WI-524 1906
Daniel J. Whealton House
Salisbury
Private

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Maryland Historical Trust
Maryland Inventory of
Historic Properties Form

Inventory No. W I-524

1. Name of Property (indicate preferred name)

historic Daniel J. Whealton House

other

2. Location

street and number 312 North Division Street not for publication

city, town Salisbury vicinity

county Wicomico

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

name Daniel J. Whealton House

street and number 312 North Division Street 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 Parcel

city, town Salisbury, Maryland liber folio

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	1	buildings
x building(s)	x private	commerce/trade	recreation/culture		sites
structure	both	defense	religion		structures
site		x domestic	social		objects
object		education	transportation		
		funerary	work in progress	1	Total
		government	unknown		
		health care	vacant/not in use	**Number of Contributing Resources previously listed in the Inventory**	
		industry	other:		

7. Description

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 Daniel J. Whealton house stands at 312 North Division Street in the Newtown Historic District of Salisbury, Wicomico County, Maryland. The two-and-a-half story, center hall/double pile brick dwelling faces east with the principal roof oriented on a north/south axis.

Built around 1906, the two-and-a-half story, three-bay/double pile brick house is supported on a raised brick foundation, and the stretcher bond exterior is laid in narrow butter joints. The walls rise to a medium pitched slate roof. Lateral bays extend from the north and south sides of the house.

The east (main) elevation is a basically symmetrical three-bay facade with a center entrance and flanking bay windows. A glazed double front door, etched with the initial "W" is flanked by neoclassical pilasters with border leaded glass sidelights. Stretching across the top of the door and sidelights is a bold entablature with triglyph blocks. The adjacent bay windows are filled with twenty-over-one sash windows in the center panel, which is flanked by twelve-over-one sash windows in the side panels. The entire first floor is sheltered by a single-story porch supported on round brick columns that resting on a brick knee wall. The center entrance bay is accented with a projecting cross gable finished with a neoclassical pediment front. The dentiled cornice that enriches the pediment continues around the perimeter of the porch cornice. The foundation wall of the porch is pierced by three-pane window spanned by narrow jack arches. The second floor is defined by a center Venetian or Palladian style window spanned with brick jack arches and a round brick arch over the center window. Fixed on the wall surface to each side are raised brick panels framed by a rowlock border. The flanking bays are filled with twenty-eight-over-one sash windows, and shutter hinges are fixed in the window surrounds. Each window opening is spanned by a narrow jointed brick jack arch. Defining the corners of the house are brick quoins. The top of the wall is finished with a bold dentiled cornice that stretches around the perimeter of the house. Fixed atop the slate roof are three dormers; a large center double window dormer and flanking single dormers. Each dormer has a pediment front and pilasters to each side of the window sash.

The south elevation is an asymmetrical facade with a projecting two-and-a-half story gable roofed pavilion, which extends farther forward by a two-story hip roofed bay sheathed with slate sides. The wraparound front porch meets the pavilion, and the south bays are enclosed in windows above the knee wall. Fixed atop the porch roof is a single bay oriole window fixed with multi-pane windows on each side. Piercing the roofline is an interior brick stack finished with a corbelled cap. The gable end of the two-and-a-half story pavilion is distinguished by a large Venetian style window.

The north elevation is an uneven facade as well with a projecting two-and-a-half story pavilion three bays across. Sixteen-over-one sash window openings are spanned by jack arches. A foundation level door opening is fitted with an X-batten cellar door. The gable end of the pavilion is pierced by a Venetian style window. The house was originally

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planned with a porte cochere, but due to the narrowness of the lot was never erected. An interior side brick stack pierces the roofline.

The west (rear) elevation is an asymmetrical facade with a mixture of twenty-over-one, sixteen-over-one, and six-over-one sash windows spanned by brick jack arches. Extend from the rear wall is single-story shed roofed porch enclosed on each side by lattice walls. Rising off-center on the southeast side of the rear wall is an exterior/interior brick stack. Fixed atop the roof is a gable roofed dormer fitted with a twelve-over-one sash window and side pilasters.

The interior follows a center hall/double-pile plan. A wide center passage contains an elaborate staircase with fluted round newel posts, and a molded handrail that ascends to a large landing with a double set of landing risers. The first floor has elaborately laid oak and mahogany parquet style flooring with the decorative banding trimming the perimeter of several rooms. The rooms on the first floor are fitted with highly elaborate Colonial Revival mantels and overmantels. The dining room is also enhanced with leaded glass cabinet doors. Distinguishing the dining room as well is original Lincrusta wall covering located below a high chair rail type molding. The second floor was not seen.

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8. Significance

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
x 1900-1999	art	entertainment/ recreation	landscape architecture	religion
2000-	commerce		law	science
	communications	ethnic heritage	literature	social history
	community planning	exploration/ settlement	maritime history	transportation
	conservation		military	other:

Significance dates		Architect
Specific dates	1906	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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9. Major Bibliographical References

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10. Geographical Data

Acreage of project area
Acreage surveyed 1/2 acre
Quadrangle name Salisbury, Maryland Quadrangle scale 1:24,000

Verbal boundary description and justification

The boundary of this property coincides with the metes and bounds of the current lot.

11. Form Prepared by

name/title	Paul B. Touart, Architectural Historian	
organization	Private Consultant	
street & number	P. O. Box 5	date 10/15/00
city or town	Westover, Maryland 21871	**phone 410-651-1094**

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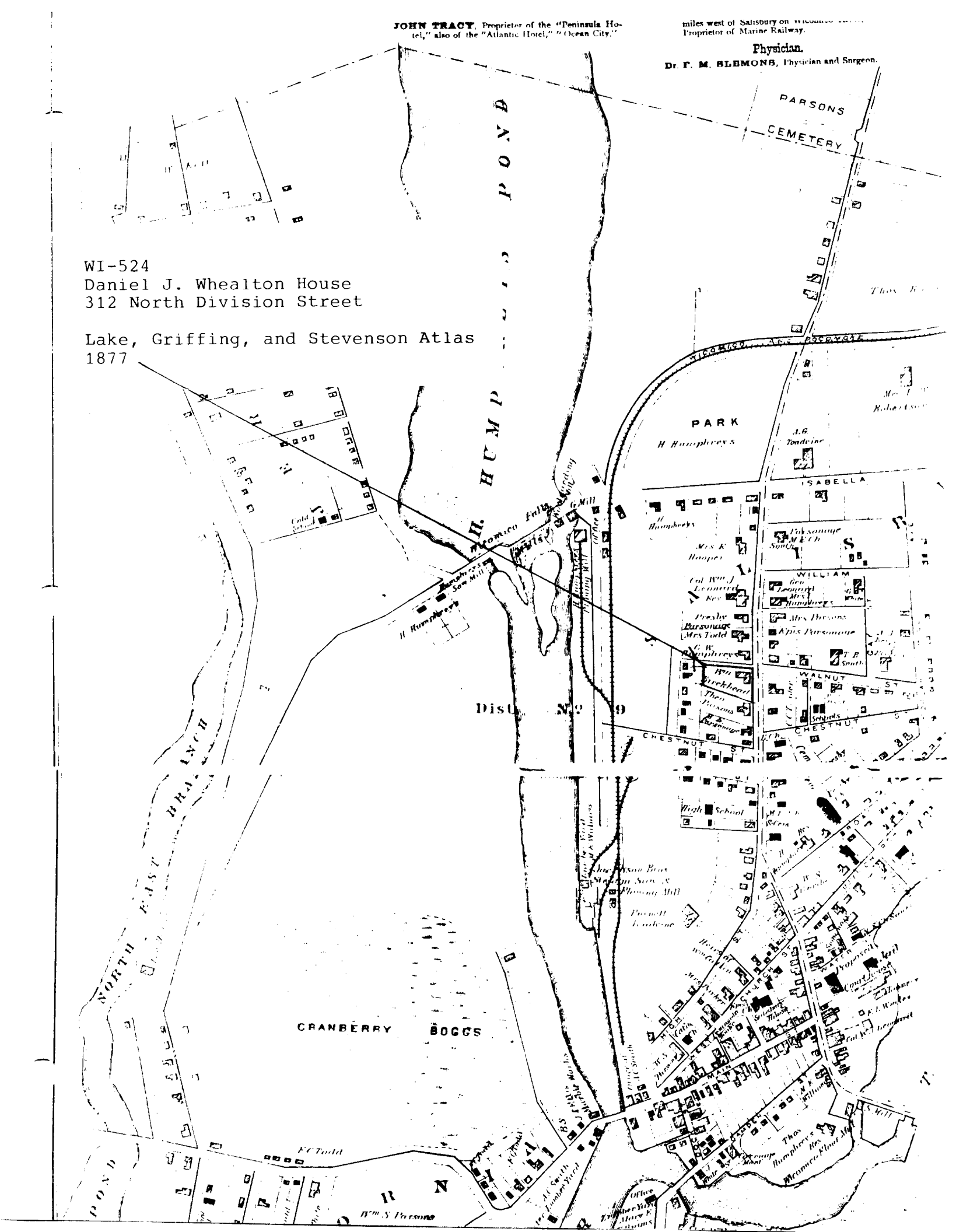
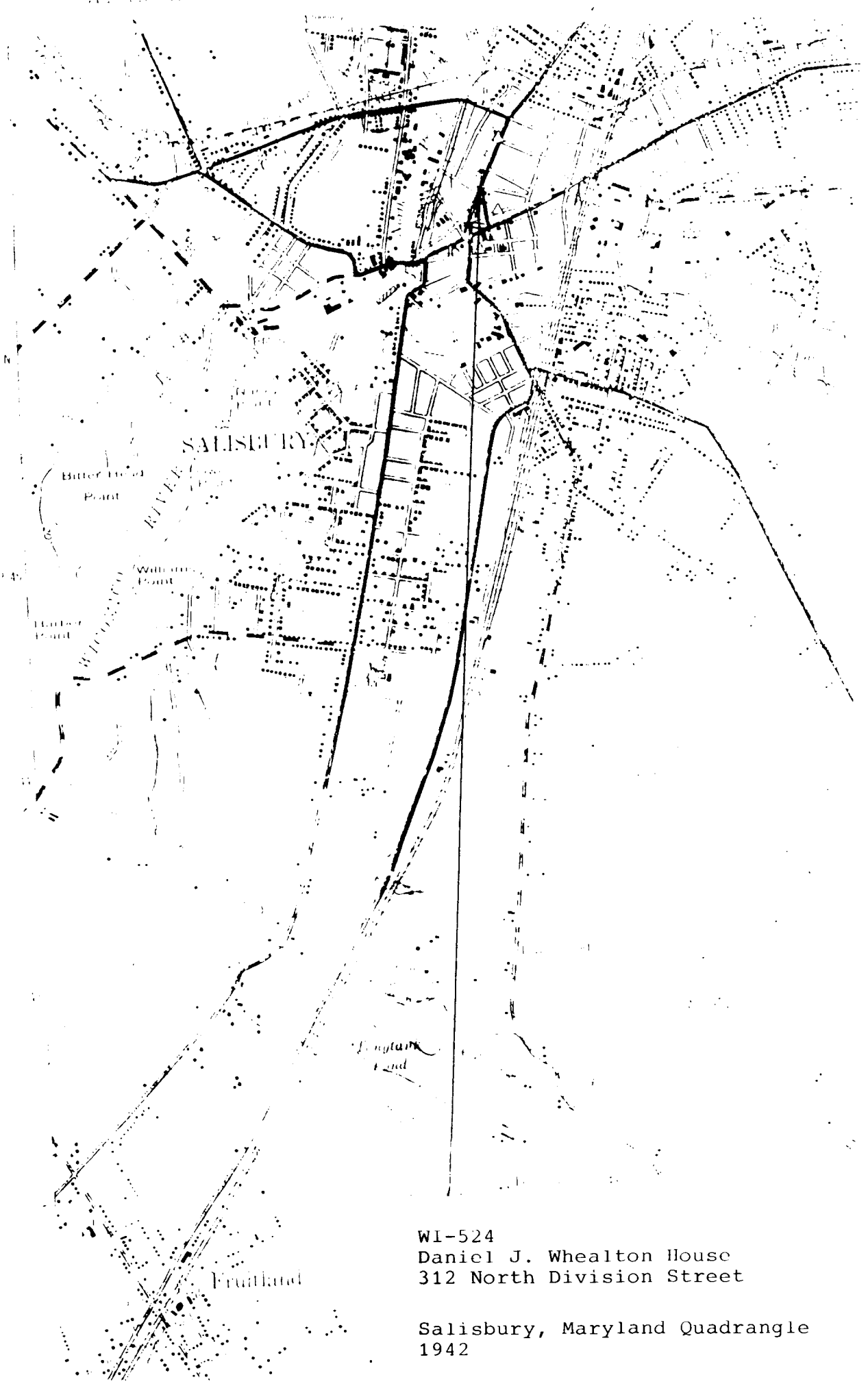
Lake, Griffing, and Stevenson Atlas
1877





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312 North Division Street

Salisbury, Maryland Quadrangle
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Daniel J. Wheaton House

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Southeast Elevation

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DANIEL J. WHEATON HOUSE

SALISBURY, WISCONSIN [illegible]

NORTHWEST ELEVATION

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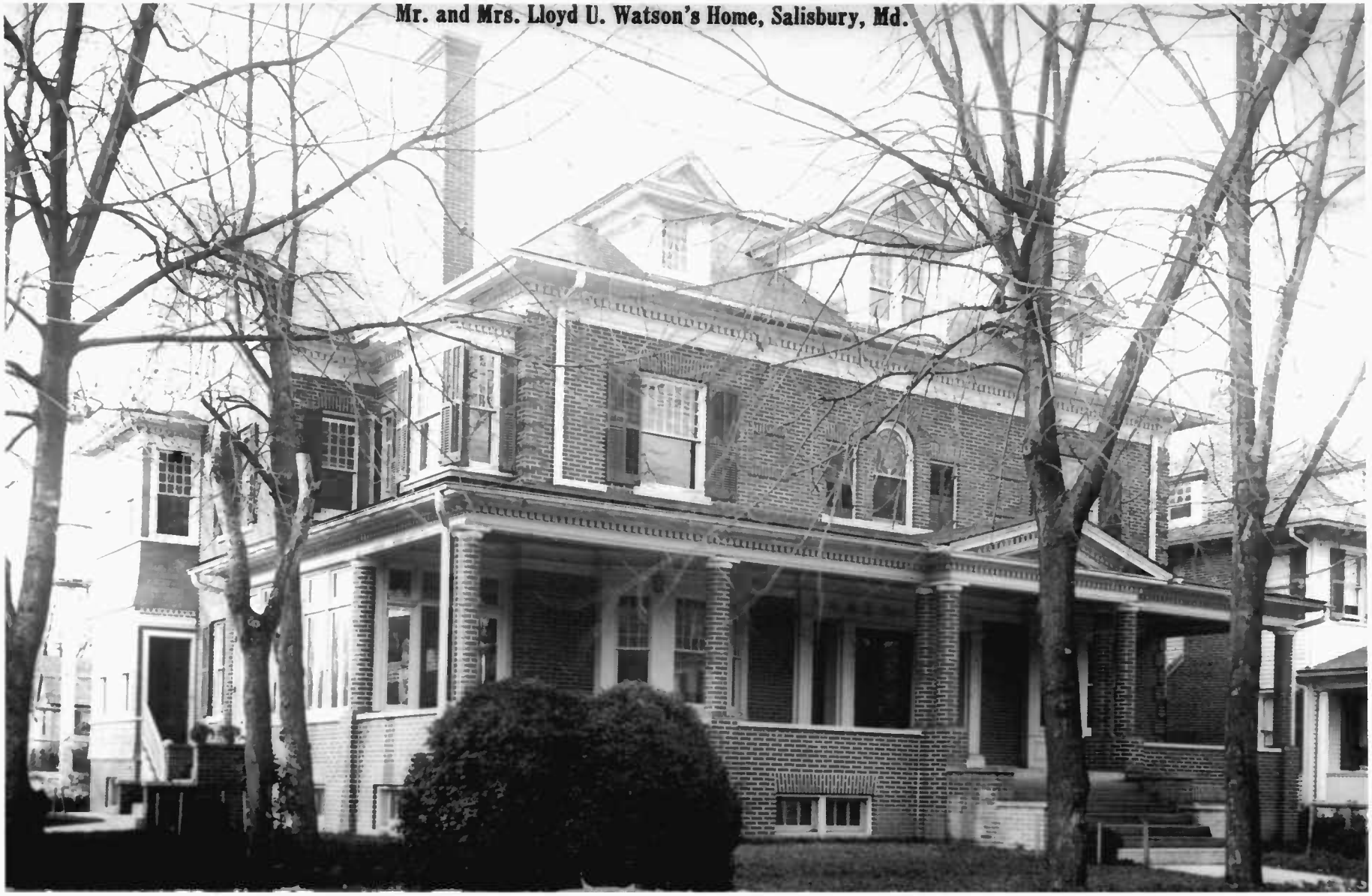

Mr. and Mrs. Lloyd U. Watson's Home, Salisbury, Md.

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DANIEL J. WHEALTON HOUSE

SALISBURY, WICOMICO COUNTY, MD

SOUTHEAST ELEVATION

DOCUMENTARY PHOTOGRAPH, c. 1920

COLLECTION OF DANIEL J. WHEALTON

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