WI-529 c. 1912
Holmes House
Salisbury
Private

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Maryland Inventory of Historic Properties Form

Inventory No. W I-529

1. Name of Property (indicate preferred name)

historic: Holmes House

other: Trinity M. E. Church Parsonage

2. Location

street and number: 716 Camden Avenue — not for publication

city, town: Salisbury — vicinity

county: Wicomico

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

name: Brooks and Marion Tomblin

street and number: 716 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 114, P. 1357

city, town: Salisbury, Maryland — liber: 1696 — folio: 207

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		
x building(s)	x private	commerce/trade	recreation/culture	2	buildings
structure	both	defense	religion		sites
site		x domestic	social		structures
object		education	transportation		objects
		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

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 Holmes house, also known as the Trinity M. E. Church parsonage, stands at 716 Camden Avenue in the Camden Historic District of Salisbury, Wicomico County, Maryland. The two-story-a-half story, five-bay, double-pile dwelling faces east with the principal roof oriented on a north/south axis.

Dating around 1912, the two-and-a-half story, center hall/double-pile house is supported on a raised, rusticated concrete block foundation. The foundation and first story walls are rusticated block while the second story is frame with an exterior sheathing of asbestos shingles. The medium pitched hip roof is covered with asbestos shingles. Joining the house on the lot is a single-story frame garage.

The east (main) facade is a symmetrical five-bay elevation with a center entrance filled with partially glazed double doors. The entrance is flanked by tripartite windows filled with single-pane sash. Sheltering the first story is a wraparound porch supported on a Tuscan columns with a rusticated concrete block knee wall between the posts. The second floor is pierced by five evenly spaced window openings. The center bay is distinguished by pair of small vertical windows filled with diamond shaped panes. To each side of the center bay are pairs of single-pane sash windows. The edge of the roof is finished with a wide eave, and a large hip roofed dormer is fitted with a tripartite window.

The north side is an asymmetrical facade with the wraparound porch partially covering the first floor. Single-pane sash windows light the first and second floors. A large hip roofed dormer defines the north slope of the roof. The south side is distinguished by a pair of two-story bay windows that project from the corners of the house. Erected in a combination of concrete block and frame walls, the bays are pierced by single-pane sash windows. Rising between the bays is an interior chimney stack of rusticated concrete block. The south slope of the roof has a large hip roof dormer also.

Extending from the rear of the house is a two-story, rusticated concrete block wing covered by a flat roof disguised by a pent-like roof. The rear slope of the roof is marked by a large hip roofed dormer as well.

The interior 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
x1900-1999		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	**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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[2] Wicomico County Land Record, JCK 117/456, 11 March 1920.

[3] Wicomico County Land Record, JWS 221/440, 2 October 1939.

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 historic boundary of the 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	10/24/2000
city or town	Westover, Maryland 21871	phone	410-651-1094

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.

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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Crownsville, MD 21032
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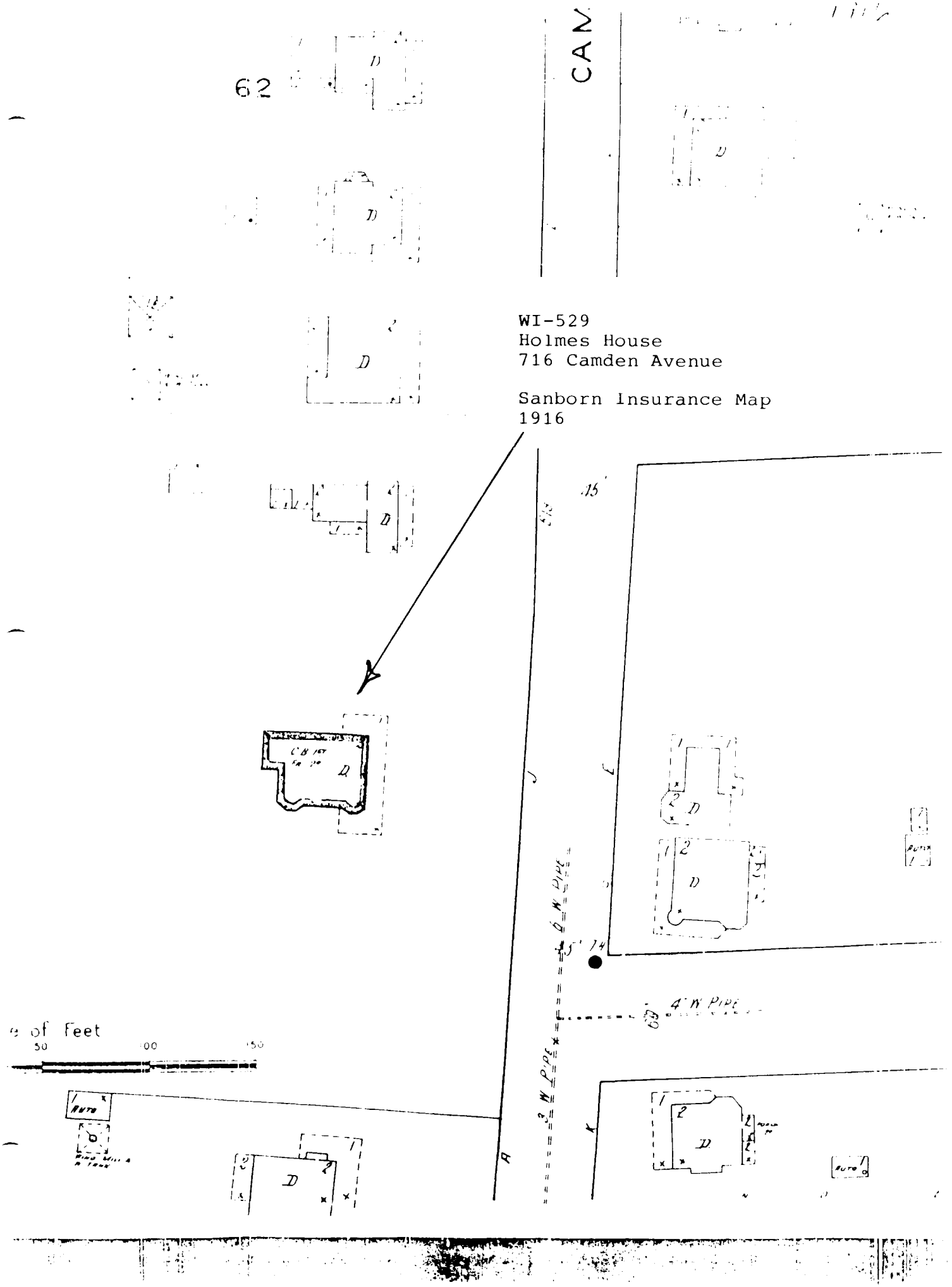
Holmes House
716 Camden Avenue
Salisbury, Wicomico County, Maryland
Chain of title

Map 114, Parcel 1357

1696/207	First National Mortgage Association
	to
7/26/1999	Brooks E. Tomblin Marion S. Tomblin
1651/179	Jeffrey B. Fisher Martin S. Goldberg Regan J. R. Smith Edie C. Omer
	to
12/8/1998	First National Mortgage Association Designated as property of Marion F. Smith, formerly Trinity M. E. property, plat entitled Survey of Property for William B. Tilghman, Jr. made by George W. Purnell, 10/27/1939, JWS 221/411
JWS 221/440	William B. Tilghman, Jr. et al.
	to
10/2/1939	Marion F. Smith $6,000 (Whereas by deed dated 3/11/1920 Susan Quigg Holmes and Wm Holmes unto William B. Tilghman, Jr., G. Wm Phillips, Wm F. Messick, I. Ernest Jones, Albert J. McMath, J. Chauncy W. Leatherbury, Wm S. Nelson, James W. Wilson, and Wm P. Wise as Trustees for the Eastern Shore District of the Virginia Conference of the M. E. Church)

JCK 117/456	Susan Quigg Holmes William Holmes
	to
3/11/1920	William B. Tilghman, Jr. et al. $11,000
EAT 74/474	Elihu J. Pusey Mary R. B. Pusey
	to
5/23/1911	Susan Quigg Holmes, City of Brooklyn $2,500
JTT 37/360	Mary A. Trader Aurelius P. Trader
	to
4/30/1903	Elihu J. Pusey $1,000 "Camden"
FMS 6/9	E. Stanley Toadvine, trustee
	to
4/20/1888	Mary A. Trader $1,400 all that lot of ground with improvements thereon fronting on Camden street, where the said A. P. Trader now lives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Holmes House
716 Camden Avenue
Sanborn Insurance Map
1916
4" W Pipe
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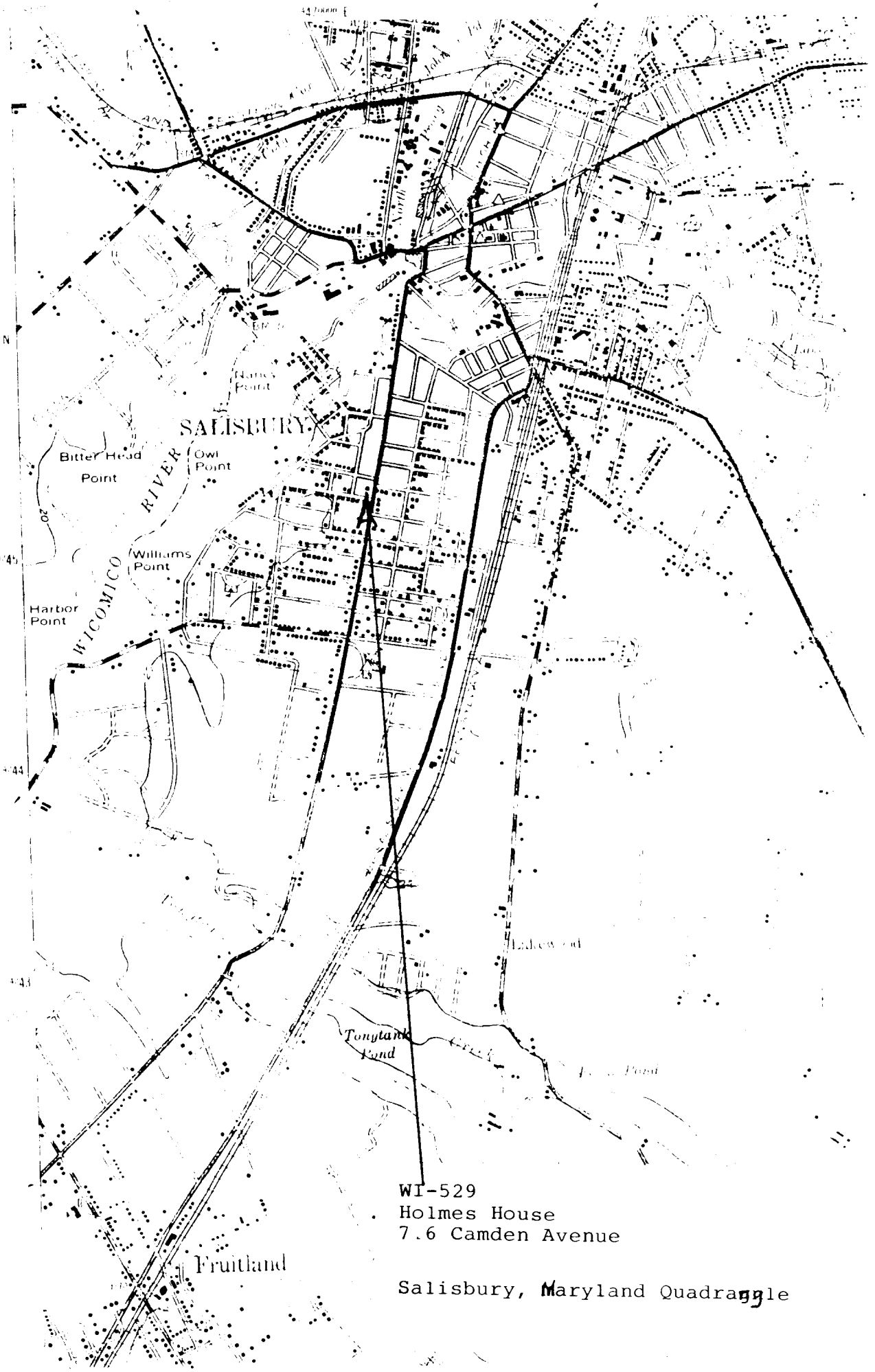

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East elevation

10/00, Paul Touart, photographer

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