

WI-453
Hogarth-Lawrence House
Salisbury
Private

c. 1892 and later

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Construction of the initial frame dwelling is credited to Somerfield and Amanda Smith, who acquired thirteen and three-quarter acres in December 1891 from James and Lydia Cannon. Traditional mortise-and-tenon frame construction coupled with the turned baluster staircase point to the late nineteenth-century date, although the property had been improved since the 1870s, according to the Lake, Griffing, and Stevenson atlas. Under the ownership of Dr. William Rider, his farm, including around 100 acres, was improved by a half-dozen structures located on the north side

of Tony Tank between Camden Avenue and South Division Street. Somerfield and Amanda Smith held title to the thirteen-acre parcel and house until 1905 when the property was transferred to Charles and Charlotte Willett for \$1301.35. The grantees were required to assume a mortgage to the Wicomico Building and Loan Association. The Willetts maintained title to the property until the mid 1920s when it was sold to the Tony Tank Development Company. The house and reduced acreage passed through several hands during the late 1920s through the mid 1940s. Substantial alterations were not made to the dwelling until Charles M. Hogarth acquired the property in 1946. The Hogarths were responsible for the Colonial Revival alterations to the house, particularly the south end addition, bay windows, and the restyling of the living room. In 1982 the house and lot were purchased by Pelham B. and Virginia M. Lawrence, in whose hands additional changes have been made to sensitively enlarge and refine the hundred year-old Victorian/Colonial Revival residence.

MARYLAND HISTORIC PRESERVATION PLAN INFORMATION

RESOURCE NAME: Hogarth-Lawrence House

MARYLAND HISTORICAL TRUST INVENTORY NUMBER: WI-453

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 Somerfield Smith House

and/or common Hogarth-Lawrence House

2. Location

street & number 1515 Camden Avenue ___ not for publication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
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> building(s)	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> private	___ unoccupied	___ commercial
___ structure	___ both	___ work in progress	___ educational
___ site	Public Acquisition	Accessible	___ entertainment
___ object	___ in process	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> yes: restricted	___ government
	___ being considered	___ yes: unrestricted	___ industrial
	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> not applicable	___ no	___ military
			___ museum
			___ park
			<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> private residence
			___ religious
			___ scientific
			___ transportation
			___ other:

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

name Virginia M. Lawrence

street & number 1515 Camden Avenue 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 48, P. 141
liber 1203

street & number Wicomico County Courthouse folio 562

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-453

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 Somerfield Smith house, also known as the Hogarth-Lawrence house, stands at 1515 Camden Avenue in Salisbury, Wicomico County, Maryland. The two-story, three-bay center hall dwelling faces west with the gable roof oriented on a north/south axis.

The two-story, three-bay, center hall house has developed in several stages, beginning with a c. 1892 side hall/parlor plan structure of mortise-and-tenon frame construction. The initial house had a two-story, one-room plan service wing to the rear. During the mid to late twentieth century the house was expanded with a two-story addition to the south creating a center hall plan dwelling, and various additions have been attached to the rear wing in an effort to expand the size of the kitchen and increase the number of bedrooms. At the same time the house was restyled in Colonial Revival trim. The house rests on a part brick, part concrete block foundation which has been excavated to include a cellar under the rear wing. An application of aluminum siding sheaths the entire house, and the medium pitched gable roofs are covered with asphalt shingles.

The west (main) facade is a symmetrical three-bay elevation with a center entrance and flanking windows. The entrance has been recently redesigned with fluted Ionic pilasters and a segmental arched fanlight that frames a six-panel door. To each side are single-story bay windows trimmed with dentil molding around the cornice. The second story is defined by paired casement windows in the center bay, and six-over-six replacement sash to each side. The edge of the roof is finished with a boxed cornice. Rising off-center through the middle of the house is an internal brick chimney stack.

The gable ends of the main block are treated in similar ways. The north gable end is defined by pairs of six-over-six sash windows on each floor, whereas the south end has a bank of windows on the first floor and a pair of six-over-six sash windows on the second floor. The edge of the roof is finished with a slightly extended eave.

The original service wing has been enlarged in each direction by single-story and two-story additions.

The interior retains a small portion of its original woodwork, primarily a turned baluster staircase anchored by a turned newel post. The turned posts and balusters are fixed to a molded handrail. The living room on the south side of the house is trimmed in mid twentieth century Colonial Revival style with knotty pine paneling, exposed floor joists, and a neo-Federal mantel the frames the fireplace.

8. Significance

Survey No. WI-453

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 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

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¹ Wicomico County Land Record, FMS 8/91, 19 December 1891.

² John L. Graham, ed. *The 1877 Atlases and Other Early Maps of the Eastern Shore of Maryland*. Wicomico County Bicentennial Committee, p. 20.

³ Wicomico County Land Record, 47/185, 8 September 1905.

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⁴ Wicomico County Land Record, JTT 36/374, 16 November 1904.

⁵ Wicomico County Land Record, JCK 142/372, 16 February 1926.

⁶ Wicomico County Land Records, IDT 155/371, 3 May 1928; JWS 242/224, 8 August 1942.

⁷ Wicomico County Land Record, JWTS 276/118, 1 February 1946.

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Chain of title

Map 48, Parcel 141

1203/562

Pelham B. Lawrence

to

7/6/1989

Virginia M. Lawrence
Plat referenced under Tony Tank Development Co.
4/14/1928, IDT 155/1

972/665

Ann P. Hogarth

to

4/22/1982

Pelham B. Lawrence
Virginia M. Lawrence

AJS 894/388

Ann P. Hogarth

to

3/9/1978

Ann P. Hogarth
Patricia H. Bryan

JWTS 276/118

Upshur W. Morris
Mary Crew Morris

to

2/1/1946

Charles M. Hogarth
Parcel One

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JWS 242/224

The City Development Company, et al.
(and Howard B. Langrail)

to

8/8/1942

Upshur W. Morris
Mary Crew Morris
200' fronting on Camden Ave. Extended, Lots No. 13 and
14 and northerly two-thirds of Lot No. 15

IDT 184/274

Levin C. Bailey, Attorney

to

8/1/1934

The City Development Co. (successor to the Tony Tank
Development Co.)
First Item

IDT 176/460

P. Francis Livingston
Annie B. Livingston

to

10/23/1932

The Tony Tank Development Company

IDT 155/371

The Tony Tank Development Company

to

5/3/1928

P. Francis Livingston
Annie B. Livingston

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JCK 142/372 Hooper S. Miles, et al. (Francis W. Miles, S. Franklyn
Woodcock)

to

2/16/1926 The Tony Tank Development Company
Conditions-not to build any house or other building
closer to Camden Avenue than the present dwelling of
Clinton E. Quillen

-Not to sell any negro or to any descendant of any negro.

-Not to erect on the lot any dwelling worth less than
\$6,500

Clarence W. Whealton, President
The Tony Tank Development Company

JCK 142/240 Robert F. Duer
A. Louise Duer

to

2/15/1926 Hooper S. Miles
S. Franklyn Woodcock
13 acres

JCK 142/146 Charlotte H. Willett

to

1/16/1926 Robert F. Duer

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47/185 Amanda C. Smith

to

9/8/1905 Charles Edmund Willett
Charlotte Hance Willett of Baltimore City
\$1301.25 grantees pay to the Wicomico Building and
Loan Association of Salisbury in the sum of \$798.75
13 3/4 acres

Mortgage
JTT 36/374

Amanda C. Smith
Somerfield Smith

to

11/16/1904 Wicomico Building and Loan Association
\$900 13 3/4 acres

FMS 8/91 James Cannon
Lydia R. Cannon

to

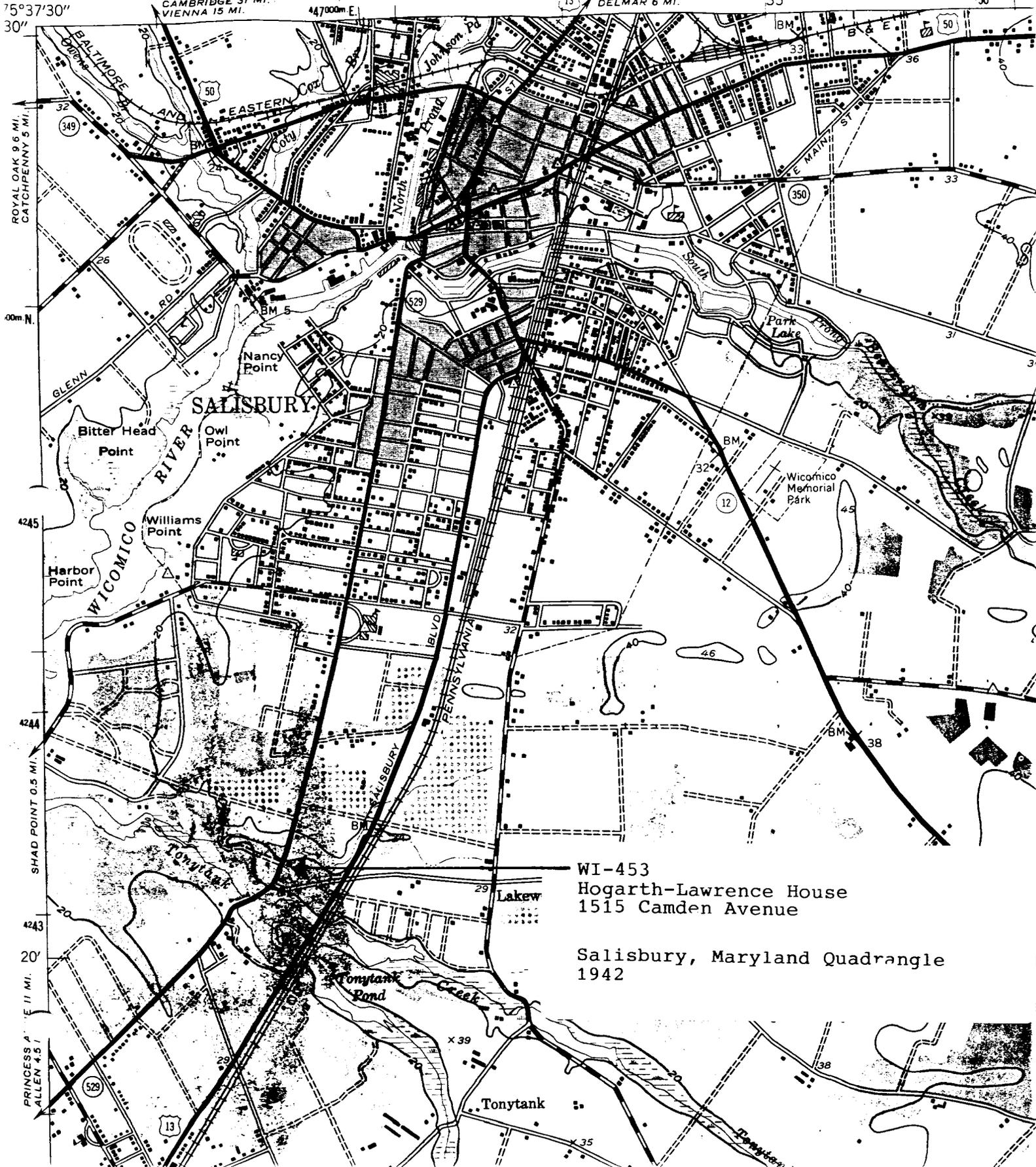
12/19/1891 Amanda C. Smith, wife of Somerfield Smith
13 3/4 acres

FMS 4/464 Margaret A. Rider

to

4/18/1889 James Cannon
100 acres \$900

UNITED STATES
DEPARTMENT OF THE INTERIOR
GEOLOGICAL SURVEY



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Salisbury, Maryland Quadrangle
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1951-52 - Road 17 - 1/2 mi

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