

WI-532  
John W. Windsor House  
Salisbury  
Private

c. 1920

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John W. Windsor purchased this corner lot in November 1919 from James W. Mitchell. The Sanborn Insurance map printed in 1911 indicates a vacant lot, thereby suggesting that construction of the four-square Colonial Revival dwelling took place during John W. Windsor's ownership of the lot. John W. Windsor held title to the corner house and lot until 1928 when the property was involved in a forced sale for accumulated debts. Howard L. and Hilda C. Gordy purchased the Windsor house from an assortment of lien holders in September 1928.

# Maryland Historical Trust

## Maryland Inventory of Historic Properties Form

Inventory No. W I-532

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

historic John W. Windsor House

other \_\_\_\_\_

### 2. Location

street and number 607 Camden Avenue not for publication

city, town Salisbury vicinity

county Wicomico

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

name Christine McDaniel-Viswanathan

street and number 607 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. 201

city, town Salisbury, Maryland liber 1507 folio 819

### 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
<input type="checkbox"/> district	<input type="checkbox"/> public	<input type="checkbox"/> agriculture		
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> building(s)	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> private	<input type="checkbox"/> commerce/trade	1	buildings
<input type="checkbox"/> structure	<input type="checkbox"/> both	<input type="checkbox"/> defense		sites
<input type="checkbox"/> site		<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> domestic		structures
<input type="checkbox"/> object		<input type="checkbox"/> education		objects
		<input type="checkbox"/> funerary	1	Total
		<input type="checkbox"/> government		
		<input type="checkbox"/> health care		
		<input type="checkbox"/> industry		
		<input type="checkbox"/> landscape		
		<input type="checkbox"/> recreation/culture		
		<input type="checkbox"/> religion		
		<input type="checkbox"/> social		
		<input type="checkbox"/> transportation		
		<input type="checkbox"/> work in progress		
		<input type="checkbox"/> unknown		
		<input type="checkbox"/> vacant/not in use		
		<input type="checkbox"/> 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 John W. Windsor house stands at 607 Camden Avenue in the Camden Historic District of Salisbury, Wicomico County, Maryland. The two-and-a-half story, three-bay four-square frame house faces west with the roof oriented on a north/south axis.

Built around 1920, the two-and-a-half story, three-bay by three-bay frame house is supported by raised brick foundation with a partial cellar. The exterior is clad with asbestos shingles, and the steeply pitched roof is covered with asphalt shingles. Attached to the back side is a two-story shed roofed addition.

The west (main) elevation is an asymmetrical three-bay facade with a side entrance and flanking twelve-over-one sash windows retaining louvered wooden shutters. A series of horizontal panels distinguishes the front door, which is flanked by six-light sidelights. The entire door sidelights are framed by a neoclassical surround. The first floor is sheltered by a wraparound porch which stretches across the west and south sides. Tuscan columns support the roof, and the entrance bay is accented with a cross gable and paired columns. The second story is lighted by unevenly spaced twelve-over-one sash windows flanked by louvered shutters. Stretching around the perimeter of the roof is a block cornice. The roof is defined by a pair of gable roof dormers fitted with Palladian-inspired windows. The tripartite window includes diamond pane sidelights.

The south elevation of the house faces Maryland Avenue and contains a side entrance bay to the porch which is defined by a cross gable. Twelve-over-one sash windows flanked with louvered shutters light the first and second floor in addition to an oriole style window on the first floor that is pierced by a tripartite window including diamond pane sidelights. An interior brick chimney stack rises through the roof. Fixed atop the south slope of the hip roof is a large gable roof dormer with a Palladian-style window and diamond pane sidelights.

The east (rear) wall is partially covered by a two-story shed roofed addition. The north wall is detailed in much the same manner as the rest of the house with a second brick stack rising through the northeast corner.

The interior was not seen.

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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
<u>1800-1899</u>	<u>x</u> architecture	engineering	invention	politics/government
<u>x</u> 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, JCK 114/429, 21 November 1919.

<sup>2</sup> Sanborn Insurance Map, 1911.

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for accumulated debts. Howard L. and Hilda C. Gordy purchased the Windsor house from an assortment of lien holders in September 1928.<sup>3</sup>

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

Map 111, Parcel 201

1507/819                      Scott J. Seeman  
   Mary McCormick Seeman

to

9/6/1996                      Christine McDaniel-Viswanathan  
   \$69,000

MSB 1280/611                Scott J. Seeman  
   Mary McCormick

to

2/5/1992                      Scott J. Seeman  
   Mary McCormick Seeman  
   Location Survey    AJS 1013/532

MSB 1127/316                Robert L. Ayotte  
   Virginia Reynolds Ayotte

to

11/20/1987                    Scott Seeman  
   Mary C. McCormick  
   \$49,900.

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AJS 1099/112

ComFed Savings Bank, Successor to Heritage Savings  
& Loan Association

to

4/1/1987

Robert L. Ayotte  
Virginia L. Reynolds

AJS 1059/738

Jeffrey VanGrack  
Madeline Scott, Substitute trustees and Landbank Equity Corp.  
of Maryland, Inc.

to

1/28/1986

Heritage Savings & Loan Association  
Defaulted mortgage

1013/530

William J. Hastings, et ux.  
Shirley Mae Hastings

to

5/31/1984

Carl E. Herneisen  
Marie E. Herneisen  
\$41,000

AJS 854/378

Michael J. Hynes  
Mary Jane Hynes

to

4/14/1976

William J. Hastings  
Shirley Mae Hastings



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JWTS 414/106                      John S. Goldsmith and Margaret M. Goldsmith, Camp Hill, Pa.

to

8/29/1956                      Melvin Joseph Hadden

JWTS 356/384                      Samuel W. Wilkinson  
Edith M. Wilkinson

to

6/2/1954                      John S. Goldsmith

JWTS 350/296                      W. F. Messick Ice Company

to

7/13/1953                      Samuel W. Wilkinson  
Edith M. Wilkinson

JWS 235/171                      William F. Messick  
Alice H. Messick

to

9/4/1941                      W. F. Messick Ice Company

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JWS 221/379 Home Owners' Loan Corporation

to

11/10/1939 William F. Messick

IDT 199/466 Harry C. Dashiell, Assignee

to

11/13/1936 Home Owners' Loan Corporation  
Whereas at a Public Sale, 10/3/1936, assignee of a certain  
mortgage from Howard L. Gordy and Hilda C. Gordy,  
IDT 188/199

IDT 157/129 John W. Messick, Hattie Windsor, J. Brice Long, Lewis Morgan,  
Gunby Nash Motor Company, Morris Bros. Company, Eastern  
Shore Trust Company

to

9/6/1928 Howard L. Gordy  
Hilda C. Gordy

JCK 114/429 James W. Mitchell

to

11/21/1919 John W. Windsor

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EAT 43/465

William P. Jackson  
William H. Jackson

to

2/15/1905

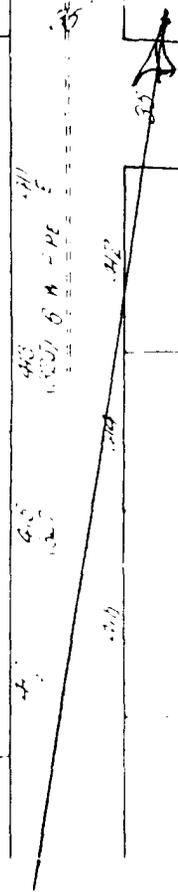
James W. Mitchell



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OAK HILL AV.

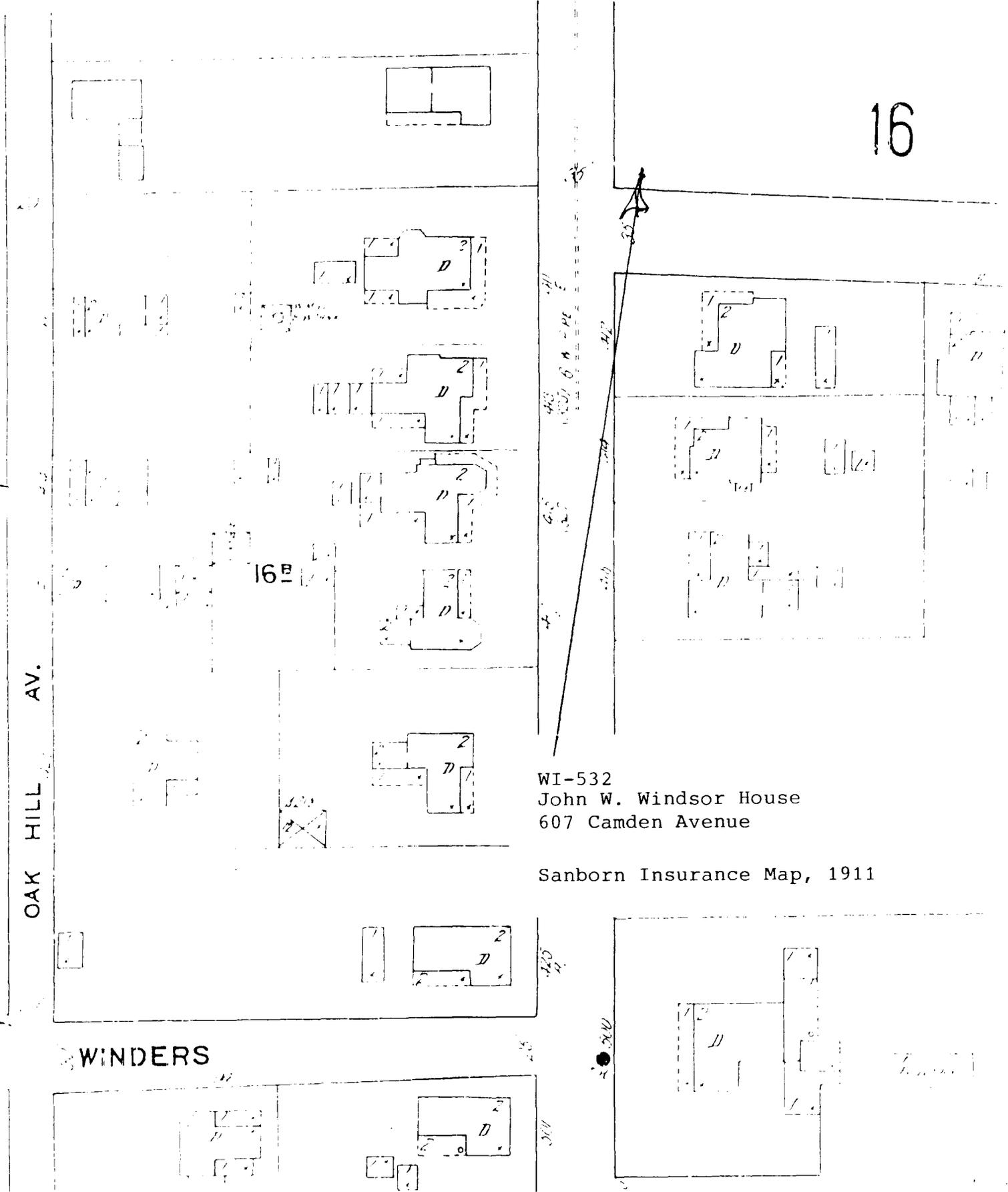
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Sanborn Insurance Map, 1911

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Salisbury, Wicomico Co., MD.

WEST elevation

10/00, Pine Tower, preserved

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