

WI-448
Hillman-Clark House
Salisbury
Private

c. 1902

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MARYLAND HISTORIC PRESERVATION PLAN INFORMATION

RESOURCE NAME: Hillman-Clark House

MHT INVENTORY NUMBER: WI-448

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 Hillman-Clark House

and/or common

2. Location

street & number 612 Hill Street not for publication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 Thomas L. and Alexine Cornish

street & number 612 Hill 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. 1267
liber 531

street & number Wicomico County Courthouse folio 43

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-448

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 Thomas Cornish house, historically identified as the Hillman-Clark house, is a two-and-a-half story, three-bay frame dwelling located at 612 Hill Street on the northwest corner of the intersection of Hill and First streets in the west side neighborhood of Salisbury, Wicomico County, Maryland. The center hall/single-pile frame house faces northeast with the gable roof oriented on a northwest/southeast axis.

Estimated to date around 1900, the two-and-a-half story, three-bay frame dwelling is supported on an infilled brick pier foundation, and the exterior is sheathed with vinyl siding. The steeply pitched cross-gable roof is covered with asphalt shingles. Attached to the back of the main block is a two-story kitchen wing.

The northeast (main) elevation is a three-bay facade the a single story cross-gabled front porch sheltering the first floor. The porch is enclosed with a bank of six-over-six sash windows. The second floor is lighted by three two-over-two sash windows. Fixed within the gable end is a louvered vent. The eaves to the roof are extended and the soffits are enclosed.

The northwest and southeast gable ends are essentially alike with single two-over-two sash windows lighting the first and second floors. The gable ends are pierced by small louvered vents.

The southeast (rear) wall of the main wall is partially covered by the two-story kitchen wing, which is extended farther south by a shed roofed addition.

The interior was not seen.

8. Significance

Survey No. WI-448

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"/> 1400–1499	<input type="checkbox"/> archeology-historic	<input type="checkbox"/> conservation	<input type="checkbox"/> law
<input type="checkbox"/> 1500–1599	<input type="checkbox"/> agriculture	<input type="checkbox"/> economics	<input type="checkbox"/> literature
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<input type="checkbox"/> 1800–1899	<input type="checkbox"/> commerce	<input type="checkbox"/> exploration/settlement	<input type="checkbox"/> philosophy
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> 1900–	<input type="checkbox"/> communications	<input type="checkbox"/> industry	<input type="checkbox"/> politics/government
		<input type="checkbox"/> invention	<input type="checkbox"/> religion
			<input type="checkbox"/> science
			<input type="checkbox"/> sculpture
			<input type="checkbox"/> social/humanitarian
			<input type="checkbox"/> theater
			<input type="checkbox"/> transportation
			<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 24/525, 27 June 1899.

² Wicomico County Land Record, JTT 32/296, 13 January 1902.

³ Wicomico County Land Record, EAT 39/439, 11 April 1904.

⁴ Wicomico County Land Record, 531/43, 27 December 1961.

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Hillman-Clark House
612 Hill Street
Salisbury, Wicomico County, Maryland
Chain of title

Map 106, Parcel 1267

531/43 Milton T. Clark

to

12/27/1961 Thomas L. Cornish
Alexine Cornish

Land hereby conveyed being all of Lot No. 7 and part of
Lot No. 1 as described on a plat made for Alice C. Catlin
by Peter S. Shockley JTT 24/526

Being part of the property which by deed dated 4/11/1904
and recorded EAT 39/349 was conveyed by Olivia
Hillman to Mary E. Hillman; the said Mary E. Hillman
having subsequently married with Theodore Clark, then
being known as Mary E. Clark. The said Mary E. Clark
died intestate 2/14/1947 leaving her husband Thomas T.
Clark and her son Milton T. Clark. The said Theodore T.
Clark died intestate on 9/13/1948 leaving his said son
Milton T. Clark

EAT 39/439 Olivia Hillman
Azariah Hillman

to

4/11/1904 Mary E. Hillman
Assuming to pay the mortgage to the Baltimore Building
& Loan Association, 4/28/1902, Plat surveyed by Peter
S. Shockley, JTT 24/526

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Chain of title continued

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JTT 32/296

Alice C. Catlin

to

1/13/1902

Olivia Hillman

\$275 "California" Being Lot No. 1 and No. 7

JTT 24/525

Baltimore Building and Loan Associaton

to

6/27/1899

Alice C. Catlin

\$275

Mortgage
JTT 22/290

Jay Williams, Assignee

to

6/28/1898

Baltimore Building and Loan Association

5860 1 NW
(FEBRON)

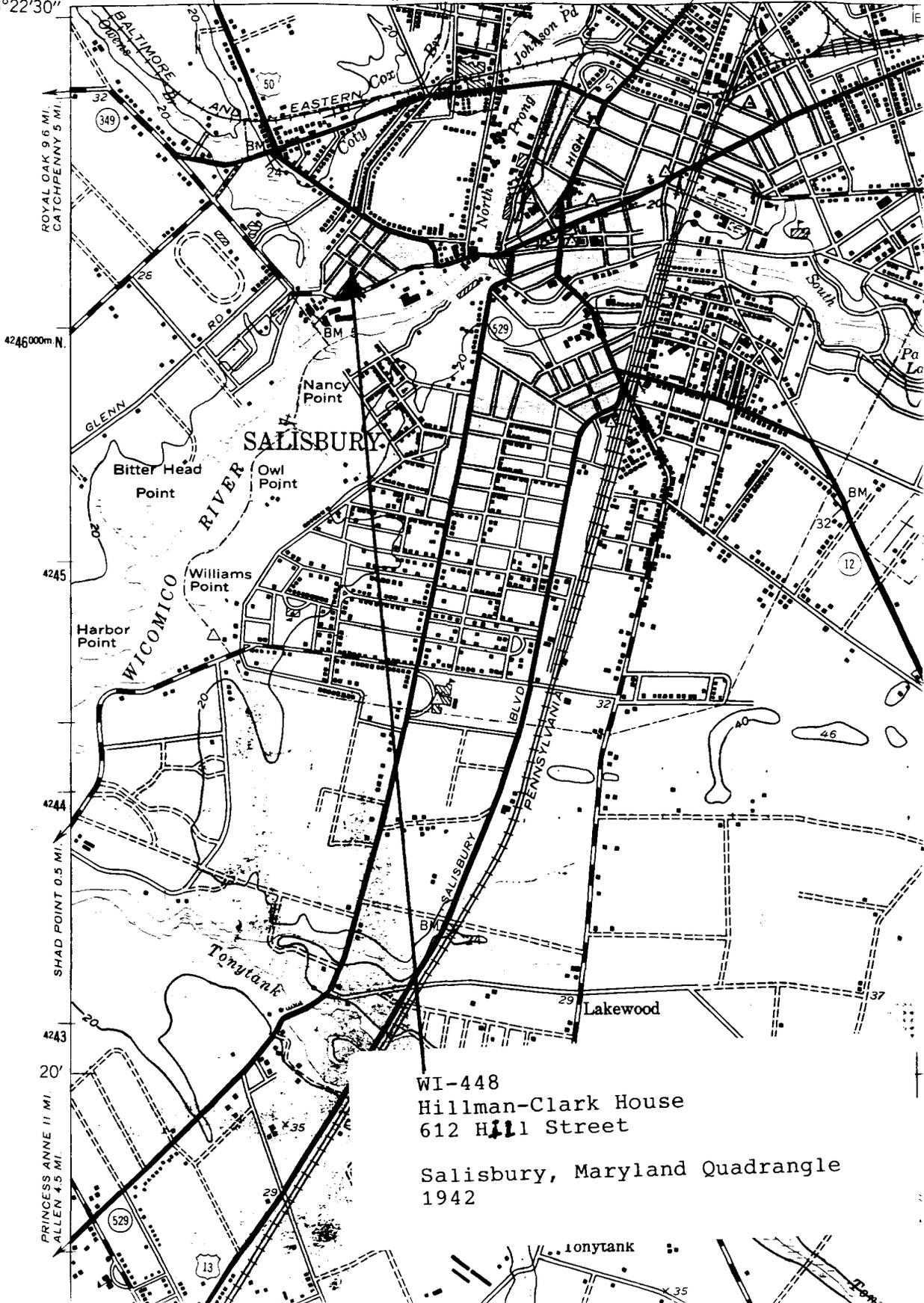
UNITED STATES
DEPARTMENT OF THE INTERIOR
GEOLOGICAL SURVEY

75°37'30"
38°22'30"

CAMBRIDGE 31 MI.
VIENNA 15 MI.

447000m E.

LAUREL 13 MI
DELMAR 6 MI



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Salisbury, Maryland Quadrangle
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Salisbury, Wicomico Co., Md.

Northwest elevation

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