

WI-416
Albert M. Windsor Store Building
Salisbury
Private

c. 1887

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MARYLAND HISTORIC PRESERVATION PLAN INFORMATION

RESOURCE NAME: Albert M. Windsor Store Building

MHT INVENTORY NUMBER: WI-416

MARYLAND COMPREHENSIVE PLAN DATA

1. Historic Period Theme(s): Architecture

2. Geographic Orientation: Eastern Shore

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

4. Resource Type(s): Store

Maryland Historical Trust
State Historic Sites Inventory Form

1. Name (indicate preferred name)

historic Albert M. Windsor Store Building, H. H. Hitch & Bro. Grocery
and/or common Winder Store

2. Location

street & number 701-703 West Main Street not for publication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 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 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 Jesse O'Day Hughes, Jr.
street & number 715 Olivia Street 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 Map 106, P. 1383
liber 761
street & number Wicomico County Courthouse folio 401
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

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 Winder store building, identified historically as the Albert M. Windsor Store or H. H. Hitch & Bro. Store, currently operates as "Sandi's One Stop." The two-story commercial block is located on the northwest corner of the intersection of West Main Street and Delaware Avenue in the west side neighborhood of Salisbury, Wicomico County, Maryland. The two-story brick commercial block faces southeast.

Dating around 1887, the two-story squarish brick store building is laid in seven-course common bond, and it is currently painted a brownish red. The building is covered with a low pitched shed roof hidden behind a stepped brick parapet wall. Located on the southeast corner is the main entrance, where the corner of the brick structure is cut away like a chamfer. The front doorway is a replacement with a metal framework supporting the glass panels. Fixed above the entrance and stretching to each side is a bracketed Victorian cornice. The second floor face of the chamfered corner is pierced by a large two-over-two sash window distinguished by a raised brick segmental arch. The wall surface over the second floor window is executed in a field of patterned brick that corbells forward between the top of the second floor window and the parapet. A line of brick at the top of the field is set on a diagonal. To each side of the brick field and on line with the edges of the chamfer cut is a narrow line of corbelled brick.

The southwest side elevation facing West Main Street is marked by the Victorian bracketed cornice on the first floor and segmental arched window openings on the second floor. The field of decorative brickwork continues across the top of the wall.

The southeast side elevation oriented to Delaware Avenue is defined by an asymmetrical fenestration with double rowlock segmental arches spanning the window openings as well as a secondary door opening. A single flue brick stack pierces the edge of the parapet wall.

The northwest (rear) elevation is defined by a partially stuccoed surface pierced by a single, boarded over window opening on the first floor. The edge of the roof is open on this end to allow for water drainage off the shed roof.

The interior retains some of its turn of the century shelving and beaded board walls along the northwest side of the first floor retail space.

8. Significance

Survey No. WI-416

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

Specific dates

Builder/Architect

check: Applicable Criteria: A B C D
and/or

Applicable Exception: A B C D E F G

Level of Significance: national state local

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

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¹ Wicomico County Land Record, FMS 2/155, 3 February 1887.

² Wicomico County Land Records, JTT 27/217, 9 November 1899 and JWS 236/282, 18 November 1941, and JWTS 291/171.

³ *Wicomico News Historical and Industrial Edition*, August 1908.

9. Major Bibliographical References

Survey No. WI-416

10. Geographical Data

Acreage of nominated property _____

Quadrangle name _____

Quadrangle scale _____

UTM References do NOT complete UTM references

A

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 Zone Easting Northing

B

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 Zone Easting Northing

C

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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 4/28/99

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

city or town Westover state Maryland 21871

The Maryland Historic Sites Inventory 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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 514-7600

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Chain of title continued

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JWTS 291/171

Ernest B. Hitch, single

to

6/26/1947

Andrew L. Winder
Alice I. Winder
Lot No. 3

JWS 236/282

L. Atwood Bennett, trustee

to

11/18/1941

Ernest B. Hitch
\$2950.00

Decree of Circuit Court, 6/14/1941, Hester A. Hitch, widow, et al. were complainants and Gertrude Hitch Howard, et al. were defendants, being No. 6043 in Chancery

Chancery Record
JWS 51/218-248

p. 232 all that lot, improved with a brick store building, situated at the northwest corner of West Main Street and Delaware Street, having a frontage thereon of 32 ½ feet, including the side-walk and extending back along Delaware Street a distance of 73 feet, property worth \$2200.

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JTT 27/217

James E. Ellegood, trustee

to

11/9/1899

Hubert H. Hitch

Ernest B. Hitch

\$930

Decree of Circuit Court, 8/19/1899, Alice J. Windsor was complainant and Theodore Windsor and others were defendants, being No. 1249 in Chancery, being the same real estate of which the late Albert M. Windsor died siezed and possessed....Chancery Record EAT 14/461, 6/2/1899

Mortgage
FMS 2/155

E. Stanley Toadvin

from

2/3/1887

Albert M. Windsor

\$400

All that lot or parcel of ground with improvements thereon lying in that part of Salisbury....known as California, bounded on the south by Main Street Extended and on the east by Delaware Street....same being known as the Charles Davis property

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FMS 2/155

E. Stanley Toadvin
Esther P. Hammond
John T. Hammond

to

2/3/1887

Albert M. Windsor
\$600
All that house and lot known as the Charles Davis lot

Wicomico News Historical and Industrial Edition, August 1908.

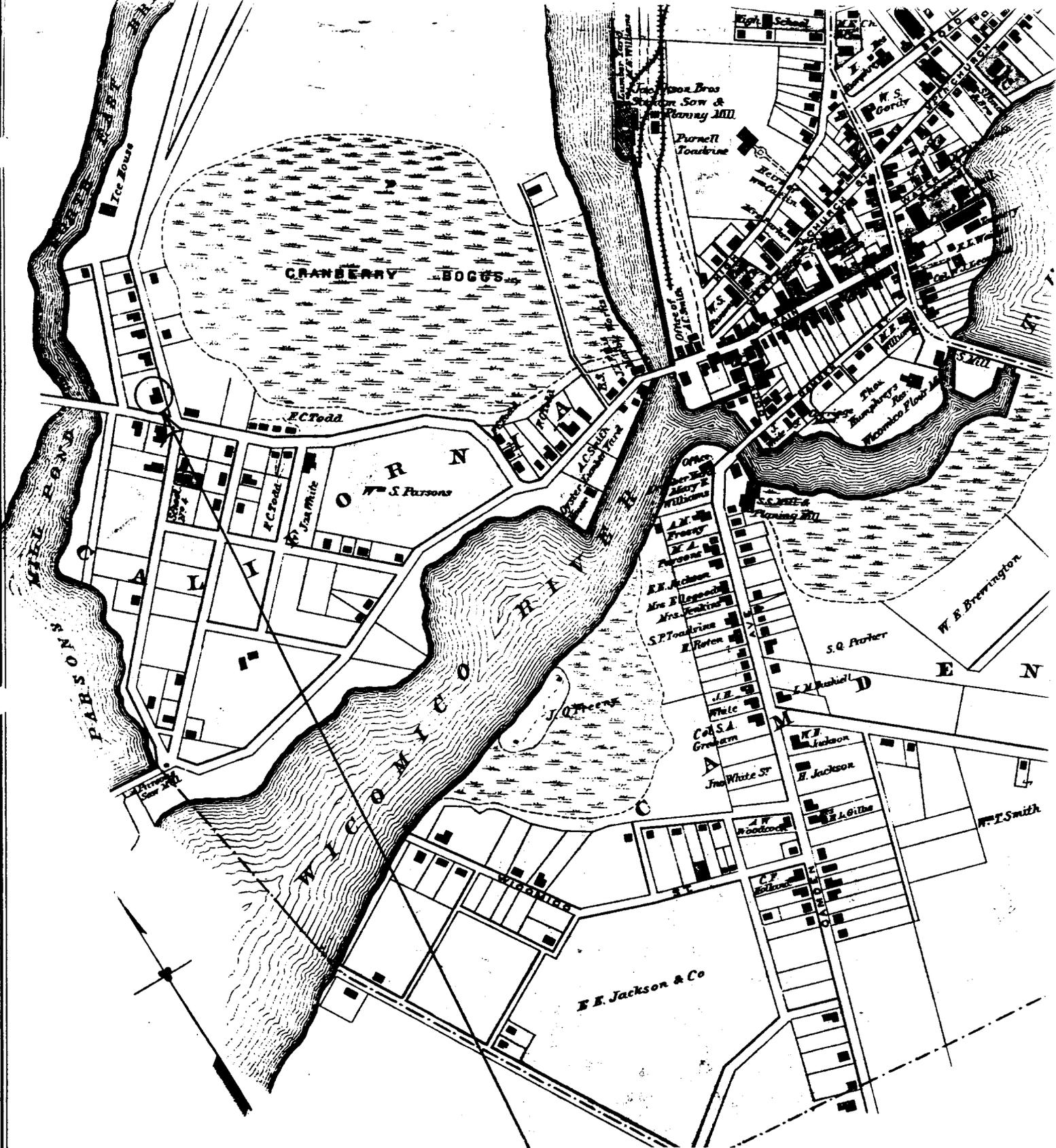
Herbert H. Hitch & Bro.

Popular Grocers

Modern grocery stores are among the most attractive establishments of the city and it is a delight to stroll through one that is tastefully arranged with a first class stock. The present methods of canning fruits, vegetables, and in fact, nearly everything, is a far cry from the old methods of keeping goods in bulk, to catch every particle of dust and disease germ that the winds blow, and it also lends itself splendidly to a tasty arrangement and display. There is no prettier sight than a handsome store of this character and that is pays can be seen in the results that are achieved for the modern sanitary store gets the best trade while the

...section and they have by strict attention to business and straightforward dealing built up a trade that is second to none. Mr. H. H. Hitch and his brother, E. B. are natives of Salisbury. Mr. Herbert is a member of the city council, in which body he has served for twenty years, which is longer than any other member has ever served, and he has made a most enviable record. Mr. E. B. Hitch is well known among the energetic business men of our city, and is a prominent member of the Red Men.

The firm is public spirited and progressive, and are ready to help along the cause for the welfare of old Salisbury.



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Lake, Griffing, and Stevenson Atlas
1877

UNITED STATES
DEPARTMENT OF THE INTERIOR
GEOLOGICAL SURVEY

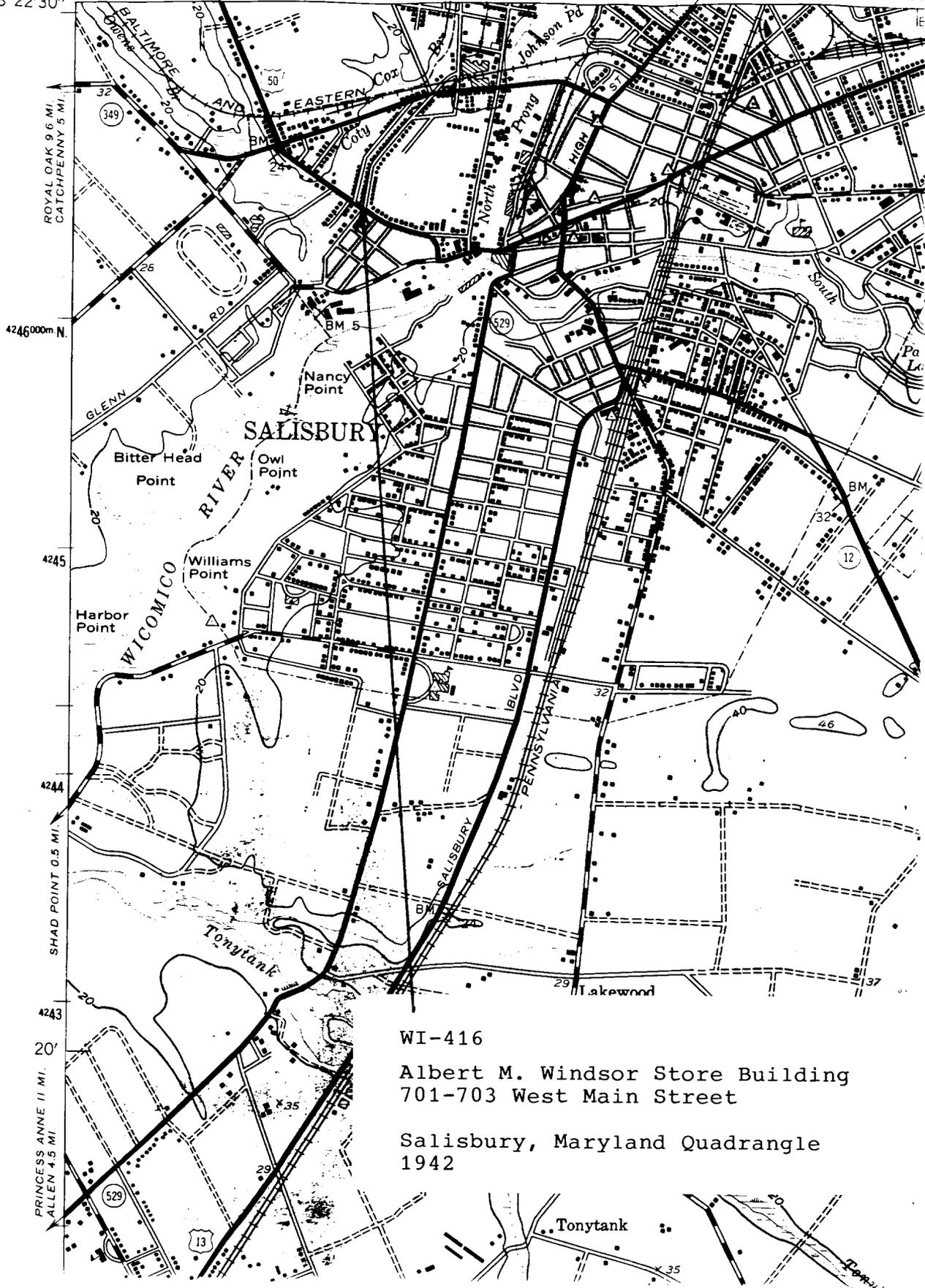
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(HEBRON)

75°37'30"
38°22'30"

CAMBRIDGE 31 MI.
VIENNA 15 MI.

447000m E

13 LAUREL 13 MI.
DELMAR 6 MI.



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Salisbury, Maryland Quadrangle
1942



SANDIS
ONE STOP

MEALS

BEST
FOOD
IN
TOWN



TASTE THE DIFFERENCE!

Delicious

Lamb, Mutton, SAUSAGE & SUBS

Sandi's One Stop
THE GOOD FOOD PLACE
CARRY OUT • GROCERIES
HOME COOKED FOOD
ICE COLD BEER
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NO

