

WI-440
Charles H. Chipman House
Salisbury
Private

c. 1894

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MARYLAND HISTORIC PRESERVATION PLAN INFORMATION

RESOURCE NAME: Charles H. Chipman House

MHT INVENTORY NUMBER: WI-440

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

Maryland Historical Trust State Historic Sites Inventory Form

1. Name (indicate preferred name)

historic

and/or common Charles H. Chipman House

2. Location

street & number 127 Second Street not for publication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	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 Jeanette P. Spencer

street & number 3602 Wabash Avenue telephone no.:

city, town Baltimore state and zip code MD 21115

5. Location of Legal Description

courthouse, registry of deeds, etc. Wicomico County Clerk of Court Map 106, P. 1245
liber 1155

street & number Wicomico County Courthouse folio 159

city, town Salisbury state ND 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-440

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 Charles H. Chipman house stands at 107 Second Street in the west side neighborhood of Salisbury, Wicomico County, Maryland. The two-story, three-bay frame dwelling faces northwest with the gable roof oriented on a northeast/southwest axis.

Built around 1890-1900, the two-story, three-bay, side hall/parlor house is supported on brick pier foundation, and the exterior is clad with novelty style aluminum siding. The gable roof is sheathed with asphalt shingles. Attached to the back of the main block is a two-story, two-bay dining room/kitchen wing, which extends farther back with a single-story gable roofed section. The house is located on a generous lot and is joined on the site by a single story gable roofed garage.

The northwest (main) elevation is a three-bay facade with a partially enclosed porch sheltering the first floor. The entrance bay, which is not enclosed, is defined by a replacement front door and a narrow two-light transom. The second floor is marked by a pair of two-over-two sash windows which are located in the center and southern bay. A third window, located over the entrance, is likely covered by the aluminum siding. The edge of the roof is trimmed with a slightly extended eave. Protruding through the roofline is an off-center, single-flue brick stove flue.

The south gable end is defined by a single two-over-two sash window on each floor, and the attic is lighted by a small sized two-over-two sash window.

Attached to the back of the house is a two-story, two-bay wing, which is extended on each side by additions. To the southwest is a combination two-story and single-story addition, and on the northeast side is a single-story flat-roofed wing. Rising through the center of the wing is a brick chimney. Extending farther south from the dining room/kitchen wing is a single-story frame wing served by a center brick chimney as well.

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 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 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: 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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¹ Wicomico County Land Record, JTT 12/1902, 26 January 1894.

² Wicomico County Land Records, JTT 33/466, 4 September 1902 and EAT 38/16, 2 April 1903.

³ Wicomico County Land Record, EAT 53/29, 7 December 1908.

⁴ Wicomico County Land Record,

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Charles H. Chipman House
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Chain of title

Map 106, Parcel 1245

1155/159 Hamilton P. Fox, Personal Representative of the
Estate of Jeannette P. Chipman

to

8/25/1988 Jeanette P. Spencer

IDT 204/249 L. Atwood Bennett, trustee

to

11/22/1937 Jeanette P. Chipman
§ 1325
Whereas by a Decree of Circuit Court, 7/22/1937, No.
5243 in Chancery

EAT 53/29 Paul E. Watson

to

12/7/1908 Leah A. Pinkett
Parcel 1 \$650 "California"

EAT 38/16 Paynter F. Elliott

to

4/2/1903 Paul E. Watson

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JTT 33/466 Cornelius F. Watson

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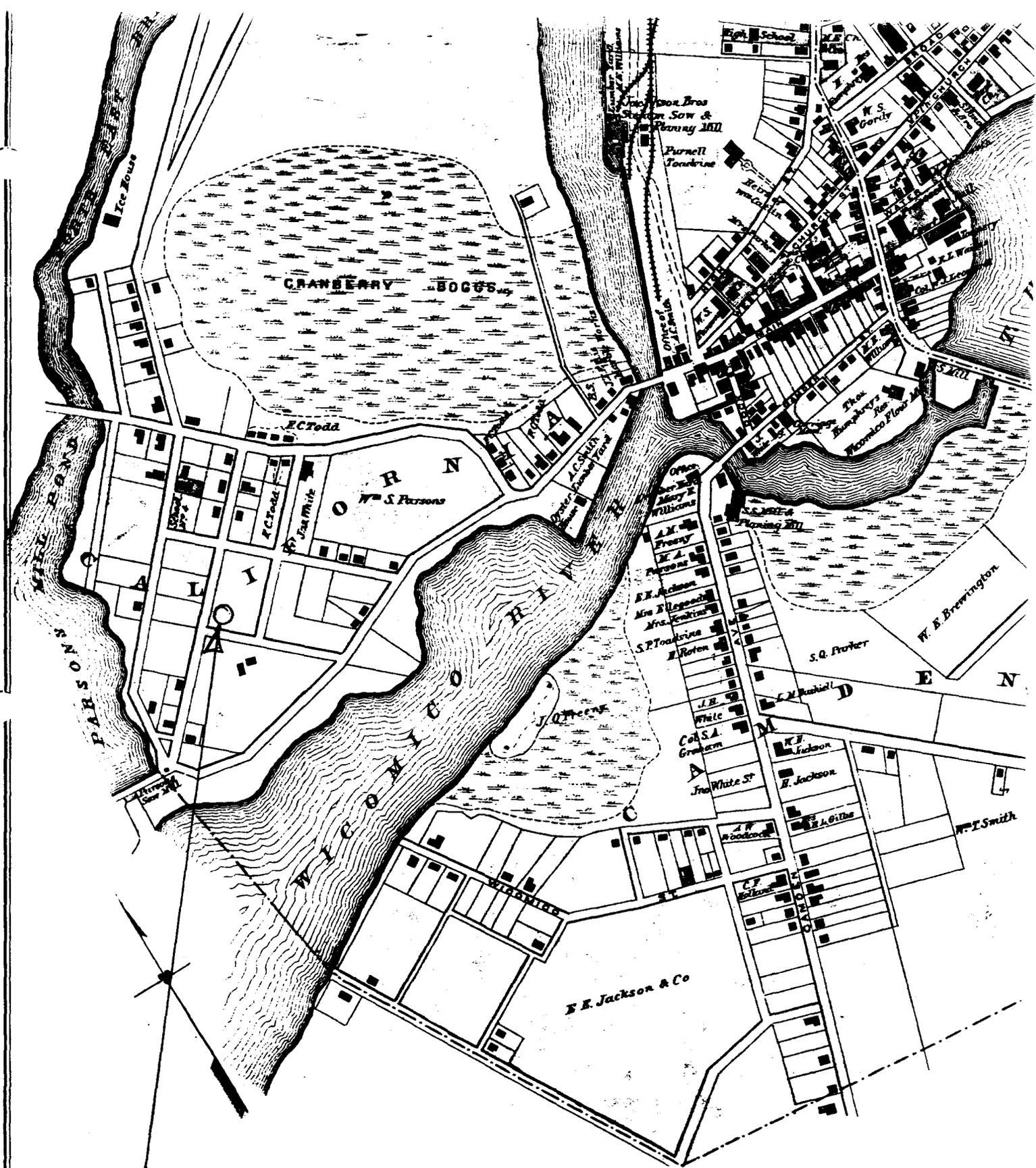
9/4/1902 Paynter F. Elliott

JTT 12/345 William S. Parsons

to

1/26/1894 Cornelius Francis Watson

\$100



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Lake, Griffing, and Stevenson Atlas
 1877



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