

WI-641
W. Lee Allen House
Salisbury
Private

c. 1917

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W. Lee Allen, the son of agriculturist William F. Allen and his wife Martha, financed construction of the bungalow style house around the time his parents transferred a small parcel of the farm to him in February 1917. The house stood opposite the extensive Allen farm residence and fields of strawberries until the early 1970s when the Victorian Allen residence was demolished in a plan to erect a new president's house. After Lee Allen's death the property passed to his wife Violetta A. Allen, who left the

property to her daughter, Jane Allen Trescott, through the vehicle of her 1956 will. Jane

A. Trescott maintained ownership of her parent's house for the next decade.

Maryland Historical Trust Maryland Inventory of Historic Properties Form

Inventory No. WI-641

1. Name of Property (indicate preferred name)

historic W. Lee Allen House
other _____

2. Location

street and number 1306 Camden Avenue _____ nct for publication
city, town Salisbury _____ vicinity
county Wicomico

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

name Kathleen Hannon
street and number 1306 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 liber 1822 folio 55
city, town Salisbury tax map 48 tax parcel 593 tax ID number 13-005281

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 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"/> sites
<input type="checkbox"/> site		<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> domestic	<input type="checkbox"/> social	_____	<input type="checkbox"/> structures
<input type="checkbox"/> object		<input type="checkbox"/> education	<input type="checkbox"/> transportation	_____	<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:		

**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.

The W. Lee Allen house stands at 1306 Camden Avenue on a wooded lot in Salisbury, Wicomico County, Maryland. The story-and-a-half brick bungalow style house faces east with the gable roof oriented on a north/south axis.

Built around 1917, the story-and-a-half stretcher bond brick bungalow style dwelling is supported on a fully excavated foundation of poured concrete, and pressed brick walls with narrow butter joints rise to a medium sloped asphalt shingle roof with extended eaves and open soffits. Attached to the south side of the double-pile dwelling is a single-story mid twentieth century brick addition. A single-story brick walled garage stands behind the house off the southwest corner.

The east (main) elevation is an asymmetrical façade with a side entrance and flanking tripartite window comprised of one-over-one sash windows. The entrance is fitted with a partially glazed door, and the opening is spanned by a soldier course arch. Sheltering the first floor is an engaged porch that is an extension of the main roof slope. Tapered porch posts with paneled sides rest on brick piers. A rectangular baluster handrail stretches between the piers. Fixed atop the roof is a shed roofed dormer built with frame walls and sheathed with wood shingles. The front face of the dormer is pierced by pairs of six-pane casement windows, and the sides are marked by smaller four-pane casements. Piercing the roof is an internal brick stack.

The north gable end is dominated by a pair of three-sided bay windows covered by a shed roof that stretches across much of the gable end. The shed roof is supported by stick brackets. The sides of the bays are pierced by paired or single one-over-one sash windows. The cellar wall is defined by three-pane windows. Piercing the wood shingled gable end of the house is a tripartite window of single-pane sash. The edge of the roof has an extended eave with an open soffit.

The south side is largely covered by the single-story mid twentieth-century brick and frame addition, which was executed in a manner very similar to the main house. The addition was built with a medium pitched gable roof executed with a window well around the second floor gable end window in the main house.

The west (rear) wall is an asymmetrical façade with a recessed entrance flanked by paired or single one-over-one sash windows. A shed dormer is fixed atop the roof, and paired six-pane casement pierce the west face.

The interior has survived largely intact with a side hall/double pile plan. The oak woodwork has been refinished in two rooms, the front parlor and the dining room. In the parlor a fireplace of pressed brick is topped by a thick oak mantel shelf supported on brackets. Behind the parlor is the dining room, which has a gridded ceiling of oak beams. The stair is located in the center of the house and is distinguished by a stout fluted newel post and a molded handrail supported by plain balusters.

The garage is a single-story gable roofed brick walled structure.

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

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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W. Lee Allen, the son of agriculturist William F. and Martha P. Allen, financed construction of the bungalow style dwelling around the time his parents transferred a small parcel of the farm to him in February 1917.¹ The house stood opposite the extensive Allen farm residence and fields of strawberries until the early 1970s when the Victorian house was demolished in a plan to erect a new President's house. After W. Lee Allen's death the property passed to his wife Violetta A. Allen, who left the property to her daughter, Jane Allen Trescott, through the vehicle of her 1956 will.² Jane A. Trescott maintained ownership of her parent's house for the next decade.³

¹ Wicomico County Land Record, JCK 103/304, 1 February 1917.

² Wicomico County Will Book, JAH 7/415, 4 January 1956.

³ Wicomico County Land Record, JWTS 623/575, 7 January 1966.

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W. Lee Allen House
1306 Camden Avenue
Salisbury, Wicomico County, Maryland
Chain of title

Map 48, Parcel 593

888/407 Patrick J. Hannon

to

10/14/1977 Kathleen M. Hannon

JWTS 696/500 Donald F. McCarron
Lois B. McCarron

to

6/30/1969 Patrick J. Hannon
Kathleen M. Hannon
Lot No. 1 on a plat entitled Jane AllenTrescott made by Richard W. Cooper
7/7/1965, JWTS 623/578

JWTS 623/575 Jane Allen Trescott, widow

to

1/7/1966 Donald F. McCarron
Lois B. McCarron
(the entire interest in said property having vested in said Violetta S. Allen
in severalty upon the death of W. Lee Allen)

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Will Book
JAH 7/415

Violetta S. Allen

to

1/4/1956

Jane Allen Trescott

IDT 157/226

Louise E. Parsons

to

9/29/1928

W. Lee Allen
Violetta S. Allen
Two parcels, First 2.926 acres

IDT 157/225

W. Lee Allen

to

9/29/1928

Louise E. Parsons
2.96 acres

JCK 103/304

William J. Jackson
William F. Allen
Martha P. Allen

to

2/1/1917

W. Lee Allen

9. Major Bibliographical References

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Personal Interview with Kathleen Hannon, 15 November 2001.
Wicomico County Land Record, various volumes, Wicomico County Courthouse.

10. Geographical Data

Acreage of surveyed property 2 acres
Acreage of historical setting 2 acres
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

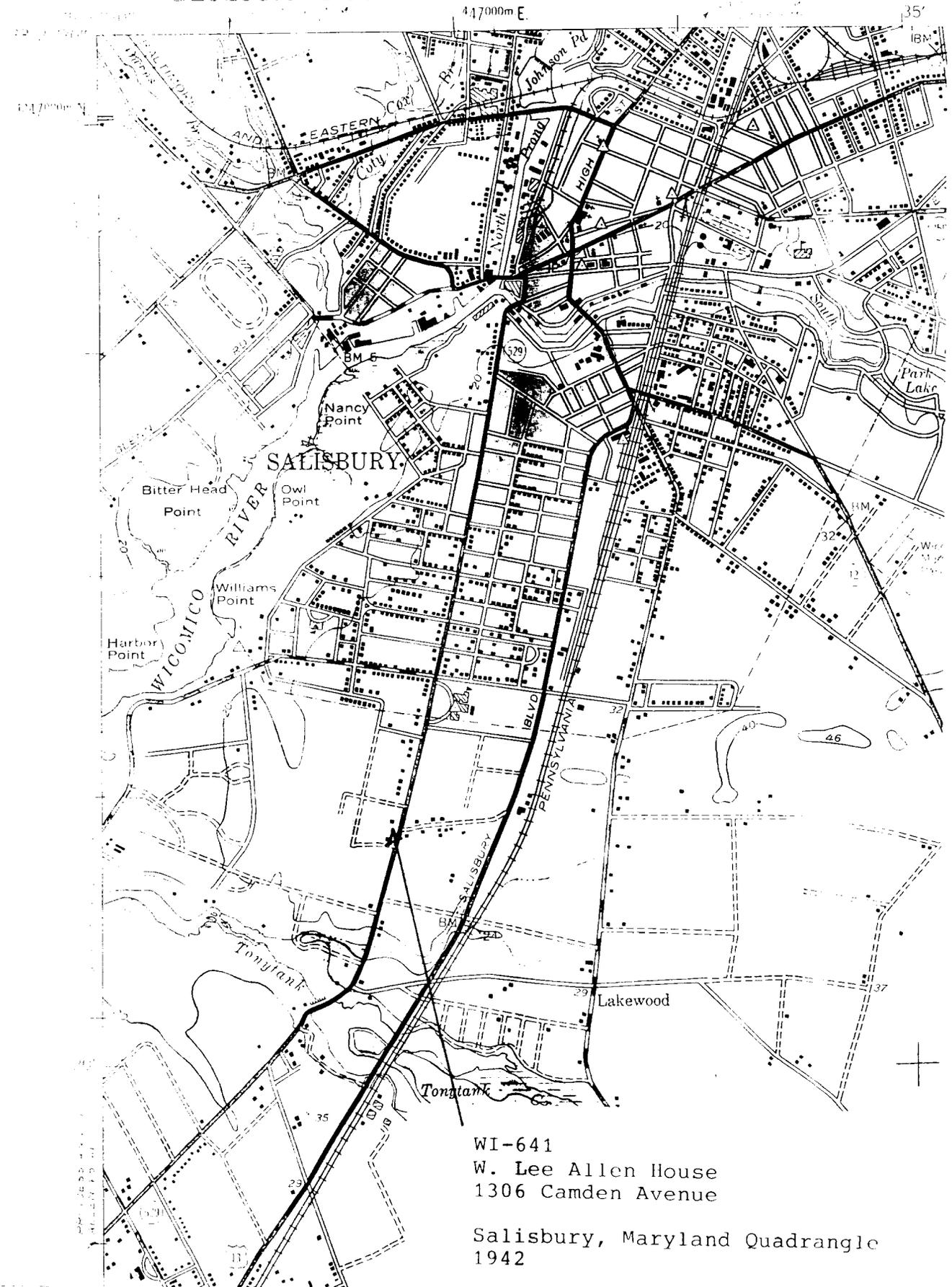
name/title	Paul B. Touart, Architectural Historian		
organization	Private Consultant	date	11/15/2001
street & number	P. O. Box 5	telephone	410-651-1094
city or town	Westover	state	Maryland 21871

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.

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DEPARTMENT OF THE INTERIOR
GEOLOGICAL SURVEY



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W. Lee Allen House
1306 Camden Avenue

Salisbury, Maryland Quadrangle
1942



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W. LEE ALLEN HOUSE

SALISBURY, WICOMICO CO., MD.

SOUTHEAST ELEVATION

11/01, PAUL TOURANT, PHOTOGRAPHER

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W. LEE ALLEN HOUSE

SALISBURY, WILMOT CO., MD.

NORTHEAST ELEVATION

11/01, PAUL THOMAS, PHOTOGRAPHER

WEC./MD HISTORICAL TRUST

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W. LEE Allen House
Salisbury, Wicomico Co., MD.

North elevation

11/01, Paul Thomas, Potomac River

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W. LEE ALLEN HOUSE

SARISKY, Wicomico Co, MD.

EAST ELEVATION OF GARAGE

11/01, PAUL TOUANT, PHOTOGRAPHER

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