

WI-360
Montgomery-Dryden-Webb House
Salisbury
Private

c. 1900

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MARYLAND HISTORIC PRESERVATION PLAN INFORMATION

RESOURCE NAME: Montgomery-Dryden-Webb House

MHT INVENTORY NUMBER: WI-360

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

Maryland Historical Trust State Historic Sites Inventory Form

MARYLAND INVENTORY OF
HISTORIC PROPERTIES

Survey No. WI-360

Magi No.

DOE yes no

1. Name (indicate preferred name)

historic Montgomery-Dryden-Webb House

and/or common

2. Location

street & number 509 North Division Street not for publication

city, 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 David W. Elzey

street & number 509 Division Street telephone no.:

city, town Salisbury state and zip code Maryland

5. Location of Legal Description

courthouse, registry of deeds, etc. Wicomico County Clerk of Court Map 104, P. 553
fiber 265

street & number Wicomico County Clerk of Court folio 553

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-360

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|--|---------------------------------------|---|---|--------------------|
| 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.

Historically identified as the Montgomery-Dryden-Webb house, this story-and-a-half Shingle style dwelling stands at 509 North Division Street in the center of the Newtown Historic District in Salisbury, Wicomico County, Maryland. The three-bay frame structure faces west with the gable roof oriented on a north/south axis.

Built around 1900, the story-and-a-half, center hall dwelling is supported by a brick foundation with an excavated cellar. The exterior is sheathed with a combination of fishscale shingles and plain weatherboards. The various roofs are covered with asphalt shingles.

The west (main) elevation is a symmetrical three-bay wall with a center entrance sheltered by a hip roof porch that intersects with a steeply pitched cross gable above. The long, sloping line of the cross gable interrupts the cornice of the main two-story house, thereby giving the structure a story-and-a-half appearance. The cross gable is pierced by a pointed arch opening that serves as a second floor balcony. The hip roofed porch is supported by a combination of paired Tuscan columns that mark the center bay and shingled posts to each side. The paired posts rise from a rectangular shingled base. Stretching between the posts is a square baluster handrail with an unusual circular wood design featured in each section of porch railing. The porch shelters a partially glazed front door and six-over-one sash windows to each side. The second floor balcony is set within a decorative Gothic arch of fishscale shingles. A low railing and platform are cut out of the porch roof. Access to the second floor porch is gained by a partially glazed door that is topped by a small hip roofed hood.

The north gable end of the house is highlighted by a single story bay window pierced by a tripartite set of nine-over-one sash windows. A six-over-one sash window lights the second floor, and a three-over-one sash window pierces the gable end. Small shed roofed hoods protect the second and third floor windows. The gable end is finished with a molded bargeboard.

The south gable end is partially covered by a single story hip roofed addition pierced by nine-over-one sash windows. Attached to the back of the main block is a two-story shed roof section. A single flue brick stove chimney pierces the roofline.

The interior was not seen.

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 |
| <input type="checkbox"/> 1500–1599 | <input type="checkbox"/> agriculture | <input type="checkbox"/> economics | <input type="checkbox"/> literature | <input type="checkbox"/> sculpture |
| <input type="checkbox"/> 1600–1699 | <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> architecture | <input type="checkbox"/> education | <input type="checkbox"/> military | <input type="checkbox"/> social/ |
| <input type="checkbox"/> 1700–1799 | <input type="checkbox"/> art | <input type="checkbox"/> engineering | <input type="checkbox"/> music | <input type="checkbox"/> humanitarian |
| <input type="checkbox"/> 1800–1899 | <input type="checkbox"/> commerce | <input type="checkbox"/> exploration/settlement | <input type="checkbox"/> philosophy | <input type="checkbox"/> theater |
| <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> 1900– | <input type="checkbox"/> communications | <input type="checkbox"/> industry | <input type="checkbox"/> politics/government | <input type="checkbox"/> transportation |
| | | <input type="checkbox"/> invention | | <input type="checkbox"/> other (specify) |

| 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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The Montgomery-Dryden-Webb house deserves listing in *Category A*, which identifies buildings that must be preserved due to their architectural and/or historic interest and integrity.

¹ Wicomico County Land Record, JTT 28/54, 7 May 1900.

² Wicomico County Land Record, EAT 79/467, 4 February 1913.

³ Wicomico County Land Record, JCK 130/286, 3 July 1923.

⁴ Wicomico County Land Record, 265/553, 31 January 1945.

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509 North Division Street
Salisbury, Wicomico County, Maryland
Chain of title
Map 104, Parcel 634

265/553 Isabel Spring Dryden
Francis H. Dryden

to

1/31/1945 T. Edward Webb

Lots No. 1 and 2 on a plat entitled Plat of Margaret L.
Montgomery's Lots, Salisbury, Maryland JCK 130/287

IDT 210/524 Laura L. Wailes, single

to

9/22/1938 Francis H. Dryden
Isabel S. Dryden

Item 3-bounded on the east by the property of Laura Ruark
Spring

Francis H. Dryden
Isabel S. Dryden

to

Laura L. Wailes

JCK 130/286 Margaret L. Montgomery, widow

to

7/3/1923 Isabel S. Dryden

Plat recorded with deed

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Chain of title continued

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EAT 79/467

Mary Montgomery

to

2/4/1913

Margaret L. Montgomery

JTT 28/54

Ellen L. C. Toadvine

to

5/7/1900

Mary Montgomery

\$700

JTT 9/338-39

Alexander G. Toadvine

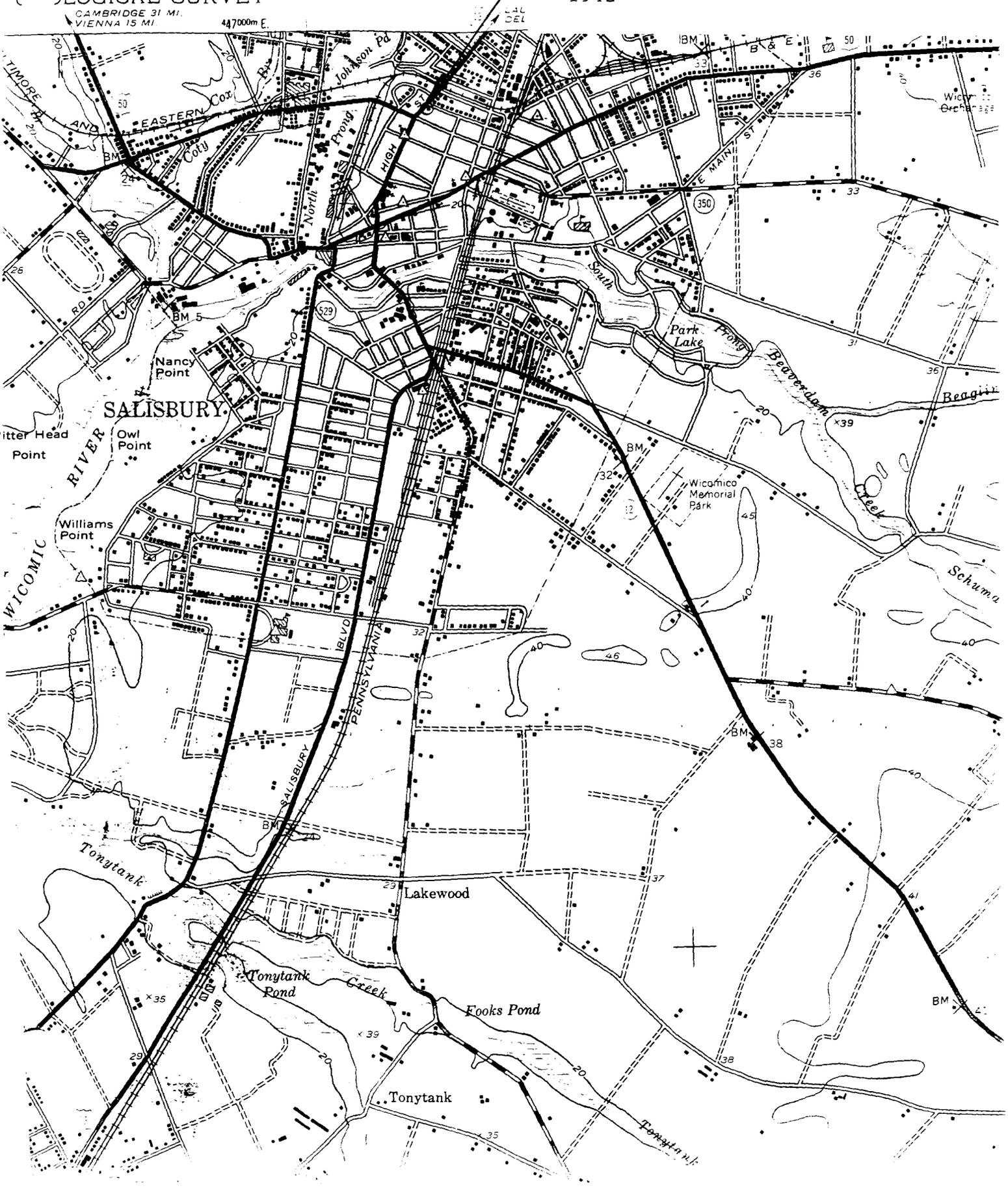
to

8/9/1892

Ellen L. C. Toadvine

UNITED STATES
DEPARTMENT OF THE INTERIOR
GEOLOGICAL SURVEY

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Montgomery-Dryden-Webb House
Salisbury, Maryland Quadrangle
1942



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VIENNA 15 MI.
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