

WI-450
Charles D. Williams House
Salisbury
Private

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MARYLAND HISTORIC PRESERVATION PLAN INFORMATION

RESOURCE NAME: Charles D. Williams House

MARYLAND HISTORICAL TRUST INVENTORY NUMBER: WI-450

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 INVENTORY OF
HISTORIC PROPERTIES

Survey No. WI-450

Magi No.

DOE yes no

**Maryland Historical Trust
State Historic Sites Inventory Form**

1. Name (indicate preferred name)

historic Charles D. Williams House

and/or common

2. Location

street & number 641 Fitzwater Street not for publication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 Negede and Alemenesh Gedamu

street & number 31756 Old Ocean City Road telephone no.:

city, town Salisbury state and zip code MD 21804

5. Location of Legal Description

courthouse, registry of deeds, etc. Wicomico County Clerk of Court Map 106, P. 1301
liber 1157

street & number Wicomico County Courthouse folio 462

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-450

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
<input type="checkbox"/> fair	<input type="checkbox"/> unexposed		date of move _____

Prepare both a summary paragraph and a general description of the resource and its various elements as it exists today.

Historically identified as the Charles D. Williams house, and commonly known as the Iowa Waters house, this two-and-a-half story frame dwelling stands on the southwest corner of Fitzwater and Pearl streets with an address of 641 Fitzwater Street, Salisbury, Wicomico County, Maryland. The house faces southeast with the gable roof oriented on a northeast/southwest axis.

Dating around 1908, the two-and-a-half story, three-bay, single-pile 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, one-room plan wing, which extends farther back with a single story section.

The southeast (main) facade is a symmetrical elevation with a center entrance and flanking window openings. The windows have been replaced, and the door is a replacement as well. The first floor openings are sheltered by a hip roofed, Tuscan columned porch. Replacement sash windows light the second floor. A single brick stove chimney protrudes through the roof, rising on the east side of the center hall. The edge of the gable roof has extended eaves with exposed rafter ends.

The northeast and southwest gable ends have single window openings on each floor, and the edge of the roof has an extended eave with an open soffit.

The northwest side of the main block is largely covered by a two-story, one-room plan rear wing, which is extended on the north side by a partially enclosed shed roofed porch. An interior end brick stove chimney, finished with a corbelled cap, rises through the gable end. Attached to the north gable end of the kitchen is a single story section lighted by four-over-four sash windows.

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
<input type="checkbox"/> 1500–1599	<input 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/
<input type="checkbox"/> 1700–1799	<input type="checkbox"/> art	<input type="checkbox"/> engineering	<input type="checkbox"/> music	<input type="checkbox"/> humanitarian
<input type="checkbox"/> 1800–1899	<input type="checkbox"/> commerce	<input type="checkbox"/> exploration/settlement	<input type="checkbox"/> philosophy	<input type="checkbox"/> theater
<input checked="" 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, EAT 56/439, 30 November 1907.
² Wicomico County Land Record, JWS 254/111, 10 June 1943.
³ Wicomico County Land Record, JWTS 488/393, 19 November 1959.

10. Geographical Data

Acreage of nominated property _____

Quadrangle name _____

Quadrangle scale _____

UTM References do NOT complete UTM references

A
 Zone Easting Northing

B
 Zone Easting Northing

C

D

E

F

G

H

Verbal boundary description and justification

List all states and counties for properties overlapping state or county boundaries

state	code	county	code
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state	code	county	code
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11. Form Prepared By

name/title	Paul B. Touart, Architectural Historian		
organization	Private Consultant	date	6/28/99
street & number	P O. Box 5	telephone	410-651-1094
city or town	Westover	state	Maryland 21871

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Charles D. Williams House
641 Fitzwater Street
Salisbury, Wicomico County, Maryland
Chain of title

Map 106, Parcel 1301

1157/462 Iowa Waters

to

9/13/1988 Negede Gedamu
Alemenesh Gedamu
Lot No. 1, Plat made by P. S. Shockley, S.W.C.,
10/23/1907, EAT 56/441

JWTS 488/393 Lee C. Collins, et ux.
Lola M. Collins

to

11/19/1959 Iowa Waters

JWS 254/111 Mary C. Jenkins
Virginia E. Long, Executrices of Charles D. Williams,
deceased, Will Book JAH 2/107

to

6/10/1943 Lee C. Collins
Lola M. Collins
\$2,400

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Chain of title continued

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EAT 56/439

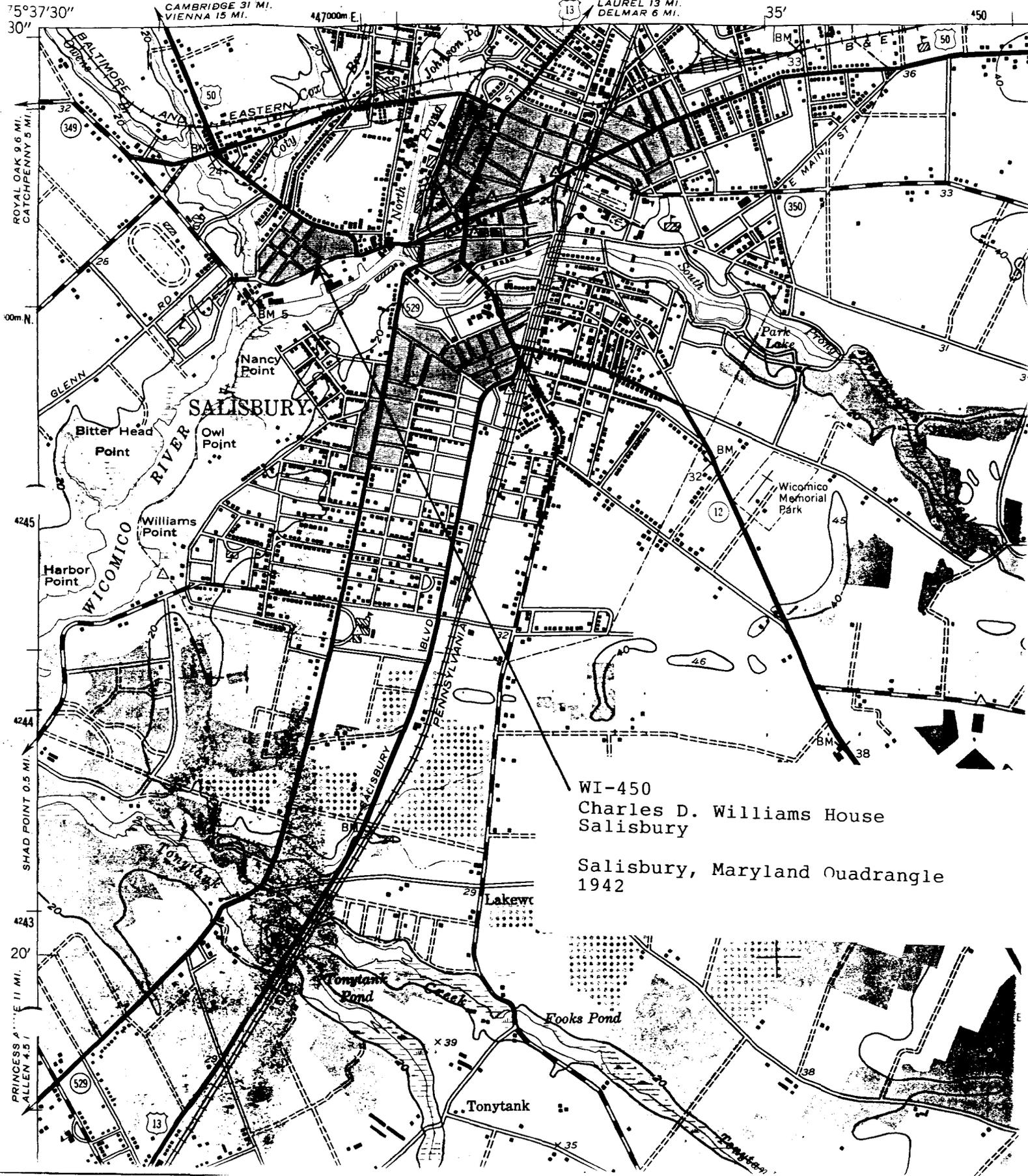
William B. Tilghman Company

to

11/30/1907

Charles D. Williams
\$225

UNITED STATES
DEPARTMENT OF THE INTERIOR
GEOLOGICAL SURVEY



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Charles D. Williams House
Salisbury
Salisbury, Maryland Quadrangle
1942





