

WI-451
Brick Row
Salisbury
Private

1911

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MARYLAND HISTORIC PRESERVATION PLAN INFORMATION

RESOURCE NAME: Brick Row

MARYLAND HISTORICAL TRUST INVENTORY NUMBER: WI-451

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):** Rowhouse block

Survey No. WI-451

MARYLAND INVENTORY OF
HISTORIC PROPERTIES

Magi No.

DOE ___yes ___no

Maryland Historical Trust
State Historic Sites Inventory Form

1. Name (indicate preferred name)

historic Brick Row

and/or common

2. Location

street & number 669-683 Fitzwater Street ___ not for publication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 Terry R. Sell, B. A. Investments

street & number P. O. Box 2142 telephone no.:

city, town Salisbury state and zip code Maryland 21801

5. Location of Legal Description

courthouse, registry of deeds, etc. Wicomico County Clerk of Court Map 106, P. 1284
liber 1002

street & number Wicomico County Courthouse folio 710

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		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 property known as "Brick Row" is located between 665 and 683 Fitzwater Street on the southwest intersection with Hill Street in the west side neighborhood of Salisbury, Wicomico County, Maryland. The two-story, nine-unit block faces southeast.

Built in 1911, the two-story, nine-unit block is anchored at its north end by a two-story, part stucco, part brick corner storefront. The storefront block, which has a corner entrance, is marked by a marble datestone inscribed, "J. W. Windsor & Co., 1911.) The other eight units are two-story, two-bay rowhouses built of stretcher and common bond brick walls. Each pair of units shares part of a two-story service wing. The rowhouse block is covered by a shed roof.

The southeast (main) pressed brick facade is laid in stretcher bond and each door and window opening is spanned by double rowlock arches. The windows and doors along the Fitzwater Street facade have been replaced. Sheltering the first floor on a few units at the south end is a shed roofed porch supported by square posts. The portion on the wall formerly covered by the porch roof is laid in an inferior method to that of the rest of the wall surface. The top of the front wall is accented with a metal cornice. Interior brick stove chimney rise through the midst of the building.

The back of the rowhouse block is dominated by the two-story service wing which are shared between paired units. The walls are pierced by segmental arched window opening filled with replacement sash. Attached to the north side of each service wing is a shed roofed frame addition.

The interiors of the rowhouse block were 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
<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 1911 **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 Salisbury Advertiser, 1 October 1911.

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665-683 Fitzwater Street
Salisbury, Wicomico County, Maryland
Chain of title

Map 106, Parcel 1284
Terry R. Sell, T/A B A Investments
P. O. Box 2142
Salisbury, Maryland 21801

1002/710 Ronald L. Abbott, B. A. Investments

to

11/16/1983 Terry R. Seil

AJS 956/16 Ronald L. Abbott

to

11/21/1980 B. A. Investments
Items 6, 7, and 8

AJS 850/110 Rosalind A. Burbage (the said Lewis A. Abbott
subsequently departed this life-Rosalind M. Abbott
married John H. Burbage)

to

1/16/1976 Ronald L. Abbott
Items One, Two and Three

JWTS 459/112 H. Louis Horner

to

8/1/1958 Rosalind M. Abbott

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JWTS 415/283 James M. Bennett
 Flora Price Anderson,
 Executors of L. Atwood Bennett

to

8/1/1956 H. Louis Horner

IDT 216/509 J. Asbury Holloway

to

5/5/1939 L. Atwood Bennett
 Alice C. Bennett

IDT 216/504 L. Atwood Bennett
 Alice C. Bennett

to

5/4/1939 J. Asbury Holloway

IDT 201/392 Stanley C. Robins, trustee (W. Samuel Hawkins, Florence
 Hawkins, Carrie H. Marvel, Marion Marvel, M. Slemons
 Hawkins, Goldie Hawkins, Idabelle H. Tubbs, and William
 Tubbs)

to

4/5/1937 L. Atwood Bennett
 \$1315

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JCK 134/285

George C. Bounds
Hilda H. Bounds

to

5/24/1924

Samuel Hawkins
Margaret Hawkins

JCK 124/451-53

Glen Perdue, et al. (Ella W. Perdue and
George C. Bounds)

to

12/31/1921

George C. Bounds

EAT 80/115

William C. Powell
John W Windsor

to

4/11/1912

Glen Perdue

EAT 71/398

Azariah Hillman
Olivia Hillman

to

2/3/1911

William C. Powell
\$750 Plat made by P. S. Shockley, 1/21/1911,
272' frontage on Fitzwater Street
117.80 frontage on Hill Street

S. R. DOUGLASS, ATTORNEY
ADMINISTRATOR'S SALE
OF VALUABLE
STOCKS
LOCAL FINANCIAL AND COMMERCIAL INSTITUTIONS.

order and by virtue of the authority vested in me by the Orphan's Court for Wicomico County, Maryland, the undersigned, Administrator of Charles F. Holland, late of Wicomico County, deceased, will sell public auction, at the Court House in Salisbury, Wicomico County, Maryland, on

Friday, Oct. 21st, 1911,

at 12 o'clock in the afternoon, following stocks in local financial and commercial institutions:

- shares of capital stock in the Wicomico National Bank.
- shares of capital stock in The Wicomico Building, Loan and Banking Association.
- shares of capital stock in the Wicomico Building and Loan Association, at Snow Hill.
- shares of capital stock in the Wicomico Building and Loan Association, at Salisbury.
- shares capital stock in the First National Bank of Snow Hill.
- shares of capital stock in the First National Bank, of Seaford.
- shares of capital stock in the Wicomico Bank of Nanticoke.
- shares of capital stock in The Wicomico Ice Company.
- shares capital stock in the Wicomico and Savings Bank of Berlin.
- shares of capital stock in the Wicomico Marine Construction Co.
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with grateful hearts to the world-famous Christian. He was for many years one of the heads of Wicomico Church, near which he resided. If ever a man was missed from his accustomed place, it will be that of the late Mr. W. H. Sterling.

It may be said he goes down in his prime, but it is not so. He was not only a man of great intellect but his words most respectful and his presence most dignified.

From the zenith of attainment and the top of action he passes to render his account to the Master whom he served. For several years he has been bowing under the weight of years and the weight of sorrow. He has been for weeks ago, and it is a sad thing to see an old man in such a condition. He is now, out without tears.

His journey ends in Wicomico County, Maryland.

And Heaven, the heart's true home, is reached at last.

And now when all is over, we hear a great voice falling from the sky and saying, "Blessed are they that mourn, for they shall be comforted." Your sorrow is over, and you will soon be happy.

Funeral services were conducted by Rev. G. F. Jones, D. D., assisted by Rev. George E. Sterling, his pastor. Interment was made in the adjoining cemetery.

Mr. Wimbrow is survived by a wife and six children.

G. F. Sterling.

Notice.

The special services at Grace Chapel closed Sunday, October 1st, with very happy results. Forty-four professed their faith in Christ. Nineteen were heads of families, of which seventeen united with the church. At the morning service fourteen Sunday School girls bowed at the altar and gave their names to the church, and were organized into a class called the "Little Believers."

feel. These are the treacherous winds that made the cross-country flight at an altitude of 7,000 feet.

Plumbing and Heating Contractors Hands Full.

Never before in the history of the plumbing and heating business in Salisbury have our contractors been so busy as now. Heating houses with hot water and steam is steadily on the increase in Salisbury and all the leading contractors, including Lewis Morgan, J. V. Conroy Company, and R. McKenney, are busy with contracts which will keep them busy until well into the winter. Among the contracts which Mr. Morgan has signed up are the following:

Plumbing, heating and heating for Mr. W. L. Rowington, 17th Street, Mrs. Peter's, North Division Street, nine houses for Wimbrow, Powell and Jordan in North town, Home of Mrs. W. L. Rowington on Isabella Street, The new home of Messrs. Humphrey Dykes, W. M. Johnson and W. E. Thompson on Washington Street. The new home of Messrs. Wm. E. Laws, Wm. H. Jones, Joseph E. Bailey and Wm. J. Holloway, on Camden Avenue. Home of Mr. Alonzo Williams in Rockawalking. The new homes of Mr. George Kennerly and Mr. John H. Tomlinson. Plumbing for the residence of Mr. John H. Farlow.

All three of the above mentioned firms have many out of town contracts and will be kept busy all the year.

Range Demonstration.

The ladies of Salisbury will be interested in the big range demonstration going on from October 2nd to 7th at the Farmers & Planters Co., of the well known Cole's Odorless Broiler for the Cole's Hot Blast Range. Both the range and broiler are being demonstrated and the ladies of the city are invited to go to the demonstration.

taken into custody. Williams and Schneider dashed out and McGuire was secured. The Mayor sent for District Attorney W. A. Valentine and his first assistant, W. J. Gillespie, and turned the case over to them.

A warrant was sworn out by Chief of Police Frank Kreig, charging McGuire with attempted bribery. He waived a hearing and gave bail for \$1,500 before Alderman John Masterson for trial.

An effort will be made to ascertain if any Councilmen were bribed to vote for the ordinance, who McGuire's principals are, and who put up the \$100 and where he got the \$25,000 in bonds.

ASSAULTED WITH AXES

Twenty Italian Nurserymen Attack Superintendent Hammond—Life Threatened.

Twenty Italians working in the nurseries of J. G. Harrison & Sons, at Ironshire, Md., on Saturday afternoon attacked Frank Hammond, one of the superintendents, striking him several blows on the head with grubbing axes.

Hammond succeeded in reaching his home in Berlin, several miles distant, where he is now in a critical condition. Several weeks ago the Italians threatened his life, but he paid no attention to the threat and continued to attend to his duties.

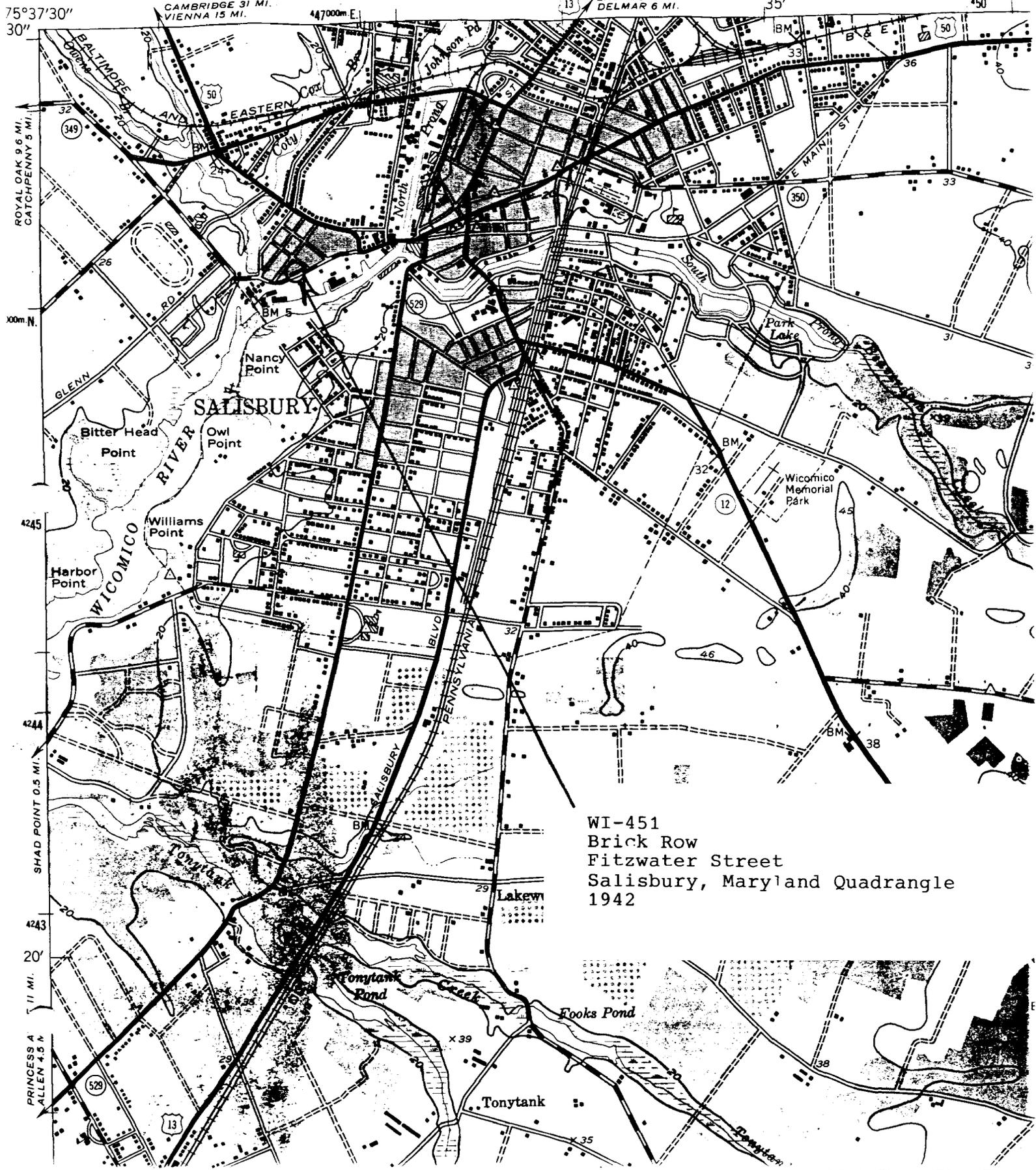
The attack was unexpected and the victim was taken unawares. Constable Jerry Campbell deputized a number of the young men of Berlin and with them went to Ironshire and arrested all the Italians in the camp. They are now in jail at Berlin.

Sixteen of the twenty Italians were held without bail to await the result of Hammond's injuries.

William Smack, who is alleged to have had bad feeling for Hammond, was also held. As it was shown at the trial that Smack and Tom Corneal, who had charge of the Italian camp, were displeased with Hammond be-

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UNITED STATES
DEPARTMENT OF THE INTERIOR
GEOLOGICAL SURVEY



75°37'30"
30"
ROYAL OAK 9.6 MI.
CATCHPENNY 5 MI.
47000m E.
4245
4244
4243
20'
PRINCESS A
7.1 MI.
ALLEN 4.5 MI.

CAMBRIDGE 31 MI.
VIENNA 15 MI.
LAUREL 13 MI.
DELMAR 6 MI.
35'
450

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Salisbury, Maryland Quadrangle
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