

WI-416
Albert M. Windsor Store Building
Salisbury
Private

c. 1887

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MARYLAND HISTORIC PRESERVATION PLAN INFORMATION

RESOURCE NAME: Albert M. Windsor Store Building

MHT INVENTORY NUMBER: WI-416

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): Store

Survey No. WI-416

Magi No.

DOE ___yes ___no

MARYLAND INVENTORY OF HISTORIC PROPERTIES

Maryland Historical Trust State Historic Sites Inventory Form

1. Name (indicate preferred name)

historic Albert M. Windsor Store Building, H. H. Hitch & Bro. Grocery

and/or common Winder Store

2. Location

street & number 701-703 West Main Street ___ not for publication

city, town Salisbury ___ vicinity of congressional district First

state Maryland county Wicomico

3. Classification

Table with 4 columns: Category, Ownership, Status, Present Use. Includes options like district, building(s), structure, site, object, public, private, both, Public Acquisition, in process, being considered, not applicable, occupied, unoccupied, work in progress, Accessible, yes: restricted, yes: unrestricted, no, agriculture, commercial, educational, entertainment, government, industrial, military, museum, park, private residence, religious, scientific, transportation, other.

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

name Jesse O'Day Hughes, Jr.

street & number 715 Olivia Street telephone no.:

city, town Salisbury state and zip code MD 21801

5. Location of Legal Description

courthouse, registry of deeds, etc. Wicomico County Clerk of Court Map 106, P. 1383 liber 761

street & number Wicomico County Courthouse folio 401

city, town Salisbury state MD 21801

6. Representation in Existing Historical Surveys

title

date ___ federal ___ state ___ county ___ local

depository for survey records

city, town state

7. Description

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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.

The old Winder store building, identified historically as the Albert M. Windsor Store or H. H. Hitch & Bro. Store, currently operates as "Sandi's One Stop." The two-story commercial block is located on the northwest corner of the intersection of West Main Street and Delaware Avenue in the west side neighborhood of Salisbury, Wicomico County, Maryland. The two-story brick commercial block faces southeast.

Dating around 1887, the two-story squarish brick store building is laid in seven-course common bond, and it is currently painted a brownish red. The building is covered with a low pitched shed roof hidden behind a stepped brick parapet wall. Located on the southeast corner is the main entrance, where the corner of the brick structure is cut away like a chamfer. The front doorway is a replacement with a metal framework supporting the glass panels. Fixed above the entrance and stretching to each side is a bracketed Victorian cornice. The second floor face of the chamfered corner is pierced by a large two-over-two sash window distinguished by a raised brick segmental arch. The wall surface over the second floor window is executed in a field of patterned brick that corbells forward between the top of the second floor window and the parapet. A line of brick at the top of the field is set on a diagonal. To each side of the brick field and on line with the edges of the chamfer cut is a narrow line of corbelled brick.

The southwest side elevation facing West Main Street is marked by the Victorian bracketed cornice on the first floor and segmental arched window openings on the second floor. The field of decorative brickwork continues across the top of the wall.

The southeast side elevation oriented to Delaware Avenue is defined by an asymmetrical fenestration with double rowlock segmental arches spanning the window openings as well as a secondary door opening. A single flue brick stack pierces the edge of the parapet wall.

The northwest (rear) elevation is defined by a partially stuccoed surface pierced by a single, boarded over window opening on the first floor. The edge of the roof is open on this end to allow for water drainage off the shed roof.

The interior retains some of its turn of the century shelving and beaded board walls along the northwest side of the first floor retail space.

8. Significance

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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
<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
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<input type="checkbox"/> 1700-1799	<input type="checkbox"/> art	<input type="checkbox"/> engineering	<input type="checkbox"/> music	<input type="checkbox"/> humanitarian
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> 1800-1899	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> commerce	<input type="checkbox"/> exploration/settlement	<input type="checkbox"/> philosophy	<input type="checkbox"/> theater
<input 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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¹ Wicomico County Land Record, FMS 2/155, 3 February 1887.

² Wicomico County Land Records, JTT 27/217, 9 November 1899 and JWS 236/282, 18 November 1941, and JWTS 291/171.

³ *Wicomico News Historical and Industrial Edition*, August 1908.

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JWTS 291/171 Ernest B. Hitch, single

to

6/26/1947 Andrew L. Winder
Alice I. Winder
Lot No. 3

JWS 236/282 L. Atwood Bennett, trustee

to

11/18/1941 Ernest B. Hitch
\$2950.00

Decree of Circuit Court, 6/14/1941, Hester A. Hitch,
widow, et al. were complainants and Gertrude Hitch
Howard, et al. were defendants, being No. 6043 in
Chancery

Chancery Record
JWS 51/218-248

p. 232 all that lot, improved with a brick store building,
situated at the northwest corner of West Main
Street and Delaware Street, having a frontage
thereon of 32 ½ feet, including the side-walk
and extending back along Delaware Street a
distance of 73 feet, property worth \$2200.

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JTT 27/217

James E. Ellegood, trustee

to

11/9/1899

Hubert H. Hitch

Ernest B. Hitch

\$930

Decree of Circuit Court, 8/19/1899, Alice J. Windsor was complainant and Theodore Windsor and others were defendants, being No. 1249 in Chancery, being the same real estate of which the late Albert M. Windsor died siezed and possessed....Chancery Record EAT 14/461, 6/2/1899

Mortgage
FMS 2/155

E. Stanley Toadvin

from

2/3/1887

Albert M. Windsor

\$400

All that lot or parcel of ground with improvements thereon lying in that part of Salisbury....known as California, bounded on the south by Main Street Extended and on the east by Delaware Street....same being known as the Charles Davis property

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FMS 2/155

E. Stanley Toadvin
Esther P. Hammond
John T. Hammond

to

2/3/1887

Albert M. Windsor
\$600
All that house and lot known as the Charles Davis lot

Wicomico News Historical and Industrial Edition, August 1908.

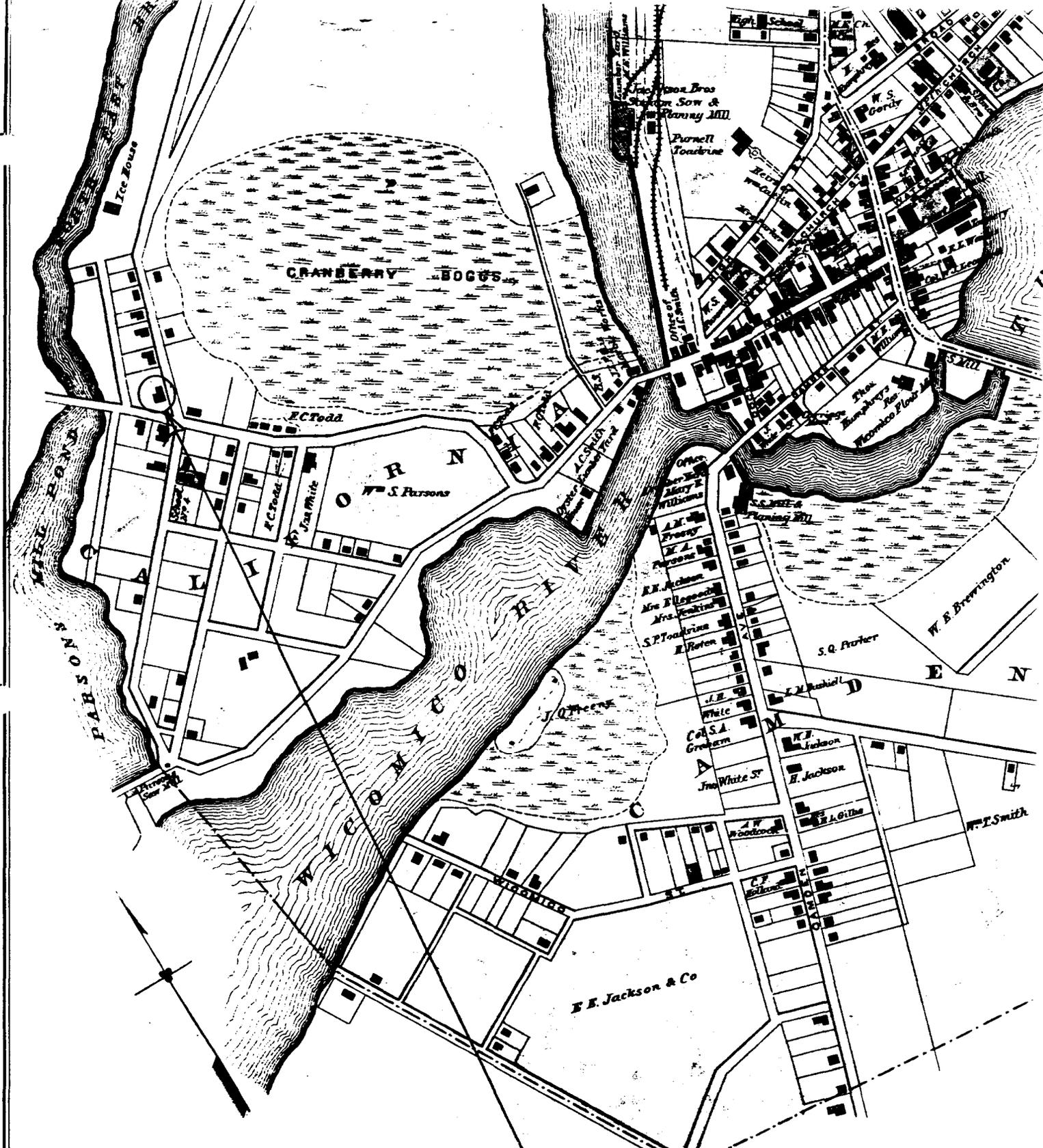
Herbert H. Hitch & Bro.

Popular Grocers

Modern grocery stores are among the most attractive establishments of the city and it is a delight to stroll through one that is tastefully arranged with a first class stock. The present methods of canning fruits, vegetables, and in fact, nearly everything, is a far cry from the old methods of keeping goods in bulk, to catch every particle of dust and disease germ that the winds blow, and it also lends itself splendidly to a tasty arrangement and display. There is no prettier sight than a handsome store of this character and that is pays can be seen in the results that are achieved for the modern sanitary store gets the best trade while the

...section and they have by strict attention to business and straightforward dealing built up a trade that is second to none. Mr. H. H. Hitch and his brother, E. B. are natives of Salisbury. Mr. Herbert is a member of the city council, in which body he has served for twenty years, which is longer than any other member has ever served, and he has made a most enviable record. Mr. E. B. Hitch is well known among the energetic business men of our city, and is a prominent member of the Red Men.

The firm is public spirited and progressive, and are ready to help along the cause for the welfare of old Salisbury.



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Lake, Griffing, and Stevenson Atlas
1877



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Account of the discovery of the

bones of the *Megatherium* in the

State of California

by Prof. Thomas W. Higginson

No. 1 of the *Transactions*

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MEMORANDUM FOR MR. STONE

SUBJECT: [Illegible]

1. [Illegible]

2. [Illegible]

3. [Illegible]

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