WI-477 c. 1914
Judge Levin Claude Bailey House
Salisbury
Private

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Maryland Inventory of
Historic Properties Form

Inventory No. WI-477

1. Name of Property (indicate preferred name)

historic Judge Levin Claude Bailey House

other Guthrie House

2. Location

street and number 723 Camden Avenue not for publication

city, town Salisbury vicinity

county Wicomico

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

name Bailey Family Limited Partnership

street and number 723 Camden Avenue telephone

city, town Salisbury state MD zip code 21801

4. Location of Legal Description

courthouse, registry of deeds, etc. Wicomico County Clerk of Court tax map and parcel Map 111, P. 458

city, town Salisbury, Maryland liber 1571 folio 218

5. Primary Location of Additional Data

Contributing Resource in National Register District
X **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	
				Contributing	Noncontributing
district	public	agriculture	landscape	2	buildings
x building(s)	x private	commerce/trade	recreation/culture		sites
structure	both	defense	religion		structures
site		domestic	social		objects
object		education	transportation		
		funerary	work in progress	2	Total
		government	unknown		
		health care	vacant/not in use	**Number of Contributing Resources previously listed in the Inventory**	
		industry	other:		

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7. Description

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Condition

	excellent	deteriorated
x	good	ruins
	fair	altered

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

The Judge Levin Claude Bailey house is located at 723 Camden Avenue in the Camden neighborhood of Salisbury, Wicomico County, Maryland. The two-and-a-half story Queen Anne style frame dwelling faces west with the steeply pitched hip roof oriented on a north/south axis.

Built around 1914, the two-and-a-half story Queen Anne frame house is supported on a raised brick foundation, and the exterior is clad with a combination of plain weatherboards and wood shingles. The steeply pitched hip roof is covered with asphalt shingles. Standing behind the house is a single-story frame garage.

The west (main) facade is an asymmetrical three-bay elevation with a three-story round tower dominating the southwest corner. The first floor is sheltered by a single-story porch which wraps around the south side. The front wall of the house has a centered entrance. The horizontally paneled front door is framed by a multi-pane transom and four-light sidelights. Flanking the entrance to the left (north) is a tripartite series of single-pane sash windows, and to the right (south) is a single one-over-one sash window. The tower is pierced by single-pane sash windows as well. Sheltering the first floor is a hip roofed porch supported on tapered square posts with paneled sides. A rectangular baluster handrail stretches between the posts. The entrance bay to the porch is defined by a cross gable, and the gable-front is sheathed with shingles. A series of blocks mark the porch cornice. The brick foundation of the porch is pierced by a diamond pattern vent. The second floor is defined by a tripartite series of single-pane sash windows in the north bay and two individual single-pane sash windows in the center and south bay. Fixed atop the hip roof is a cross gable pierced by a Venetian style window set within a field of wood shingle siding. Trimming the base of the house roof is a block cornice. The conical roofed tower features a block cornice as well.

The south side of the house is an asymmetrical elevation with an off-center two-story pavilion with a gable front enclosed with a pediment. All three floors are lighted by single-pane sash windows. The porch on the south side is glazed.

The north side of the house is defined by single-story bay windows lighted by single-pane sash. Internal brick stack pierce the roofline.

The interior was not seen.

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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
1800-1899	x architecture	engineering	invention	politics/government
x1900-1999	art	entertainment/ recreation	landscape architecture	religion
2000-	commerce		law	science
	communications	ethnic heritage	literature	social history
	community planning	exploration/ settlement	maritime history	x transportation
	conservation		military	other:

Significance dates	Architect
Specific dates	**Builder**

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 reports, complete evaluation on a DOE Form – see manual.)

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[1] Wicomico County Land Record, EAT 92/257, 15 May 1914.

[2] Wicomico County Land Record, JCK 109/257, 5 August 1918.

[3] Wicomico County Land Record, JCK 118/138, 21 June 1920.

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HISTORIC CONTEXT:

MARYLAND COMPREHENSIVE PRESERVATION PLAN DATA

Geographic Organization: Eastern Shore

Chronological/Developmental Period(s): Industrial/Urban Dominance 1870-1930

Historic Period Theme(s): Architecture

Resource Type: Dwelling

Category: House and Garage

Historic Environment: Residential Neighborhood

Historic Function(s) and Use(s): Domestic

Known Design Source:

9. Major Bibliographical References

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10. Geographical Data

Acreage of project area ¼ a.
Acreage surveyed
Quadrangle name

Quadrangle scale 1:24,000

Verbal boundary description and justification

11. Form Prepared by

name/title	Paul B. Touart, Architectural Historian
organization	Private Consultant
street & number	P. O. Box 5
city or town	Westover, 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.

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Crownsville, MD 21032
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Judge Levin Claude Bailey House
723 Camden Avenue
Salisbury, Wicomico County, Maryland
Chain of title

Map 111, Parcel 485

1571/218	Jane W. Bailey
	to
6/5/1997	Bailey Family Limited Partnership Lot No. 4, Block 1, Re-Subdivision of Block 1 and 2 of Camden Boulevard, made by Peter S. Shockley, 7/5/1906, EAT 54/524
1571/215	Jane W. Bailey L. Richard Phillips
	to
6/5/1997	Jane W. Bailey
MSB 1189/551	Jane W. Bailey, Personal Representative of James P. Bailey
	to
7/6/1989	Jane W. Bailey L. Richard Phillips Charles C. Habliston, Trustees of the Marital Trust created under Item Fourth of the Last Will and Testament of James P. Bailey
AJS 1030/337	James Porter Bailey, Personal Representative of the Estate of Aurelia P. Bailey
	to
2/8/1985	James Porter Bailey

IDT 155/349	J. Asbury Holloway
	to
5/15/1928	Levin C. Bailey Aurelia P. Bailey 56.9 ft. frontage and 123 ft. to alley
IDT 155/346	Levin C. Bailey Aurelia P. Bailey
	to
5/15/1928	J. Asbury Holloway
JCK 118/138	Hattie Tilghman McCabe William C. Bailey
	to
6/12/1920	Levin C. Bailey
JCK 113/225	Horace L. Tilghman, et al.
	to
6/26/1919	Hattie Tilghman McCabe

JCK 109/257	Rosa M. Guthrie Jesse E. Guthrie
	to
8/5/1918	Merrill H. Tilghman of Richmond, Virginia $6,000
EAT 92/257	Camden Realty Company
	to
5/15/1914	Rosa M. Guthrie Whereas L. Ernest Williams holds a mortgage, 11/24/1905, JTT 45/326, from Nathan T. Fitch, subdivision of Camden JTT 37/442, plat
EAT 48/225	Nathan T. Fitch Abbie Mabel Fitch
	to
12/28/1905	Camden Realty Company $35,600 "Camden"

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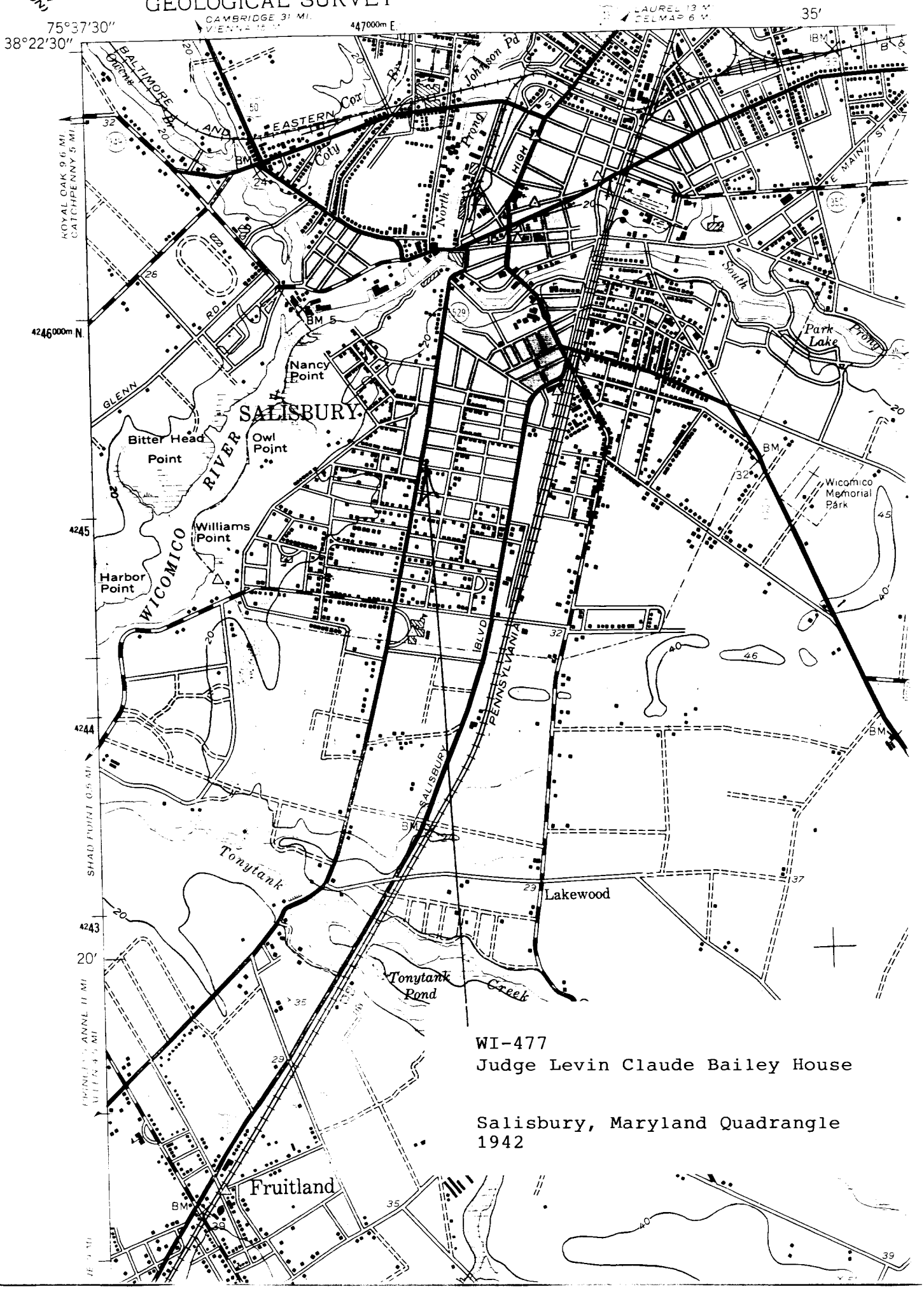
GEOLOGICAL SURVEY



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Salisbury, Maryland Quadrangle
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Judge Levin C. Bailey House

Salisbury, [illegible]

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