

WI-466
Beauchamp Gillis House
Salisbury
Private

c. 1860

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Maryland Historical Trust Maryland Inventory of Historic Properties Form

Inventory No. W I-466

1. Name of Property (indicate preferred name)

historic **Beauchamp Gillis House**

other

2. Location

street and number **511 Camden Avenue** not for publication

city, town **Salisbury** vicinity

county **Wicomico**

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

name **Frank N. and Susan C. Megaree**

street and number **511 Camden Avenue** telephone **410-749-5146**

city, town **Salisbury** state **MD** zip code **21801**

4. Location of Legal Description

courthouse, registry of deeds, etc. **Wicomico County Clerk of Court** tax map and parcel **Map 111, P. 196**

city, town **Salisbury, Maryland** liber **749** folio **570**

5. Primary Location of Additional Data

- Contributing Resource in National Register District
 Contributing Resource in Local Historic District
 Determined Eligible for the National Register/Maryland Register
 Determined Ineligible for the National Register/Maryland Register
 Recorded by HABS/HAER
 Historic Structure Report or Research Report at MHT
 Other:

6. Classification

Category	Ownership	Current Function	Resource Count	
			Contributing	Noncontributing
district	public	agriculture		
x building(s)	x private	commerce/trade	1	buildings
structure	both	defense		sites
site		x domestic		structures
object		education		objects
		funerary	1	Total
		government		
		health care		
		industry		
		landscape		
		recreation/culture		
		religion		
		social		
		transportation		
		work in progress		
		unknown		
		vacant/not in use		
		other:		
			Number of Contributing Resources previously listed in the Inventory	

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7. Description

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Condition

	excellent	deteriorated
x	good	ruins
	fair	altered

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

The Beauchamp Gillis house is located at 511 Camden Avenue in the Camden Historic District, Salisbury, Wicomico County, Maryland. The two-story, three-bay frame house faces west with the gable roof oriented on a north/south axis.

Built around 1860, the two-story, side hall/parlor main block is supported by an infilled brick pier foundation, and the exterior is clad with asbestos shingles. The medium pitched gable roof is covered with asphalt shingles. Attached to the back of the main block is a two-story dining room/kitchen wing. A summer kitchen, attached by a short colonnade, extends from the south side of the service wing.

The west (main) elevation of the front block is a three-bay facade with a side entrance and flanking six-over-six sash windows. The four-panel front door, flanked by fluted pilasters, is topped by a two-pane transom. The entrance is sheltered by a simple portico. The second floor is lighted by three six-over-six sash windows. The window above the entrance retains its narrow surround with a beaded inner edge, whereas the other window openings are framed by a plain surround. The base of the gable roof is finished with a boxed cornice trimmed with Greek Revival bed and crown moldings.

The south gable end of the main block is covered on the first floor by a single-story flat-roofed addition defined by a series of six-over-six sash windows. A single six-over-six sash window lights the second story, and a four-over-four sash window illuminates the attic. The gable end is flush and the edge of the roof is finished with a mid nineteenth-century bargeboard.

The north gable end is marked by pairs of six-over-six sash windows to each side of an interior end brick stack. Small two-over-two sash windows light the attic. The chimney stack is stuccoed. Greek Revival bargeboard moldings finish the gable end.

Attached to the main block is a two-story service wing, which is covered on the north side with a two-story shed-roofed addition. Rising through the gable end is an interior end brick stack. The single-story hyphen and summer kitchen extend to the south at a right angle to the service wing. The summer kitchen is sheathed with plain weatherboards and lighted by six-over-six sash windows.

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8. Significance

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Period	Areas of Significance	Check and justify below		
1600-1699	agriculture	economics	health/medicine	performing arts
1700-1799	archeology	education	industry	philosophy
X1800-1899	X architecture	engineering	invention	politics/government
1900-1999	art	entertainment/ recreation	landscape architecture	religion
2000-	commerce	ethnic heritage	law	science
	communications	exploration/ settlement	literature	social history
	community planning		maritime history	transportation
	conservation		military	other:

Significance dates

Architect

Specific dates

Builder

Evaluation for:

National Register

Maryland Register

not evaluated

Prepare a one-paragraph summary statement of significance addressing applicable criteria, followed by a narrative discussion of the history of the resource and its context. (For compliance reports, complete evaluation on a DOE Form – see manual.)

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¹ Wicomico County Land Record, TF, Jr. 2/122, 25 April 1870.

² Wicomico County Land Record, JCK 102/517, 22 September 1916.

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³ Wicomico County Census, 1870, transcribed by John C. Barnes.

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HISTORIC CONTEXT:

MARYLAND COMPREHENSIVE PRESERVATION PLAN DATA

Geographic Organization: Eastern Shore

Chronological/Developmental Period(s): Agricultural/Industrial Transition 1815-1870

Historic Period Theme(s): Architecture

Resource Type: Standing Structure

Category: Dwelling

Historic Environment: Residential Neighborhood

Historic Function(s) and Use(s): Domestic

Known Design Source:

9. Major Bibliographical References

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10. Geographical Data

Acreage of project area

Acreage surveyed

Quadrangle name

Salisbury, Maryland

Quadrangle scale 1:24,000

Verbal boundary description and justification

11. Form Prepared by

name/title Paul B. Touart, Architectural Historian

organization Private Consultant

street & number P. O. Box 5

city or town Westover, Maryland 21871

The Maryland Inventory of Historic Properties was officially created by an Act of the Maryland Legislature to be found in the Annotated Code of Maryland, Article 41, Section 181 KA, 1974 supplement.

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100 Community Place
Crownsville, MD 21032
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Chain of title

Map 111, Parcel 196

749/570 Deer's Head Realty Corporation

to

1/12/1972 Frank N. and Susan C. Megaree

being the same land that was conveyed unto Salisbury Realty, Inc. by deed from Salisbury Boulevard Realty, Inc., 3/16/1965 JWTS 611/566, the said Salisbury Realty, Inc. having since merged into Deer's Head Realty Corporation, JWTS 17/341

JWTS 611/566 Salisbury Boulevard Realty

to

3/16/1965 Salisbury Realty, Inc.

JWTS 479/150 County Trust Company

to

6/4/1959 Salisbury Boulevard Realty

JWTS 399/375 E. Dale Adkins, Jr.
Charles J. Potts, Assignees

to

12/1/1955 County Trust Company
Whereas at a public sale on 10/21/1955 by virtue of a mortgage from DuBose T. Dell and Annabel W. Dell to County Trust Company, 5/5/1953, JWTS 353/17

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JWS 254/295 Ray Broughton, widower

to

7/17/1943 DuBose T. Dell
Annabel W. Dell
Assumption of a mortgage, \$2,700

JWS 242/485 Lamar Corporation

to

9/29/1942 Ray Broughton

JWS 242/68 Abner H. Ferguson, as Federal Housing Administration

to

7/6/1942 Lamar Corporation

JWS 236/64 Salisbury National Bank

to

10/23/1941 Abner H. Ferguson

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JWS 234/352

Carroll E. Bounds, attorney and agent

to

7/8/1941

Salisbury National Bank
Whereas at a public sale, 5/31/1941, by Carroll E. Bounds,
by virtue of a certain mortgage from J. Gerald Hudson and
Martha R. Hudson to the Salisbury National Bank,
8/24/1940, JWS 224/453

JWS 224/452

Charles R. Powell
Anna R. Powell

to

8/24/1940

J. Gerald Hudson
Martha R. Hudson

JCK 142/520

Fred P. Adkins, et al.

to

4/1/1926

Charles R. Powell
Anna R. Powell
....and being the same land conveyed to the said Fred P.
Adkins, James H. Lamar, John E. Morris by Ella C. Williams
1/30/1926, JCK 142/197

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JCK 102/517

L. Beauregard Gillis, exec.

to

9/22/1916

Ella C. Williams

Whereas by the last will and testament of Martha A. Gillis
9/6/1904 with a 4/4/1913 codicil

“Camden” where Martha A. Gillis resided at the time of her
death

TF, Jr. 2/122

Purnell Toadvine

to

4/25/1870

Martha Ann Gillis, wife of Beauchamp Gillis

\$300 ...it being the same lot on which said Martha A. &
Beauchamp Gillis now reside.....

1870 Census for Wicomico County, transcribed by John C. Barnes

pp. 78-79. Beaucham L. Gillis, 45, Merchant
Martha Gillis 40, Keeping House
Allison Gillis (M) 20, Merchant
Laura Gillis 18
Annie Gillis 16
Edward Gillis 14
Beauregard Gillis, 12
Willie Gillis 6
Ellen Gillis 1

780 L NW
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DEPARTMENT OF THE INTERIOR
GEOLOGICAL SURVEY

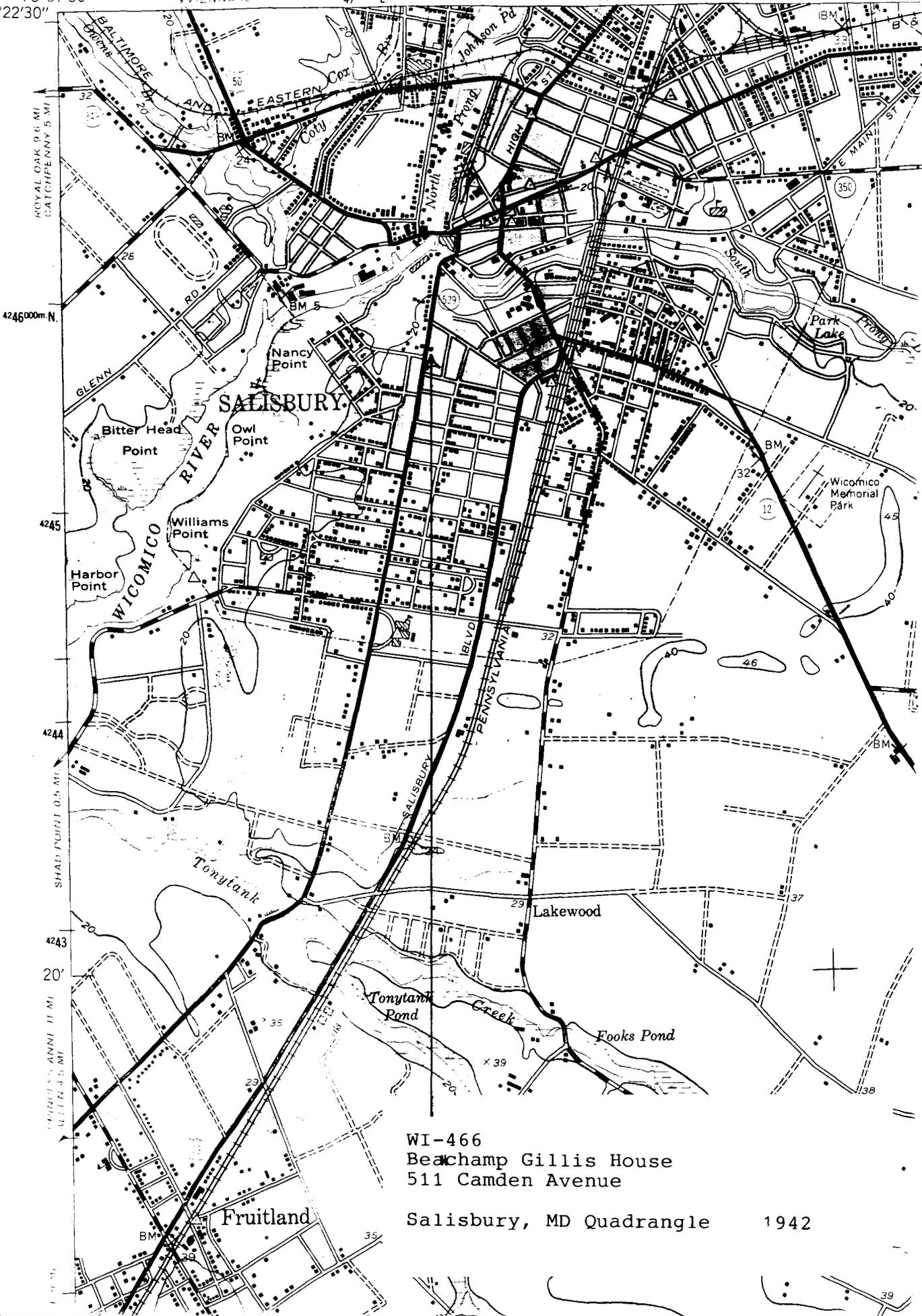
75°37'30"
38°22'30"

CAMBRIDGE 31 MI.
VIENNA 15 "

477000m E

LAUREL 13 MI
DELMAR 6 MI

35'



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Beachamp Gillis House
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Salisbury, MD Quadrangle 1942



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BEAUCHAMP'S Green House

SARASOTA, FLORIDA

PLANTING ELEVATION

3/2/20, PAID TO THE PLANTING

NO. 145000 IN THE

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