

WI-512
Abbott Duplex
Salisbury
Private

c. 1910

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Maryland Inventory of Historic Properties Form

Inventory No. W I-512

1. Name of Property (indicate preferred name)

historic Abbott Duplex

other _____

2. Location

street and number 314-316 Maryland Avenue not for publication

city, town Salisbury vicinity

county Wicomico

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

name M and L Rentals, LLP

street and number P. O. Box 11285 telephone

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. 296

city, town Salisbury, Maryland liber 1603 folio 63

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 | | |
| <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> building(s) | <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> private | commerce/trade | 1 | buildings |
| structure | both | defense | | sites |
| site | | <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> 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

Condition

| | | |
|----------|-----------|--------------|
| | excellent | deteriorated |
| <u>x</u> | 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 Abbott duplex is located at 314-316 Maryland Avenue in the Camden Historic District of Salisbury, Wicomico County, Maryland. The two-story, six-bay by two-bay brick duplex faces north.

Built around 1910-20, the two-story duplex has a pressed brick front and seven-course common bond side walls. The walls rise to parapets that disguise the low sloping shed roof.

The north (main) elevation is a symmetrical six-bay facade with a pair of centered doors and flanking single-pane sash windows. The door and window openings are spanned by double rowlock arches that project slightly from the wall surface. The partially glazed front doors are topped by two-light transoms. Sheltering the first floor is a hip roofed porch supported on tapered paneled posts set on brick plinths. A turned baluster railing stretches between the plinths. The second story is marked by a series of four single-pane sash windows topped by double rowlock arches. Stretching across the top of the wall surface is a metal cornice that incorporates a classical egg-and-dart molding.

The side elevations are pierced by pairs of single-pane sash windows on each story, and the openings are spanned by double rowlock arches. Rising through the wall are single flue brick stove chimneys.

The interiors were not seen.

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8. Significance

| Period | Areas of Significance | Check and justify below | | |
|---|--|------------------------------|------------------------|---------------------|
| 1600-1699 | agriculture | economics | health/medicine | performing arts |
| 1700-1799 | archeology | education | industry | philosophy |
| 1800-1899 | <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> architecture | engineering | invention | politics/government |
| <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> 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, JTT 29/209, 19 April 1901; Wicomico County Wills, MNN 1/515, proved 10 March 1934.

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² Wicomico County Will Book, JAH 2/251, 10 July 1943.

³ Wicomico County Land Record, JWTS 271/499, 13 September 1945.

9. Major Bibliographical References

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10. Geographical Data

Acreage of project area

Acreage surveyed 1/4 acre

Quadrangle name Salisbury, Maryland

Quadrangle scale 1:24,000

Verbal boundary description and justification

The historic boundary of this property is coincidental with the metes and bounds of the current lot.

11. Form Prepared by

name/title Paul B. Touart, Architectural Historian

organization Private Consultant

street & number P. O. Box 5

date 9/25/2000

city or town Westover, Maryland 21871

phone 410-651-1094

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.

The survey and inventory are being prepared for information and record purposes only and do not constitute any infringement of individual property rights.

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DHCD/DHCP
100 Community Place
Crownsville, MD 21032
410-514-7600

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Abbott Duplex
314-316 Maryland Avenue
Salisbury, Wicomico County, Maryland
Chain of title

Map 111, Parcel 296

1603/63 Terry R. Sell, Rainbow Partnership, LLP,
formerly RSWL Associates

to

4/10/1998 M and L Rentals, LLP
P. O. Box 1128
Salisbury, Maryland 21802

Item 10, Plat recorded, 11/14/1944, JWS 263/7

AJS 1085/599 Norris C. Howard

to

11/14/1986 RSWL Associates

AJS 961/31 Edna Ann Mackie Widener, formerly Edna Ann Mackie, et al.

to

6/30/1981 Norris C. Howard

JWTS 708/408 Edna M. Littleton, widow

to

5/15/1970 Edna Ann Mackie, et al.

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JWTS 271/499 Maude A. Culver and husband, L. Gordy Culver

to

9/13/1945 George W. Littleton and Edna M. Littleton

JWS 265/503 Caroline A. Abbott

to

1/24/1945 Maude A. Culver

JWS 265/337 Charles Winfield Abbott and Helen Turner Abbott

to

11/3/1944 Maude A. Culver
Undivided ½ interest

Will Book Last Will and Testament
JAH 2/251 Edith G. Abbott

to, brother and sister

7/10/1943 Thomas W. H. Abbott
Maude A. Culver
(said Thomas W. H. Abbott predeceased Edith G. Abbott)

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Will Book
MNN 1/515

Last Will and Testament
Merrill M. Abbott

to, wife

Written
10/13/1929
Proved
3/10/1934

Lillie Abbott and then to Edith G. Abbott

JTT 29/209

Charles G. Waters

to

4/19/1901

Merrill M. Abbott
\$1,500

JTT 28/150

Granville R. Rider and M. Augusta Rider

to

6/22/1900

Charles G. Waters
\$525

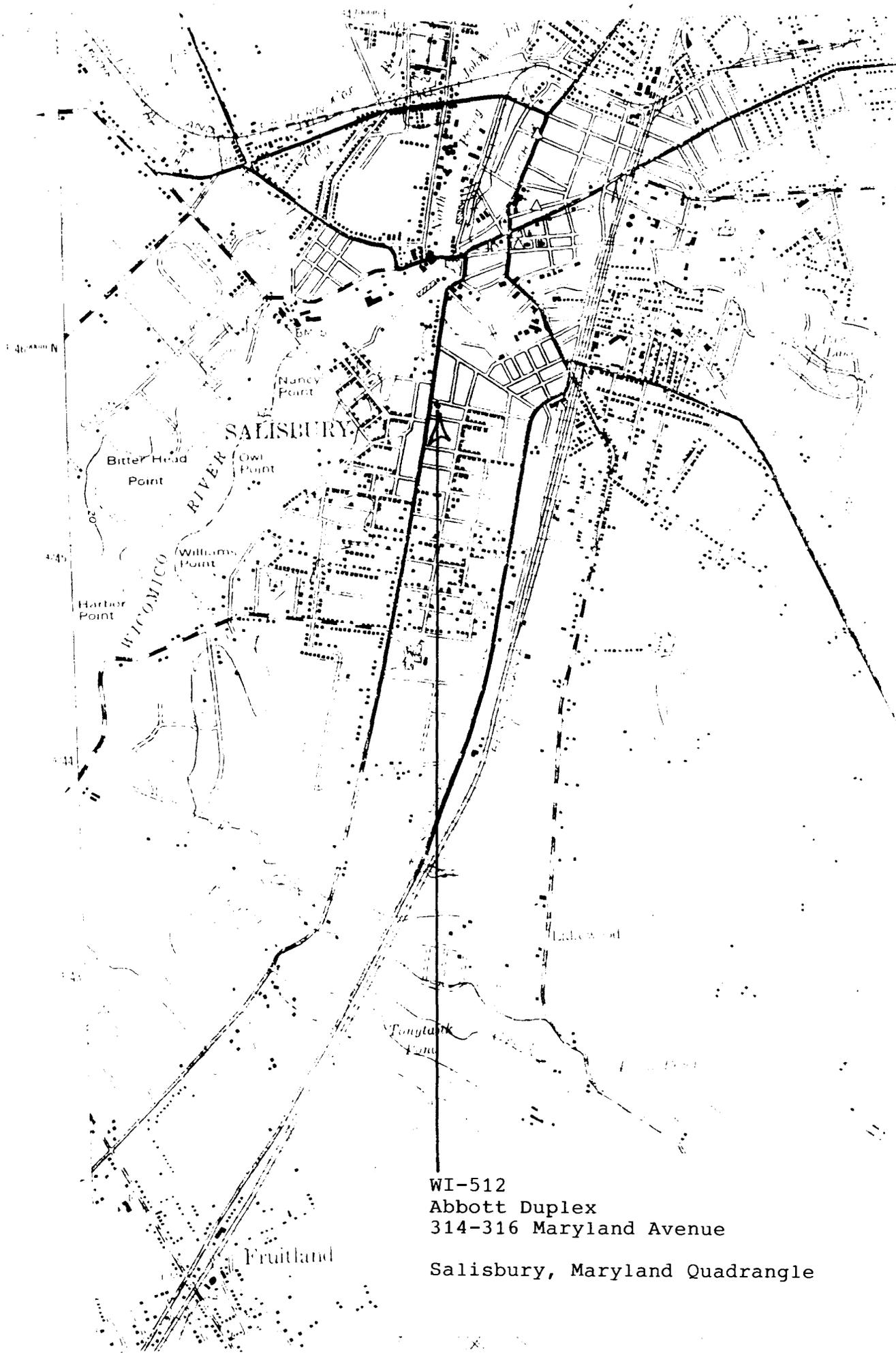
Dorchester County
Will Book
JWF 1/471

Letitia L. Rider

to, sister

5/19/1894

Granville R. Rider



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Salisbury, Maryland Quadrangle



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ABBOTT DUXLEY

SALISBURY, WILMINGTON COUNTY, W.V.

NORTH ELEVATION

9/00, PAUL TOVARY, PHOTOGRAPHER

NEG. / MID SHPO

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