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Nutter's District Election House

Architectural Survey File

This is the architectural survey file for this MIHP record. The survey file is organized reverse-chronological (that is, with the latest material on top). It contains all MIHP inventory forms, National Register nomination forms, determinations of eligibility (DOE) forms, and accompanying documentation such as photographs and maps.

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Nutter's District Election House
Fruitland
Private

1938

The Nutter's District Election house was moved to a site in Fruitland in an effort to preserve the last known single-room election house in Wicomico County. Built in 1938 to replace an older structure, the weatherboarded frame election house was relocated in 1976 by the Wicomico County Historical Society. The two-bay by two-bay, utilitarian frame structure was designed and built with a functional aesthetic and little in the way of architectural embellishment.

Maryland Historical Trust Maryland Inventory of Historic Properties Form

Inventory No. WI-564

1. Name of Property (indicate preferred name)

historic Nutter's District Election House
other _____

2. Location

street and number North Division Street _____ not for publication
city, town Fruitland _____ vicinity
county Wicomico

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

name City of Fruitland
street and number 401 West Main Street telephone _____
city, town Fruitland state MD zip code 21826

4. Location of Legal Description

courthouse, registry of deeds, etc. Wicomico County Clerk of Court liber _____ folio _____
city, town Salisbury tax map _____ tax parcel _____ tax ID number _____

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
<input type="checkbox"/> district	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> public	<input type="checkbox"/> agriculture	<input type="checkbox"/> landscape	Contributing
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> building(s)	<input type="checkbox"/> private	<input type="checkbox"/> commerce/trade	<input type="checkbox"/> recreation/culture	<u>1</u>
<input type="checkbox"/> structure	<input type="checkbox"/> both	<input type="checkbox"/> defense	<input type="checkbox"/> religion	Noncontributing
<input type="checkbox"/> site		<input type="checkbox"/> domestic	<input type="checkbox"/> social	_____ buildings
<input type="checkbox"/> object		<input type="checkbox"/> education	<input type="checkbox"/> transportation	_____ sites
		<input type="checkbox"/> funerary	<input type="checkbox"/> work in progress	_____ structures
		<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> government	<input type="checkbox"/> unknown	<u>1</u> _____ objects
		<input type="checkbox"/> health care	<input type="checkbox"/> vacant/not in use	_____ Total
		<input type="checkbox"/> industry	<input type="checkbox"/> other:	

**Number of Contributing Resource
previously listed in the Inventory**

7. Description

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Condition

excellent deteriorated
 good ruins
 fair altered

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

The Nutter's District Election House stands on the east side of North Division Street behind the Public Works building in Fruitland, Wicomico County, Maryland. The election house faces west with the gable roof oriented on an east/west axis.

Built in 1938 and moved to this site in 1976, the single-story, one-room plan election house is supported on a concrete block foundation, and the exterior is sheathed with plain weatherboard siding. The medium pitched gable roof is covered with asphalt shingles.

The single-story, one-room plan frame structure has a two-bay front with a four-panel front door flanked by a boarded over window opening. The edge of the roof has a slightly extended eave.

The north and south sides of the election house are defined by two boarded over window openings, and the edge of the roof has extended eaves with exposed rafter ends. A single-flue brick stack pierces the south side of the election house.

The east (rear) elevation is a plain wall surface sheathed with plain weatherboards. There is a access door in the block foundation providing a crawl space under the structure.

The interior was not seen.

8. Significance

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Period	Areas of Significance	Check and justify below		
<input type="checkbox"/> 1600-1699	<input type="checkbox"/> agriculture	<input type="checkbox"/> economics	<input type="checkbox"/> health/medicine	<input type="checkbox"/> performing arts
<input type="checkbox"/> 1700-1799	<input type="checkbox"/> archeology	<input type="checkbox"/> education	<input type="checkbox"/> industry	<input type="checkbox"/> philosophy
<input type="checkbox"/> 1800-1899	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> architecture	<input type="checkbox"/> engineering	<input type="checkbox"/> invention	<input type="checkbox"/> politics/government
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> 1900-1999	<input type="checkbox"/> art	<input type="checkbox"/> entertainment/ recreation	<input type="checkbox"/> landscape architecture	<input type="checkbox"/> religion
<input type="checkbox"/> 2000-	<input type="checkbox"/> commerce	<input type="checkbox"/> ethnic heritage	<input type="checkbox"/> law	<input type="checkbox"/> science
	<input type="checkbox"/> communications	<input type="checkbox"/> exploration/ settlement	<input type="checkbox"/> literature	<input type="checkbox"/> social history
	<input type="checkbox"/> community planning		<input type="checkbox"/> maritime history	<input type="checkbox"/> transportation
	<input type="checkbox"/> conservation		<input type="checkbox"/> military	<input type="checkbox"/> other:

Specific dates	Architect/Builder
Construction dates 1938	

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 projects, complete evaluation on a DOE Form – see manual.)

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9. Major Bibliographical References

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10. Geographical Data

Acreage of surveyed property 1 acre
Acreage of historical setting 1/4 acre
Quadrangle name Salisbury, Maryland Quadrangle scale: 1:24,000

Verbal boundary description and justification

The metes and bounds of this property are coincidental with the current boundary of the lot.

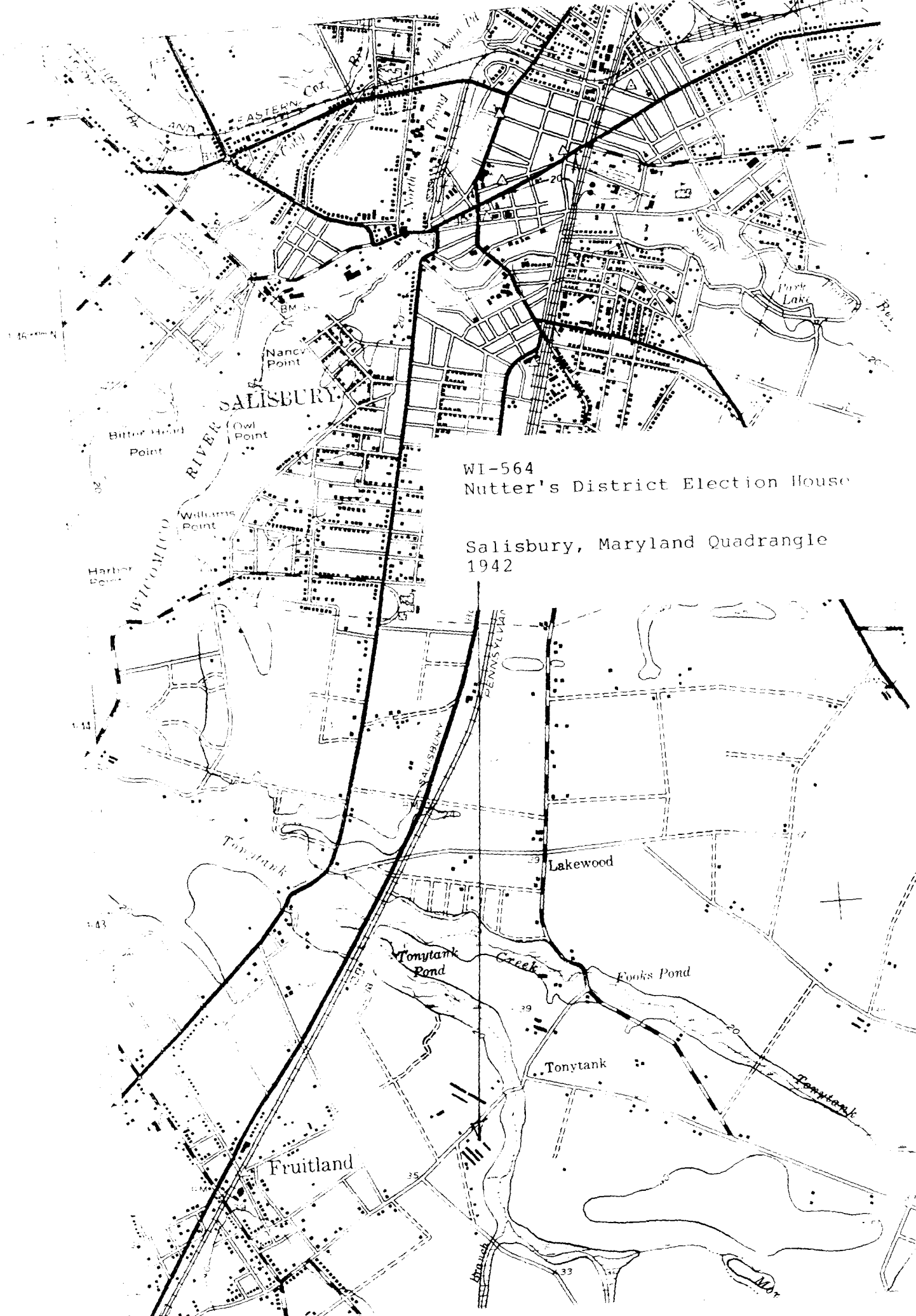
11. Form Prepared by

name/title	Paul B. Touart		
organization	Private Consultant	date	7/2/2001
street & number	P. O. Box 5	telephone	410-651-1094
city or town	Westover	state	Maryland 21871

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100 Community Place
Crownsville, MD 21032-2023
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Nutter's District Election House

Salisbury, Maryland Quadrangle
1942

145° 00' W

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SALISBURY

WICOMICO RIVER

Fruitland

Lakewood

Tonytank Pond

Fooks Pond

Tonytank

Tonytank Creek

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Nutter's ELECTION HOUSE

FRUITLAND, WICOMICO Co., MD.

SOUTHWEST ELEVATION

7/01, PAUL TOWART, PHOTOGRAPHER

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MUTTER'S ELECTION HOUSE

FRUITLAND, MICHIGAN Co., MD.

SOUTHEAST ELEVATION

7/01, PAUL TONART, PHOTOGRAPHER

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