

WI-646  
Pratt D. Phillips House  
Salisbury  
Private

1926

The Pratt D. Phillips house occupies a generously sized parcel on North Division Street that was three lots originally and later consolidated into one property during the mid twentieth century. Centered on the large lot, the two-and-a-half story Colonial Revival brick dwelling, erected in 1926, has a symmetrical three-bay façade with a center entrance and flanking tripartite window openings. Distinguishing the front entrance is a recessed bay sheltered by a segmental arched hood supported by large fluted brackets and finished with a paneled soffit. Three gable roofed dormers with pediment fronts and segmental arched sash windows accent the steeply pitched slate roof. The center hall plan dwelling is extended to each side with single-story glassed in porches trimmed with cross-stick balustrades. Joining the house on the lot is a contemporaneous brick garage.

The solidly built brick house and garage were financed by Pratt D. Phillips, a principal in the vegetable canning business near Green Hill and Salisbury during the early to mid twentieth century. In 1939, Pratt D. Phillips and others acquired the Victor Lynn Transportation Company, and he served as the new company's president with William T. Holland, vice-president, H. Lay Phillips, treasurer, S. Norman Holland as assistant treasurer, Avery W. Hall, secretary, and Nathaniel R. Wooten, manager. In 1954 the company discontinued the shipping part of the business and concentrated on overland truck transportation.

# Maryland Historical Trust Maryland Inventory of Historic Properties Form

Inventory No. WI-646

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

historic Ivy Court  
 other Pratt D. Phillips House

## 2. Location

street and number 316 North Division Street not for publication  
 city, town Salisbury vicinity  
 county Wicomico

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

name Virginia R. Fortenberry  
 street and number 316 North Division Street telephone \_\_\_\_\_  
 city, town Salisbury state Maryland zip code 21801

## 4. Location of Legal Description

courthouse, registry of deeds, etc. Wicomico County Clerk of Court liber 1354 folio 31  
 city, town Salisbury tax map 106 tax parcel 948 tax ID number 9-054979

## 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
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> building(s)	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> private	<input type="checkbox"/> commerce/trade	<input type="checkbox"/> recreation/culture	Noncontributing
<input type="checkbox"/> structure	<input type="checkbox"/> both	<input type="checkbox"/> defense	<input type="checkbox"/> religion	<u>2</u> buildings
<input type="checkbox"/> site		<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> domestic	<input type="checkbox"/> social	_____ sites
<input type="checkbox"/> object		<input type="checkbox"/> education	<input type="checkbox"/> transportation	_____ structures
		<input type="checkbox"/> funerary	<input type="checkbox"/> work in progress	_____ objects
		<input type="checkbox"/> government	<input type="checkbox"/> unknown	<u>2</u> Total
		<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 Pratt D. Phillips house stands at 316 North Division Street in the center of the Newtown Historic District in Salisbury, Wicomico County, Maryland. The two-and-a-half story, Colonial Revival brick house faces east with the principal gable roof oriented on a north/south axis. Built in 1926, the stretcher bond brick dwelling is supported on a slightly raised foundation with an excavated cellar. The steeply pitched roof is covered with slate. Standing behind the house is a contemporaneous single-story gable roofed garage.

The east (main) elevation is a symmetrical three-bay, stretcher bond brick façade with a center entrance and flanking tripartite window openings. The front entrance is recessed behind the plane of the wall, and it is sheltered by a segmental arched hood supported on large fluted brackets. The soffit of the hood is finished with raised paneling. A six-panel front door is topped by a tripartite transom with a three-light center panel and two-light sections to each side. Down each side are twelve-light sidelights. The door jamb is paneled. The entrance is flanked by tripartite windows featuring eight-over-eight center sash and six-over-six sash to each side. The window openings are spanned by a course of soldier brick. Three windows light the second story, and each opening is flanked by paneled shutters with candlestick profile cut-outs. The base of the roof is finished with a boxed cornice trimmed with bed and crown moldings. Defining the roof is a series of three gable roofed dormers featuring pediment fronts, fluted pilasters and segmental arched six-over-six sash windows.

The south side is covered on the first floor by an enclosed porch with multi-paned windows enclosing each side. Stretching across the flat roof is a cross-stick balustrade. The second floor is lighted by six-over-six sash windows to each side of an exterior/interior brick stack. Quarter round windows with radiating muntins light the attic. The edge of the roof is finished with an extended eave with returns.

The north side has an enclosed porch as well, and a series of eight-over-eight and six-over-six sash windows light the second floor. Fixed in the gable end is a Palladian style window.

Attached to the back of the house is a two-story, two-bay service wing featuring six-over-six sash windows and an interior side brick stack.

Standing in the backyard is a single-story brick garage built around the same time as the house. The gable roofed structure has a medium pitched slate roof and a two-car garage door front.

## 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 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 1926

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> R. Lee Burton, Jr., *Canneries of the Eastern Shore*, Centreville, Maryland: Tidewater Publishers, 1986, p. 161.

<sup>2</sup> Charles J. Truitt, *History Salisbury Updated, 1662-1982*, Salisbury, Maryland: Historical Books, Inc., p. 169.

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Pratt D. Phillips House  
316 North Division Street  
Salisbury, Wicomico County, Maryland  
Chain of title

Map 106, Parcel 948

1354/31

Brent R. Fox  
Dorinda M. Fox

to

8/30/1993

Virginia R. Fortenberry  
Items One and Two

MSB 1123/649

Gary Crowell  
Helen B. Crowell

to

10/29/1987

Brent R. Fox

AJS 962/582

Pratt D. Phillips, Jr.

to

8/7/1971

Gary Crowell  
Helen B. Crowell  
Items One and Two

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JWTS 719/228

Pratt D. Phillips, Jr., Executor of Dora Jones Phillips  
(died June 9, 1969, Sixth Item, Estate No. 6837)

to

9/18/1970

Pratt D. Phillips, Jr.

JWTS 276/447

Hannah W. Dawson

to

2/28/1946

Pratt D. Phillips  
frontage on Division Street for 196 feet

JWTS 276/447

Dora Jones Phillips  
Pratt D. Phillips

to

2/28/1946

Hannah W. Dawson

Conveyed to Dora Jones Phillips by three deeds:

1. from Pratt D. Phillips, 10/15/1925, JCK 140/413
2. from Pratt D. Phillips, 12/24/1938, IDT 213/597
3. from Margaret Smith Webb, 6/8/1945, JWTS 270/376

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JCK 140/413

Pratt D. Phillips

to

10/16/1925

Dora Jones Phillips  
Plat made by P. S. Shockley, 10/30/1922, JCK 128/573

JCK 128/574

Walter R. Disharoon

to

11/17/1922

Pratt D. Phillips

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## 9. Major Bibliographical References

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Sanborn Insurance Maps, various issues, microfilm at the Nabb Research Center for Delmarva History and Culture.  
Wicomico County Land Records, various volumes, Wicomico County Courthouse.

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## 10. Geographical Data

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Acreage of surveyed property	<u>18,521 square feet</u>	
Acreage of historical setting	<u>18,521 square feet</u>	
Quadrangle name	<u>Salisbury, Maryland</u>	Quadrangle scale: <u>1:24,000</u>

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### Verbal boundary description and justification

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

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## 11. Form Prepared by

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name/title	Paul B. Touart, Architectural Historian		
organization	Private Consultant	date	11/24/2001
street & number	P. O. Box 5	telephone	410-651-1094
city or town	Westover	state	Maryland 21871

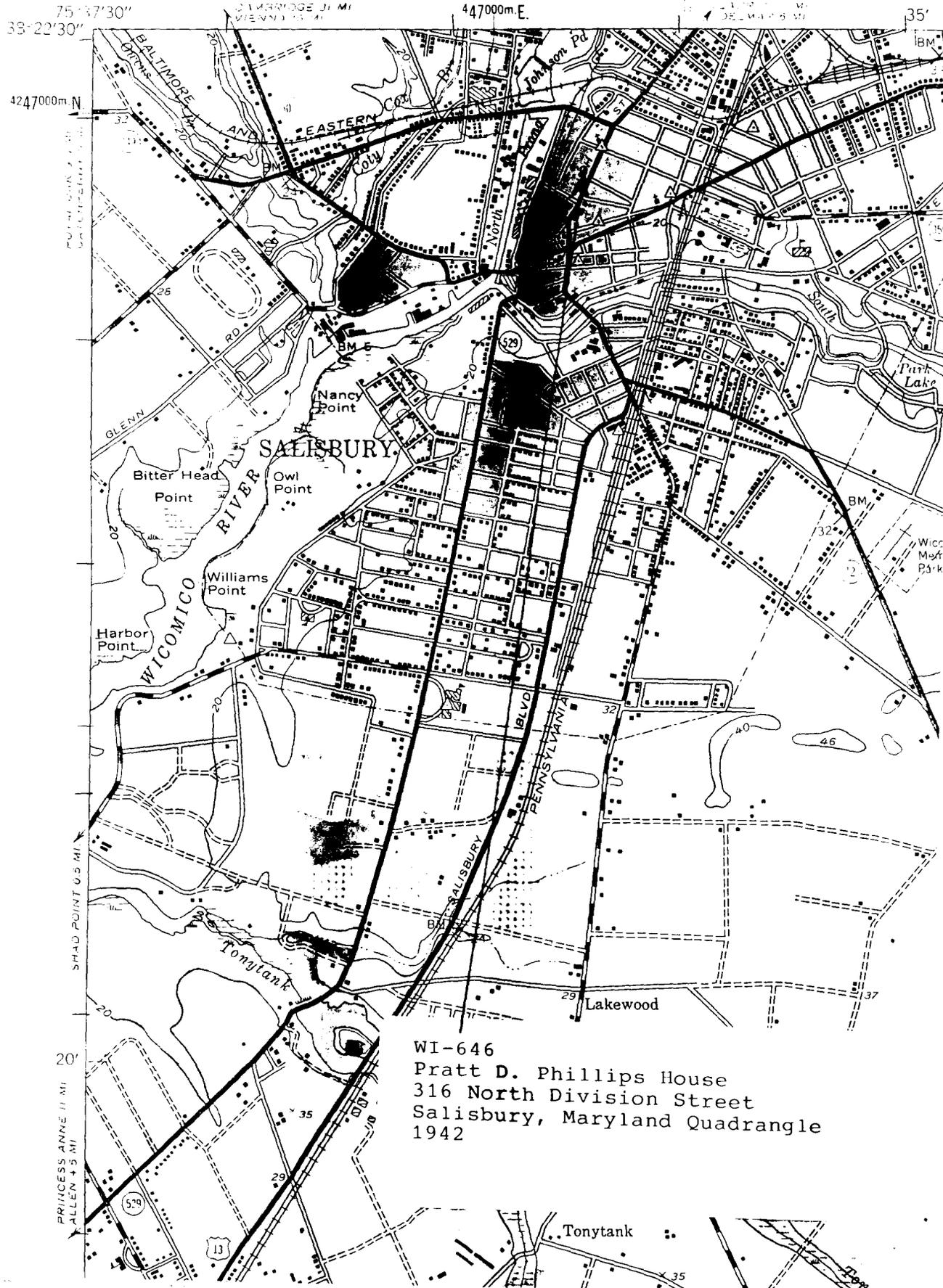
The Maryland Inventory of Historic Properties was officially created by an Act of the Maryland Legislature to be found in the Annotated Code of Maryland, Article 41, Section 181 KA, 1974 supplement.

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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DEPARTMENT OF THE INTERIOR  
GEOLOGICAL SURVEY

(HEBPN)



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Pratt D. Phillips House  
316 North Division Street  
Salisbury, Maryland Quadrangle  
1942

4247000m N  
PRINCESS ANNE 11 MI  
ALLEN 4.5 MI  
SHAD POINT 0.5 MI

75° 37' 30"  
33° 22' 30"

447000m E

35°

Tonytank



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Pratt D. Phillips House

JANESBURG, WICKOMICO CO., MD.

EAST ELEVATION

11/01, PAUL TOWN, PHOTOGRAPHER

NO. 1/102 HISTORICAL TRACT

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PLATT D. PHILLIPS HOUSE  
SALISBURY, WICOMICO C., MD.

SE ELEVATION

11/01, PAUL TOWN, PHOTOGRAPHER

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