

WI-256
Samuel H. Evans Store Property
Salisbury
Private

1887

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MARYLAND HISTORIC PRESERVATION PLAN INFORMATION

RESOURCE NAME: Samuel H. Evans Store Property

MHT INVENTORY NUMBER: WI-256

MARYLAND COMPREHENSIVE PLAN DATA

1. Historic Period Theme(s): Architecture
 Commerce

2. Geographic Orientation: Eastern Shore

3. Chronological/Development Period(s): Urban/Industrial Dominance
 1870-1930

4. Resource Type(s): Commercial Building

Maryland Historical Trust State Historic Sites Inventory Form

MARYLAND INVENTORY OF
HISTORIC PROPERTIES

Survey No. WI-256

Magi No.

DOE yes no

1. Name (indicate preferred name)

historic Samuel H Evans Store Property

and/or common Broughton Law Office

2. Location

street & number 239-241 West Main Street not for publication

city, town Salisbury vicinity of congressional district First

state Maryland county Wicomico

3. Classification

Category	Ownership	Status	Present Use	
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> district	<input type="checkbox"/> public	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> occupied	<input type="checkbox"/> agriculture	<input type="checkbox"/> museum
<input type="checkbox"/> building(s)	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> private	<input type="checkbox"/> unoccupied	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> commercial	<input type="checkbox"/> park
<input type="checkbox"/> structure	<input type="checkbox"/> both	<input type="checkbox"/> work in progress	<input type="checkbox"/> educational	<input type="checkbox"/> private residence
<input type="checkbox"/> site	Public Acquisition	Accessible	<input type="checkbox"/> entertainment	<input type="checkbox"/> religious
<input type="checkbox"/> object	<input type="checkbox"/> in process	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> yes: restricted	<input type="checkbox"/> government	<input type="checkbox"/> scientific
	<input type="checkbox"/> being considered	<input type="checkbox"/> yes: unrestricted	<input type="checkbox"/> industrial	<input type="checkbox"/> transportation
	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> not applicable	<input type="checkbox"/> no	<input type="checkbox"/> military	<input type="checkbox"/> other:

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

name Albert K Broughton, Jr.

street & number P O Box 134 telephone no.:

city, town Salisbury state and zip code Maryland 21802

5. Location of Legal Description

courthouse, registry of deeds, etc. Wicomico County Clerk of Court Map 107, Parcel 1016
liber 1252

street & number Wicomico County Courthouse folio 435

city, town Salisbury state Maryland 21801

6. Representation in Existing Historical Surveys

title

date federal state county local

depository for survey records

city, town state

7. Description

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Condition		Check one	Check one	
<input type="checkbox"/> excellent	<input type="checkbox"/> deteriorated	<input type="checkbox"/> unaltered	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> original site	
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> good	<input type="checkbox"/> ruins	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> altered	<input type="checkbox"/> moved	date of move _____
<input type="checkbox"/> fair	<input type="checkbox"/> unexposed			

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

Historically identified as the Samuel H. Evans store property, this three-story, three-bay brick commercial block is located at 239-241 West Main Street in the central business district of Salisbury, Wicomico County, Maryland. The building faces south and is flanked by contemporaneous commercial buildings on each side.

Dated by a reference in the local paper to the spring 1887, this three-story, three-bay pressed brick front commercial building that faces West Main Street and occupies the entire lot, which is bounded on the north by West Church Street. Disguised by a parapet roof, a shallow gable roof covers the building.

The south (main) facade is three bays across with an intact nineteenth storefront defining the first floor. A recessed entrance is flanked by large glass display windows, which have paneled knee walls. Fixed atop the display windows are smaller windows with a row of small colored glass panes around the perimeter. The partially glazed front door is topped by a large transom with colored glass panes as well. Fixed in the eastern bay of the first floor is a side entrance filled with a partially glazed door. Stretching across the top of the first floor is a late nineteenth century bracketed cornice. The second and third floors are defined by three evenly spaced two-over-two sash windows distinguished with segmental arches of raised brick courses. The sills are white marble, and an incised line Decoration embellishes the wooden window lintels. The top of the wall is finished with a heavy, bracketed metal and wood cornice, which repeats the form and detail of the first floor cornice.

The sides of the building are largely covered by the adjacent store structures. A parapet wall descends slightly in height from front to back. The rear (north) wall is three bays across as well, with side entrance flanked by long nine-over-nine sash windows. The double glazed doors are topped by a large glass transom, and the windows feature segmental arches of raised brick like the front. Three evenly spaced two-over-two sash windows light the second and third floors.

The interior was not seen.

8. Significance

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Period	Areas of Significance—Check and justify below			
<input type="checkbox"/> prehistoric	<input type="checkbox"/> archeology-prehistoric	<input type="checkbox"/> community planning	<input type="checkbox"/> landscape architecture	<input type="checkbox"/> religion
<input type="checkbox"/> 1400–1499	<input type="checkbox"/> archeology-historic	<input type="checkbox"/> conservation	<input type="checkbox"/> law	<input type="checkbox"/> science
<input type="checkbox"/> 1500–1599	<input type="checkbox"/> agriculture	<input type="checkbox"/> economics	<input type="checkbox"/> literature	<input type="checkbox"/> sculpture
<input type="checkbox"/> 1600–1699	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> architecture	<input type="checkbox"/> education	<input type="checkbox"/> military	<input type="checkbox"/> social/ humanitarian
<input type="checkbox"/> 1700–1799	<input type="checkbox"/> art	<input type="checkbox"/> engineering	<input type="checkbox"/> music	<input type="checkbox"/> theater
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> 1800–1899	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> commerce	<input type="checkbox"/> exploration/settlement	<input type="checkbox"/> philosophy	<input type="checkbox"/> transportation
<input type="checkbox"/> 1900–	<input type="checkbox"/> communications	<input type="checkbox"/> industry	<input type="checkbox"/> politics/government	<input type="checkbox"/> other (specify)
		<input type="checkbox"/> invention		

Specific dates	1887	Builder/Architect
check: Applicable Criteria:	<input type="checkbox"/> A <input type="checkbox"/> B <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> C <input type="checkbox"/> D	
and/or		
Applicable Exception:	<input type="checkbox"/> A <input type="checkbox"/> B <input type="checkbox"/> C <input type="checkbox"/> D <input type="checkbox"/> E <input type="checkbox"/> F <input type="checkbox"/> G	
Level of Significance:	<input type="checkbox"/> national <input type="checkbox"/> state <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> local	

Prepare both a summary paragraph of significance and a general statement of history and support.

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The building deserves listing in *Category A* due its intact architectural character. It stands in a line of contemporaneous buildings and contributes to the late nineteenth century character of the central business district, which was wholly rebuilt between 1886 and 1920.

9. Major Bibliographical References

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10. Geographical Data

Acreeage of nominated property _____

Quadrangle name _____

Quadrangle scale _____

UTM References do NOT complete UTM references

A
 Zone Easting Northing

B
 Zone Easting Northing

C

D

E

F

G

H

Verbal boundary description and justification

List all states and counties for properties overlapping state or county boundaries

state	code	county	code

state	code	county	code

11. Form Prepared By

name/title Paul B. Touart, Architectural Historian

organization Private Consultant date 4/1/96

street & number P.O. Box 5 telephone 410-651-1094

city or town Westover state Maryland 21871

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 100 COMMUNITY PLACE
 CROWNSVILLE, MD 21032-2023
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8.1 SIGNIFICANCE (Continued)
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239-241 West Main Street
Salisbury, Maryland

Footnotes

- 1 Salisbury Advertiser, 5 March 1887 (Wicomico County Free Library)
- 2 Sanborn Insurance Map (1888) Salisbury (Maryland State Archives)
- 3 Wicomico County Land Record, JTT 14/448 (Wicomico County Courthouse)

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Samuel H. Evans Store Property
(Broughton Law Office)
239-241 West Main Street
Salisbury, Maryland
Chain of title

1252/435 Melvin J. Caldwell
 Naomi G. Caldwell

to

5/1/1991 Albert K. Broughton, Jr.

All that lot or parcel of land improved by a three-story
brick commercial building in the City of Salisbury, having
a frontage of 28.4 feet

AS 1085/233 K. King Burnett, Wicomico County
 Neal J. Hurwitz, trustee of New York, New York

to

11/13/1986 Albert K. Broughton, Jr. ½ undivided interest
 Melvin J. Caldwell
 Naomi G. Caldwell, ½ undivided interest

AS 947/491 Doremus White Richardson, now known as Doremus
 White Tufft

to

9/3/1980 K. King Burnett

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JWTS 798/502

William J. Athes, Jr.
Lettie Faye Athes

to

8/10/1973

Doremus White Richardson

Being the same land that was conveyed unto one William J. Collins and Francis M. Chatham by William P. Jackson, 11/1/1919, JCK 114/209, an undivided $\frac{1}{2}$ interest of William J. Collins having been conveyed unto Vernon W. Richardson, 10/2/1936, IDT 199/203, the other $\frac{1}{2}$ interest in said land of which Francis M. Chatham died seized and possessed and which under his Last Will and Testament, Estate No. 5096, JAH 6/462, devised unto his wife Lillian May Chatham and his daughter Laura M. Brittingham as joint tenants with the right of survivorship the said Lillian May Chatham having predeceased Laura M. Brittingham

JCK 114/209

William P. Jackson
Katherine S. Jackson

to

11/1/1919

William J. Collins
Francis M. Chatham

“Evans Property”

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Chain of title continued

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EAT 95/102

William H. Jackson, et ux.

to

1/26/1915

William P. Jackson

Eight Item of a deed

JTT 14/448

Samuel H. Evans
Mary E. Evans of the City of Wilmington, Delaware

to

4/16/1895

William H. Jackson, Wicomico County, Maryland

\$3,600.00

FMS 1/167

Samuel Q. Johnson

to

3/10/1886

Samuel H. Evans

\$1,550.00 All that house and lot of ground

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Samuel H. Evans Store Property
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Chain of title continued

Samuel A. Graham
Robert F. Bratton, Trustees of S. Q. Parker, Insolvent
Petitioner in the Circuit Court for Somerset County

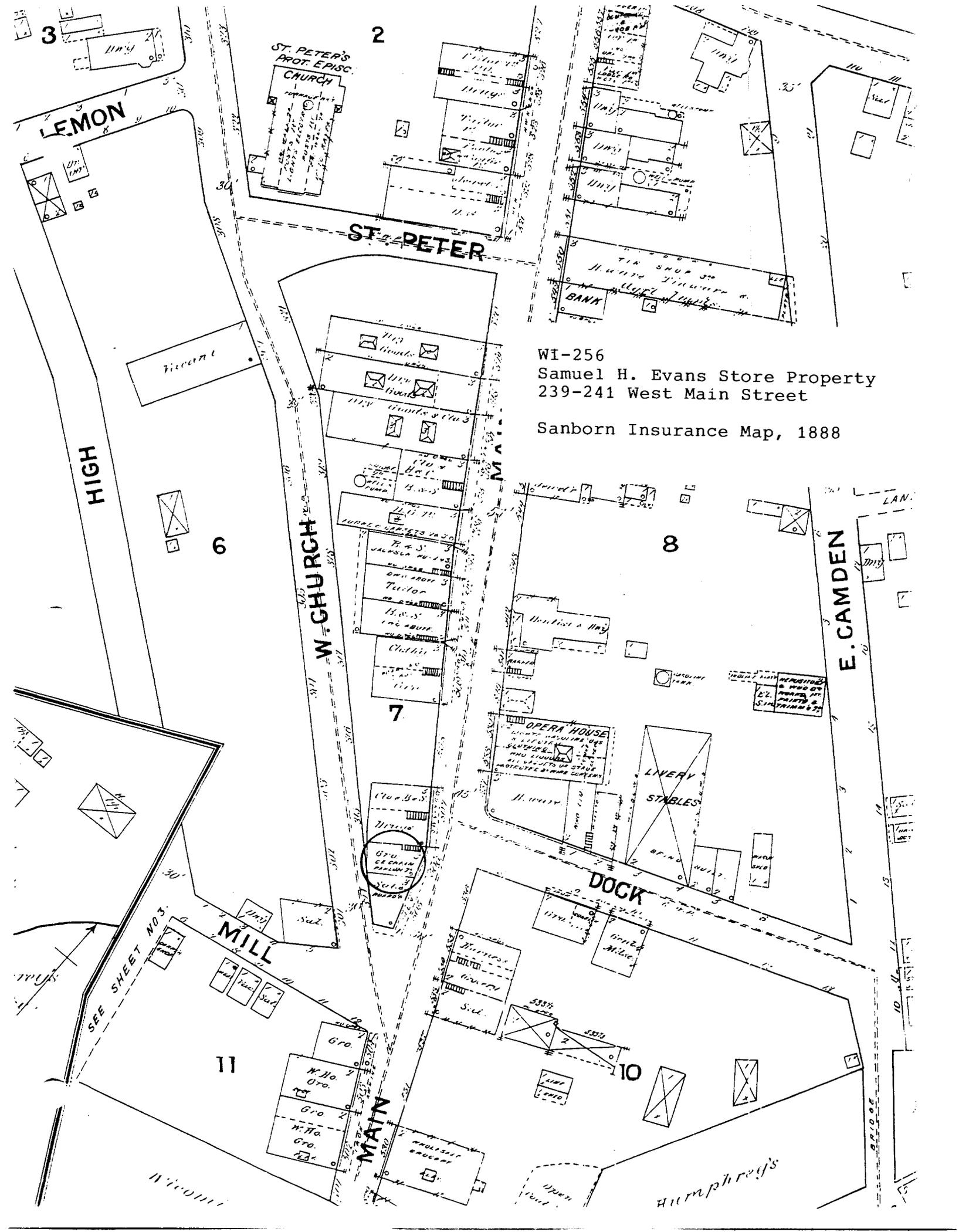
to

S. Q. Johnson

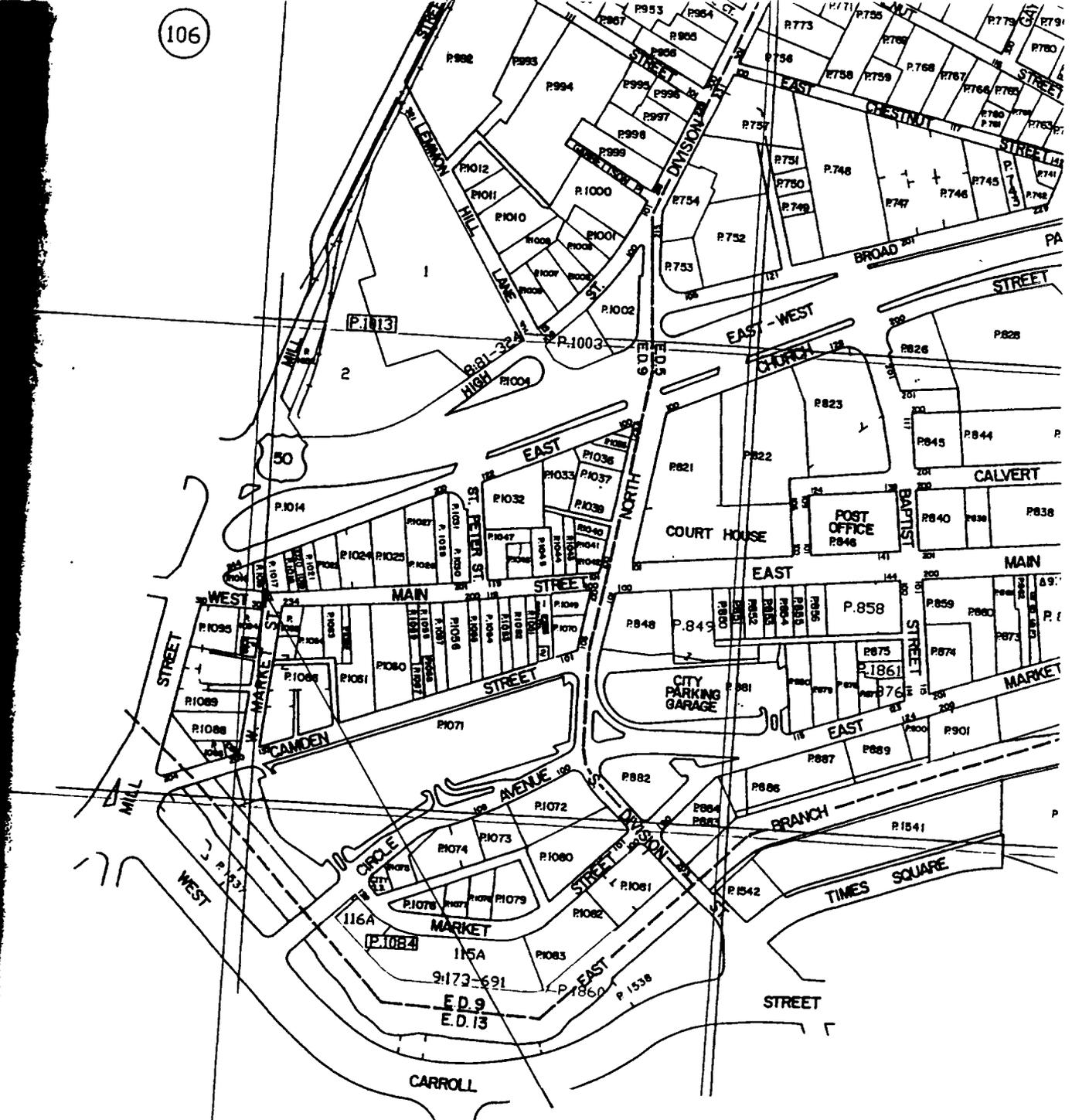
Salisbury Advertiser, March 5, 1887

“Mr. S. H. Evans has begun the work of excavating his lot between R. K. Truitt & Son’s and M. E. Hastings preparatory to the erection of a brick building which will occupy for a store.”

Sanborn Insurance Map of 1888 shows building had been erected and occupied by a grocery store with an ice cream parlor.



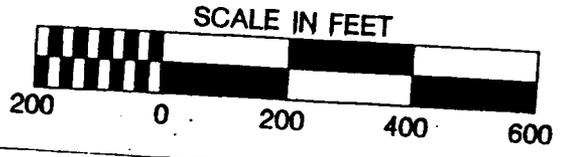
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 239-241 West Main Street
 Sanborn Insurance Map, 1888



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 Samuel H. Evans Store Propety
 239-141 West Main Street

Wicomico County Tax Map 107
 Parcel 1016

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UNITED STATES
DEPARTMENT OF THE INTERIOR
GEOLOGICAL SURVEY

Salisbury, Maryland Quadrangle
1942

5860' NW
(MEBRO)

75°37'30"

CAMBRIDGE 11 1/2 MI
VIENNA 15 MI

447000m E

38°22'30"

ROYAL OAK 9.6 MI
CATCHPENNY 5 MI

4246000m N

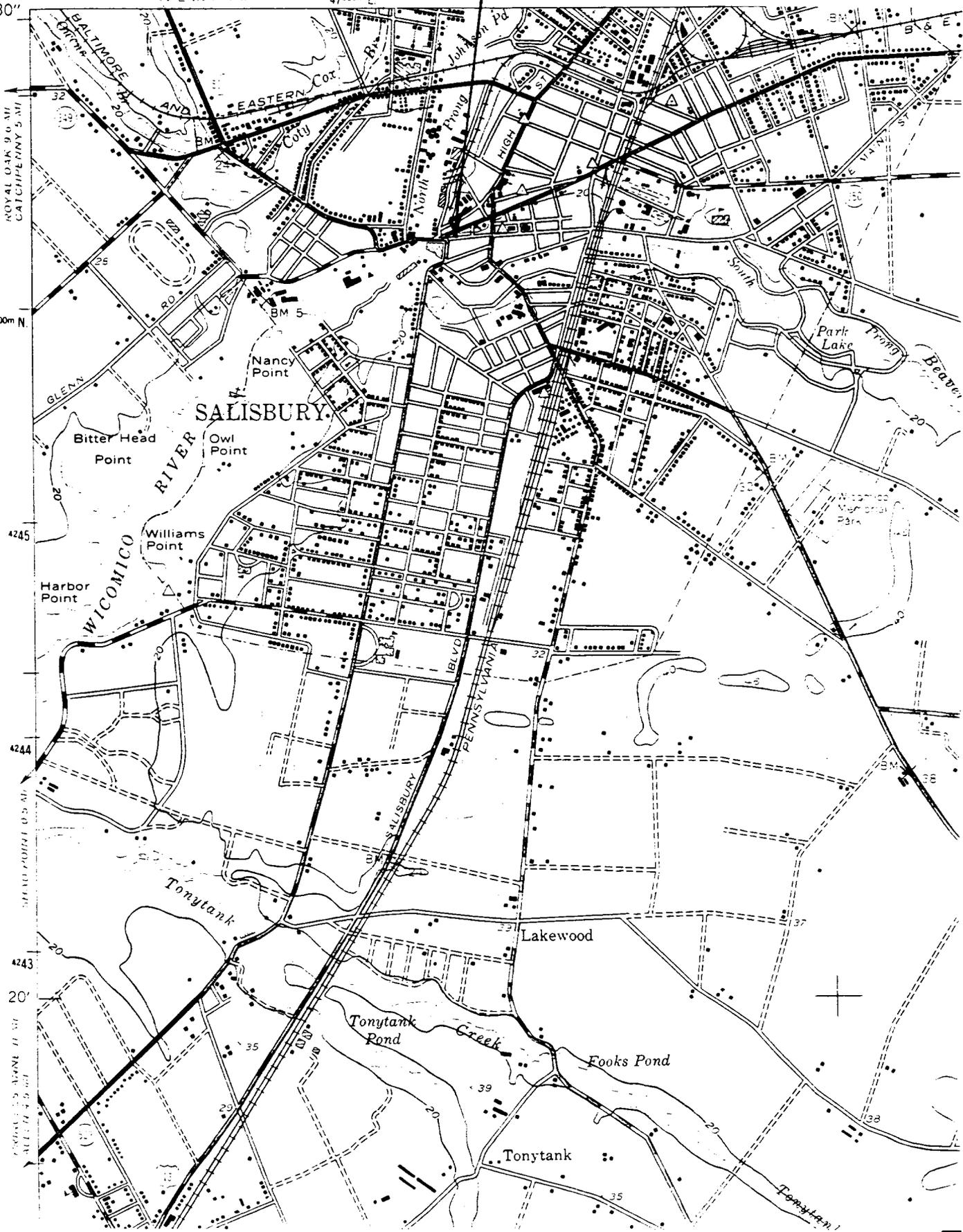
4245

4244

4243

20'

5860' SW
(MEBRO)





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