WI-78 1888
W. H. Jackson Livery Stable
Salisbury (Site)
Public

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Maryland Historical Trust
Maryland Inventory of
Historic Properties Form

Inventory No. WI-78

1. Name of Property (indicate preferred name)

historic W. H. Jackson Livery Stable

other

2. Location

street and number Market Street __ not for publication

city, town Salisbury vicinity

county Wicomico

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

name City of Salisbury

street and number Government Office Building 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 folio

city, town Salisbury tax map tax parcel tax ID number

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
__ district
_____building(s)
__ structure
x site
___object

Ownership
x public
_____private
_____both

Current Function
__ agriculture
__ commerce/trade
__ defense
_____domestic
___education
_____funerary
_____government
__ health care
__ industry
_____landscape
_____recreation/culture
_____religion
_____social
___transportation
__ work in progress
__ unknown
___vacant/not in use
x other: parking lot

Resource Count

Contributing	Noncontributing	
0	____	buildings
____	____	sites
_____	_____	structures
_____	_____	objects
0	_____	Total

Number of Contributing Resource previously listed in the Inventory

_____

7. Description

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Condition

___ excellent ___ deteriorated
___ good ___ ruins
___ fair x altered

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

The William H. Jackson livery stable formerly stood on the east side of Market Street (originally Dock Street) in the center of the downtown business district in Salisbury, Wicomico County, Maryland. The two-story, six-bay brick stable faced west with the principal gable roof oriented on an east/west axis. The stable was torn down in the mid to late 1970s in an effort to provide additional parking in the central business district.

Built in 1888, the two-story, gable-front, common bond brick structure erected with a medium pitched slate roof. The west (main) façade was altered during the mid twentieth-century with large metal and glass storefronts. The second floor retained its six unevenly spaced window openings. Each window opening was spanned by a triple rowlock segmental arch. Fixed in the gable end was a metal horse head plaque. Directly above the horse head was the date, 1888, set in decorative, pyramidal shaped blocks. The edge of the roof had extended eaves with an open soffit. The adjacent harness shop and office, built at the same time, was a more standard two-story late nineteenth-century structure with a decorative brick cornice that stretched across a parapet wall front. The second floor window openings retained double rowlock segmental arches.

8. Significance

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Period	Areas of Significance	Check and justify below		
__ 1600-1699	__ agriculture	__ economics	__ health/medicine	__ performing arts
__ 1700-1799	__ archeology	__ education	__ industry	__ philosophy
x 1800-1899	architecture	__ engineering	__ invention	__ politics/govemment
1900-1999	__ art	entertainment/	__ landscape architecture	religion
__ 2000-	__ commerce	recreation	__ law	__ science
	__ communications	__ ethnic heritage	__ literature	__ social history
	__ community planning	__ exploration/	__ maritime history	__ transportation
	__ conservation	settlement	__ military	__ other:

Specific dates **Architect/Builder**

Construction dates 1888

Evaluation for:

_____ National Register _____Maryland Register ____x____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] *Salisbury Advertiser*, 11 August 1888, Wicomico County Free Library.
[2] Sanborn Insurance Map, 1899, microfilm at the Nabb Research Center for Delmarva History and Culture.

Sar. Ad. 8/11/1888

last Wednesday to join a party of Virginia and Washington friends for an excursion of several days to Hogg Island.

—A woman has been arrested in Cambridge, Md., for sending obscene matter through the mails. It is probable that she will suffer the full penalty of the law.

—Mr. John Hitch, of Spring Hill, left a basket of delicious peaches at this office last Wednesday. We would like to sample some of the best watermelons now.

—Mr. Theodore Griffin brother-in-law of James T. Truitt, Esq., is now quite ill with intermittent fever and bilious dysentery, at the latter's residence on Broad street.

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—The Parsonsburg M. E. Church will give an excursion to Ocean City Tuesday next. The trains will receive and deliver passengers from and to Walston's and Parker's switch.

—Crowds of people have visited Ocean City this week from Baltimore Salisbury and other points. Ocean City is really a blessing to the people of Baltimore and the Eastern Shore, this torrid weather.

—The town clock was shipped last Thursday, Aug. 2nd, by the manufacturers from their shops in Boston, and arrived here on the following Wednesday. The company's superintendent will be here in a few days.

—A People's Picnic will be held in the grove at Connelly's mill on Saturday afternoon and evening Aug. 18th. Prominent speakers from Salisbury will be present. Refreshments will be served in abundance on the grounds.

—The members of Parker's Chapel held a festival in the church grove last Wednesday. Refreshments were plentiful and the speaking good. The orators were Rev. (McLa[illegible]

Fine Colts.

Messrs. W. T. Weatherly, T. W. Waller and J. Selby Goslee each have a fine colt two years old last spring. They were weighed on Humphreys & Tilghman's scales last Saturday with the following result. Weatherly's 940; Waller's 900; Goslee's, 890.

W. H. Coulbourn, Esq., of Nutter's district, owns a colt 2 years old last spring which weighed 1100 lbs. two weeks ago. These are all heavy colts for their age and will make large horses.

Unclaimed Letters.

The following is a list of letters remaining in the Salisbury (Md.) Post-Office Wednesday, Aug. 8, 1888.

LADIES' LIST.—Mrs. Lizzie Collins, Mrs. Lucretia Miller, care Greensbury Miller, Mrs. Alice N. Smith, Mrs. Mollie J. Sturgis, Mrs. Mary A. Jones, Miss Clara Parsons, Miss Lucia Powell.

GENTS' LIST.—A. E. Caulk, Wm. Kelly, P. W. Malone, Albert F. Smith, Wm. Shockley, Geo. Handcock, Albert S. Albus, John Pulson.

Persons calling for these letters will please say they are advertised.

G. R. RIDER, Postmaster.

Dangerously Hurt.

Perry Hobbs and John Brown, two farmers living at Fruitland, Md., became involved in a quarrel last Monday night, which culminated in the serious injury of Brown. Both men are said to be inoffensive, but Brown is rather noisy and troublesome when under the influence of whiskey. Monday night he approached Hobbs on the street in Fruitland in an intoxicated condition, and said something to him which he did not like, at which Hobbs seized a short board and dealt Brown a blow which knocked him senseless. He remained in an unconscious condition for some time, and on examination it was found that his skull was fractured. Brown has since been in critical condition.

Since writing the above, Dr. George

QUANTICO, MD., Aug. 7th, 1888.

MR. EDITOR:—Since reading the article from "C" of Tyaskin, in your last issue, I have learned that the author, attempting to climb the fence that enclosed the grounds, suddenly alighted on *terra firma* with more firmness than terror. If "C" had taken the precaution to enter by the gate, which was closed to keep stock from intruding, the above mishap would have been prevented and his spleen would not have been purged on poor "Quantico." The entrance of the Wetipquin grounds was by the same means, only the gate was open, as no luxurious vegetation suitable for the nourishment of herbivorous ruminating or non-ruminating quadrupedal mammals flourished on the arenaceous and stirile diamond or thereabouts. The old adage "Persons who live in glass houses should not throw stones" applies to the writer, but as the old maxim, *Verbum sat sapienti* may be fallible in this instance, I will enumerate some of their excellent accommodations and extensive preparations. The ample? preparations for the ladies consisted of slabs, which had long since fallen into desuetude for fencing purposes raised on crates and boxes. The "aforesaid" slabs were upholstered with bark, powder dust and an occasional "bull brier" which is so yclept from its tenacity. The slabs were used to keep the fair spectators from sinking in the sand, as their feet are of very delicate dimensions. The pedal extremities of the male Wetipquin players and spectators did not render slabs or other seats necessary.

As the subject of this communication is base ball, I will give a short account of a game at Barren Creek on last Saturday, August 4th. The Quantico team defeated the Barren Creek team by a score of 22 to 21. The Barren Creek team refuses to play the return game here on account of the inclination of Quantico's diamond artists to be quarrelsome and pugnacious. The visiting club, I think, had sufficient provocation in the umpire, who mistook the material of the ([illegible] and supposed a baboon had been [illegible] was a young man named Bacon, an American. The knight errant who volunteered for Mrs. Langtry was Mr. Bagley, an Englishman. Both are young men and described as exquisites or dudes. In their dispute the American champion declared that Mrs. Langtry and her countrywomen generally had abnormally big feet as compared with American women. The Englishman would not stand such an aspersion; the lie was passed, blows were exchanged, hair was pu[illegible] faces were scratched, both combata[illegible] rolled together over the floor, the Englishman had his ankle wrenched, and friends intervened to part the fighters. Berry Wall, it is said, appreciated the championship of his bride and set up a bottle of wine; Mrs. Langtry, whose understanding of the merit of the scrimmage cannot be impeached, pronounced the Englishman a fool.—*Evening Journal.*

Serious Charges Against a Lawyer.

WILMINGTON, DEL., Aug. 8.—The committee of the Newcastle County Bar Association, which has been investigating the affairs of Walter Cummins, one of the members of the bar, reported Wednesday to a full meeting of the bar finding him guilty on nine different charges of swindling. He had been an attorney for three loan associations for the last ten years. His favorite method of operating, it is said, was to take money for investment on first mortgage and then put off his confiding clients with all sorts of excuses for furnishing the necessary judgment bonds. It is estimated that he had borrowed over $50,000 on pledges to secure with first mortgages, but which is not now secured at all, or else by a third or fourth mortgage. It is asserted that he swindled Levi H. Miller, an old and ignorant farmer, out of $32,000. His father, George W. Cummins, Smyrna, Del., paid $18,000 in notes recently. It is also said that he even robbed Trinity P. E. Church, of whose money he was trustee. It is said that his peculations will amount to $80,000. Cummins has been missing for the last ten da[illegible] He is judge of the Municipal Po[illegible]

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9. Major Bibliographical References

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Sanborn Insurance maps, various issues, microfilm Nabb Research Center for Delmarva History and Culture.

10. Geographical Data

Acreage of surveyed property	¼ acre		
Acreage of historical setting	¼ acre		
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	7/9/2001
street & number	P. O. Box 5	telephone	410-651-1094
city or town	Westover	state	Maryland 21871

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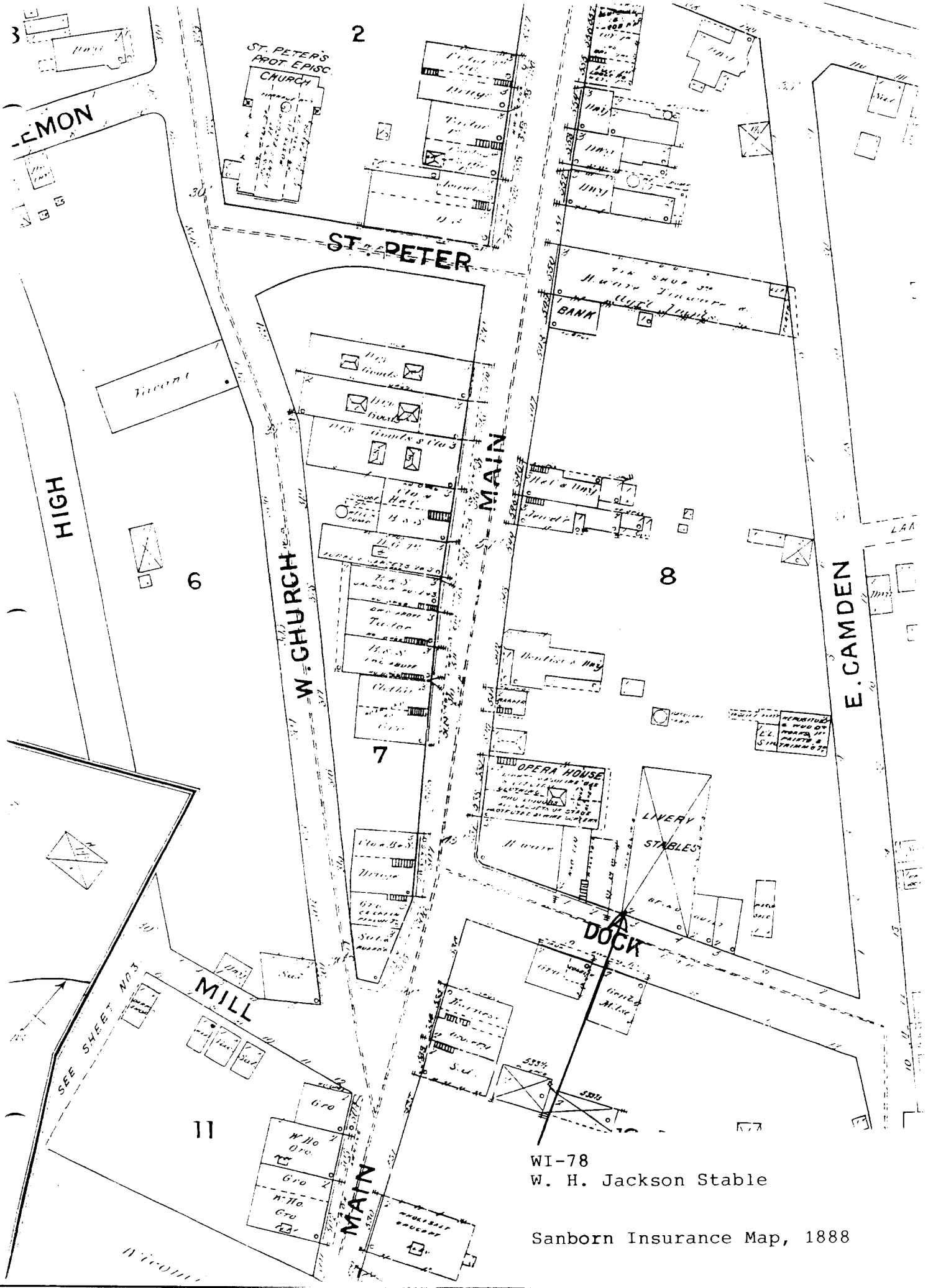

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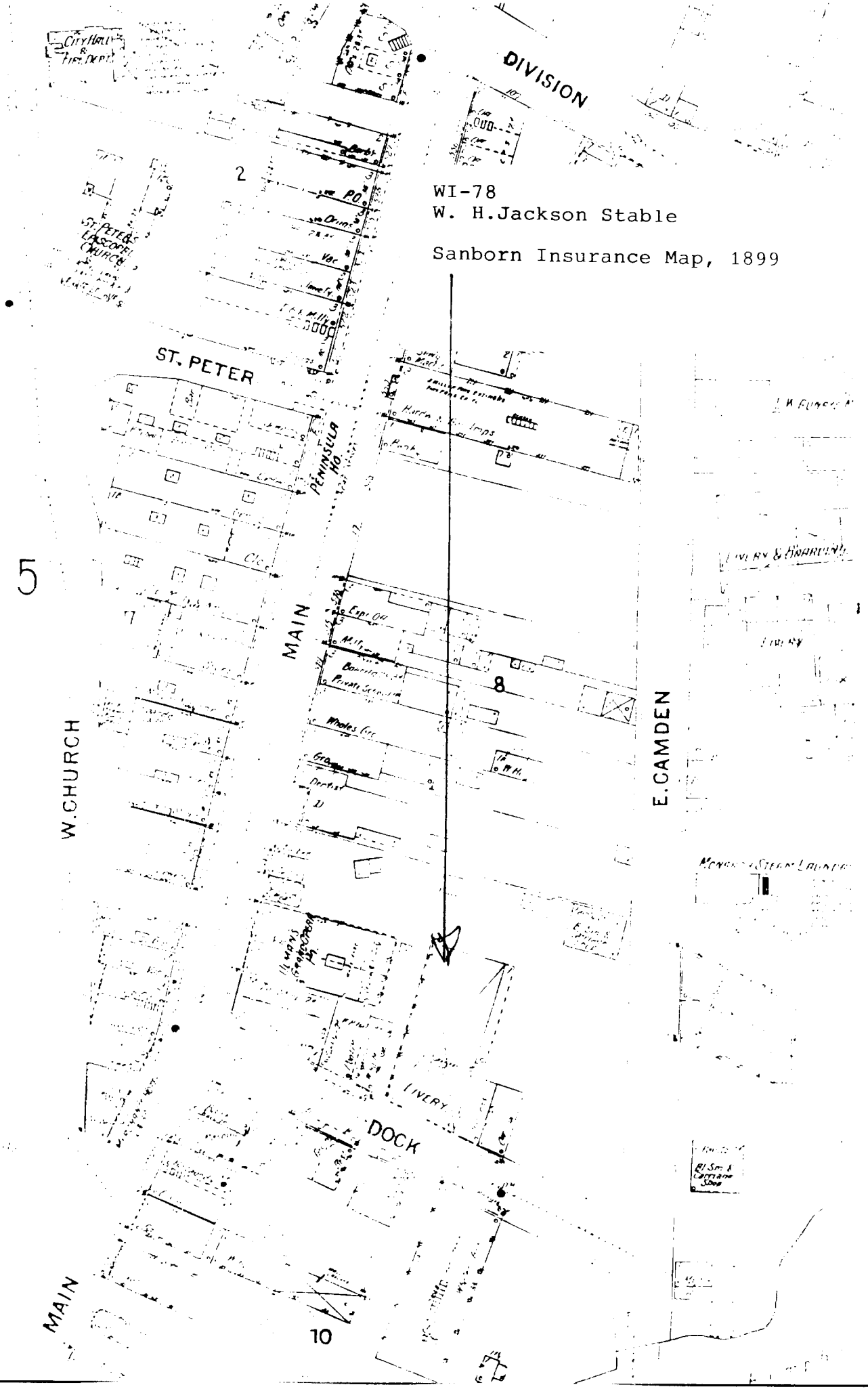
Sanborn Insurance Map, 1888



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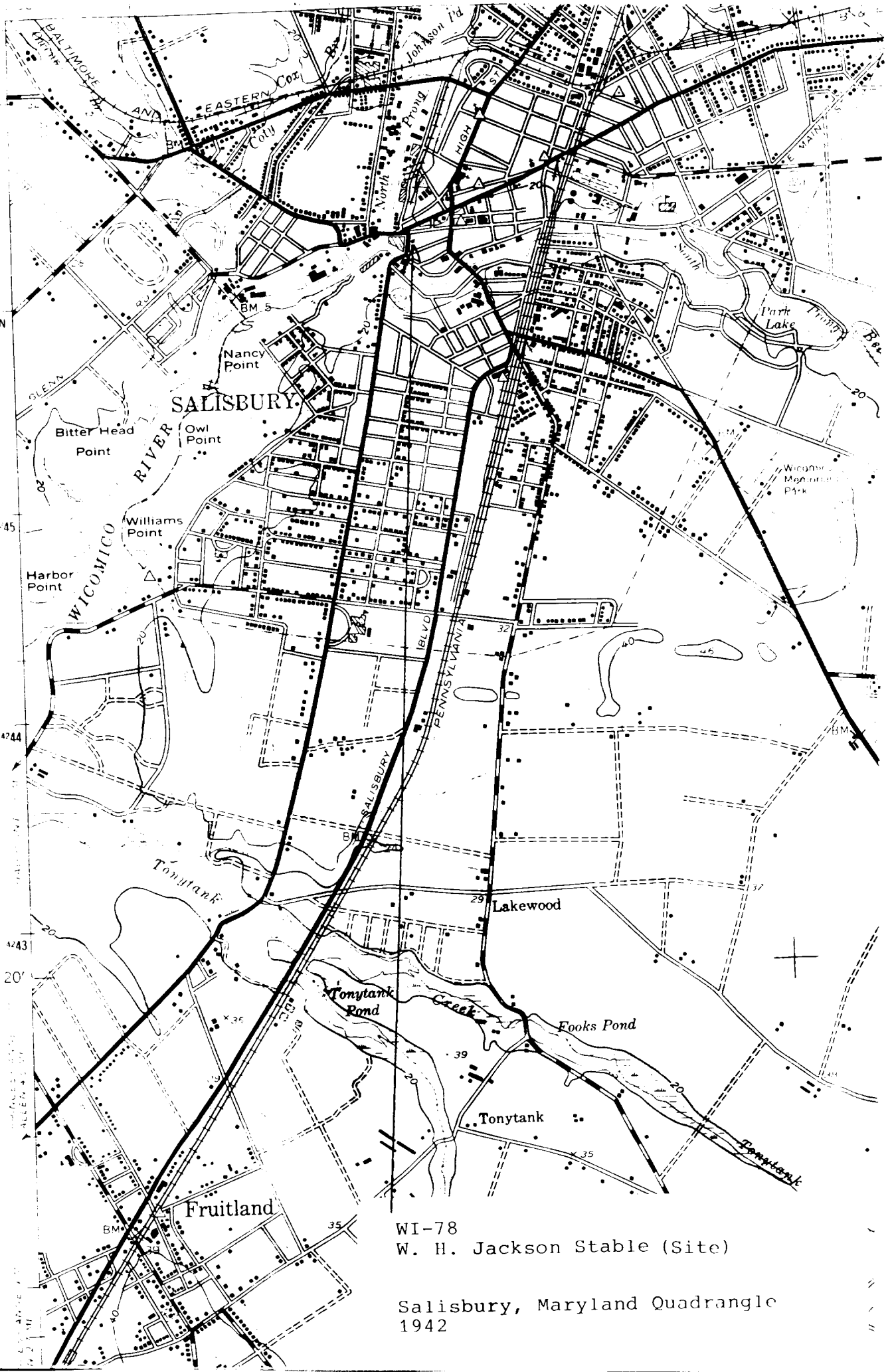
Sanborn Insurance Map, 1899



WI-78
W. H. Jackson Stable (Site)

Salisbury, Maryland Quadrangle
1942

WI-78 M-ket Street Stable

1974

MARKET STREET STABLE
(Palace Stables)
Market Street, Salisbury

WI-78

This brick building is six bays wide and two stories high. The first floor contains several large doorways which are now entrances to the commercial properties in the building. The second floor contains six boarded-up windows with curved arch tops. The front facade is the gable end of the building, and the roof overhangs with brackets. The date 1888 is spelled out in molded 4-sided pyramidal blocks set into the brickwork, and a molded metal horse's head appears below this.

WI-78 Market Street Stable 1974

PHOTO —
O. V. WOOTTEN
323 BREWINGTON DRIVE
SALISBURY, MD.

W98- 1944 Photo

WI-78 Market Street Stables

c 1970

Stables

Market St.
Salisbury