

WI-580
W. F. Messick Ice Company Complex
Salisbury
Private

1920-21

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The W. F. Messick Company acquired a three-acre parcel bordering the N. Y. P. & N. railroad from George T. Huston on November 3, 1920. The company figured significantly in the cold shipments of fruit and other fragile produce from this region. The land remained in company hands until 1982.

Maryland Historical Trust Maryland Inventory of Historic Properties Form

Inventory No. WI-580

1. Name of Property (indicate preferred name)

historic W. F. Messick Ice Company Office

other _____

2. Location

street and number Vine Street ___ not for publication

city, town Salisbury ___ vicinity

county Wicomico

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

name Vine Street LLC

street and number 2100 W. Franklin Street telephone _____

city, town Baltimore state MD zip code 21223

4. Location of Legal Description

courthouse, registry of deeds, etc. Wicomico County Clerk of Court liber 1482 folio 811

city, town Salisbury tax map 112 tax parcel 1628 tax ID number 13-034737

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	Contributing
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> building(s)	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> private	_____ landscape	Noncontributing
_____ structure	_____ both	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> commerce/trade	<u>2</u>
_____ site		_____ defense	_____
_____ object		_____ domestic	_____
		_____ education	_____
		_____ funerary	<u>2</u>
		_____ government	_____
		_____ health care	_____
		_____ industry	_____
		_____ recreation/culture	_____
		_____ religion	_____
		_____ social	_____
		_____ transportation	_____
		_____ work in progress	_____
		_____ unknown	_____
		_____ vacant/not in use	_____
		_____ other:	_____
			Total

			Number of Contributing Resources 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.

Formerly known as the William F. Messick Ice Company, the complex is located on the north side of Vine Street and on the west side of Eastern Shore Drive in Salisbury, Wicomico County, Maryland. The single-story brick office faces south with the gable roof oriented on an east/west axis. Standing behind the office is a large brick and metal storage and warehouse complex.

Erected around 1920-21, the single-story, three-bay brick office is supported on a raised brick foundation with an excavated cellar, and the exterior is laid in stretcher bond brick with accents executed in cream colored bands along the foundation and around the window openings. The office is covered with a medium pitched asphalt shingle roof. Window openings in the foundation are boarded over.

The south (main) façade is a three-bay elevation with a center entrance and flanking fifteen-over-one sash windows. The paneled front door is sheltered by a gable roofed portico supported on Tuscan columns. The entrance platform is reached by a series of four brick steps executed with contrasting red and cream color bricks. The flanking windows are framed by cream colored brick borders. Stretching across the base of the roof is wide eave accented with a block cornice. The outside corners of the building are accented with cream colored brick quoins.

The west gable end is defined by an enclosed pediment that tops a two-bay wall. A pair of twelve-over-one sash windows framed by cream colored brick borders pierce the wall surface. The gable end pediment is pierced by a boarded over six-over-one sash window.

The east gable end features an off-center, part interior, part exterior brick stack that rises through the pediment. The stack is flanked by a nine-over-one sash window. A six-over-one sash window pierces the gable end.

The north (rear) wall is an asymmetrical elevation with a center, partially glazed door. The wall surface to the right is defined by a twelve-over-one sash window, while the left side is defined by a pair of six-over-one sash windows.

The office building is joined on the lot by a large warehouse complex sited along the railroad on the west edge of the property. The oldest section of the warehouse is built in six-course common bond with walls partially covered with painted signs advertising packaged ice. A loading dock sheltered by a single-story porch stretches across the south side of the brick warehouse. Various block and metal walled additions have extended the original warehouse to the north.

The interiors were 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 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 1921

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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¹ *The Wicomico News*, November 4, 1920.

² Wicomico County Land Record, AJS 979/338, 31 August 1982.

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Name W. F. Messick Ice Company Office
Continuation Sheet

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W. F. Messick Ice Company Office
Vine Street
Salisbury, Maryland
Chain of title
Map 112, Parcel 1628

1482/811

Karra Properties, Inc.

to

4/11/1996

Vine Street, LLC
\$450,000 3.1 acres, Subdivision survey, 8/25/1986,
AJS 7/162-646

1288/247

Karra Properties

to

4/9/1992

Karra Properties, Inc.

AJS 979/338

W. F. Messick Ice Company

to

8/31/1982

“Karra Properties”
Conveyed to grantor by four deeds:

1. from George T. Huston, 11/3/1920, JCK 121/26
2. from Swift & Co., 12/3/1969, JWTS 702/450
3. Deed of Exchange of Salisbury, 8/15/1975, AJS 842/74
4. from George T. Huston, 11/25/1939, JWS 221/436

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W. F. Messick Ice Company
Salisbury, Maryland
Chain of title continued

JCK 121/26

George T. Huston
Georgia F. Huston

to

11/3/1920

W. F. Messick Ice Company

Easterly side of N.Y.P. & N. Railroad, on the north side of and binding on upon East Vine Street and on the south side and binding on Pine Street and on the west side of the lands of Samuel F. Gordy and other lands of George T. Huston, containing 3 acres

JCK 121/20

F. Leonard Wailes
Thomas H. Lewis
Curtis W. Long, trustees

to

6/5/1920

George T. Huston
Lot No. 1

The Wicomico News, November 4, 1920

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9. Major Bibliographical References

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Wicomico County Land Records, various volumes, Wicomico County Courthouse.
The Wicomico News, November 4, 1920.

10. Geographical Data

Acreage of surveyed property 3 acres
Acreage of historical setting 3 acres
Quadrangle name Salisbury, Maryland 1942

Quadrangle scale: 1:24,000

Verbal boundary description and justification

The metes and bounds conform to the historic boundary of the property.

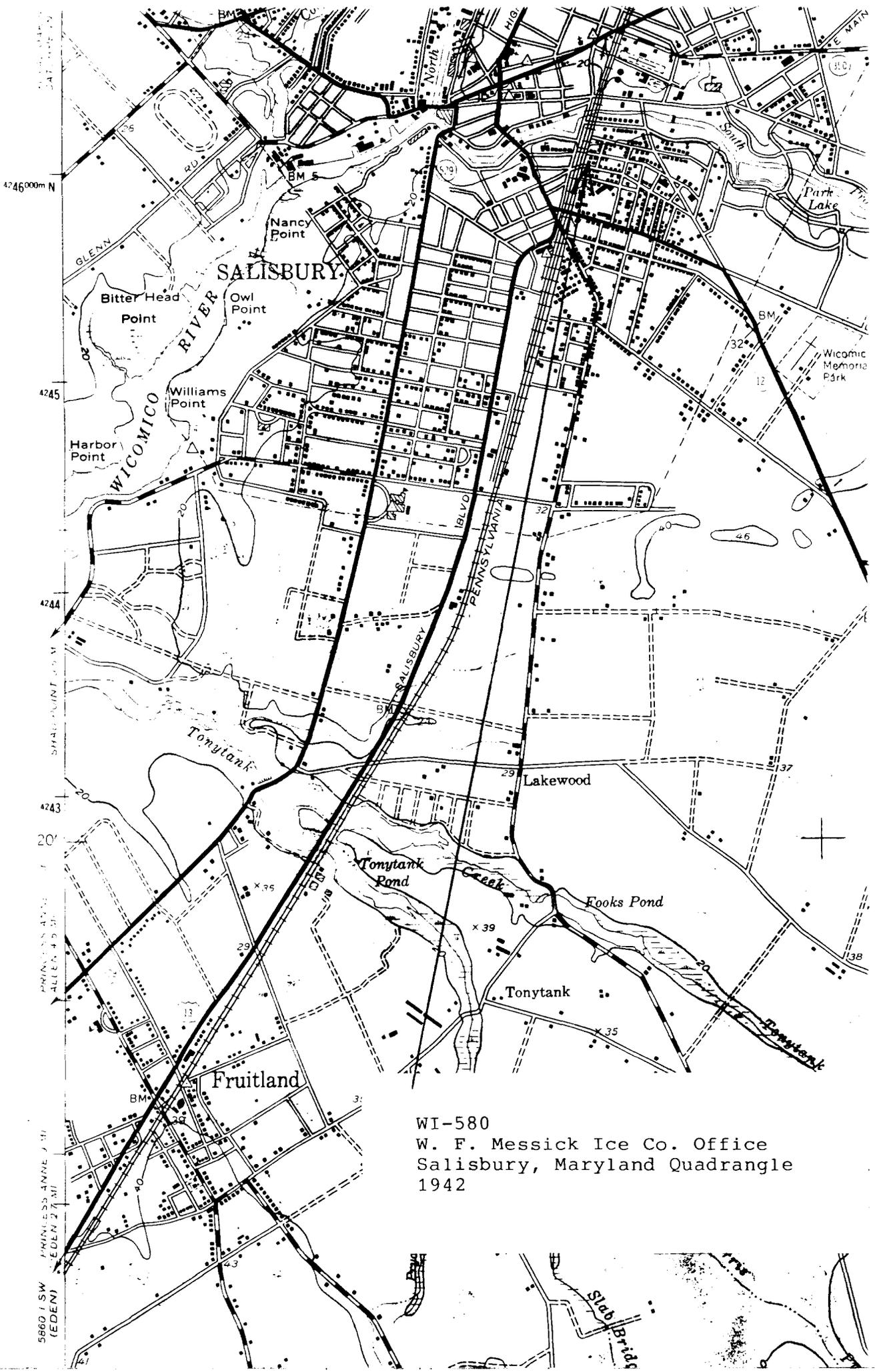
11. Form Prepared by

name/title	Paul B. Touart, Architectural Historian		
organization	Private Consultant	date	3/14/01
street & number	P. O. Box 5	telephone	410-651-1094
city or town	Westover	state	MD 21871

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.

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100 Community Place
Crownsville, MD 21032-2023
410-514-7600



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W. F. Messick Ice Co. Office
Salisbury, Maryland Quadrangle
1942

4246000m N

4245

4244

4243

20'

PRINCESS ANNE

ALLEN

EDEN

5860 (SW)

EDEN



WI-980

MESSICK ICE Co. Office

SALESBURY, Wisconsin Co., WIS.

SOUTH ELEVATION

3101, PAUL TOWERS, PHOTOGRAPHER
1126. / WIS. HISTORICAL TRUST

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INNOVATION
CENTER

100 Park St.
404-249-7771

CANTON

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Messick Ice Co. Office

Salisbury, Wisconsin Co. No 2

South elevation

3/01, Paul Touret, Pittsfield

NE of No. 1550000 Trust

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MESSICK ICE CO. OFFICE

SALISBURY, WICOMICO CO., VAD.

SOUTH ELEVATION

3/01, PAUL TOURNE, PHOTOGRAPHER

NEE. / VAD. INST. TRUST

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