

WI-517  
Phillips-Feldman House  
Salisbury  
Private

c. 1890

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Construction of this prominent Queen Anne residence dates to 1890, shortly after Richard W. Jackson conveyed ownership of this lot to his sister, Libby E. Phillips, wife of George W. Phillips. Listed in the 1907 Salisbury City Directory at "235 Camden Avenue," George William Phillips, a "clerk," is grouped with his wife Elizabeth, son G. William Phillips, a "bookkeeper," daughter Sarah, and a second son, Harry Phillips, who was the proprietor of the Peninsula Hotel. Phillips ownership of the property lasted until 1919 when the house and lot were sold to S. Franklyn Woodcock. Nine years later, on November 15, 1928, Samuel S. and William Feldman purchased 235 Camden Avenue and converted the dwelling into an apartment house. It remained in Feldman family hands until the early 1950s.

# Maryland Historical Trust

## Maryland Inventory of Historic Properties Form

Inventory No. W I-517

### 1. Name of Property (indicate preferred name)

historic

other Phillips-Feldman House

### 2. Location

street and number 406 Camden Avenue not for publication

city, town Salisbury vicinity

county Wicomico

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

name Randolph Taylor

street and number 403 Camden Avenue 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. 1512

city, town Salisbury, Maryland liber 1146 folio 590

### 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:		
			<b>Number of Contributing Resources previously listed in the Inventory</b>	

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### 7. Description

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#### Condition

	excellent	deteriorated
<u>x</u>	good	ruins
	fair	altered

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

The Phillips-Feldman house, also commonly known as the Feldman apartment house, stands at 406 Camden Avenue in the Camden Historic District of Salisbury, Wicomico County, Maryland. The two-and-a-half story Queen Anne frame dwelling faces east with the steeply pitched hip roof oriented on an east/west axis. The house is divided into multiple apartments.

Built around 1890, the two-and-a-half story Queen Anne style dwelling is supported on a raised brick foundation and the exterior is uniformly clad with a layer of asbestos shingles. The steeply pitched hip roof as well as the multiple gables and octagonal tower on the southeast corner are covered with slate.

The east (main) elevation is an asymmetrical facade with a center entrance and enclosed two-story porches to each side. Banks of nine-over-one sash windows flank a Victorian porch defined by turned posts. The entrance is recessed and is topped by a large three-pane transom. The second floor porches are lighted by nine-over-one sash windows as well. The roof of the main block is marked by asymmetrical forms typical of Queen Anne domestic architecture. Defining the southeast corner is an octagonal tower pierced by twelve-over-one sash windows. The peak of the octagonal tower roof is capped by a metal finial. Marking the northeast corner is a large gabled dormer pierced by tripartite series of eight-over-two sash windows. The triple window is capped by a small shed roof with simple console brackets under the boxed cornice. Fixed between the octagonal tower and the gable is a semi-hexagonal rooftop vent with louvered sides and a slate roof. The roof of the vent as well as that of the main house are capped by a copper cresting. Rising off-center through the house are two large brick chimney stacks finished with corbelled caps.

The side elevations are asymmetrical facades with large gable roof dormers. The rear elevation is an asymmetrical facade as well with an exterior staircase that serves multiple apartments.

The interior has been reworked several times during the mid to late twentieth century. Some of the original Victorian woodwork, including four-panel doors and carved mantels, survive in various apartments.

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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
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> 1800-1899	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> architecture	engineering	invention	politics/government
<input 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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<sup>1</sup> Wicomico County Land Record, FMS 5/348, 24 December 1889.

<sup>2</sup> Salisbury City Directory, 1907, Family Tree Bookshop, 1998, p. 41.

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<sup>3</sup> Wicomico County Land Record, JCK 114/313, 12 April 1919.

<sup>4</sup> Wicomico County Land Record, IDT 157/337, 15 November 1928.

<sup>5</sup> Wicomico County Land Record, JWTS 337/67, 30 January 1952.

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## 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

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### Verbal boundary description and justification

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

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## 11. Form Prepared by

name/title Paul B. Touart, Architectural Historian

organization Private Consultant

street & number P. O. Box 5

date 9/10/2000

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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100 Community Place  
Crownsville, MD 21032  
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406 Camden Avenue  
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Chain of title

Map 111, Parcel 1512

1146/590                      Richard Vernon  
   Jeffrey T. Vernon

to

5/16/1988                      Meridan Company  
   Item 2

AJS 983/601                      Steve Rebach  
   Judith Ann Rebach

to

1/14/1983                      Jeffrey T. Vernon  
   Richard J. Vernon

AJS 925/448                      Ronald R. Vail  
   Carol C. Vail

to

9/31/1979                      Steve Rebach  
   Judith Ann Rebach  
   42' x 206'

1. from Wm G. Rayfield, 12/22/1971, JWTS 749/133

2. from Carl B. Wolitzky, 6/26/1975, AJS 842/552

1. to W. G. Rayfield from Doris M. Worm, 12/30/1970,  
749/127



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JCK 118/349                      George E. Richardson

to

8/10/1920                      Herbert Riffe  
   Anna J. Riffe

JCK 114/351                      S. Franklyn Woodcock

to

12/1/1919                      George E. Richardson

JCK 114/313                      G. William Phillips, et al.

to

4/12/1919                      S. Franklyn Woodcock

FMS 5/348                      Richard W. Jackson

to, sister

12/24/1889                      Libby E. Phillips

FMS 4/451                      Mary E. Roten

to

4/12/1889                      Richard W. Jackson  
   \$1,000

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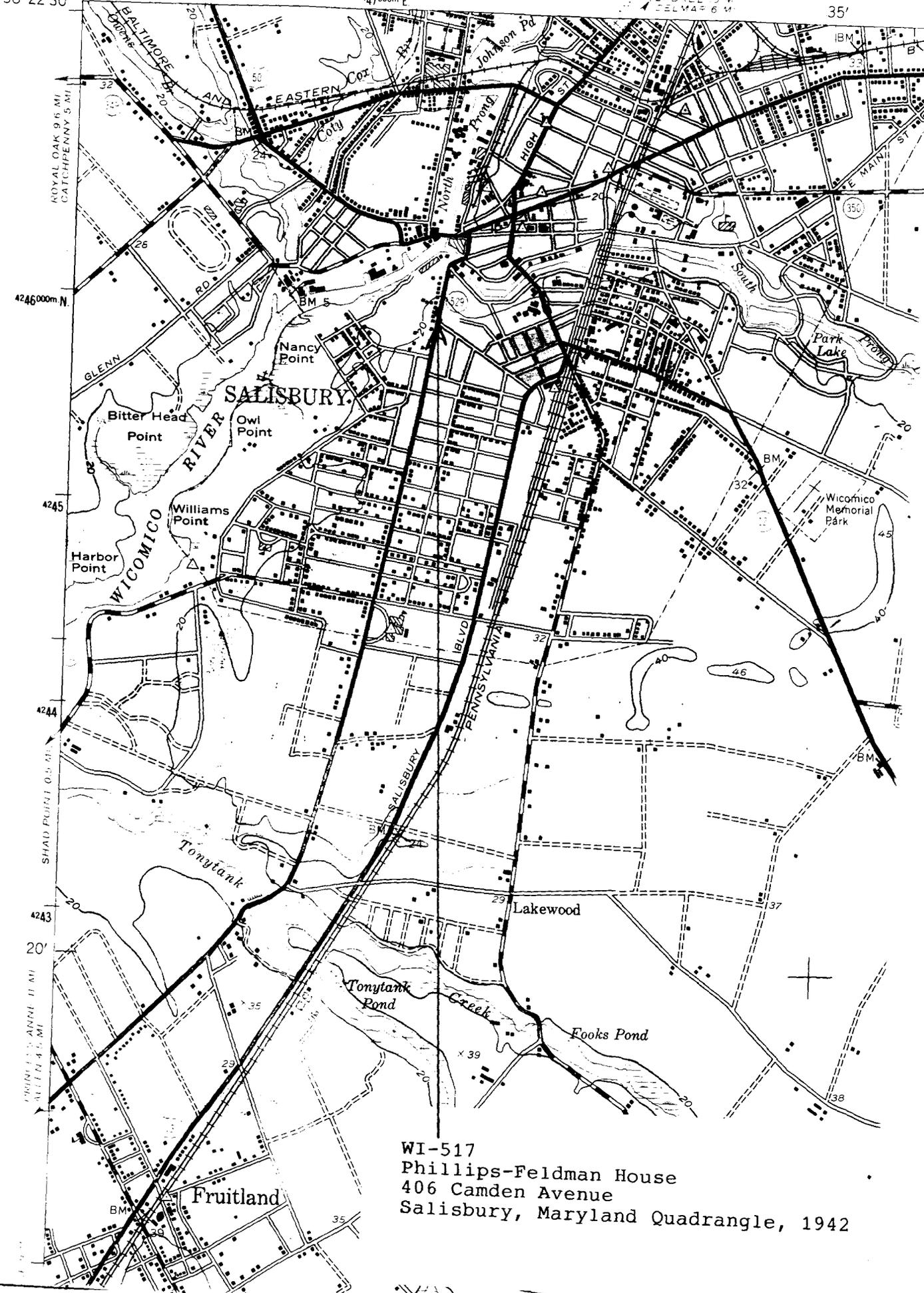
75°37'30"  
38°22'30"

CAMBRIDGE 31 MI  
VENN 215 N

447000m E

LAUREL 13 M  
DELMAR 6 M

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Salisbury, Maryland Quadrangle, 1942



