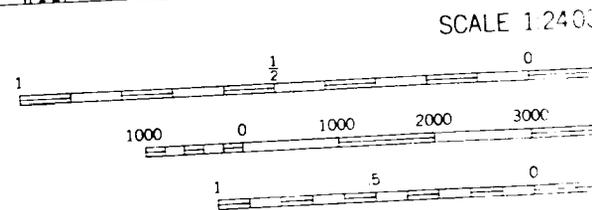


SALISBURY BARRACKS
 MARYLAND STATE POLICE
 USGS 7.5 minute map
 Delmar Quadrangle
 1:24000
 1942

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 DATUM IS MEAN SEA

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LEGEND

Section of the Chief of Engineers by the Army Map Service (AM), U. S. Army, Washington, from Maryland, 1:31,680, AMS, Sheet 5860 I NE, 1942. Original map compiled by aerial photography by photo planimetric methods; topography by planimetric and vertical control by USC&GS. Map field checked, 1942. Scale changed and 1946. This map complies with the national standard map accuracy requirements.



Salisbury Barracks
Maryland State Police
Wicomico County, Maryland
Susanne Moore
October 1980
Md Historical Trust, Annapolis, Md
Southwest corner
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Wicomico County, Maryland
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Northwest corner
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