

WI-526  
Ellingsworth Farm  
Salisbury vicinity  
Private

c. 1890

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Due to the late nineteenth century character of the extant farmhouse and the presence of reused materials in the attic, it is clear Hugh and Lucy Ellingsworth financed the replacement of the old Ellingsworth house with a new Victorian dwelling around 1890. The couple sold the property ten years later to partners William F. Allen and William M. Cooper for \$2,200.

The Victorian farmhouse follows a popular pattern for rural dwellings erected during the last decades of the nineteenth century. Built in a tee-shaped form with its uneven facade as the principal elevation, the asymmetry of this plan suited the sensibilities of mid nineteenth century architects, who veered away from the strictly symmetrical designs that dominated local buildings traditions for the past several generations. Modest decoration with carved bargeboards and eave brackets as well as exposed rafter tails helped to enliven the exterior elevations. The Ellingsworth house has been reworked during the past several years with the application of vinyl siding, shutters, and replacement windows. Its location on a small knoll at the end of a tree-lined drive with pastures to each side provide a buffer from the surrounding developments that have been created along Nanticoke Road.

# Maryland Historical Trust

## Maryland Inventory of Historic Properties Form

Inventory No. W I-526

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

historic Ellingsworth Farm

other

### 2. Location

street and number Nanticoke Road not for publication

city, town Salisbury x vicinity

county Wicomico

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

name Kirk D. and Barbara J. Pollitt

street and number Nanticoke Road 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 37, P. 351

city, town Salisbury, Maryland liber 1520 folio 267

### 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	<u>4</u>	buildings
structure	both	defense		sites
site		<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> domestic		structures
object		education		objects
		funerary	<u>4</u>	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

### 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.

Historically identified as the Ellingsworth farm, this two-story, tee-shaped frame farmhouse is located on the north side of Nanticoke Road before the Rockwalkin Creek bridge west of Salisbury, Wicomico County, Maryland. The farmhouse, situated at the end of a tree-lined entrance, faces south with the principal gable roof oriented on a north/south axis.

Dating around 1890, the two-story, tee-shaped main block is supported on a stuccoed brick foundation that has a partially excavated cellar. The exterior is clad in vinyl siding and the steeply pitched roof is covered with asphalt shingles. Attached to the rear corner of the tee plan is a two-story shed roofed infill, which is extended by a shed roof addition. The house is joined on the property by a early twentieth century gambrel roofed barn, a corn crib and another outbuilding used for storage.

The asymmetrical tee-shaped frame house has an uneven south facade with a projecting two-story gable-front pavilion balanced by the recessed leg of the tee that contains the principal entrance. A partially glazed front door is flanked by two-over-four sash windows, and the entire entrance wall is sheltered by a single-story shed roofed porch supported on turned posts. Stretching between the posts is a knee sheathed with vinyl. The gable-front wall is pierced by replacement windows with six-over-six sash on the first and second stories, and a multi-pane window lights the attic. Vinyl shutters flank the windows. The edge of the roof has an extended eave with an open soffit, decorated bargeboard, and stick brackets under the lower ends of the roof.

The south side of the tee shaped dwelling is marked by four replacement windows on the first and second stories, and a cross gable centered on the roof is pierced by a multi-pane attic window. The edge of the roof is finished with an open soffit and exposed rafter tails.

The north gable end of the main block is a single bay wide with replacement windows and vinyl shutters on the first and second floors. The attic is lighted by a multi-pane window. Finishing the edge of the roof is a decorated bargeboard, open soffit and stick brackets.

The rear elevation is more plain and is largely covered by the two-story, shed roofed infill, which extends to the north and west by a single story shed roofed addition.

The interior has been recently reworked with much of its late nineteenth-century woodwork intact. The unfinished attic incorporates reused materials from an earlier structure.

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

<sup>2</sup> Wicomico County Will Book, ELW 1/43, Last will and testament of Luther M. Williams, proved 27 June 1882.

<sup>3</sup> Wicomico County Land Record, JTT 28/449, 27 November 1900.

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## 9. Major Bibliographical References

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## 10. Geographical Data

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Acreage of project area

Acreage surveyed 2.53 acres

Quadrangle name Eden, Maryland

Quadrangle scale 1:24,000

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### Verbal boundary description and justification

The boundary established for property coincides with the metes and bounds of the current lot.

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## 11. Form Prepared by

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name/title Paul B. Touart, Architectural Historian

organization Private Consultant

street & number P. O. Box 5

date 10/26/00

city or town Westover, Maryland 21871

phone 410-651-1094

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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.

return to: Maryland Historical Trust  
DHCD/DHCP  
100 Community Place  
Crownsville, MD 21032  
410-514-7600

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Chain of title

Map 37, Parcel 351

1520/267  
Eileen B. Lindsay  
Kirk D. Pollitt  
Barbara J. Pollitt

to

12/4/1996  
Kirk D. Pollitt  
Barbara J. Pollitt  
Plat cabinet MSB 12/90, 2/15/1996, Parcel 220  
conveyed to the grantors by two deeds;

1. to John C. Lindsay and Eileen B. Lindsay from Rufus S.  
Gardener, et ux., 6/1/1971, JWTS 735/342

2. from John C. Lindsay et ux. to Kirk D. Pollitt and  
Barbara D. Pollitt, 1/21/1980, AJS 937/47

937/47  
Eileen B. Lindsay

to

1/21/1980  
Kirk D. Pollitt  
Barbara J. Pollitt  
"Woodside Drive lot"

735/342  
Rufus S. Gardner, Jr.  
Dorothy S. Gardner

to

6/1/1971  
John C. Lindsay  
Eileen B. Lindsay

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JWTS 435/116                      Charles O. Hughes  
   Stella B. Hughes

to

7/5/1957                              Rufus S. Gardner, Jr.

JWTS 318/360                      Glen S. Mezick

to

8/4/1950                              Charles O. Hughes  
   Stella B. Hughes  
   39 acres

JCK 109/527                        Frank C. Colegrove  
   Anna Colegrove

to

12/12/1918                        Glen G. Mezick

EAT 79/417                         William P. Woolston  
   Mary S. Woolston

to

1/23/1913                         Frank C. Colegrove

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EAT 80/421                      Selbyville National Bank

to

7/16/1912                      William P. Woolston  
100 acres

EAT 76/479                      William G. Williams, Hettie C. Williams, Paul T. Scott, Daisy  
S. Scott, Sussex County, Delaware

to

10/2/1911                      Selbyville National Bank  
100 acres

EAT 56/324                      Anna E. Endlen  
John H. Endlen

to

11/4/1907                      William G. Williams

EAT 47/242                      William Malchow  
Augusta Malchow

to

9/11/1905                      Anna E. Endlen, State of Pennsylvania  
100 acres    \$5,000



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Wicomico County  
Will Book  
ELW 1/43

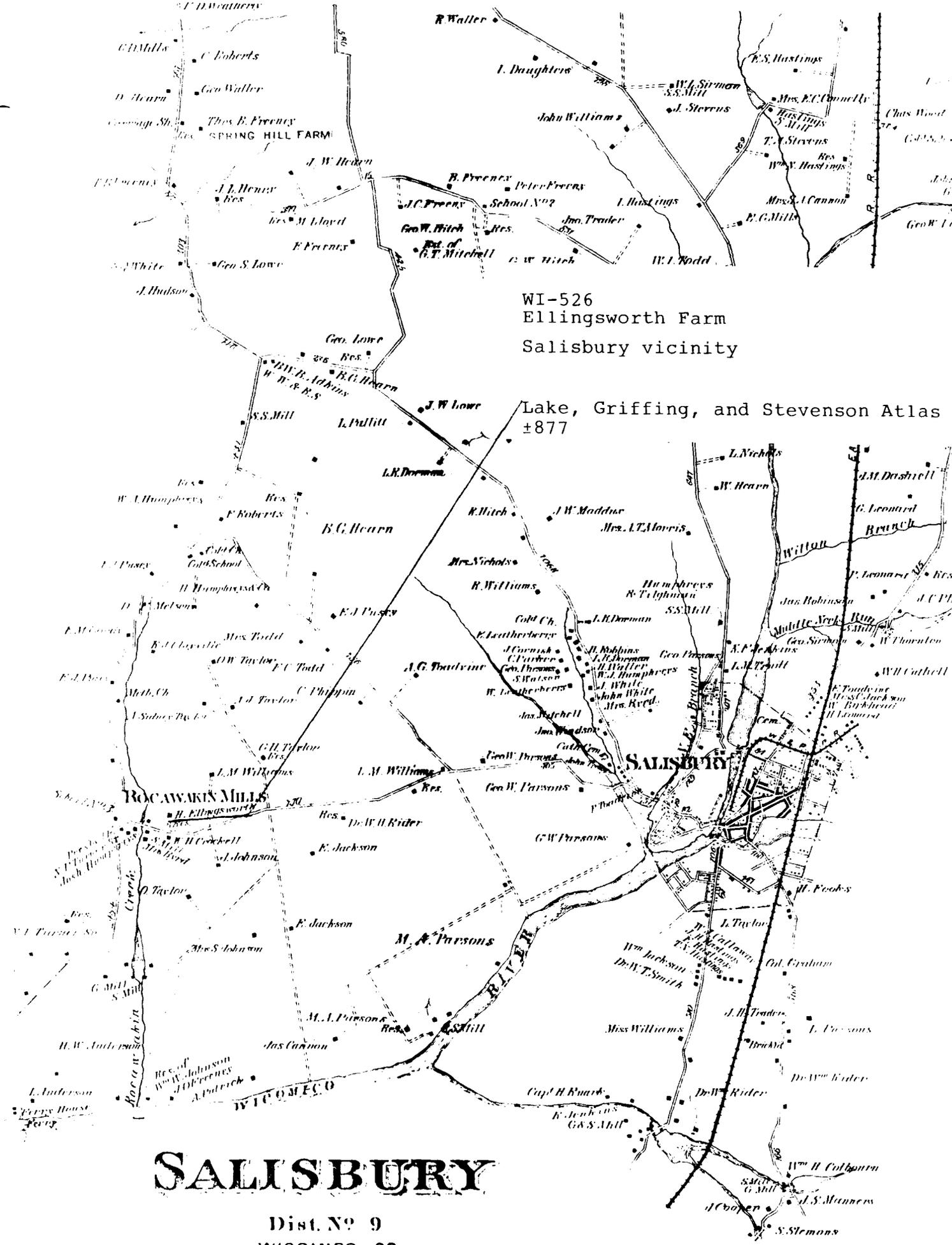
Last Will and Testament of  
Luther M. Williams

to, daughter

Written  
4/4/1882  
Proved  
6/27/1882

Lucy E. Ellingsworth  
96 acres, except the grave yard upon said property  
Alonzo L. Williams, executor

Second Item-to daughter Lucy E. Ellingsworth, 80 acres  
to join the land of Hugh Ellingsworth



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Lake, Griffing, and Stevenson Atlas  
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ROCAWAKIS MILLS

SALISBURY

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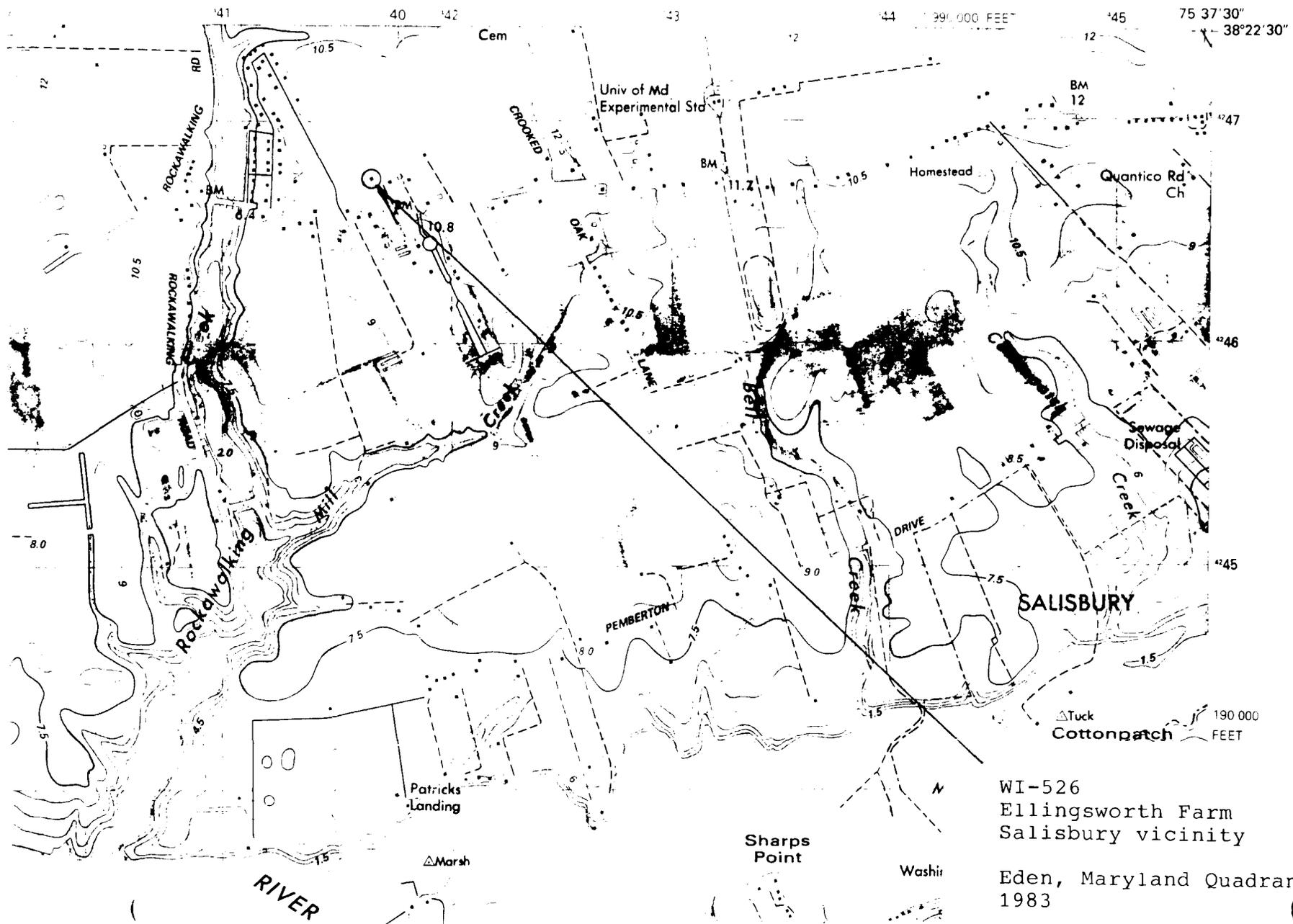
Dist. No 9  
 WICOMICO CO.

MARYLAND  
TOPOGRAPHICAL SURVEY

EDEN QUADRANGLE  
MARYLAND

7.5 MINUTE SERIES ORTHOPHOTOMAP (TOPOGRAPHIC)

5860' N.E.  
(DELMAR)



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Eden, Maryland Quadrangle  
1983



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EWINGSWORTH Lagoon

SMITHSBURY vicinity, WINDSOR Co., Vt.

Southern ELEVATION

10/00, Paul TOWNSEND, PHOTOGRAPHER

NEG. / AND. SITPO

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WI-926

ELLINGSWORTH Farm

Salisbury vic., Wicomico County, MD.

SOILS ELEVATION OF PLOW AND CORN CRISPS

10/00, Paul Turner, PATROLMAN

NET. / MD SITE

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