

WI-439
Daisy M. Bell Tenant House
Salisbury
Private

c. 1900

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MARYLAND HISTORIC PRESERVATION PLAN INFORMATION

RESOURCE NAME: Daisy M. Bell Tenant House

MHT INVENTORY NUMBER: WI-439

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): Dwelling

Survey No. WI-439

MARYLAND INVENTORY OF
HISTORIC PROPERTIES

Magi No.

DOE ___yes ___no

Maryland Historical Trust
State Historic Sites Inventory Form

1. Name (indicate preferred name)

historic Daisy M. Bell Tenant House

and/or common

2. Location

street & number 138 Second Street ___ not for publication

city, town Salisbury ___ vicinity of congressional district First

state Maryland county Wicomico

3. Classification

Category	Ownership	Status	Present Use	
___ district	___ public	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> occupied	___ agriculture	___ museum
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> building(s)	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> private	___ unoccupied	___ commercial	___ park
___ structure	___ both	___ work in progress	___ educational	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> private residence
___ site	Public Acquisition	Accessible	___ entertainment	___ religious
___ object	___ in process	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> yes: restricted	___ government	___ scientific
	___ being considered	___ yes: unrestricted	___ industrial	___ transportation
	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> not applicable	___ no	___ military	___ other:

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

name Richard C. Insley, Jr.

street & number P. O. Box 1026 telephone no.:

city, town Salisbury state and zip code MD 21803

5. Location of Legal Description

courthouse, registry of deeds, etc. Wicomico County Clerk of Court Map 106, P. 431
liber 893

street & number Wicomico County Courthouse folio 431

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

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 Daisy M. Bell tenant house is located at 138 Second Street in the west side neighborhood of Salisbury, Wicomico County, Maryland. The two-and-a-half story, three-bay frame house faces southeast with the gable roof oriented on a northeast/southwest axis.

Built around 1900, the two-and-a-half story, three-bay frame dwelling is supported on an infilled brick pier foundation, and the exterior is clad with asbestos shingles. The steeply pitched cross-gable roof is covered with asphalt shingles. Attached to the back of the main block is a two-story, one-room plan kitchen wing.

The southeast (main) facade is a symmetrical three-bay elevation with a center entrance and flanking single-pane sash windows. The center entrance is filled with a replacement front door. Sheltering the first floor is a cross-gabled front porch supported by Tuscan columns. The second floor is lighted by three single-pane sash windows, and the cross gable is pierced by a small four-pane window. The edge of the roof is finished with an extended eave. Interior brick stove chimneys, finished with corbelled caps, flank the center hall.

The gable ends are essentially alike with single-pane sash windows lighting the first and second floors. Four-pane windows light the attic. The edge of the roof is defined by an extended eave with short returns at the base of the roof.

Attached to the back of the house is a two-story, one room plan kitchen wing that is extended on its south side by a shed roofed porch. Rising through the gable end is an interior end brick stove chimney finished with a corbelled cap.

The interior was not seen.

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 checked="" 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/humanitarian
<input type="checkbox"/> 1700-1799	<input type="checkbox"/> art	<input type="checkbox"/> engineering	<input type="checkbox"/> music	<input type="checkbox"/> theater
<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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¹ Wicomico County Land Record, JTT 28/89, 29 December 1899.

² Salisbury, Maryland City Directory, 1907, Family Tree Bookshop, 1998, p. 4.

³ Wicomico County Land Records, JWTS 400/6, 15 November 1955; JWTS 399/498, 15 July 1955.

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138 Second Street
Salisbury, Wicomico County, Maryland
Chain of title

Map 106, Parcel 1216

893/431 Kathryn E. Mitchell

to

2/1/1978 Richard C. Insley, Jr.
Conveyed unto Watson D. Mitchell and Robert W.
Mitchell by Item Second of the two following deeds:
1. from Larrie S. Jones, et al., 7/15/1955, JWTS 399/498
2. from Burnes P. Jones, widow, 11/15/1955, JWTS 400/6

the said Watson D. Mitchell having departed this life
intestate and the above described properties having
descended unto Robert W. Mitchell, his son and sole heir

JCK 103/432 Daisy M. Bell

to

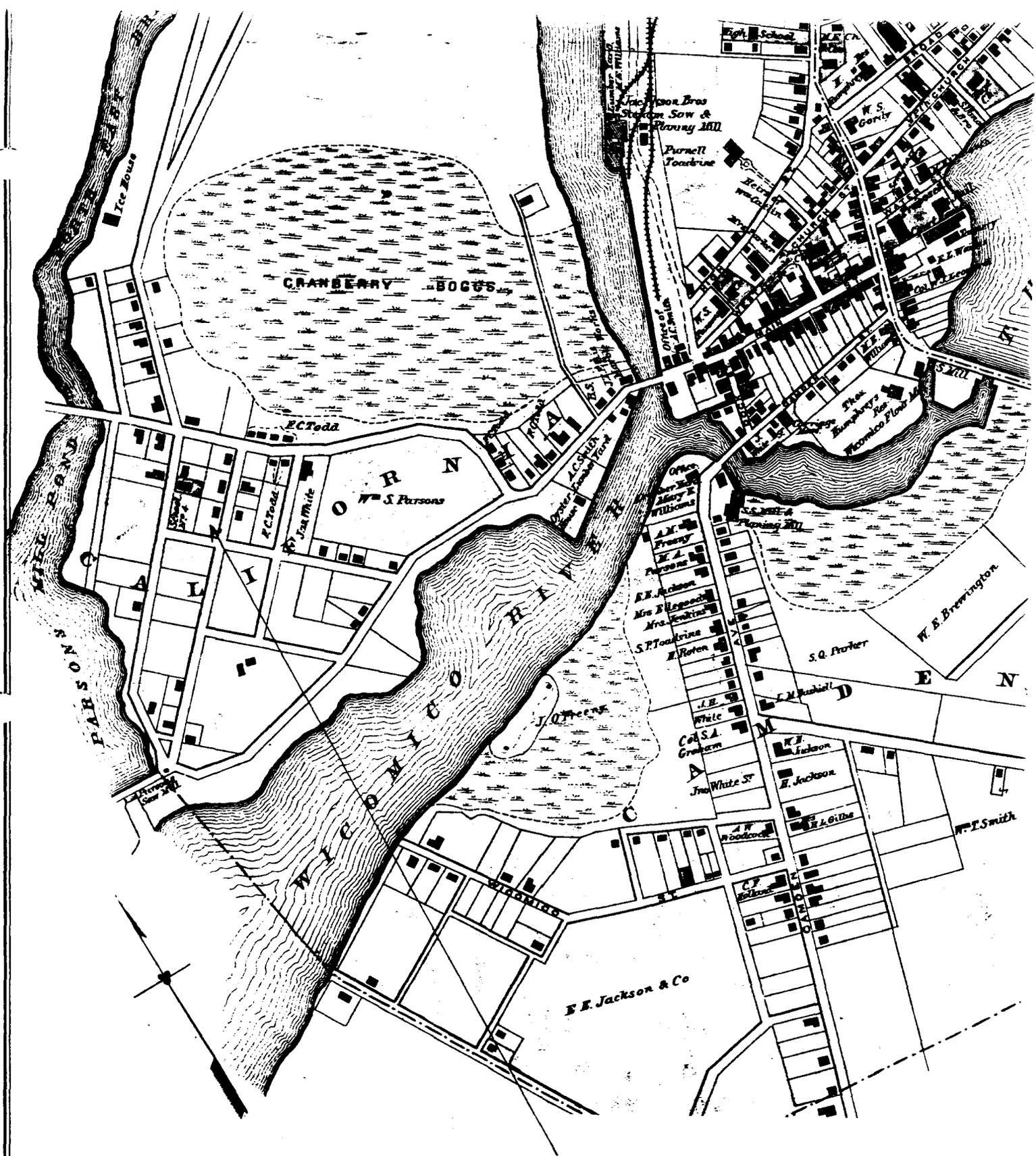
3/8/1917 Robert W. Jones

JTT 28/89 Sallie M. Jackson, City of Philadelphia

to

12/29/1899 Daisy M. Bell
\$6,000
many parcels of land including

...also all that vacant lot of land lying in that part of the said
town of Salisbury known as California, opposite of the lot
known as the Thomas B. Jones lot, and bounded on the north
by Third Street, on the South by Second Street, on the west by
Hill Street, and on the east by the lot of William Kelly...



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Salisbury, Maryland

Lake, Griffing, and Stevenson Atlas
1877.

UNITED STATES
DEPARTMENT OF THE INTERIOR
GEOLOGICAL SURVEY

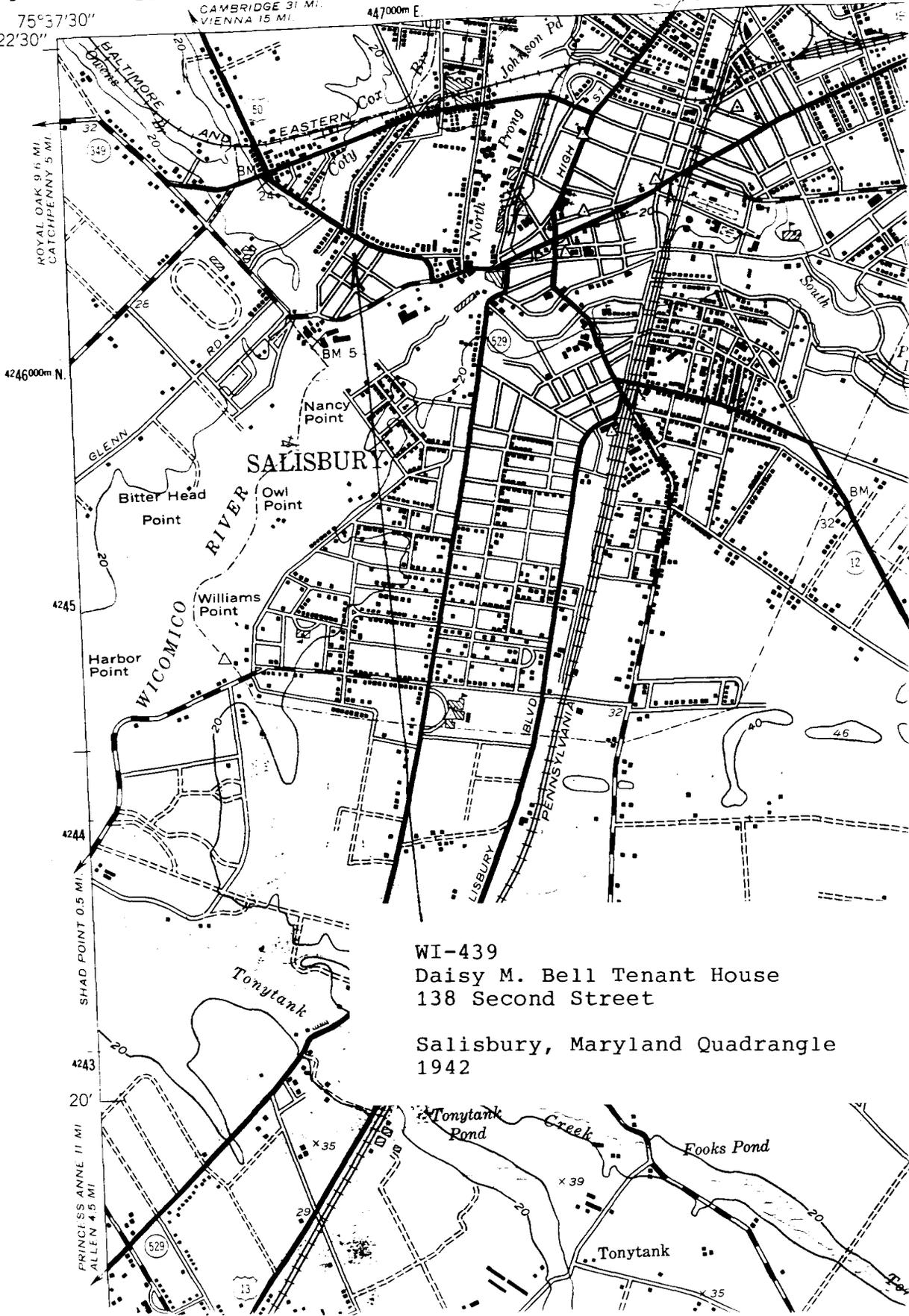
5860 L NW
(HEBRON)

75°37'30"
38°22'30"

CAMBRIDGE 31 MI.
VIENNA 15 MI.

447000m E

LAUREL 15 M
DELMAR 6 M



ROYAL OAK 9.4 MI
CATCHPENNY 5 MI

4246000m N

4245

4244

SHAD POINT 0.5 MI

4243

20'

PRINCESS ANNE 11 MI
ALLEN 4.5 MI

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Daisy M. Bell Tenant House
138 Second Street
Salisbury, Maryland Quadrangle
1942

Tonytank Pond
Creek
Fooks Pond
Tonytank



161-499

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SALISBURY, Wicomico Co., Md.

SOUTHEAST ELEVATION

9/99, John Turner PHOTOGRAPHIC

NEG / NO. Frederick T. US

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