

WI-529  
Holmes House  
Salisbury  
Private

c. 1912

Unusual among the houses that line Camden Avenue is the two-and-a-half story, part concrete, part frame dwelling known alternately as the Holmes house or the Trinity M. E. Church parsonage. Erected around 1912 for Susan Quigg Holmes and her husband William, the two-and-a-half story structure was built with rusticated concrete block on the first story and frame walls on the second. Rusticated concrete block was also used under the porch columns as well as in the chimney stack on the south side. Designed with Colonial Revival detailing similar to many houses along Camden Avenue, the mixed material dwelling is accented with Tuscan columns across its front and large hip roofed dormers on each side of the roof. Victorian bay windows extend the rooms on the south side of the center hall.

A significant increase in the value of the property during the ownership of Susan Quigg Holmes places construction around 1912, shortly after she purchased the lot from Elihu J. and Mary R. B. Pusey in 1911. The 1916 Sanborn Insurance map locates the house on the lot and indicates its concrete block and frame construction. Susan and her husband William held title to the property until 1920 when it was transferred to the trustees of the Trinity M. E. Church for their use as a parsonage. The trustees for Trinity Church paid \$11,000 for house and lot, a sum that reflects well the value of a nearly new residence. The house served as a parsonage until the late 1930s when it was sold to Marion F. Smith.



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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 Holmes house, also known as the Trinity M. E. Church parsonage, stands at 716 Camden Avenue in the Camden Historic District of Salisbury, Wicomico County, Maryland. The two-story-a-half story, five-bay, double-pile dwelling faces east with the principal roof oriented on a north/south axis.

Dating around 1912, the two-and-a-half story, center hall/double-pile house is supported on a raised, rusticated concrete block foundation. The foundation and first story walls are rusticated block while the second story is frame with an exterior sheathing of asbestos shingles. The medium pitched hip roof is covered with asbestos shingles. Joining the house on the lot is a single-story frame garage.

The east (main) facade is a symmetrical five-bay elevation with a center entrance filled with partially glazed double doors. The entrance is flanked by tripartite windows filled with single-pane sash. Sheltering the first story is a wraparound porch supported on a Tuscan columns with a rusticated concrete block knee wall between the posts. The second floor is pierced by five evenly spaced window openings. The center bay is distinguished by pair of small vertical windows filled with diamond shaped panes. To each side of the center bay are pairs of single-pane sash windows. The edge of the roof is finished with a wide eave, and a large hip roofed dormer is fitted with a tripartite window.

The north side is an asymmetrical facade with the wraparound porch partially covering the first floor. Single-pane sash windows light the first and second floors. A large hip roofed dormer defines the north slope of the roof. The south side is distinguished by a pair of two-story bay windows that project from the corners of the house. Erected in a combination of concrete block and frame walls, the bays are pierced by single-pane sash windows. Rising between the bays is an interior chimney stack of rusticated concrete block. The south slope of the roof has a large hip roof dormer also.

Extending from the rear of the house is a two-story, rusticated concrete block wing covered by a flat roof disguised by a pent-like roof. The rear slope of the roof is marked by a large hip roofed dormer as well.

The interior was 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/<br>recreation | landscape architecture | religion            |
| 2000-   | commerce   | ethnic heritage              | law                    | science             |
|   | communications                                   | exploration/<br>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, EAT 74/474, 23 May 1911.

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parsonage.<sup>2</sup> The 1916 Sanborn Insurance map locates the house on the lot and indicates its concrete block and frame construction. The trustees for the Trinity Church paid \$11,000 for the property, a sum that well reflects the value of a newly built residence. The property served as a parsonage until the late 1930s when it was sold to Marion F. Smith.<sup>3</sup>

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<sup>2</sup> Wicomico County Land Record, JCK 117/456, 11 March 1920.

<sup>3</sup> Wicomico County Land Record, JWS 221/440, 2 October 1939.

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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 1/2 acre

Quadrangle name Salisbury, Maryland

Quadrangle scale 1:24,000

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### Verbal boundary description and justification

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

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## 11. Form Prepared by

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Chain of title continued

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JCK 117/456

Susan Quigg Holmes  
William Holmes

to

3/11/1920

William B. Tilghman, Jr. et al.  
\$11,000

EAT 74/474

Elihu J. Pusey  
Mary R. B. Pusey

to

5/23/1911

Susan Quigg Holmes, City of Brooklyn  
\$2,500

JTT 37/360

Mary A. Trader  
Aurelius P. Trader

to

4/30/1903

Elihu J. Pusey  
\$1,000 "Camden"

FMS 6/9

E. Stanley Toadvine, trustee

to

4/20/1888

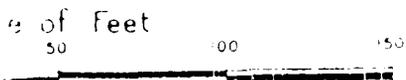
Mary A. Trader  
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on Camden street, where the said A. P. Trader now lives

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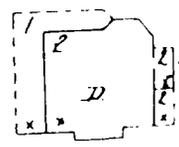
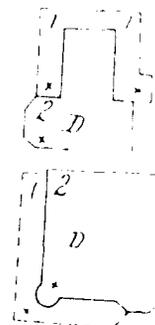
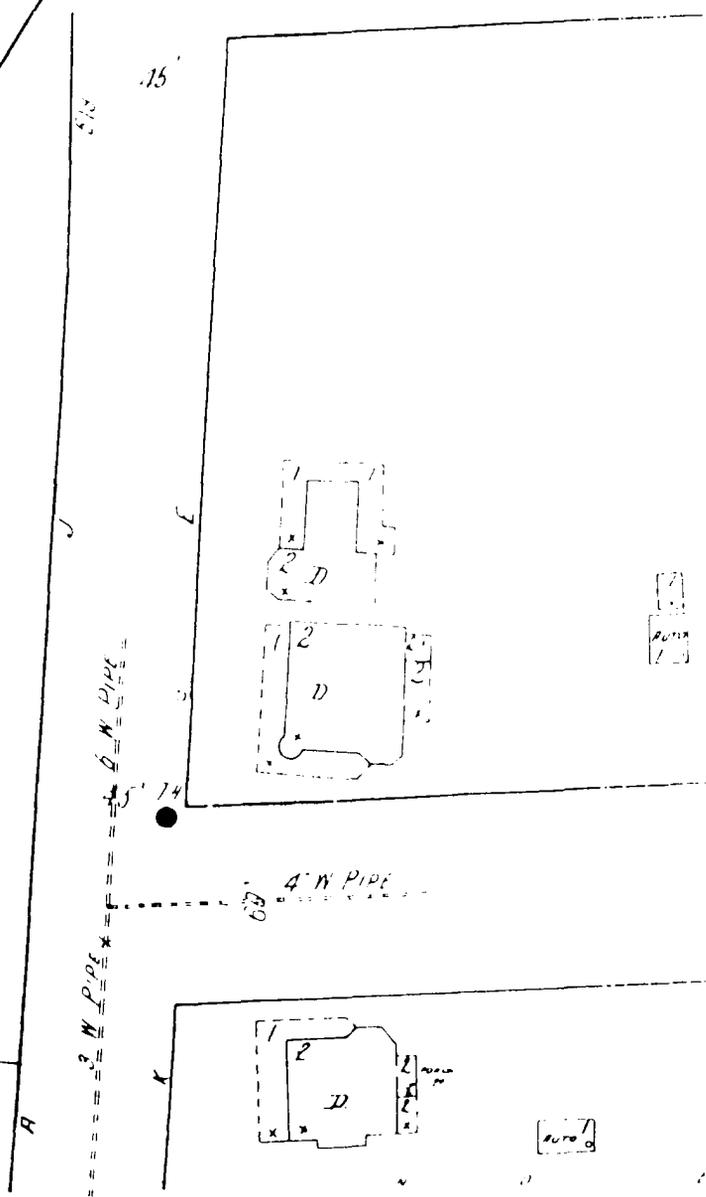
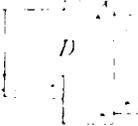
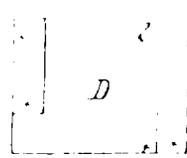
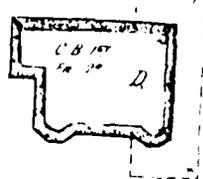
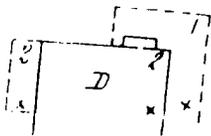
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Sanborn Insurance Map  
1916



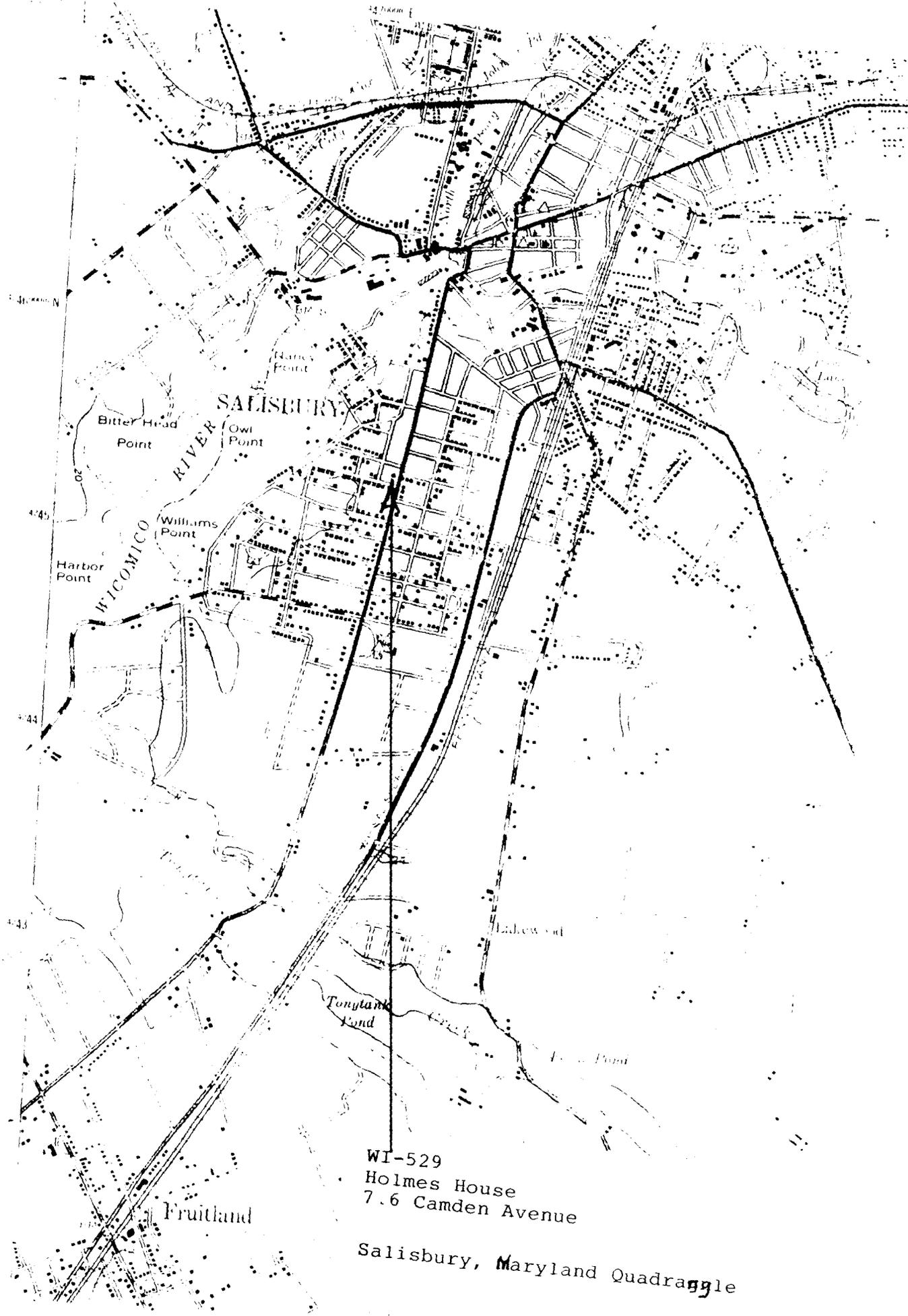
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Wind Mill & Mill Race



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7.6 Camden Avenue  
Salisbury, Maryland Quadrangle



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Holmes, Horse

Salisbury, Wilkes County, NC

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10/00, Paul Tourant, PHTH/CA/WHEN

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