

WI-252
Thomas H. Tilghman House
Salisbury
Private

c. 1907

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MARYLAND HISTORIC PRESERVATION PLAN INFORMATION

RESOURCE NAME: Thomas H. Tilghman House

MHT INVENTORY NUMBER: WI-252

MARYLAND COMPREHENSIVE PLAN DATA

1. Historic Period Theme(s): Architecture

2. Geographic Orientation: Eastern Shore

3. Chronological/Development Period(s): Industrial/Urban Dominance
1870-1930

4. Resource Type(s): Single-family dwelling
Garage

Maryland Historical Trust State Historic Sites Inventory Form

MARYLAND INVENTORY OF HISTORIC PROPERTIES

Survey No. WI-252

Magi No.

DOE yes no

1. Name (indicate preferred name)

historic Thomas H. Tilghman House

and/or common

2. Location

street & number 205 East Isabella Street not for publicationcity, town Salisbury vicinity of congressional district First

state Maryland county Wicomico

3. Classification

Category	Ownership	Status	Present Use
<input type="checkbox"/> district	<input type="checkbox"/> public	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> occupied	<input type="checkbox"/> agriculture <input type="checkbox"/> museum
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> building(s)	<input checked="" 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 checked="" 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 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 checked="" type="checkbox"/> not applicable	<input type="checkbox"/> no	<input type="checkbox"/> military <input type="checkbox"/> other:

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

name Joseph Strogas and John Erb

street & number 205 East Isabella Street telephone no.:

city, town Salisbury state and zip code Maryland 21801

5. Location of Legal Description

courthouse, registry of deeds, etc. Wicomico County Clerk of Court Map 104, P. 648
liber 1334

street & number Wicomioco County Courthouse folio 504

city, town Salisbury state MD 21801

6. Representation in Existing Historical Surveys

title

date federal state county local

pository for survey records

city, town state

7. Description

Survey No.

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Condition excellent good fair deteriorated ruins unexposed**Check one** unaltered altered**Check one** original site moved

date of move _____

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

The Thomas H. Tilghman house is located at 205 East Isabella Street on the eastern side of the Newtown Historic District in Salisbury, Wicomico County, Maryland. The two-and-a-half story frame house faces south with the gable roof oriented on an east/west axis.

Historically dated to 1907, this large Colonial Revival, two-and-a-half story, three-bay, double-pile frame house is supported on a raised stretcher bond brick foundation, and the exterior is sheathed with aluminum siding. The steeply pitched hip roof is covered with asphalt shingles. Stretching around the south and east sides is a Tuscan columned porch, which extends on the west side into a porte cochere. Located in the back yard is a single story, two-bay brick garage.

The south (main) elevation is a basically symmetrical three-bay facade with a center entrance and flanking windows. A raised panel front door is framed by leaded glass sidelights and a leaded glass transom. The glass incorporated in the transom and sidelights is beveled. Flanking the sidelights and fanlight are paneled pilasters that rise to a paneled surround that follows the arch of the fanlight. Located to each side of the entrance are paired twelve-over-one sash windows trimmed with a slight lintel molding. Sheltering the first floor is a Tuscan columned porch that stretches across the full front of the house and extends around the east side. The center bay, distinguished by a shallow pitched gable roof, features paired Tuscan columns, and the front steps are flanked by brick plinths topped with rusticated granite caps. The cornice of the porch roof is trimmed with a dentil molding. Fixed between each of the porch posts is a railing built with a cross pattern balustrade. The west end of the porch extends from the house so that it covers the side yard driveway with a porte cochere. Defining the second floor of the south elevation is a slightly projecting center bay, which is pierced by a tripartite window flanked by paneled pilasters. Located to each side are paired twelve-over-one sash windows. The base of the roof finished with a bold modillion block cornice, and fixed atop the roof is a large gabled dormer pierced by a Palladian window. Rising through the roof to each side are interior stretcher bond brick chimney stacks.

Pairs of twelve-over-one sash windows light the first and second floor on each side elevation, and a two-story porch covers a portion of the rear (north) wall. The interior has survived relatively unchanged since the early twentieth century. A large center stair hall divides a four-room plan finished in Colonial Revival woodwork.

8. Significance

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
<input type="checkbox"/> 1400-1499	<input type="checkbox"/> archeology-historic	<input type="checkbox"/> conservation	<input type="checkbox"/> law	<input type="checkbox"/> science
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<input type="checkbox"/> 1800-1899	<input type="checkbox"/> commerce	<input type="checkbox"/> exploration/settlement	<input type="checkbox"/> philosophy	<input type="checkbox"/> transportation
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> 1900-	<input type="checkbox"/> communications	<input type="checkbox"/> industry	<input type="checkbox"/> politics/government	<input type="checkbox"/> other (specify)
		<input type="checkbox"/> invention		

Specific dates	Builder/Architect
check: Applicable Criteria: <input type="checkbox"/> A <input type="checkbox"/> B <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> C <input type="checkbox"/> D and/or	
Applicable Exception: <input type="checkbox"/> A <input type="checkbox"/> B <input type="checkbox"/> C <input type="checkbox"/> D <input type="checkbox"/> E <input type="checkbox"/> F <input type="checkbox"/> G	
Level of Significance: <input type="checkbox"/> national <input type="checkbox"/> state <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> local	

Prepare both a summary paragraph of significance and a general statement of history and support.

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On account of its well-preserved architectural character and prominent site along East Isabella Street, the Thomas H. Tilghman house qualifies for listing in *Category A*, which identifies buildings that must be retained.

¹ Wicomico County Land Record, EAT 53/437, 2 March 1907.

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Thomas H. Tilghman House
205 East Isabella Street
Salisbury, Wicomico County, Maryland
Chain of title

Map 104, Parcel 648

1334/504 Edward J. Tilghman
John B. Tilghman

to

4/20/1993 Joseph Strogas
John Erb

\$80,000.00

A J S 885/471 Thomas H. Tilghman and John B. Tilghman, Personal
Representatives of Irma Bounds Tilghman

to

10/18/1977 Edward J. Tilghman
John B. Tilghman
Thomas H. Tilghman

and being the same land Thomas H. Tilghman died intestate
Property descended to widow Mary C. Tilghman and unto
Elizabeth Tilghman Smack and William H. Tilghman

EAT 53/437 Uriah W. Dickerson
Mary P. Dickerson

to

3/2/1907 Thomas H. Tilghman
\$ 1,000.00

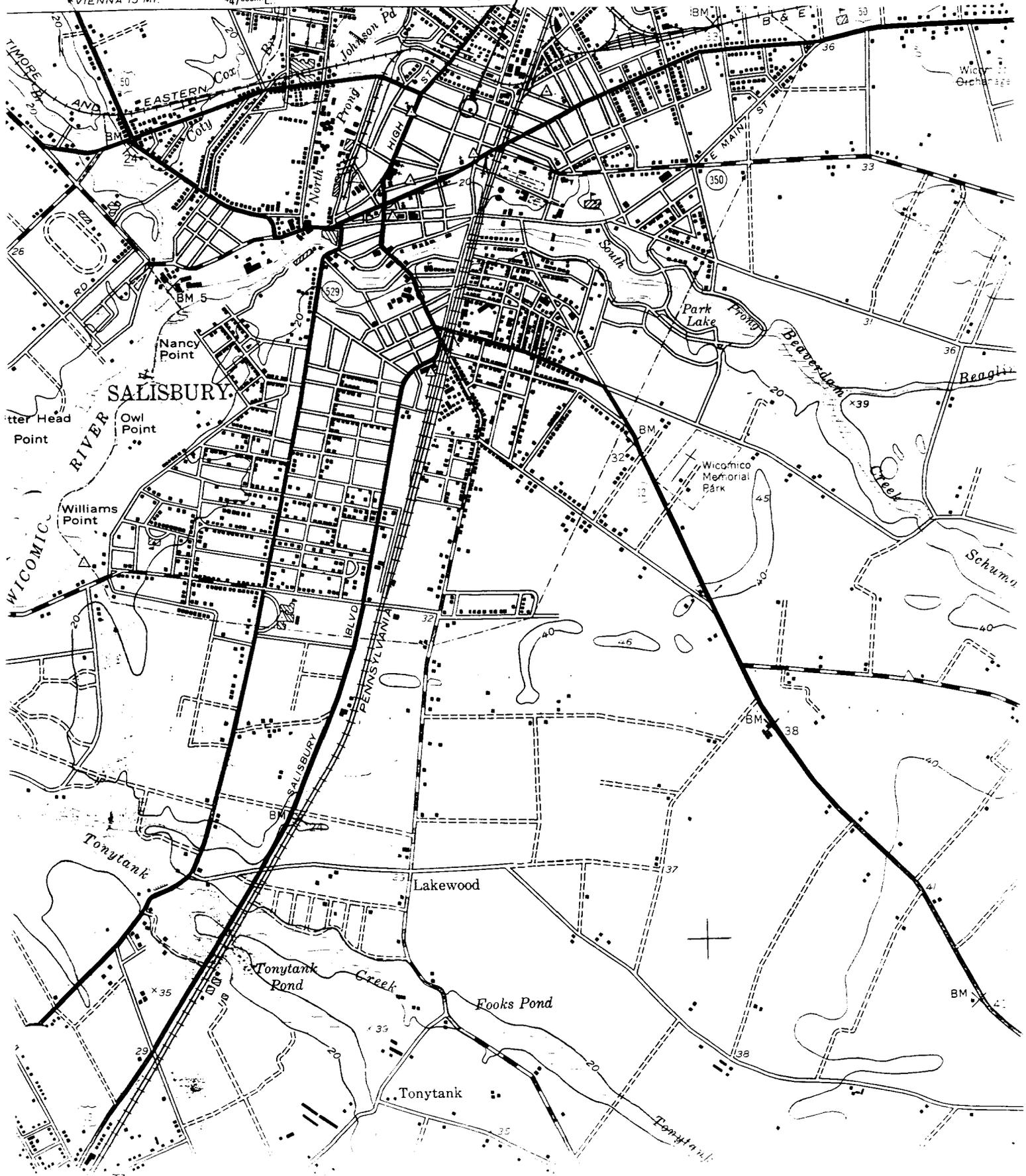
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Thomas H Tilghman House

Salisbury, Maryland Quadrangle
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DEPARTMENT OF THE INTERIOR
GEOLOGICAL SURVEY

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VIENNA 15 MI. 447000m E.





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