

WI-437  
William H. Price House  
Salisbury  
Private

c. 1850

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MARYLAND HISTORIC PRESERVATION PLAN INFORMATION

RESOURCE NAME: William H. Price House

MHT INVENTORY NUMBER: WI-437

MARYLAND COMPREHENSIVE PLAN DATA

1. Historic Period Theme(s): Architecture

2. Geographic Orientation: Eastern Shore

3. Chronological/Development Period(s): Agricultural-Industrial Transition  
1815-1870

4. Resource Type(s): Dwelling

MARYLAND INVENTORY OF  
HISTORIC PROPERTIES

Magi No.

DOE  yes  no

Maryland Historical Trust  
State Historic Sites Inventory Form

## 1. Name (indicate preferred name)

historic William H. Price House

and/or common

## 2. Location

street & number 142 Second Street  not for publication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	<b>Public Acquisition</b>	<b>Accessible</b>	<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 Robert J. and Laverne K. Briddell

street & number 1107 Middleneck Road 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. 1215  
liber 1031

street & number Wicomico County Courthouse folio 547

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

Survey No. WI-437

<b>Condition</b>		<b>Check one</b>	<b>Check one</b>	
<input type="checkbox"/> excellent	<input type="checkbox"/> deteriorated	<input type="checkbox"/> unaltered	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> original site	
<input type="checkbox"/> good	<input type="checkbox"/> ruins	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> altered	<input type="checkbox"/> moved	date of move _____
<input checked="" 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 William H. Price house is located at 142 Second Street in the west side neighborhood of Salisbury, Wicomico County, Maryland. The two-story, three-bay frame house faces southeast with the gable roof oriented on a northeast/southwest axis.

Dating around 1850-60, the two-story, three-bay frame main block was built in two distinct stages with a seam in the cornice and an uneven roof that suggests that the northern two bays predate the southern bay by a few years. Supported on a low brick pier foundation, the exterior is clad with vinyl siding, and the medium pitched gabled roof is covered with asphalt shingles. Attached to the back of the main block is a kitchen wing.

The southeast (main) elevation is a slightly uneven three-bay facade with a center entrance and flanking six-over-six sash windows. The front door is a replacement. The first floor is sheltered by a single story shed roof porch supported by Tuscan columns. The second floor is lighted by three replacement windows. Defining the base of the gable roof is a boxed cornice trimmed with a Greek Revival stepped bed molding. Piercing the center of the house is a two flue brick chimney stack.

The gable ends are defined by a single replacement window on each floor, and the edge of the roof is finished with a flush gable end covered with a plain bargeboard.

The rear elevation is partially covered by a rear service addition.

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
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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 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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<sup>1</sup> Wicomico County Land Record, SPT 3/13, 18 May 1878.

<sup>2</sup> John L. Graham, ed. The 1877 Atlases and Other Early Maps of the Eastern Shore of Maryland, Wicomico County Bicentennial Committee, 1976, p. 19.

<sup>3</sup> Wicomico County Land Record, SPT 4/103, 3 February 1881.



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Chain of title

Map 106, Parcel 1215

1031/547                      Constance E. Green, Ella Purnell, Personal Rep.  
of the estate of Emma V. Russell

to

1/30/1985                      Robert J. Briddell  
Laverne K. Briddell

JWTS 680/329                      Margaret T. Walker, et al. Executrices under the will  
of Alice F. Smith

to

11/12/1968                      Emma Virginia Russell

EAT 70/38                      Daisey M. Bell

to

7/6/1910                      Alice F. Smith  
William M. Smith  
"California"

EAT 70/38                      William M. Smith

to

7/2/1910                      Daisey M. Bell  
"California"

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Chain of title continued

EAT 62/455                      Robert E. Ryall  
   Sarah B. Ryall

to

5/26/1910                      William M. Smith  
   \$700 "California"

EAT 43/396                      Daisey M. Bell and others

to

2/1/1905                      Robert E. Ryall

JTT 28/392                      James C. Johnson, Sheriff

to

1/14/1899                      Daisey M. Bell  
Decree of Circuit Court, 12/26/1896, In the case of  
Mary E. Marshall and Martha E. Marshall against E.  
Stanley Toadvin, Esther P. Hammond, John T.  
Hammond, Milton A. Parsons, and George W. Bell

...being the same property conveyed to Esther P.  
Hammond by E. Stanley Toadvine and formerly  
occupied by William H. Price....

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SPT 4/103                      E. Stanley Toadvine, trustee

to

2/3/1881                      Esther P. Hammond  
Josephine A. Rider  
Decree of Circuit Court  
...a house and lot...in that part known as "California"  
and now occupied by William H. Price

SPT 3/13                      E. Stanley Toadvine, trustee

to

5/18/1878                      Purnell Toadvine  
Equity Case, 4/3/1877, Purnell Toadvine vs. John D.  
Johnson et al.



UNITED STATES  
DEPARTMENT OF THE INTERIOR  
GEOLOGICAL SURVEY

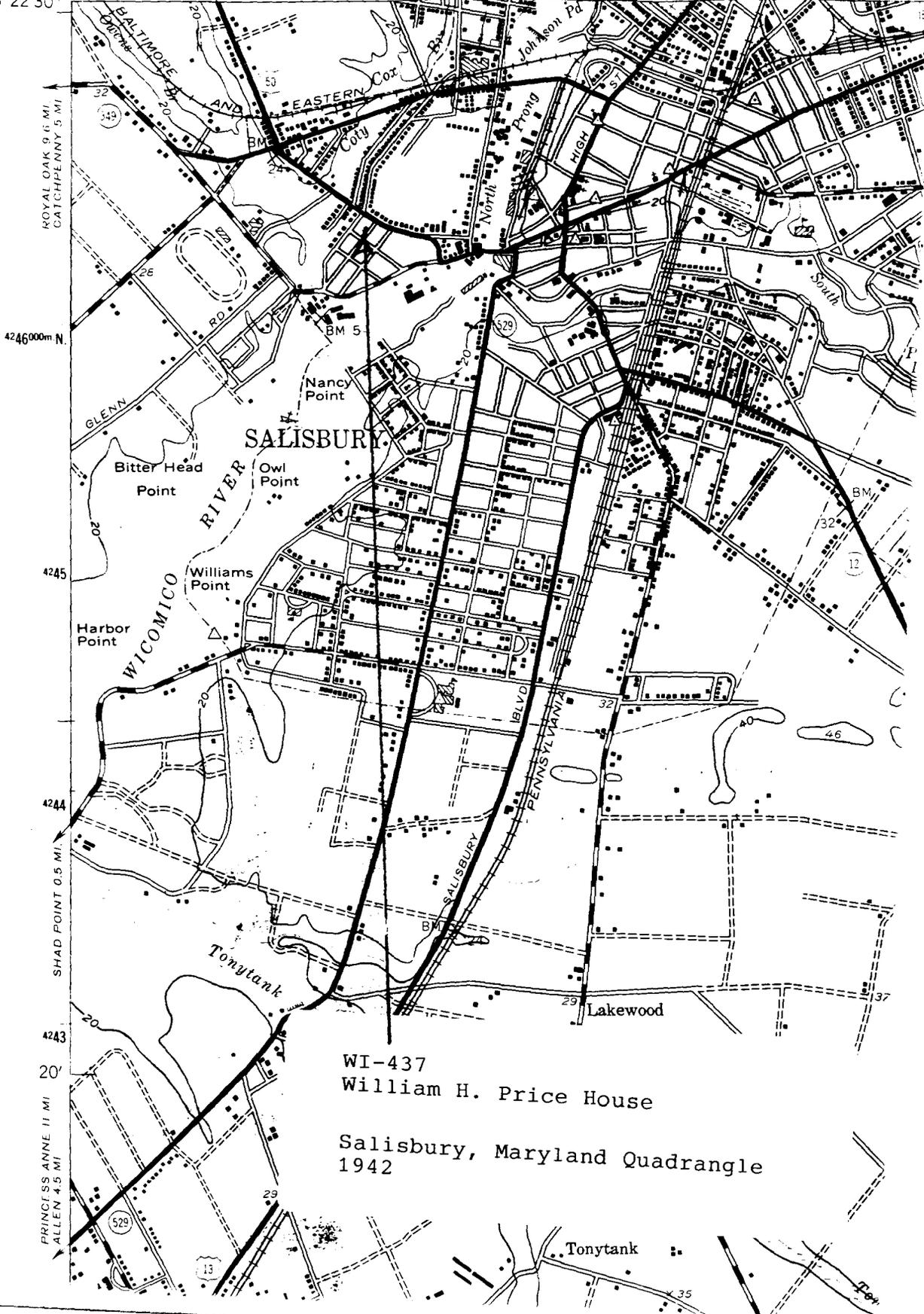
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(HEBRON)

75°37'30"  
38°22'30"

CAMBRIDGE 31 MI.  
VIENNA 15 MI.

447000m E

LAUREL 13 MI  
DELMAR 6 MI



4246000m N

4245

4244

4243

20'

PRINCESS ANNE 11 MI  
ALLEN 4.5 MI

WI-437  
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Salisbury, Maryland Quadrangle  
1942

Tonytank



PL. 437

WILLIAM D. PRICE

SALISBURY, WISCONSIN

SOUTHERN UNIVERSITY

5/99. Price was 100.00

100.00 / 100.00