WI-532 c. 1920
John W. Windsor House
Salisbury
Private

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Maryland Historical Trust
Maryland Inventory of Historic Properties Form

Inventory No. W I-532

1. Name of Property (indicate preferred name)

historic John W. Windsor House

other

2. Location

street and number 607 Camden Avenue not for publication

city, town Salisbury vicinity

county Wicomico

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

name Christine McDaniel-Viswanathan

street and number 607 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. 201

city, town Salisbury, Maryland liber 1507 folio 819

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	1	buildings
structure	both	defense	religion		sites
site		x domestic	social		structures
object		education	transportation		objects
		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 John W. Windsor house stands at 607 Camden Avenue in the Camden Historic District of Salisbury, Wicomico County, Maryland. The two-and-a-half story, three-bay four-square frame house faces west with the roof oriented on a north/south axis.

Built around 1920, the two-and-a-half story, three-bay by three-bay frame house is supported by raised brick foundation with a partial cellar. The exterior is clad with asbestos shingles, and the steeply pitched roof is covered with asphalt shingles. Attached to the back side is a two-story shed roofed addition.

The west (main) elevation is an asymmetrical three-bay facade with a side entrance and flanking twelve-over-one sash windows retaining louvered wooden shutters. A series of horizontal panels distinguishes the front door, which is flanked by six-light sidelights. The entire door sidelights are framed by a neoclassical surround. The first floor is sheltered by a wraparound porch which stretches across the west and south sides. Tuscan columns support the roof, and the entrance bay is accented with a cross gable and paired columns. The second story is lighted by unevenly spaced twelve-over-one sash windows flanked by louvered shutters. Stretching around the perimeter of the roof is a block cornice. The roof is defined by a pair of gable roof dormers fitted with Palladian-inspired windows. The tripartite window includes diamond pane sidelights.

The south elevation of the house faces Maryland Avenue and contains a side entrance bay to the porch which is defined by a cross gable. Twelve-over-one sash windows flanked with louvered shutters light the first and second floor in addition to an oriole style window on the first floor that is pierced by a tripartite window including diamond pane sidelights. An interior brick chimney stack rises through the roof. Fixed atop the south slope of the hip roof is a large gable roof dormer with a Palladian-style window and diamond pane sidelights.

The east (rear) wall is partially covered by a two-story shed roofed addition. The north wall is detailed in much the same manner as the rest of the house with a second brick stack rising through the northeast corner.

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
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	**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, JCK 114/429, 21 November 1919.

[2] Sanborn Insurance Map, 1911.

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[3] Wicomico County Land Record, IDT 157/129, 6 September 1928.

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.

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100 Community Place
Crownsville, MD 21032
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607 Camden Avenue
Salisbury, Wicomico County, Maryland
Chain of title

Map 111, Parcel 201

1507/819	Scott J. Seeman Mary McCormick Seeman
	to
9/6/1996	Christine McDaniel-Viswanathan $69,000
MSB 1280/611	Scott J. Seeman Mary McCormick
	to
2/5/1992	Scott J. Seeman Mary McCormick Seeman Location Survey AJS 1013/532
MSB 1127/316	Robert L. Ayotte Virginia Reynolds Ayotte
	to
11/20/1987	Scott Seeman Mary C. McCormick $49,900.

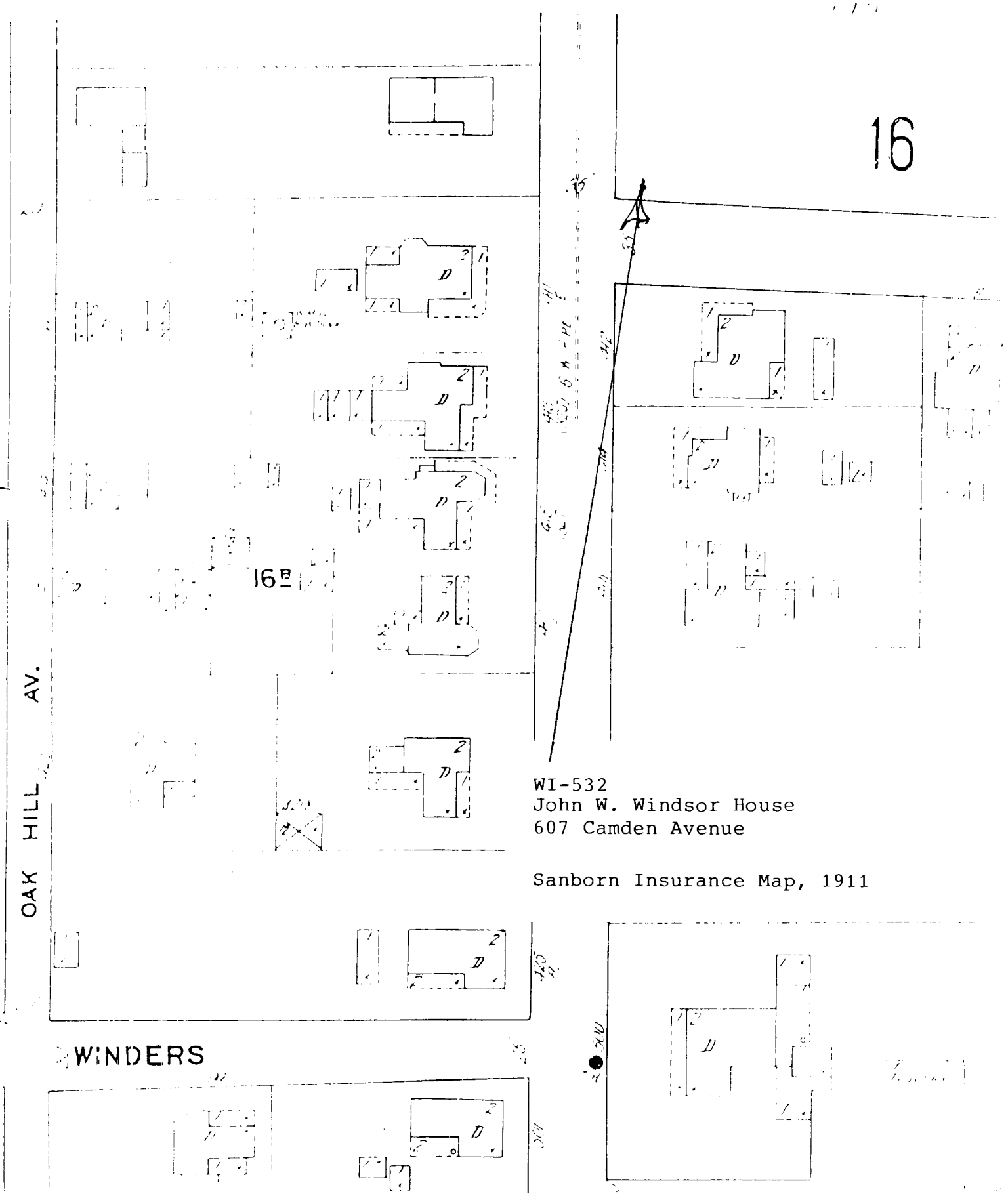
AJS 1099/112	ComFed Savings Bank, Successor to Heritage Savings & Loan Association
	to
4/1/1987	Robert L. Ayotte Virginia L. Reynolds
AJS 1059/738	Jeffrey VanGrack Madeline Scott, Substitute trustees and Landbank Equity Corp. of Maryland, Inc.
	to
1/28/1986	Heritage Savings & Loan Association Defaulted mortgage
1013/530	William J. Hastings, et ux. Shirley Mae Hastings
	to
5/31/1984	Carl E. Herneisen Marie E. Herneisen $41,000
AJS 854/378	Michael J. Hynes Mary Jane Hynes
	to
4/14/1976	William J. Hastings Shirley Mae Hastings

JWTS 748/474	Don E. Richardson
	to
11/11/1971	Michael J. Hynes Mary Jane Hynes
748/472	Michael J. Hynes Mary Jane Hynes
	to
11/11/1971	Don E. Richardson
JWTS 647/347	Esther E. Kraus, widow
	to
3/10/1967	Michael J. Hynes Carmen A. Hynes
JWTS 619/282	Melvin Joseph Hadden Sadie E. Hadden
	to
10/28/1965	Esther E. Kraus, widow

JWTS 414/106	John S. Goldsmith and Margaret M. Goldsmith, Camp Hill, Pa.
	to
8/29/1956	Melvin Joseph Hadden
JWTS 356/384	Samuel W. Wilkinson Edith M. Wilkinson
	to
6/2/1954	John S. Goldsmith
JWTS 350/296	W. F. Messick Ice Company
	to
7/13/1953	Samuel W. Wilkinson Edith M. Wilkinson
JWS 235/171	William F. Messick Alice H. Messick
	to
9/4/1941	W. F. Messick Ice Company

JWS 221/379	Home Owners' Loan Corporation
	to
11/10/1939	William F. Messick
IDT 199/466	Harry C. Dashiell, Assignee
	to
11/13/1936	Home Owners' Loan Corporation Whereas at a Public Sale, 10/3/1936, assignee of a certain mortgage from Howard L. Gordy and Hilda C. Gordy, IDT 188/199
IDT 157/129	John W. Messick, Hattie Windsor, J. Brice Long, Lewis Morgan, Gunby Nash Motor Company, Morris Bros. Company, Eastern Shore Trust Company
	to
9/6/1928	Howard L. Gordy Hilda C. Gordy
JCK 114/429	James W. Mitchell
	to
11/21/1919	John W. Windsor

EAT 43/465	William P. Jackson William H. Jackson
	to
2/15/1905	James W. Mitchell



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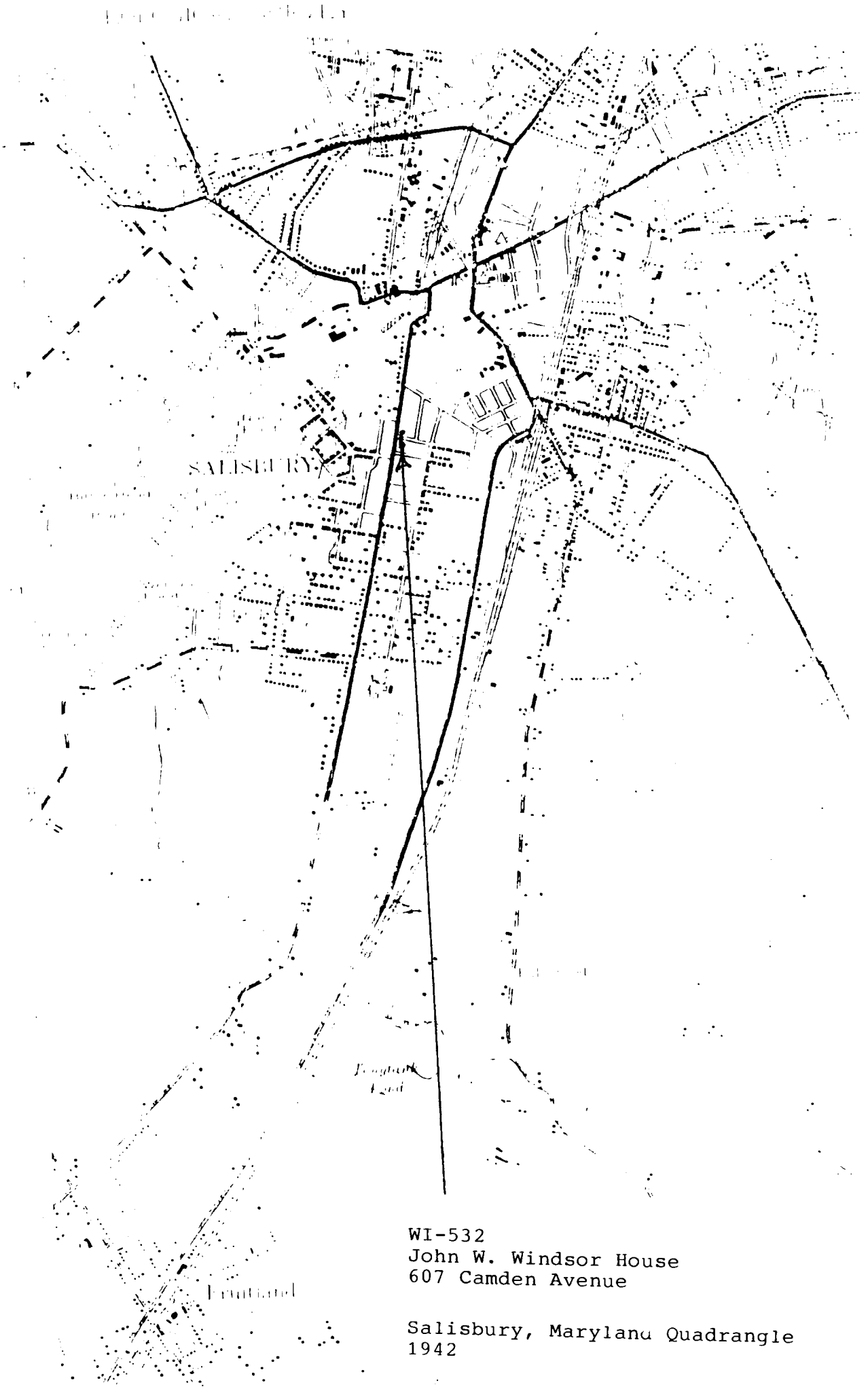
Sanborn Insurance Map, 1911



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Salisbury, Maryland Quadrangle
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West Elevation

10/00, Paul Touart, [illegible]

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