WI-530 c. 1873 and later
Martha T. Huston House
Salisbury
Private

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Martha T. Huston retained ownership of the house and lot until her death, and her executor, George W. Bell, transferred the title to Salisbury undertaker George C. Hill in 1881. George C. Hill was a lifetime occupant of this property, and he and his family are listed in the 1907 Salisbury City directory. The house and lot remained in Hill family hands until 1971.

Maryland Historical Trust
Maryland Inventory of Historic Properties Form

Inventory No. W I-530

1. Name of Property (indicate preferred name)

historic: Martha T. Huston House

other: George C. Hill House

2. Location

street and number: 601 Camden Avenue — not for publication

city, town: Salisbury — vicinity

county: Wicomico

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

name: Louis A. Adkins and Daphne C. Adkins

street and number: 601 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. 198

city, town: Salisbury, Maryland — liber: 738 — folio: 166

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 Martha T. Huston house, also known historically as the George C. Hill house, stands at 601 Camden Avenue in the Camden Historic District of Salisbury, Wicomico County, Maryland. The house faces west with the principal roof oriented on a north/south axis.

Dating largely from the fourth quarter of the nineteenth century, the two-story, ell-shaped main block is supported on a brick foundation with a partially excavated cellar, and the exterior is clad with aluminum siding. The steeply pitched gable roofs are covered with asphalt shingles. Attached to the back of the house is a two-story service wing.

The west (main) elevation is an asymmetrical facade with a two-story gable-front facing the street and the entrance is incorporated in the leg of the ell plan which extends to the north. The Victorian four-panel front door is framed by a delicately crafted transom and pair of sidelights that contain elliptical curved muntins. The front door is flanked by a two-over-two sash window trimmed with a molded lintel and hung with louvered wood shutters. The two bays are sheltered by a shed roofed porch supported by Tuscan columns. A turned baluster railing stretches between the columns. The west facade of the gable-front wall is pierced by single-pane sash windows on the first and second floors, and a six-over-one sash window lights the attic. The edge of the roof has an extended eave encased in aluminum. Rising through the back of the south ell is an interior brick stack.

The north gable end of the main block is defined by pairs of two-over-two sash windows trimmed with molded lintels. A pair of two-over-two windows light the attic to either side of an interior end brick chimney.

The east (rear) wall of the main block is largely covered by a two-story, four-bay by one room dining room and kitchen wing. The north wall is pierced by a series of two-over-two sash windows also featuring molded lintels. A two-story shed roofed addition extends from the east gable end of the service wing. On the south side are one and two-story porches.

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
x 1800-1899	x architecture	engineering	invention	politics/government
_ 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	**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, TF, Jr. 3/404, 26 July 1873.

[2] Wicomico County Land Record, SPT 4/339, 25 October 1881, George W. Bell, Executor of Martha T. Huston to George C. Hill, "...adjoining the property of Thomas C. Hillman and the lot of George B. Gillis...it being the same House and Lot where the said Martha T. Huston resided and of which she died seized and possessed"

[3] Wicomico County Land Record, 738/166, 24 June 1971.

9. Major Bibliographical References

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10. Geographical Data

Acreage of project area
Acreage surveyed 1/4 acre
Quadrangle name Salisbury, Maryland Quadrangle scale 1:24,000

Verbal boundary description and justification

The historic boundary of this property is coincental 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 10/25/00
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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100 Community Place
Crownsville, MD 21032
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601 Camden Avenue
Salisbury, Wicomico County, Maryland
Chain of title

Map 111, Parcel 198

738/166	Clara M. Hill to
6/24/1971	Louis A. Adkins Daphne C. Adkins 1. conveyed to George C. Hill by two following deeds: from George W. Bell, Executor of Martha T. Huston, dated 10/25/1881, SPT 4/339 2. from Margaret T. Johnston, dated 7/13/1900, JTT 28/198 Upon the death of George C. Hill, intestate, the property descended unto his widow Mary F. Hill and children Franklin B. Hill, Mary C. Hill, Nellie F. Hill, and Clara M. Hill
SPT 4/339	George W. Bell, Executor of Martha T. Huston to
10/25/1881	George C. Hill ...adjoining the property of Thomas C. Hillman and the lot of George B. Gillis....it being the same House and Lot where the said Margaret T. Huston resided and of which she died seized and possessed.
TF, Jr. 3/404	Purnell Toadvine to
7/26/1873	Martha Huston, wife of Samuel P. Huston $250

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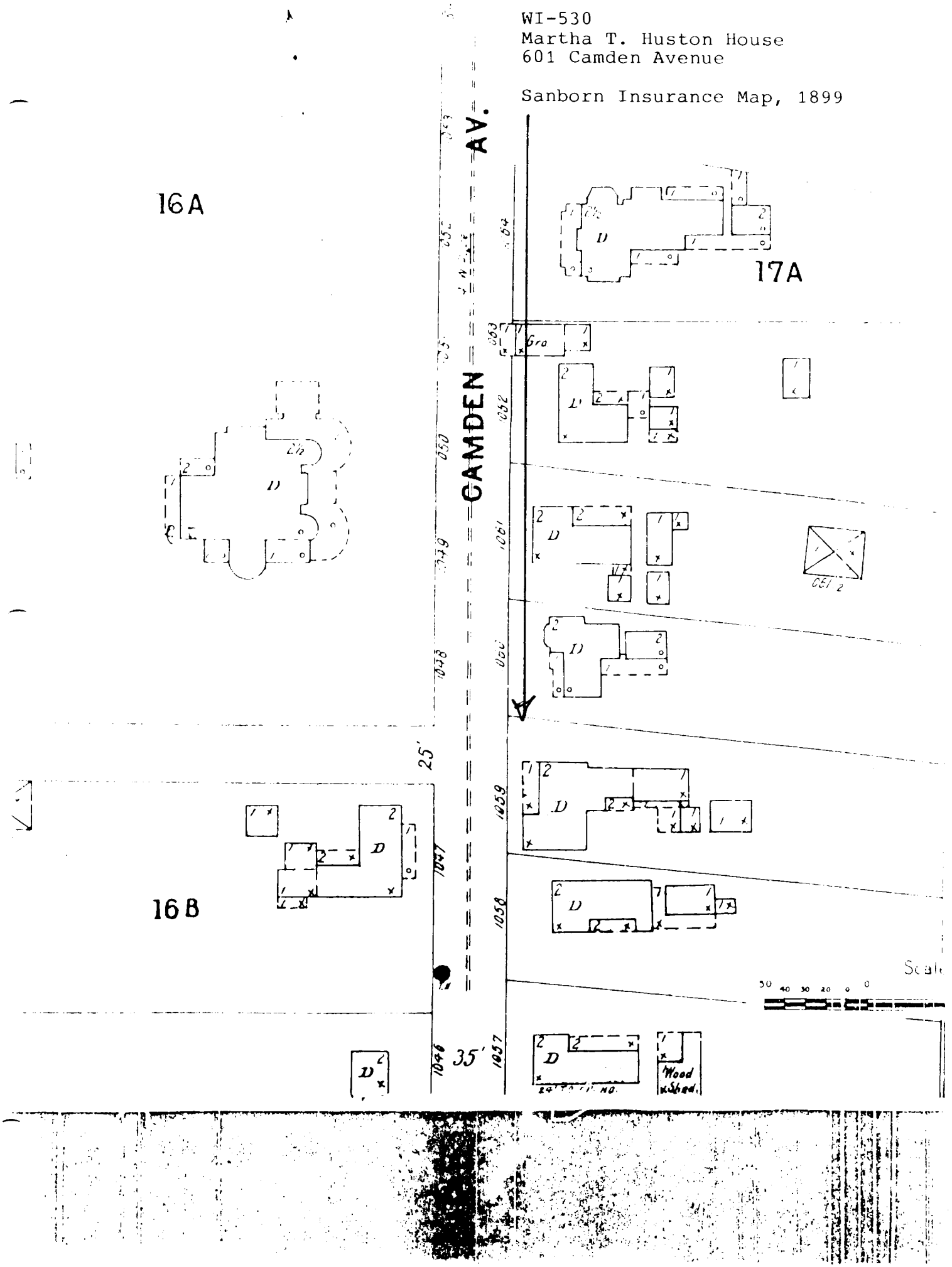
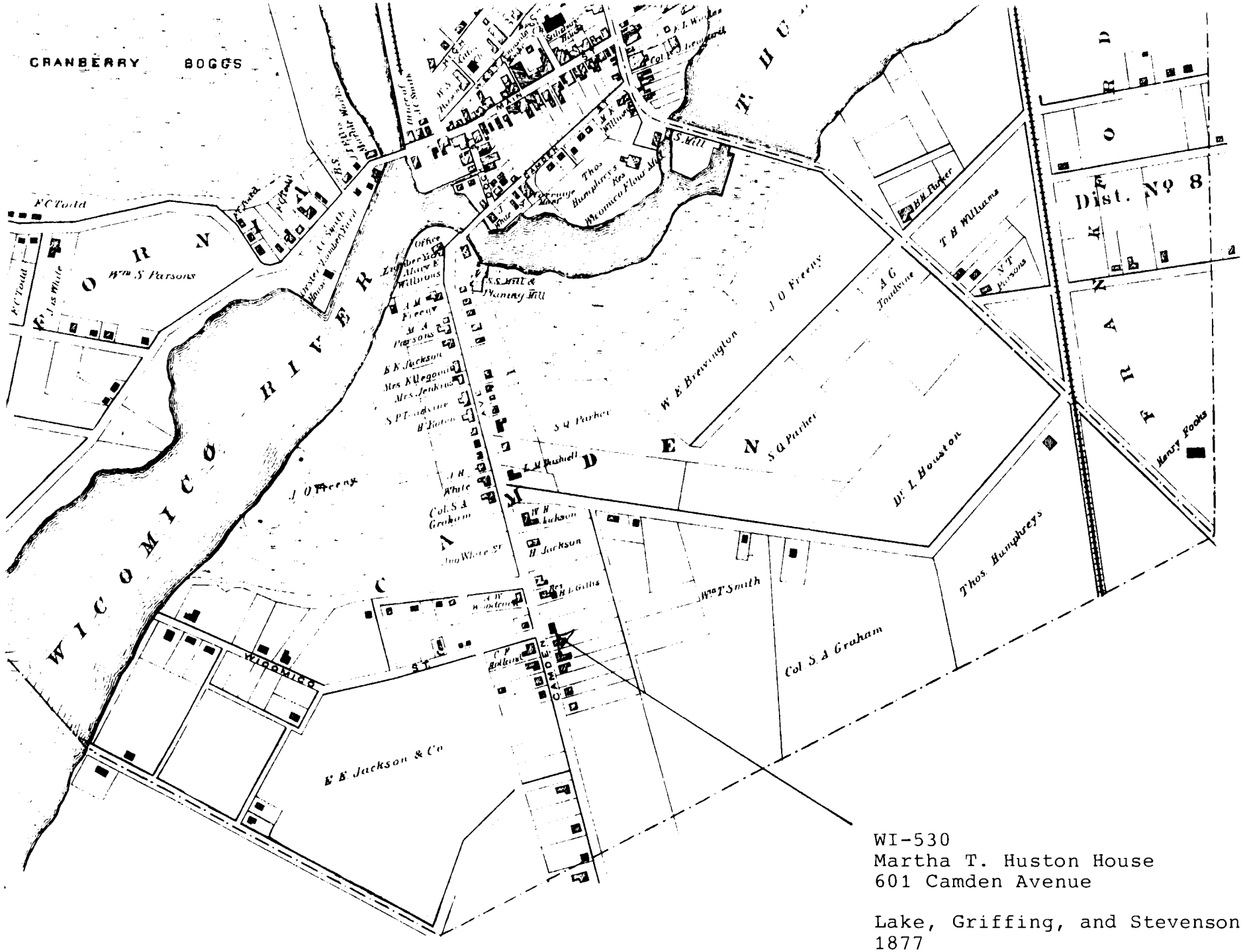
601 Camden Avenue

Sanborn Insurance Map, 1899





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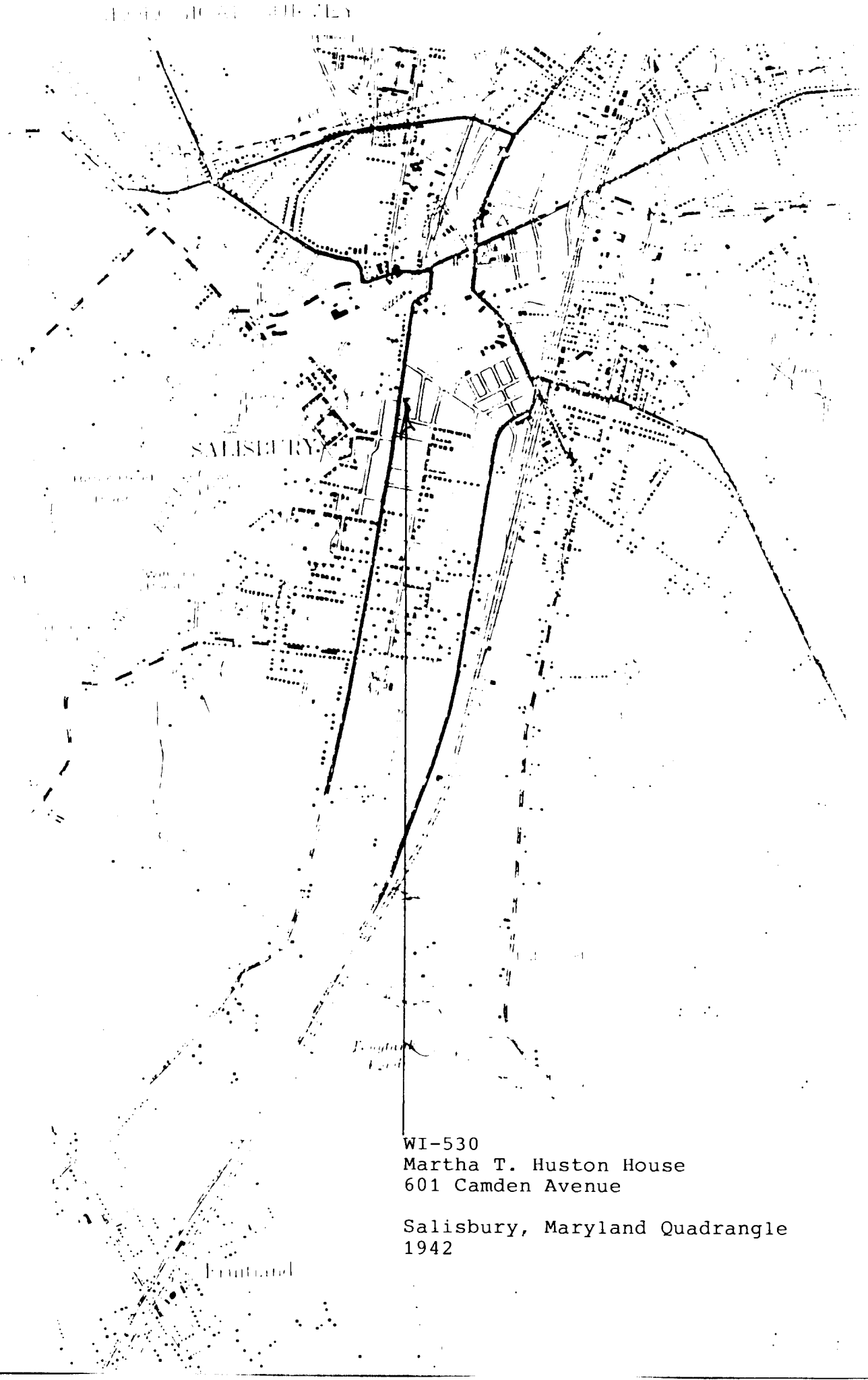
Lake, Griffing, and Stevenson Atlas
1877



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Martha T. Huston House
601 Camden Avenue

Salisbury, Maryland Quadrangle
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17/00 Paul Touart, Photographer

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