

WI-622
Parker Farm
Salisbury vicinity
Private

c. 1890

Defining Snow Hill Road south of Salisbury is a string of two-and-a-half story, cross-gabled frame farmhouses dating from the late nineteenth century. One of these is the Parker farm, south of Nutter's Crossing, which is improved by the late nineteenth-century farmhouse as well as a group of early twentieth-century farm buildings including a three-level sweet potato house. Like most rural farmhouses, the exterior has been remodeled with the application artificial siding. The sweet potato house and a gable-front barn are well preserved structures dating from the early twentieth century. Sweet potatoes were a large cash crop in Wicomico County during the early twentieth century.

Construction of the cross-gabled farmhouse probably took place during the ownership of William P. Ward, who purchased 117 acres of the "Causey land" as a result of a chancery settlement. William P. Ward paid \$938 for the 117 acres, which suggests the property was unimproved at the time to sale. Fourteen years later, in June 1906, William P. Ward sold the property to John J. Shenk, who in turn sold the farm the following year to Clayton C. Parker for \$4100. Clayton C. and Maria L. Parker retained title to the Snow Hill Road farm until 1919 when they transferred it to their son Joseph H. Parker, who maintained ownership through his entire life. At his death in 1957, the farm passed to Mae M. Parker. The property remains in family hands.

Maryland Historical Trust Maryland Inventory of Historic Properties Form

Inventory No. WI-622

1. Name of Property (indicate preferred name)

historic Parker Farm
 other William P. Ward Farm

2. Location

street and number 4637 Snow Hill Road not for publication
 city, town Salisbury vicinity
 county Wicomico

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

name Barbara Lee Evans
 street and number 4601 Snow Hill Road telephone _____
 city, town Salisbury state MD zip code 21804

4. Location of Legal Description

courthouse, registry of deeds, etc. Wicomico County Clerk of Court liber 1515 folio 675
 city, town Salisbury tax map 49 tax parcel 28 tax ID number 8-010692

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	Contributing
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> building(s)	<input type="checkbox"/> private	<input type="checkbox"/> commerce/trade	Noncontributing
<input type="checkbox"/> structure	<input type="checkbox"/> both	<input type="checkbox"/> defense	<u>3</u>
<input type="checkbox"/> site		<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> domestic	<u> </u>
<input type="checkbox"/> object		<input type="checkbox"/> education	<u> </u>
		<input type="checkbox"/> funerary	<u>3</u>
		<input type="checkbox"/> government	<u> </u>
		<input type="checkbox"/> health care	<u> </u>
		<input type="checkbox"/> industry	<u> </u>
		<input type="checkbox"/> landscape	<u> </u>
		<input type="checkbox"/> recreation/culture	<u> </u>
		<input type="checkbox"/> religion	<u> </u>
		<input type="checkbox"/> social	<u> </u>
		<input type="checkbox"/> transportation	<u> </u>
		<input type="checkbox"/> work in progress	<u> </u>
		<input type="checkbox"/> unknown	<u> </u>
		<input type="checkbox"/> vacant/not in use	<u> </u>
		<input type="checkbox"/> other:	<u> </u>
			Number of Contributing Resource previously listed in the Inventory
			<u> </u>

7. Description

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Condition

<input type="checkbox"/> excellent	<input type="checkbox"/> deteriorated
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> good	<input type="checkbox"/> ruins
<input type="checkbox"/> fair	<input type="checkbox"/> altered

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

The Clayton C. Parker farm is located at 4637 Snow Hill Road, southeast of Salisbury, Wicomico County, Maryland. The two-and-a-half story, three-bay, cross-gabled frame dwelling faces southwest with the principal gable roof oriented on a northwest/southeast axis. The turn of the twentieth-century dwelling is joined on the property by a gable-front frame barn and a three-level sweet potato house.

Built around 1890, the two-and-a-half story, three-bay frame farmhouse is supported by a continuous brick foundation, and the exterior is uniformly clad with aluminum siding. The steeply pitched cross gable roof is covered with asphalt shingles. Attached to the back of the single-pile main block is a two-story service wing.

The southwest (main) elevation is a symmetrical three-bay façade with an enclosed porch sheltering the first floor. The porch is distinguished by a cross gable and exposed rafter ends. The second floor is lighted by two-over-two sash windows flanked by louvered vinyl shutters. Piercing the cross gable is a two-over-two sash window. The edge of the roof has an extended eave with open soffits and exposed and decorated rafter ends.

The southeast gable end has a single-story, three-sided bay window pierced by two-over-two sash windows. The second story is defined by a single two-over-two sash window flanked by louvered vinyl shutters. Piercing the gable end is a small two-over-two sash attic window opening which is flanked by small louvered vinyl shutters. The edge of the roof has an extended eave with open soffits, small stick eave supports at the base of the roof and plain bargeboards. The northwest gable end has an exterior brick stack.

The northeast (rear) wall is partially covered by the two-story, one-room plan rear kitchen wing, which is extended on its south side by a single-story shed roofed section. The rear wing is finished in the same fashion as the main block with extended eaves and open soffits. The rear wing is lighted by two-over-two sash windows flanked by louvered vinyl shutters.

Standing northeast of the farmhouse is a single-story gable-front frame barn with side sheds supported on brick piers and sheathed with vertical board siding. The medium pitched roof is covered with tin. Piercing the northwest (main) elevation is a pair of sliding doors. To each side are sheds accessed through single board doors.

Northeast of the barn is a three-level sweet potato house which rests on a poured concrete foundation, and the structure is sheathed with a combination of wood shingles and vertical boards. The potato house is flanked on each side by open shed roofed implement storage bays. The entire structure is covered with asphalt shingle roofs. The edge of the roof is slightly extended beyond the wall surface. The southwest (main) elevation is a shingled front pierced by three board doors, one to each level. The third level features a timber beam for hoisting. Piercing the roofline is a single-flue brick stack as well as a round metal stack. The northeast (rear) wall is defined by three door openings, one to each floor.

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 checked="" 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

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 Wicomico County Land Record, JTT 9/256, 27 September 1892.
² Wicomico County Land Record, EAT 54/260, 18 May 1907.
³ Wicomico County Land Record, JCK 112/338, 24 March 1919.

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Parker Farm
4637 Snow Hill Road
Salisbury, Wicomico County, Maryland
Chain of title

Map 49, Parcel 28

1515/675 Barbara Lee Evans, Personal Representative of Mae
Parker Richardson

to

11/4/1996 Barbara Lee Evans
(the said Joseph H. Parker died 6/13/1957) pursuant to Item Two of his Last Will
and Testament dated 3/1955, he devised said property to Mae M. Parker, the said
Mae M. Parker having married and became known as Mae Parker Richardson)
97 acres

JCK 112/338 Clayton C. Parker
Maria L. Parker

to

3/24/1919 Joseph H. Parker

EAT 54/260 John J. Shenk
Julia P. Shenk

to

5/18/1907 Clayton C. Parker
"Causey Land"

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EAT 49/473

William P. Ward

to

6/25/1906

John J. Shenk

JTT 9/256

John T. Price, trustee

to

9/27/1892

William P. Ward
Whereas by a Decree of Circuit Court, Causey et al. vs. Causey et al.
No. 727 Chancery Case \$938 117 acres

9. Major Bibliographical References

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Personal Interview with Barbara Lee Evans, 3 October 2001.

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

10. Geographical Data

Acreage of surveyed property 95 acres

Acreage of historical setting 95 acres

Quadrangle name _____

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, Architectural Historian		
organization	Private Consultant	date	10/3/2001
street & number	P. O. Box 5	telephone	410-651-1094
city or town	Westover	state	Maryland 21871

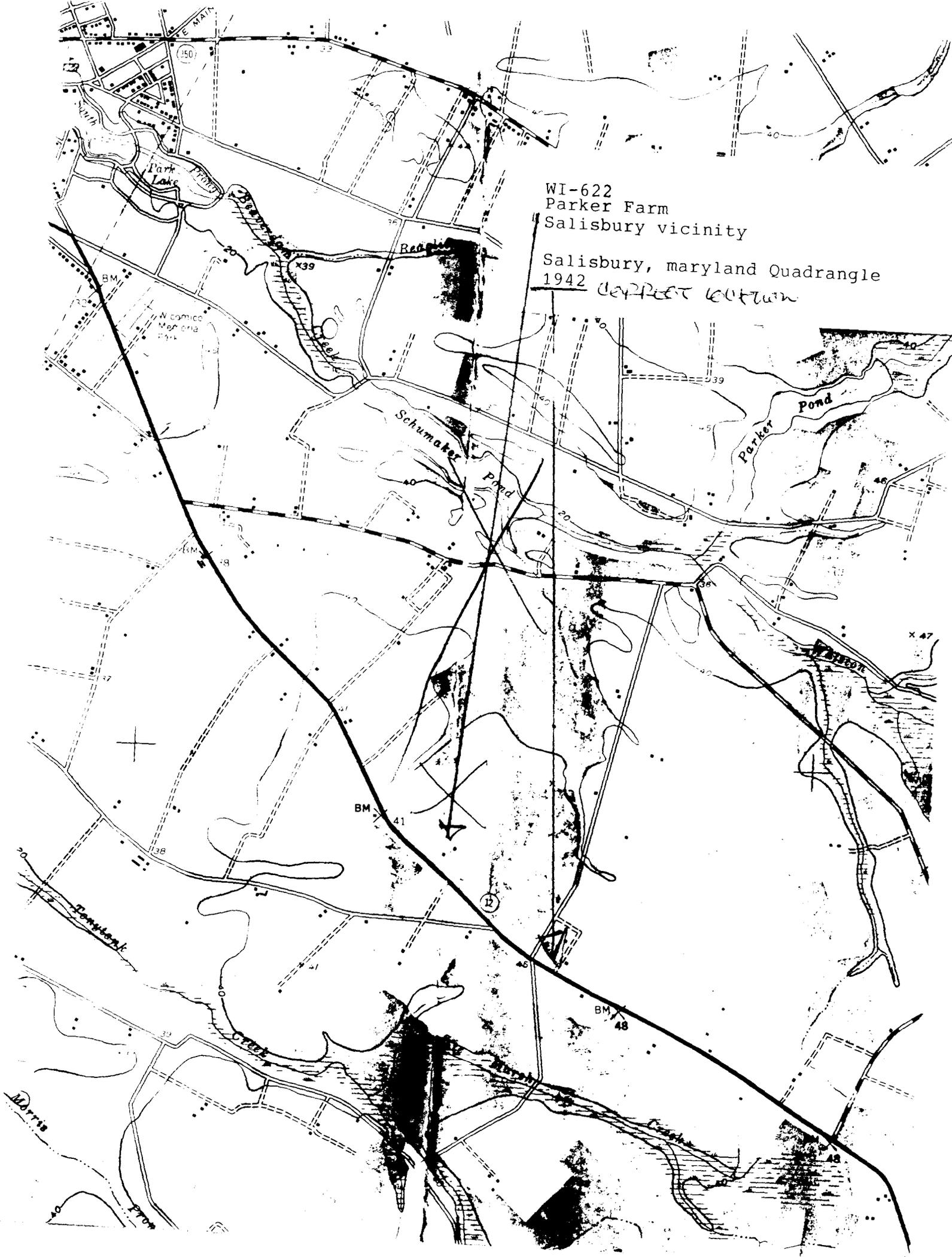
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Salisbury, Maryland Quadrangle
1942 *Corrected Edition*





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PARKER LABOR

Salisbury vic., Wicomico Co., MD

NORTHWEST ELEVATION

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PARSON LACON

SALISBURY VIC., WICOMICO CO., MD.

SOUTHEAST ELEVATION

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PARKER KRAM

Salisbury vic., WILSON CO., MD.

PLAN - NORTHWEST ELEVATION

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Parker Knave

Salisbury vic, Wicomico Co., MD.

Potato house: SOUTHWEST ELEVATION

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W. J. MD. HISTORICAL TRUST

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