

WI-530  
Martha T. Huston House  
Salisbury  
Private

c. 1873 and later

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Martha T. Huston retained ownership of the house and lot until her death, and her executor, George W. Bell, transferred the title to Salisbury undertaker George C. Hill in 1881. George C. Hill was a lifetime occupant of this property, and he and his family are listed in the 1907 Salisbury City directory. The house and lot remained in Hill family hands until 1971.

# Maryland Historical Trust

## Maryland Inventory of Historic Properties Form

Inventory No. W I-530

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

historic Martha T. Huston House

other George C. Hill House

### 2. Location

street and number 601 Camden Avenue not for publication

city, town Salisbury vicinity

county Wicomico

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

name Louis A. Adkins and Daphne C. Adkins

street and number 601 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. 198

city, town Salisbury, Maryland liber 738 folio 166

### 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
district	public	agriculture	landscape
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> building(s)	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> private	commerce/trade	recreation/culture
structure	both	defense	religion
site		<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> domestic	social
object		education	transportation
		funerary	work in progress
		government	unknown
		health care	vacant/not in use
		industry	other:
			Contributing      Noncontributing
			1                      1
			Total
			<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 Martha T. Huston house, also known historically as the George C. Hill house, stands at 601 Camden Avenue in the Camden Historic District of Salisbury, Wicomico County, Maryland. The house faces west with the principal roof oriented on a north/south axis.

Dating largely from the fourth quarter of the nineteenth century, the two-story, ell-shaped main block is supported on a brick foundation with a partially excavated cellar, and the exterior is clad with aluminum siding. The steeply pitched gable roofs are covered with asphalt shingles. Attached to the back of the house is a two-story service wing.

The west (main) elevation is an asymmetrical facade with a two-story gable-front facing the street and the entrance is incorporated in the leg of the ell plan which extends to the north. The Victorian four-panel front door is framed by a delicately crafted transom and pair of sidelights that contain elliptical curved muntins. The front door is flanked by a two-over-two sash window trimmed with a molded lintel and hung with louvered wood shutters. The two bays are sheltered by a shed roofed porch supported by Tuscan columns. A turned baluster railing stretches between the columns. The west facade of the gable-front wall is pierced by single-pane sash windows on the first and second floors, and a six-over-one sash window lights the attic. The edge of the roof has an extended eave encased in aluminum. Rising through the back of the south ell is an interior brick stack.

The north gable end of the main block is defined by pairs of two-over-two sash windows trimmed with molded lintels. A pair of two-over-two windows light the attic to either side of an interior end brick chimney.

The east (rear) wall of the main block is largely covered by a two-story, four-bay by one room dining room and kitchen wing. The north wall is pierced by a series of two-over-two sash windows also featuring molded lintels. A two-story shed roofed addition extends from the east gable end of the service wing. On the south side are one and two-story porches.

The interior was not seen.

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**Continuation Sheet**Number 8 Page 1**8. Significance**

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, TF, Jr. 3/404, 26 July 1873.

<sup>2</sup> Wicomico County Land Record, SPT 4/339, 25 October 1881, George W. Bell, Executor of Martha T. Huston to George C. Hill, "...adjoining the property of Thomas C. Hillman and the lot of George B. Gillis...it being the same House and Lot where the said Martha T. Huston resided and of which she died seized and possessed"

<sup>3</sup> Wicomico County Land Record, 738/166, 24 June 1971.

## 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 is coincidental 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 10/25/00

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.

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

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601 Camden Avenue  
Salisbury, Wicomico County, Maryland  
Chain of title

Map 111, Parcel 198

738/166 Clara M. Hill

to

6/24/1971 Louis A. Adkins  
Daphne C. Adkins

1. conveyed to George C. Hill by two following deeds:

from George W. Bell, Executor of Martha T. Huston, dated  
10/25/1881, SPT 4/339

2. from Margaret T. Johnston, dated 7/13/1900, JTT 28/198

Upon the death of George C. Hill, intestate, the property  
descended unto his widow Mary F. Hill and children Franklin B.  
Hill, Mary C. Hill, Nellie F. Hill, and Clara M. Hill

SPT 4/339 George W. Bell, Executor of Martha T. Huston

to

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...adjoining the property of Thomas C. Hillman and the lot of  
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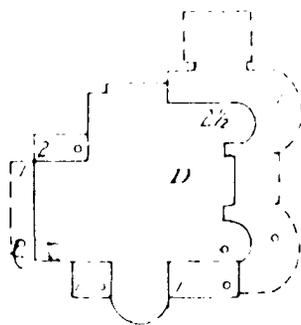
7/26/1873 Martha Huston, wife of Samuel P. Huston  
\$250

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Martha T. Huston House  
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Sanborn Insurance Map, 1899

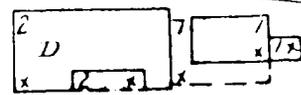
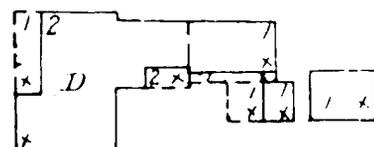
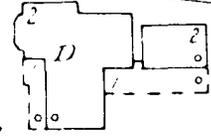
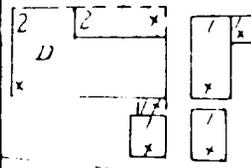
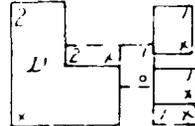
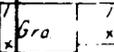
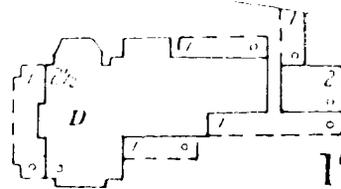
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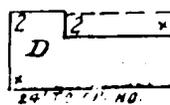
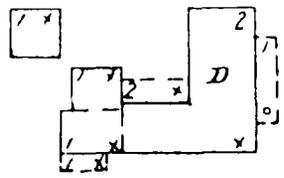
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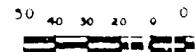
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Scale



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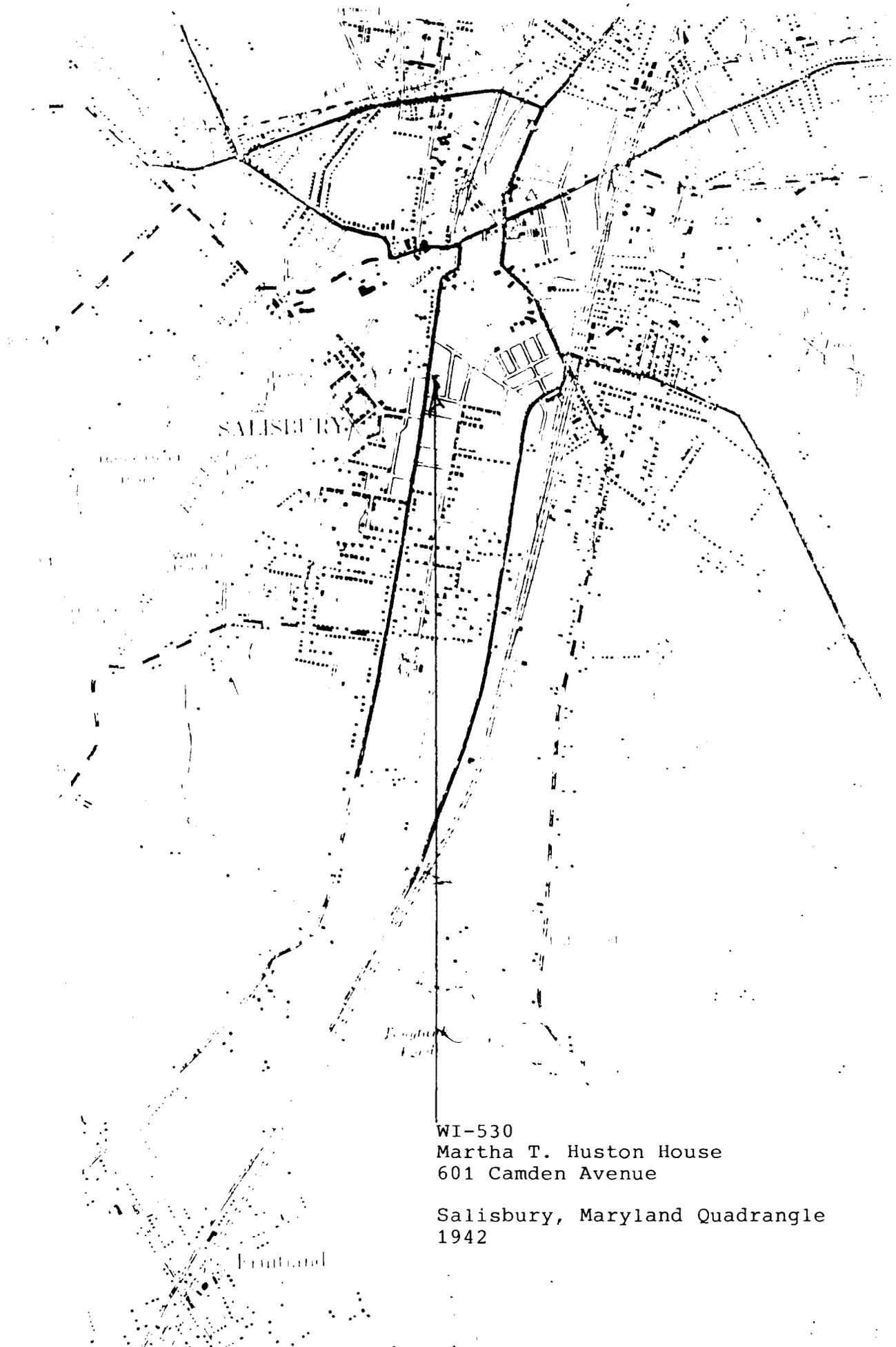
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 Martha T. Huston House  
 601 Camden Avenue

Salisbury, Maryland Quadrangle  
 1942

Frontland



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Mary + Harrison House

Spokane, Washington Co. Pa.

Harriet + ...

18/00, Park Tower, Pennsylvania

NY, 1 mo. 5/10

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W1-390

MARION T. HASTON HOUSE

SANSALEM, NICARAGUA Co, MICH.

WEST 2 1/2 MILES SW

10/00, PAUL TOWERS, PHOTOGRAPHER

NEG. / NO SLIP

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