

WI-362
Old School Baptist Church
Salisbury
Public worship

1913

The Old School Baptist Church is located on the south side of US Route 50 in the heart of Salisbury. Construction of the single-story Colonial Revival brick building was announced in a short article that appeared in the June 19, 1913 issue of *The Wicomico News*. The newspaper stated,

The new brick edifice on East Church street for the Old School Baptists is under roof and carpenters are pushing work on the interior. When completed this will be a very pretty church. Shortly after completion, the church will entertain the Association, and a large number of prominent Baptist Elders and visitors will be present.

Designed with the gable end facing Church Street, the rectangular building is highlighted by wooden cornices that form pediments on the front and rear. Brick quoins accent the corners of the building and round arched openings are filled with colored glass windows. Fixed in the northwest corner of the church is a marble datestone that documents an earlier structure erected in 1820 as well as this recording this building's construction in 1913. City maps printed in 1877 and 1888 indicate that the former church was a single story structure that was oriented to face what is now known as Baptist Street. The church is joined on this city lot by a nineteenth and twentieth century cemetery. The church lot extended to the edge of Humphrey's Lake.

MARYLAND HISTORIC PRESERVATION PLAN INFORMATION

RESOURCE NAME: Old School Baptist Church

MHT INVENTORY NUMBER: WI-362

MARYLAND COMPREHENSIVE PLAN DATA

1. Historic Period Theme(s):
Architecture
Religion
2. Geographic Orientation: Eastern Shore
3. Chronological/Development Period(s): Industrial/Urban Dominance
1870-1930
4. Resource Type(s): Church

Maryland Historical Trust State Historic Sites Inventory Form

MARYLAND INVENTORY OF HISTORIC PROPERTIES

Survey No. WI-362
Magi No.
DOE yes no

1. Name (indicate preferred name)

historic Old School Baptist Church

and/or common

2. Location

street & number _____ not for publication

city, town Salisbury _____ vicinity of _____ congressional district First

state Maryland _____ county Wicomico

3. Classification

Category	Ownership	Status	Present Use	
<input type="checkbox"/> district	<input type="checkbox"/> public	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> occupied	<input type="checkbox"/> agriculture	<input type="checkbox"/> museum
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> building(s)	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> private	<input type="checkbox"/> unoccupied	<input 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 checked="" 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 Trustees of the Old School Baptist Church

street & number _____ telephone no.:

city, town Salisbury _____ state and zip code MD 21801

5. Location of Legal Description

courthouse, registry of deeds, etc. Wicomico County Clerk of Court liber

street & number Wicomico County Courthouse folio

city, town Salisbury _____ state MD 21801

6. Representation in Existing Historical Surveys

title

date _____ federal _____ state _____ county _____ local

depository for survey records

city, town _____ state

7. Description

Survey No. WI-362

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.

The Old School Baptist Church is located on the southeast corner of the intersection of Baptist Street and East Church Street in the center of Salisbury, Wicomico County, Maryland. The single-story brick church faces north with the gable roof oriented on a north/south axis. The church is situated on a high knoll with steep slopes on the south and west sides.

Built in 1913, the single-story, seven-course common bond brick church is supported on a raised brick foundation with a fully excavated cellar, and the medium pitched gable roof is covered with slate shingles. Located on the south and east sides of the church is a 19th and 20th century cemetery.

The north (main) elevation is a symmetrical facade with a center entrance incorporated in a single story gable-front vestibule, which is flanked by single story shed additions. Fixed in the northwest corner of the church is a marble datestone inscribed, "O. S. Baptist Church, Erected 1820, Rebuilt 1913." The double-door entrance is topped by a round arched colored glass transom. The arched opening is accented with brick pilasters that have molded concrete capitals and bases. There is a marble door sill, and the round arch features a concrete keystone. The gable end is enclosed in the form of a classical pediment and the tympanum is pierced by a lunette window. Located to each side are shed roofed sections marked by pairs of rectangular colored glass windows. Each window opening is fitted with a stone sill and a soldier course arch. The corners of the shed sections are defined in brick quoins. Piercing the upper wall surface of the main church is another lunette window. The main body of the church has corners defined by brick quoins as well.

The east and west sides of the church are largely alike. Cellar windows pierce the foundation wall, and a series of three round arched windows filled with colored glass pierce the sanctuary walls. The arches consist of three-tiers of rowlocks, and each window is fitted with a stone sill. Rising through the east side of the roof is a single-flue brick stove chimney. The base of the roof is enclosed with a boxed cornice.

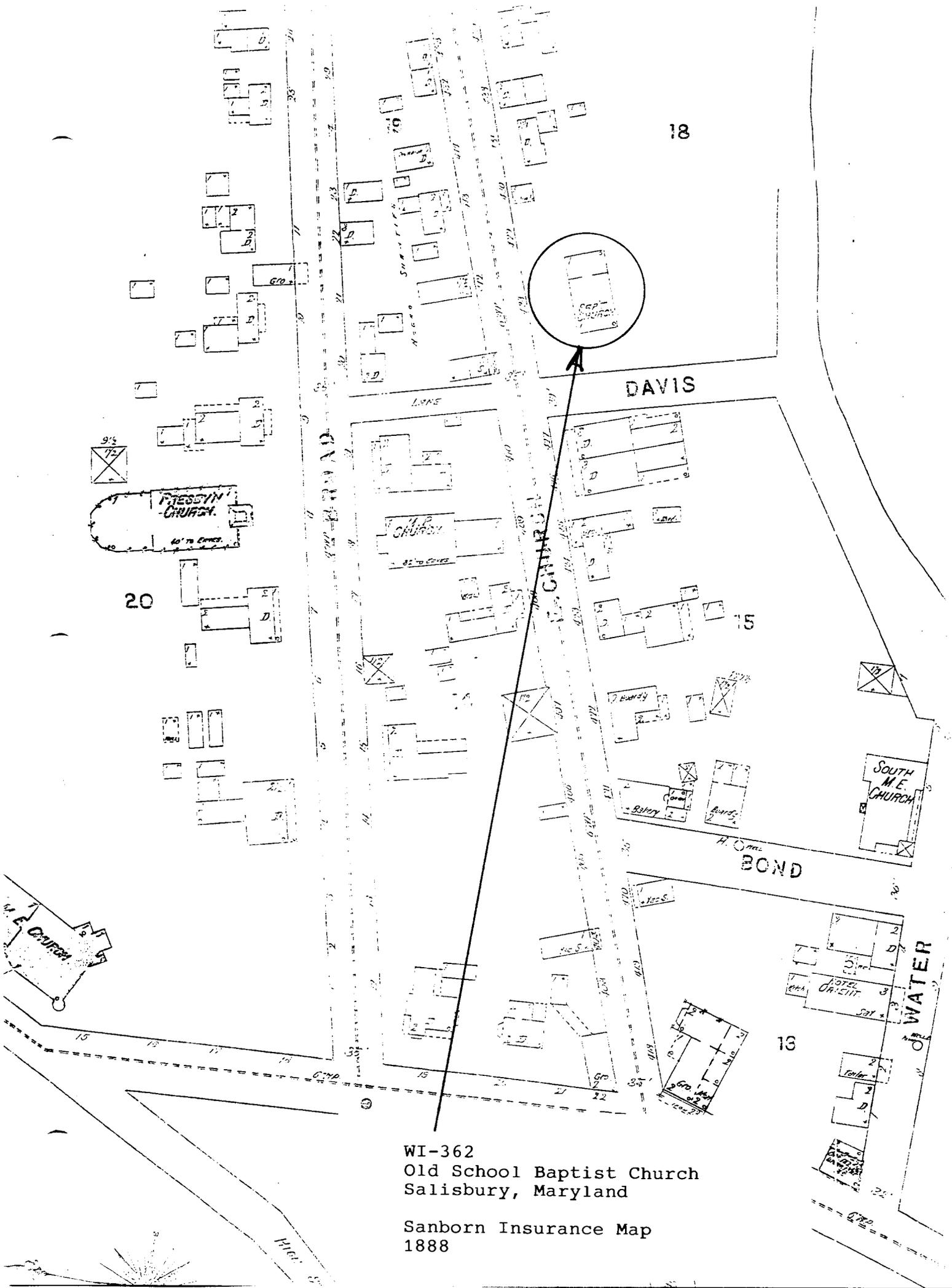
The south (rear) wall is defined by a projecting apse that is covered by a medium pitched gable roof. Narrow colored glass windows pierce the side walls, and the openings are spanned by jack arches. The base of the apse roof is finished with a boxed cornice, which blends in as a continuation of the main roof cornice that wraps around the back of the building. On the southwest corner a rear door opening is spanned by a jack arch. Directly adjacent to the rear door is a shed roof protection to a cellar entrance.

The interior was not seen.

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Sanborn Insurance Map
1888

AND...
Gents' furnishing Goods, &c. No. 47 Main St.
ILLIS AND SON, Wholesale and Retail
lers in Groceries, Provisions, Notions, Gillin-
ne, Wood and Willow-ware, Fishing Tackle,
on and Manila Rope, Corn-meal, &c. No. 70
1 Street.
AYMAN, Dealer in Groceries, Tobacco,
ons and General Merchandise. No. 69 Main
t.

Editors.
HL MALONE, Editor of the "Salisbury
crisis"
itor and Publisher of the "Eastern
rem.

Fruit Dealer.
CATHELL, Dealer in, and Grower of Small
its. Salisbury, Md.

Hotel.
TRACY, Proprietor of the "Peninsula Ho-
" also of the "Atlantic Hotel," "Ocean City."

sale and Retail Dealer in Dressing
faced Boards, House-framing, Box-boards, Oak
Lumber suitable for Vessel Material, Gum, Wal-
nut, Oak and Cherry Hubs, Balusters, Newel Posts,
Fence Pickets, Post Caps, Flower Vases, Broom
Handles, Spinning Wheels, Pumps. Turning of
all Kinds and Styles of Wood and Iron a Specialty.
Wool carded from July 1st to October 31st. Also
Manufacturer of Flour, Meal and Feed Stuff. Wi-
comico Falls Mills, No. 2 Mill Street, Salisbury, Md.

Mills.
GEO. W. LEONARD, Farmer and Proprietor of
Saw and Grist Mill. Res. and mill 4 1/2 miles north
of Salisbury.
JOHN WILLIAMS, Farmer and Proprietor of
Saw and Grist Mill 5 miles north of Salisbury.
GEO. H. W. RUARK, Farmer and Proprietor of
"Ruark Mills" 3 miles north of Salisbury. Res.
Salisbury.
M. A. PARSONS, Proprietor of S. S. Mill, 2
miles west of Salisbury on Wicomico River. Also
Proprietor of Marine Railway.

Physician.
Dr. F. M. SLEMONS, Physician and Surgeon.

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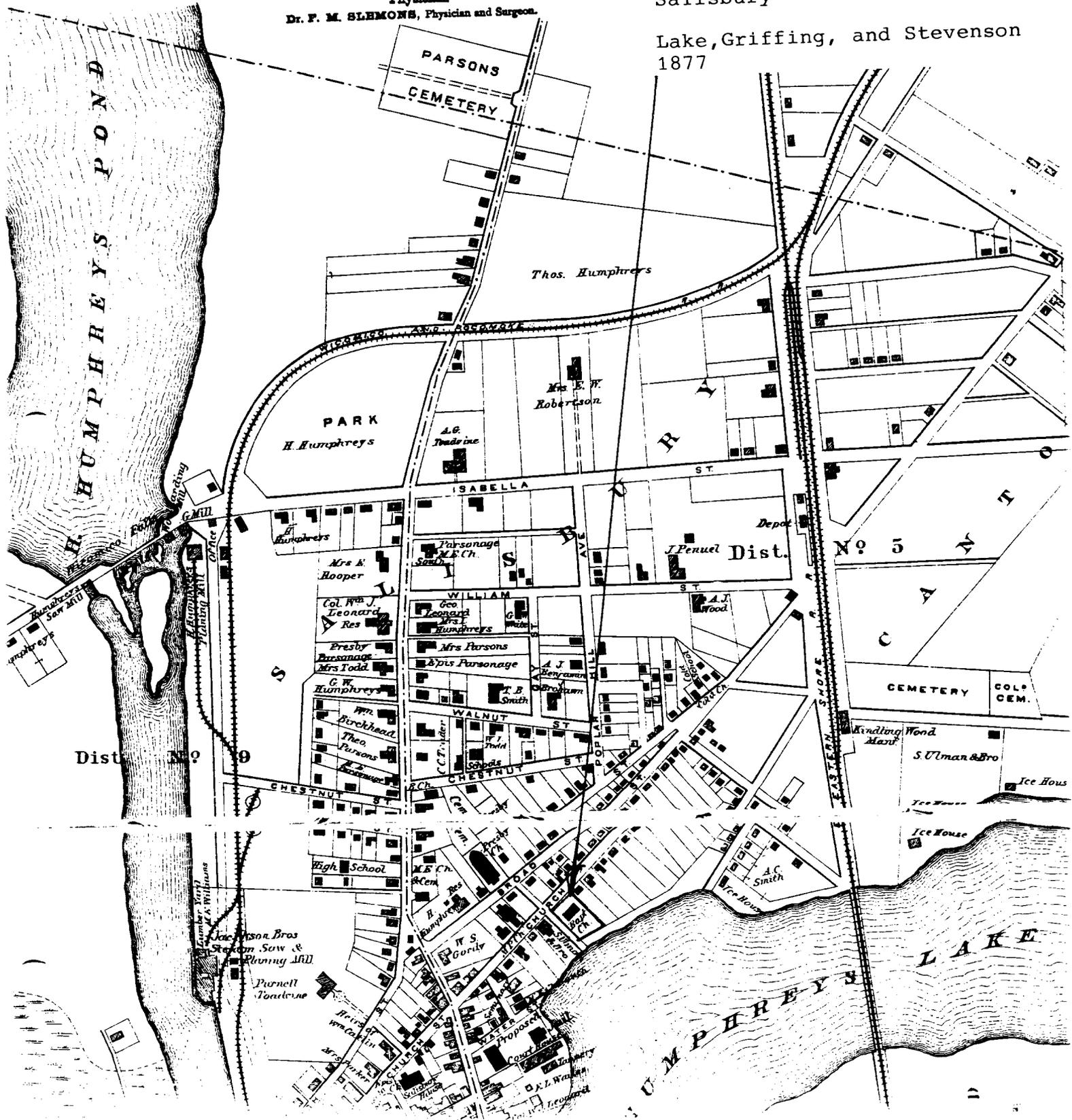
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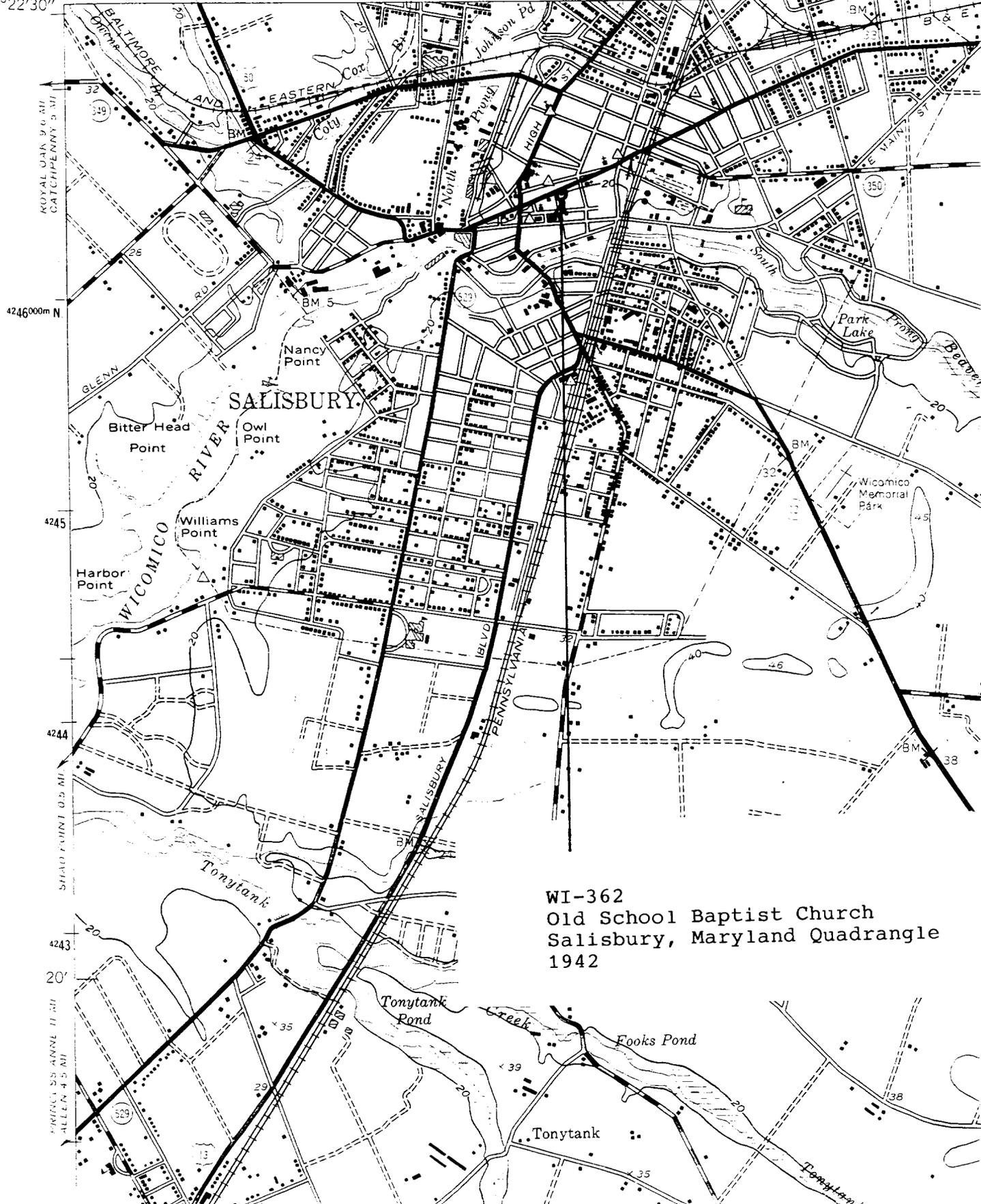
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SAUCEL
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CATCHPENNY 5 MI

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4244

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20'

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Old School Baptist Church
Salisbury, Maryland Quadrangle
1942

SHAD POINT 0.5 MI
PRINCESS ANNE 11 MI
ALLEN 4.5 MI





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On Science Museum grounds

South of the main building

Southern entrance

9/100, Park Tower, Pittsburgh

with the other buildings

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