

WI-589  
Greenleaf J. Hearn House  
Salisbury  
Private

c. 1905

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# Maryland Historical Trust Maryland Inventory of Historic Properties Form

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

historic Greenleaf J. Hearn House

other \_\_\_\_\_

## 2. Location

street and number 317 Park Avenue      not for publication

city, town Salisbury      vicinity

county Wicomico

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

name Raymond J. Brokamp

street and number 317 Park Avenue telephone \_\_\_\_\_

city, town Salisbury state MD zip code 21801-4225

## 4. Location of Legal Description

courthouse, registry of deeds, etc. Wicomico County Clerk of Court liber 1800 folio 481

city, town Salisbury tax map 107 tax parcel 965 tax ID number 9-047832

## 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 type="checkbox"/> public	<input type="checkbox"/> agriculture	<input type="checkbox"/> landscape	Contributing	Noncontributing
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> building(s)	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> private	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> commerce/trade	<input type="checkbox"/> recreation/culture	<u>2</u>	<input type="checkbox"/> buildings
<input type="checkbox"/> structure	<input type="checkbox"/> both	<input type="checkbox"/> defense	<input type="checkbox"/> religion	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/> sites
<input type="checkbox"/> site		<input type="checkbox"/> domestic	<input type="checkbox"/> social	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/> structures
<input type="checkbox"/> object		<input type="checkbox"/> education	<input type="checkbox"/> transportation	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/> objects
		<input type="checkbox"/> funerary	<input type="checkbox"/> work in progress	<u>2</u>	<input type="checkbox"/> Total
		<input type="checkbox"/> government	<input type="checkbox"/> unknown		
		<input type="checkbox"/> health care	<input type="checkbox"/> vacant/not in use		
		<input type="checkbox"/> industry	<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  
 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 Greenleaf J. Hearn house stands at 317 Park Avenue in the Newtown Historic District of Salisbury, Wicomico County, Maryland. Built around 1905, the two-and-a-half story Queen Anne frame house is supported on a raised brick foundation, and the exterior is clad with aluminum siding. The steeply pitched hip roof, as well as its numerous gable roofed extensions and three-story, semi-octagonal corner tower, are covered with asphalt shingles. The house faces west.

The west (main) elevation is an asymmetrical façade with the three-story, semi-octagonal tower defining the northwest corner. The tower is pierced by single-pane sash windows, and the entire first floor front is sheltered by a Tuscan columned wraparound porch. A turned baluster handrail stretches between the columns. The entrance bay of the porch, in alignment with the front door, is distinguished by a slightly projecting gable-front pediment sheathed with fishscale shingles and supported on Tuscan columns as well. The front door is partially glazed and is topped by a three-light transom. Single-pane sash windows light the first and second stories. The third story is defined by a combination of three roof shapes; a gable roofed pediment above the entrance, a hip roofed dormer and the octagonal tower on the northwest corner. The sides of the tower are pierced by single-pane sash windows, and a block cornice stretches around the perimeter of the tower spire. The gable roofed pediment, sheathed with fishscale shingles, is pierced by a diamond pane window. The main block is served by a pair of single-flue brick stove chimneys finished with corbelled caps.

The south façade of the main block is dominated by a projecting pavilion topped by a large gable roof trimmed with an enclosed pediment. The two-bay wall surface is pierced by an asymmetrical combination of diamond paned windows and single-paned sash windows. The gable end pediment is sheathed with fishscale shingles, and the wall is pierced by a pair of multi-paned windows. Located to the left (west) of the pavilion is a side entrance sheltered by a single-bay, shed roofed porch supported on a single Tuscan column. The wall surface is pierced by single-pane sash windows.

The north side of the house is an asymmetrical façade also with a two-story, three-side projecting pavilion extending from a taller two-story gable-roofed extension of the main block. The projecting pavilion is a semi-octagonal form capped by a gable end pediment. The pediment is sheathed with fishscale shingles and is pierced by a multi-paned window. The first and second stories of the bay are lighted by single-pane sash windows.

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 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

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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<sup>1</sup> Wicomico County Land Record, JTT 33/41, 4/17/1902.

<sup>2</sup> Wicomico County Land Record, EAT 47/401, 10/6/1905.

<sup>3</sup> *Salisbury Advertiser*, June 28, 1902.

<sup>4</sup> Wicomico County Land Record, JWTS 508/431, 11/5/1960.

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317 Park Avenue  
Salisbury, Maryland  
Chain of title

Map 107, Parcel 965

1800/481 Vernadett M. Hudson

to

3/6/2001 Raymond J. Brokamp

960/659 Dennis W. Hopson  
Kathy A. Hopson

to

6/25/1981 Vernadett M. Hudson

AJS 821/609 L. W. Gunby Company

to

5/3/1974 Dennis W. Hopson  
Kathy A. Hopson

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JWTS 508/431

James B. Hearn, et al (Anna B. Hearn, his wife, Elizabeth Hearn  
German and Hubert W. German)

to

11/5/1960

L. W. Gunby Company

Parcel 1 and Parcel 2 hereof being in all respects the same properties  
which were conveyed unto Greenleaf J. Hearn by two deeds:

1. from Malvinia W. Seabreese and husband, dated 4/7/1902, JTT 33/41  
\$600 "the property hereby conveyed being a part of the property acquired  
by the said Malvinia Seabreese from her father Geo. W. Humphreys
2. from Daniel J. Elliott, 10/6/1905, EAT 47/401, \$200

*Salisbury Advertiser*, May 3, 1902, "Thom. Seabreeze (sic) and wife to Greenleaf J. Hearn, lot on Park Street,  
Salisbury, consideration \$600"

*Salisbury Advertiser*, June 28, 1902 "Mr. G. J. Hearn, of the firm of Twilley & Hearn, barbers, left Salisbury  
Thursday for Ocean City, where he will again conduct the Atlantic Hotel barber shop. He has occupied this  
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## 9. Major Bibliographical References

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Wicomico County Land Records, various volumes, Wicomico County Courthouse.

*Salisbury Advertiser*, June 6, 1902.

*Salisbury Advertiser*, May 3, 1902.

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## 10. Geographical Data

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Acreage of surveyed property 7,493 square feet

Acreage of historical setting 7,493 square feet

Quadrangle name Salisbury, Maryland 1942

Quadrangle scale: 1:24,000

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### Verbal boundary description and justification

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

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## 11. Form Prepared by

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name/title	Paul B. Touart, Architectural Historian		
organization	Private Consultant	date	5/3/2001
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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Crownsville, MD 21032-2023  
410-514-7600



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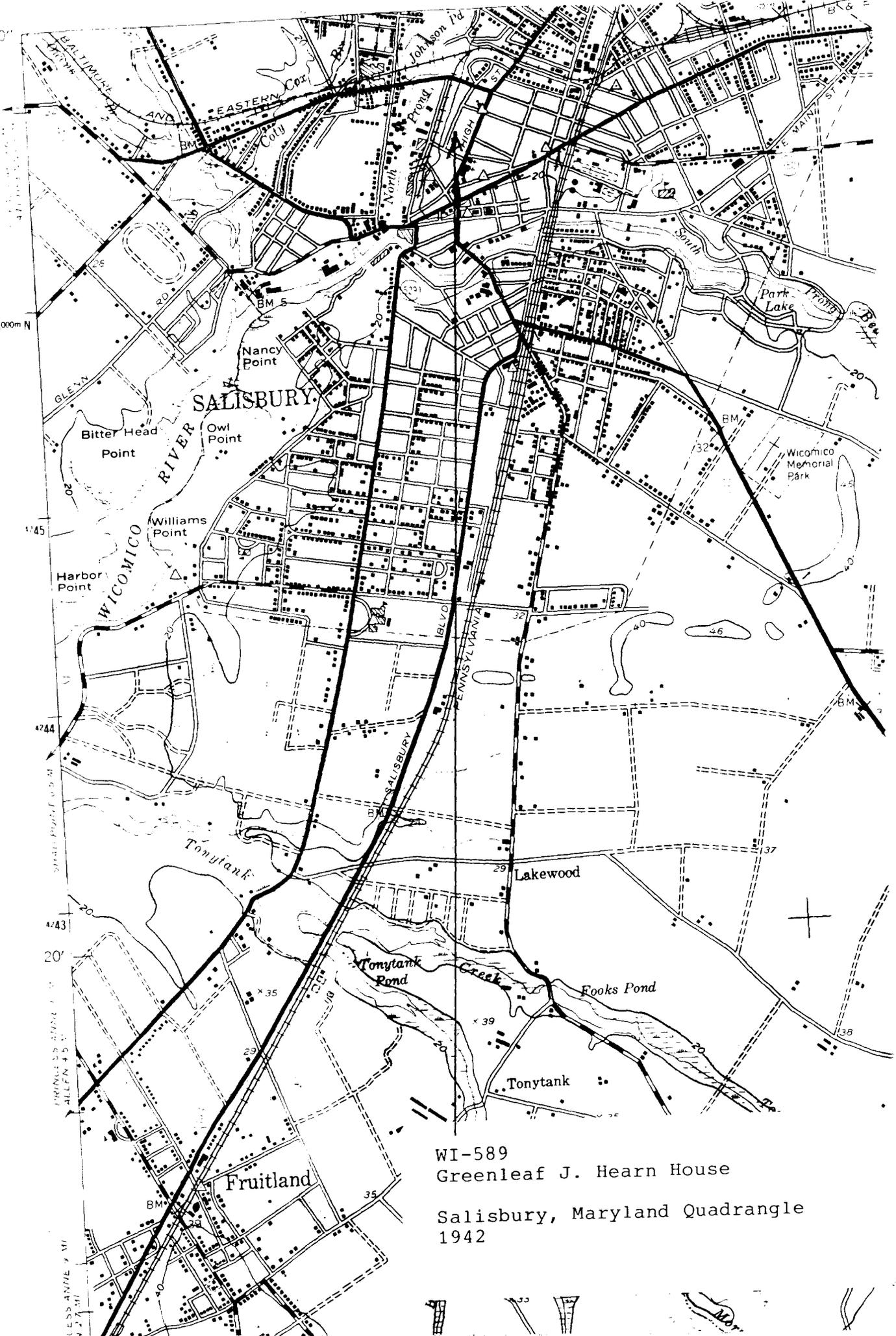
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N. 2.7 MI



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 Greenleaf J. Hearn House  
 Salisbury, Maryland Quadrangle  
 1942







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GRIENLAT & HEARN HOUSE

SAVINGBY, WICOMICO CO., MD

SOUTHWEST ELEVATION

4/01, PAUL TOWNST, PHOTOGRAPHIC

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GREENLEAF & HERMAN STON  
SAUSPURY, WISCONSIN Co.,  
SOUTHWEST ELEVATION

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