

WI-262
Greater Salisbury Building
Salisbury
Private

c. 1930 and earlier

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MARYLAND HISTORIC PRESERVATION PLAN INFORMATION

RESOURCE NAME: Eastern Shore Trust Company (Greater Salisbury Building)

MHT INVENTORY NUMBER: WI-262

MARYLAND COMPREHENSIVE PLAN DATA

1. Historic Period Theme(s): Architecture

2. Geographic Orientation: Eastern Shore

3. Chronological/Development Period(s):
Modern Period
1930
Industrial/Urban Dominance
1870-1929

4. Resource Type(s): Commercial Block
-Bank

Maryland Historical Trust State Historic Sites Inventory Form

MARYLAND INVENTORY OF
HISTORIC PROPERTIES

Survey No. WI-262

Magi No.

DOE yes no

1. Name (indicate preferred name)

historic Eastern Shore Trust Company, County Trust Company

and/or common Greater Salisbury Building

2. Location

street & number 200 West Main Street ___ not for publication

city, town ~~Maryland~~ Salisbury vicinity of congressional district First

state Wicomico county Maryland

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 checked="" 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 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 Richard A. Henson Charitable Foundation, Inc.

street & number 200 West Main 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 107, P. 1054
liber 1224

street & number Wicomico County Courthouse folio 464

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. WI-262

Condition		Check one	Check one	
<input type="checkbox"/> excellent	<input type="checkbox"/> deteriorated	<input type="checkbox"/> unaltered	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> original site	
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> good	<input type="checkbox"/> ruins	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> altered	<input type="checkbox"/> moved	date of move _____
<input type="checkbox"/> fair	<input type="checkbox"/> unexposed			

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

The old Eastern Shore Trust Company building, now known as the Greater Salisbury Building, stands at 200 West Main Street in the center of the business district of Salisbury, Wicomico County, Maryland. The two-story limestone, marble, and brick building faces north.

Built around 1930, this rectangular two-story, stone and brick was erected in an ashlar masonry tradition with a polished granite steps and watertable defining the foundation. Smooth limestone walls rise from the foundation in an Art Deco design with white-veined green marble framing a two-story entrance and window wall. The fully glazed entrance is framed by a tall series of windows fronted by a decorative metal framework designed in an upside-down arrow motif. The white-veined green marble surround frames the entrance and window wall. A molded backband trims the outside perimeter of the marble and cyma curve crown molding serves as a cornice.

The limestone walls that surround the marble project slightly to form flanking columns that rise to the parapet roof. Fixed in the top of each column are carved stone panels depicting the bow and stern section of a two-masted schooner. The bow section is on the left and the stern portion on the right. The bank name "County Trust Company" in Art Deco block letters in centered on the upper wall surface. Additional decoration includes a series of carved Art Deco stars across the top of the wall along with another decorative carved bank.

The building has a night depository on the east (left) side with a small rectangular window above. The building is flanked on the west side by an adjacent commercial block.

The interior has been remodeled to suit modern offices.

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 checked="" 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** Hastings & Parsons, Inc Builders

check: Applicable Criteria: A B C D
and/or

Applicable Exception: A B C D E F G

Level of Significance: national state local

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

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The building qualifies for listing in *Category A*, due to its well preserved condition and intact architectural features.

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(Eastern Shore Trust Company, Salisbury National Bank, Maryland National Bank)
200 West Main Street
Salisbury, Wicomico County, Maryland

Map 107, Parcel 1054

1224/464 Maryland National Bank

to

7/16/1990 The Richard A. Henson Charitable Foundation, Inc.

Southerly side of West Main Street and adjoining on the
East the property now or formerly owned by L. W. Gunby
Company, adjoining on the West the land now or formerly
owned by Arcade Theater

IDT 166/304 Salisbury National Bank

to

12/31/1930 The Eastern Shore Trust Company
now by various mergers being the Maryland National Bank

SPT 7/111 E. Jackson and Nannie R. Jackson

to

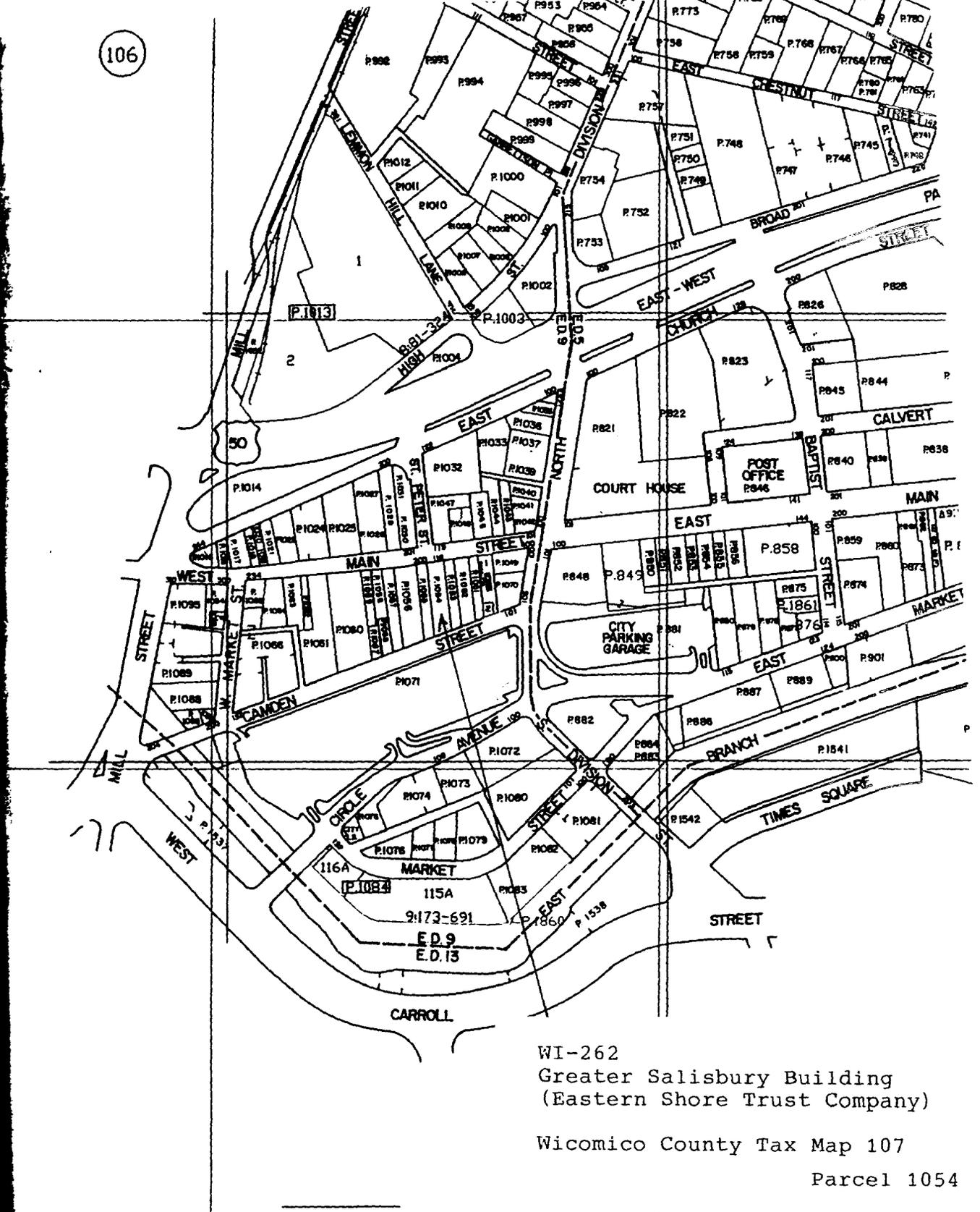
1/12/1885 Salisbury National Bank

\$2,100 Beginning at a point on the south side of said street o
foot west from the North East corner of the lot
formerly belonging to Dr. William H. Rider,
deceased , and which was conveyed to the said Elihu
E. Jackson by deed from Granville B. Rider, one of
the executors of said deceased, and from said front
running westward by and with the south side of said
Street 21' or so as to include the entire foundation
of the building of the Bank aforesaid and to the
outside thereof...

SIGNIFICANCE, 8.1
Greater Salisbury Building, WI-262
Salisbury, Wicomico County, Maryland

Footnotes

- 1 Wicomico County Land Record, SPT 7/111, Wicomico County Courthouse.
- 2 Sanborn Insurance Map Company, (1888) Salisbury, (Maryland State Archives).
- 3 Wicomico County Land Record, IDT 166/304, December 31, 1930, Wicomico County Courthouse.
- 4 Wicomico County Land Record, 1224/464, July 16, 1990, Wicomico County Courthouse.

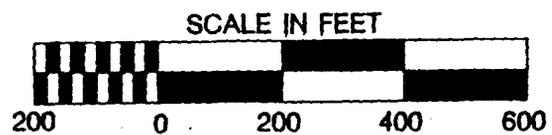


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 (Eastern Shore Trust Company)

Wicomico County Tax Map 107

Parcel 1054

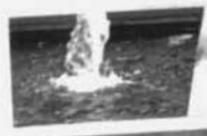
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TRUST COMPANY

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100 WALL STREET
NEW YORK, N. Y.

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COUNTY
TRUST COMPANY



W1-612

Canada, MISSISSAUGA BUILDERS

(Canada, Trust Company)

MISSISSAUGA, MISSISSAUGA COUNTY, ONTARIO

MISSISSAUGA, ONTARIO

4/19, Paul Toussaint, PROTESTANT

WEEK / 1912 / 1912 / 1912