

WI-266 147
Alfred C. Dykes Building
Salisbury
Private

1892

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MARYLAND HISTORIC PRESERVATION PLAN INFORMATION

RESOURCE NAME: Alfred C. Dykes Building

MHT INVENTORY NUMBER: WI-266 147

MARYLAND COMPREHENSIVE PLAN DATA

1. Historic Period Theme(s): Architecture
Commerce

2. Geographic Orientation: Eastern Shore

3. Chronological/Development Period(s): Industrial/Urban Dominance
1870-1930

4. Resource Type(s): Commercial Block

**Maryland Historical Trust
State Historic Sites Inventory Form**

MARYLAND INVENTORY OF
HISTORIC PROPERTIES

Survey No. WI-266 147

Magi No.

DOE ___yes ___no

1. Name (indicate preferred name)

historic Alfred C. Dykes Building

and/or common Kuhn's Jewelers

2. Location

street & number 107 West Main Street on the Downtown Plaza ___ not for publication

city, town Salisbury ___ vicinity of congressional district First

state Maryland county Wicomico

3. Classification

Category	Ownership	Status	Present Use
___ district	___ public	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> occupied	___ agriculture
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> building(s)	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> private	___ unoccupied	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> commercial
___ structure	___ both	___ work in progress	___ educational
___ site	Public Acquisition	Accessible	___ entertainment
___ object	___ in process	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> yes: restricted	___ government
	___ being considered	___ yes: unrestricted	___ industrial
	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> not applicable	___ no	___ military
			___ museum
			___ park
			___ private residence
			___ religious
			___ scientific
			___ transportation
			___ other:

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

name John R Purnell, et al

street & number 27013 Edinburgh Court telephone no.:

city, town Salisbury state and zip code MD 21801

5. Location of Legal Description

courthouse, registry of deeds, etc. Wicomico County Clerk of Court Map 107, Parcel 1044
liber 817

street & number Wicomico County Courthouse folio 132

city, town Salisbury state MD 21801

6. Representation in Existing Historical Surveys

title

date ___ federal ___ state ___ county ___ local

depository for survey records

city, town state

7. Description

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Condition		Check one	Check one	
<input type="checkbox"/> excellent	<input type="checkbox"/> deteriorated	<input type="checkbox"/> unaltered	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> original site	
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> good	<input type="checkbox"/> ruins	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> altered	<input type="checkbox"/> moved	date of move _____
<input type="checkbox"/> fair	<input type="checkbox"/> unexposed			

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

The Alfred C. Dykes building, currently identified as Kuhn's Jewelers, is located at 107 West Main Street on the Downtown Plaza in Salisbury, Wicomico County, Maryland. The two-story, three-bay brick commercial block faces south. The building is flanked on the east and west sides by adjacent commercial structures.

Dated to 1892, the two-story rectangular brick commercial building is three bays across and extends deeply into the lot which has access to what is historically referred to as "Bell Alley." The two-story, late nineteenth century commercial building has been extended to the rear by a single-story concrete block addition.

The south (main) elevation is three bays across. The first floor storefront, sheltered by a canvas awning, has been reworked in past few years with a stained wood and glass front that includes an entrance and large display windows. A side entrance in the east bay provides access to a staircase leading to the second floor. The second floor and cornice remain essentially unchanged since the late nineteenth century. The pressed brick facade is pierced by three evenly spaced windows filled with single-pane sash. Stretching across the facade at the height of the second floor window sills is a rope brick molding. The inner edges of the window openings are distinguished by a rounded corner brick, and each opening is topped by a segmental brick arch accented with a molded terra cotta keystone. A molded terra cotta panel is also centered in the wall between each window opening. A second rope molding stretches across the facade at the height of the second floor window arches. Additional molded brick stringcourses accent the top to the second floor wall, which is pierced by three rectangular vents. Fitted atop the front wall is a galvanized metal cornice with a centered cross gable. The three bays of the facade are marked by projecting blocks supported by fluted brackets. The two center blocks, which flank the gable, are fitted with turned finials. The face of the gable is distinguished by the date of construction, "1892," which is embossed in raised numbers along with a gentle scroll that flanks the date.

The interior has been reworked to suit modern store and office spaces.

8. Significance

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Period	Areas of Significance—Check and justify below			
<input type="checkbox"/> prehistoric	<input type="checkbox"/> archeology-prehistoric	<input type="checkbox"/> community planning	<input type="checkbox"/> landscape architecture	<input type="checkbox"/> religion
<input type="checkbox"/> 1400-1499	<input type="checkbox"/> archeology-historic	<input type="checkbox"/> conservation	<input type="checkbox"/> law	<input type="checkbox"/> science
<input type="checkbox"/> 1500-1599	<input type="checkbox"/> agriculture	<input type="checkbox"/> economics	<input type="checkbox"/> literature	<input type="checkbox"/> sculpture
<input type="checkbox"/> 1600-1699	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> architecture	<input type="checkbox"/> education	<input type="checkbox"/> military	<input type="checkbox"/> social/humanitarian
<input type="checkbox"/> 1700-1799	<input type="checkbox"/> art	<input type="checkbox"/> engineering	<input type="checkbox"/> music	<input type="checkbox"/> theater
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> 1800-1899	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> commerce	<input type="checkbox"/> exploration/settlement	<input type="checkbox"/> philosophy	<input type="checkbox"/> transportation
<input type="checkbox"/> 1900-	<input type="checkbox"/> communications	<input type="checkbox"/> industry	<input type="checkbox"/> politics/government	<input type="checkbox"/> other (specify)
		<input type="checkbox"/> invention		

Specific dates 1892 **Builder/Architect** Contractor, Thomas M. Slemons

check: Applicable Criteria: A B C D
 and/or
 Applicable Exception: A B C D E F G
 Level of Significance: national state local

Prepare both a summary paragraph of significance and a general statement of history and support.

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Due to the distinctive architecture features of this building is qualifies for listing in *Category A*, which identifies buildings that must be retained due to their architectural and/or historical significance.

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8.1 SIGNIFICANCE (Continued)
Alfred C. Dykes Building, WI-266/147
Salisbury, Wicomico County, Maryland

Footnotes

- (1) *Salisbury Advertiser*, April 9, 1892 (Wicomico County Free Library)
- (2) Wicomico County Land Record, JTT 27/56, 1 September 1899 (Wicomico County Courthouse)
- (3) Wicomico County Land Record, JTT 32/49, 14 October 1901 (Wicomico County Courthouse)
- (4) Wicomico County Land Record, 817/132, 26 February 1974 (Wicomico County Courthouse)

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Chain of title

817/132 Samuel Quinton Johnson, Jr.

to

2/26/1974 John R. Purnell
Ann Kuhn Purnell

the said Samuel Q. Johnson having since departed this life,
testate and by Item Three of his Last Will and Testament
2/13/1917, JWD 1/215, devised property unto Nettie B.
Johnson and unto Samuel Q. Johnson, Jr. and Robert White
Johnson

JTT 32/49 William J. Staton, and wife Martha
Alfred C. Dykes

to

10/14/1901 Samuel Q. Johnson

Whereas the said Alfred C. Dykes has heretofore sold the
property hereinafter described to said William J. Staton by
deed dated 9/17/1899, JTT 27/56

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Chain of title continued

JTT 27/56

Alfred C. Dykes
Georgia Dykes

to

9/1/1899

William J. Staton

\$3,500 22 ½' on said street and running back an even width
with east wall of the house on said lot in a straight
line to the south side of 'Bell Alley' as established

JTT 9/288

Annie T. Morris, & husband Jeremiah J. Morris

to

10/17/1892

Alfred C. Dykes

\$1,400 beginning for the outlines at the South West corner
of the brick building on said lot and running thence
By and with the South and front wall of the said
building 22 ½ feet to the South East corner of said
thence by and with the East wall and in a direct line
to the land of John Tracy 174 feet, thence by and
with the said Tracy's land to the Protestant Episcopal
Church lot 33 feet, etc.

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SPT 5/342

Henrietta Byrd

to

3/ /1883

Annie T. Morris

\$4,726.64 "John Rider Lot"

SPT 5/341

Samuel A. Graham, Trustee

to

1/31/1883

Henrietta Byrd

Decree of Circuit Court 1/19/1874, Annie T. Byrd vs.
William S. Parsons, et al. No. 159 Chancery

Somerset County
Land Record
GH 8/74-76

John Austin
Jane C. Austin

to

7/10/1835

Jehu Parsons



HISTORIC PRESERVATION CERTIFICATION APPLICATION — PART 1 (Pursuant to the Tax Reform Act of 1976)

Instructions: Applicant should read the instructions carefully before completing application. No Certification may be made unless a completed application has been received (P.L. 94-455). Use typewriter or print clearly in dark ink to complete the application form. If additional space is needed to complete Part 1, use the reverse side or a separate plain sheet of paper, clearly indicating the owner's name and mailing address. Part 1 of this application may be completed and sent to the State Historic Preservation Officer at any time during the year, and may be sent separately or with Part 2.

PART 1 EVALUATION OF SIGNIFICANCE

1. NAME OF PROPERTY: KUEN JEWELERS
Address of property Street: 107 WEST MAIN STREET
City: SALISBURY County: WICOMICO State: MD Zip Code: 21781
Name of historic district in which property is located: Salisbury Historic District

2. DESCRIPTION OF PHYSICAL APPEARANCE:
(see instructions for map and photograph requirements—use reverse side if necessary)

3. STATEMENT OF SIGNIFICANCE:
(use reverse side if necessary)

Date of construction (if known): 1892 Original site Moved Date of alterations (if known): 1928 - 1930

4. NAME AND MAILING ADDRESS OF OWNER:

Name: North Salisbury Preservation Trust, FEDERAL RESERVE
Street: 107 West Main Street
City: Salisbury State: MD Zip Code: 21781
Telephone Number (during day): Area Code: 301 Number: 744-2234

I hereby attest that the information I have provided is, to the best of my knowledge, correct, and that I am owner of the property described above

Signature: [Signature] Date: 7-1-82

For office use only

The structure described above is included within the boundaries of the National Register historic district and contributes does not contribute to the character of the district.

The structure appears does not appear to meet National Register Criteria for Evaluation (36 CFR 60.8) and will likely will not be nominated to the National Register in accord with the Department of the Interior procedures (36 CFR 60).

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Signature: [Signature] Date: 7-1-82
State Historic Preservation Officer

This property has been evaluated according to the criteria and procedures set forth by the Department of the Interior (36 CFR 67) and, if subject to depreciation under section 167 of the Internal Revenue Code of 1954:

is hereby certified a historic structure
 does not contribute to the character of the historic district and does not merit certification as a historic structure. Reasons given on the attached sheet:

Signature: _____ Date: _____
Keeper of the National Register



DOWNTOWN HISTORIC DISTRICT SURVEY

WI-147

IDENTIFICATION

Street address 107 W. Main Street
 Map & parcel
 Present owner John R. Purnell
 address
 Present use Kuhn's Jewelers
 Original owner
 Original use

BASE DATA

Historic name
 Date/Period 1892
 Style Victorian Gothic
 Height (stories) 2
 Present zoning CBD
 Land area (s.f.)
 Building area (s.f.)
 Assessed value
 (land + imp.)

ARCHITECTURAL AND SITE DESCRIPTION

This building is typical of the Victorian Gothic commercial buildings built along Main Street in the years following soon after Salisbury's fire of 1886; rectangular in plan, with its first floor designed for display and its upper floor and attic for offices and apartments. Its ground floor facade was altered in the 1950's: facing brick was removed and replaced with white tile which encloses a primary entrance, placed between two small display windows and covered with an aluminum awning, and a secondary entrance to the upper floors on the east side of the building. The upper facade is three bays wide and is unmodified. The windows are topped with segmental arches, their springing lines connected by a decorative string-course. A horizontal brick cable-moulding divides the second-floor windows from the three decorative metal attic vents above. At the top of building is a pressed metal cornice with four finials. The two central finials frame a small gable which extends to a peak topped with an acroterion. Unlike many of its neighbors, 107 W. Main Street maintains much of its original character and is therefore a valuable component of the Main Street building ensemble.

PHOTOS

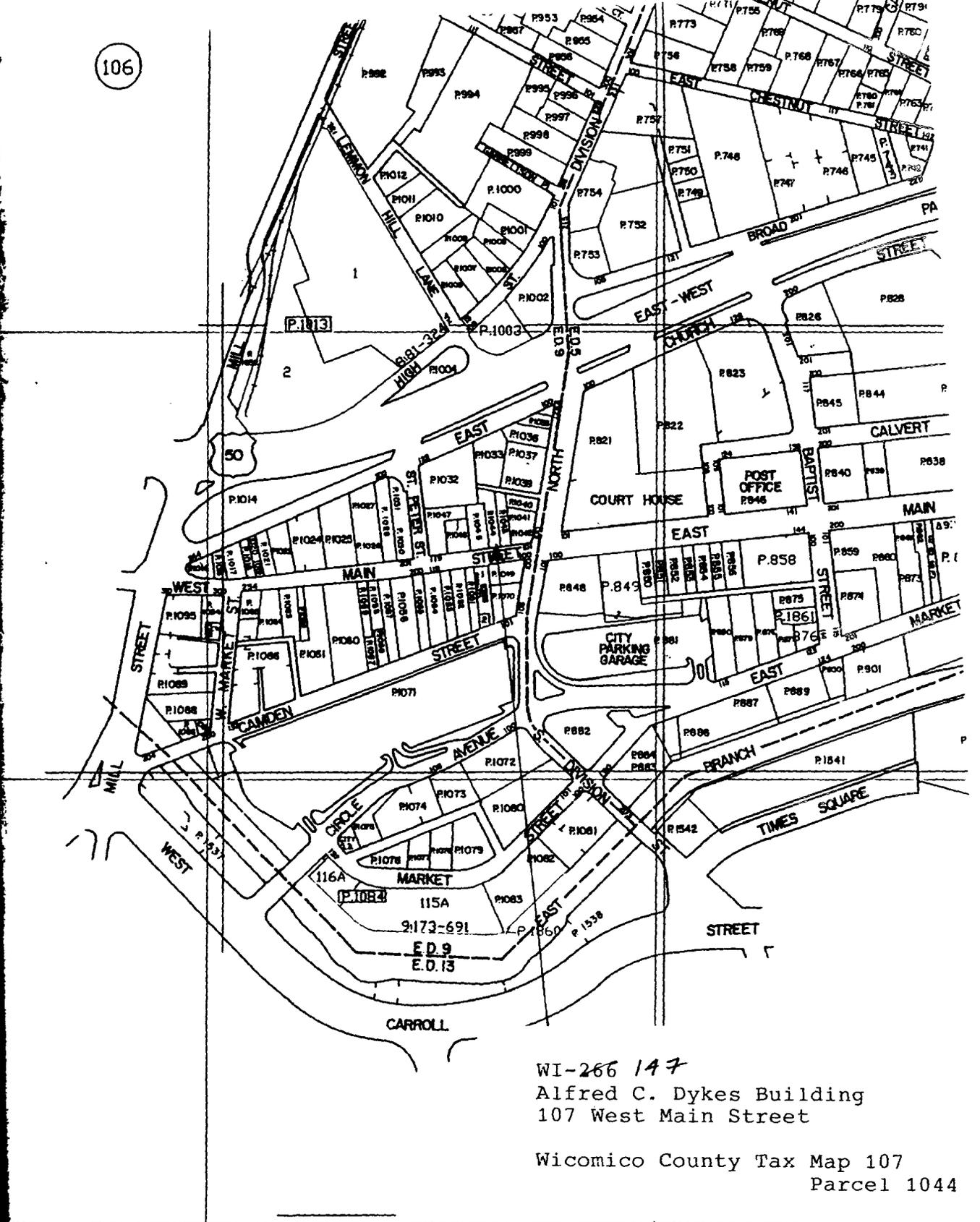


IDENTIFICATION

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DATE OF SURVEY 6-1981

SURVEY COMPLETED BY Kennedy Smith

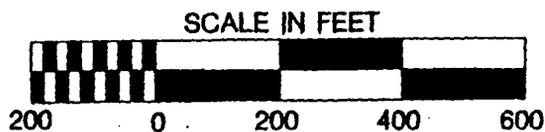


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107 West Main Street

Wicomico County Tax Map 107
Parcel 1044

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UNITED STATES
DEPARTMENT OF THE INTERIOR
GEOLOGICAL SURVEY

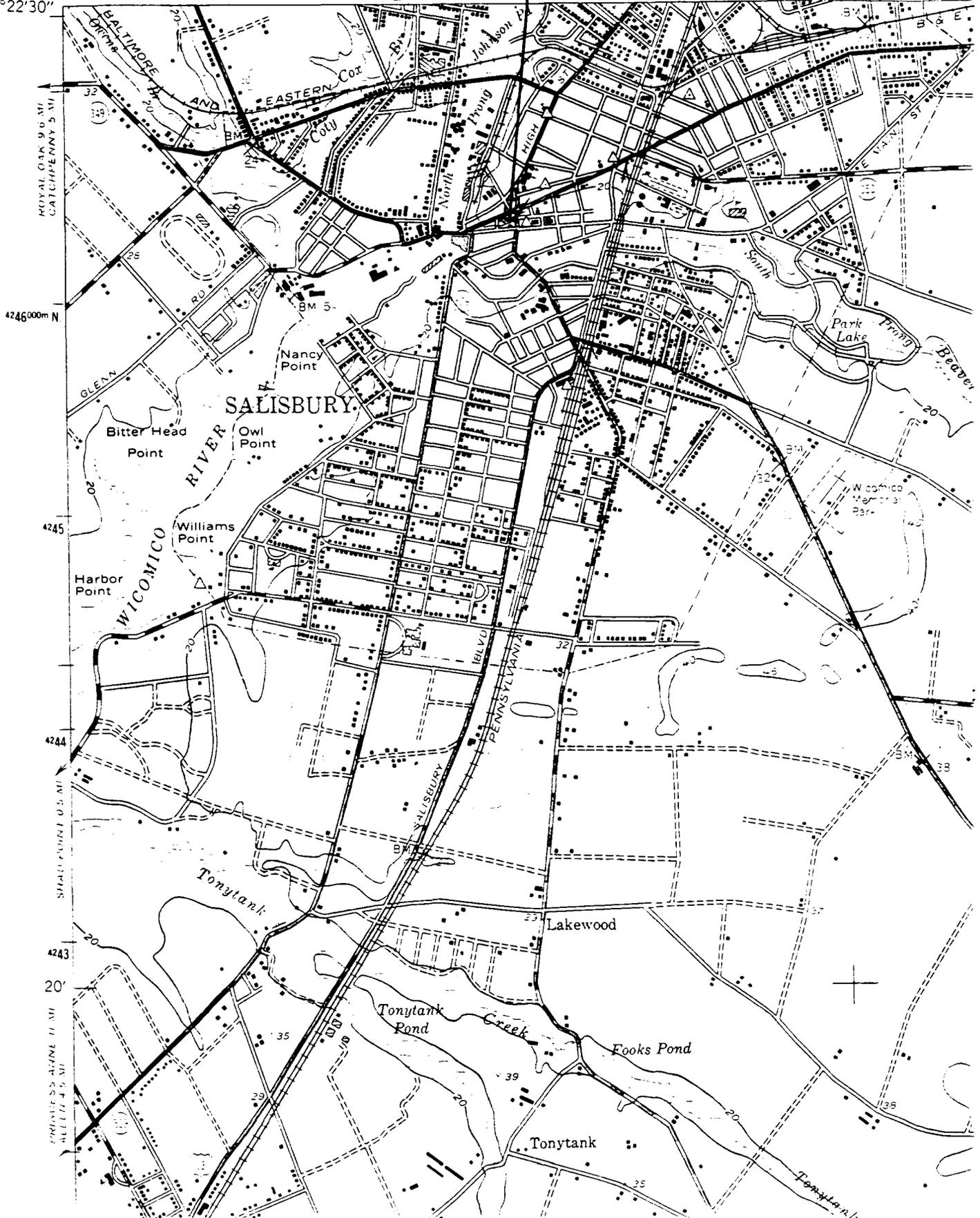
Salisbury, Maryland Quadrangle
1942

5860 1 NW
(THE BRON)

75°37'30"

38°22'30"

CAMP COSE 31 M
VIENNA 50 M 447000m E



ROYAL OAK 9.0 MI
CATCHPENNY 5 MI

4246000m N

4245

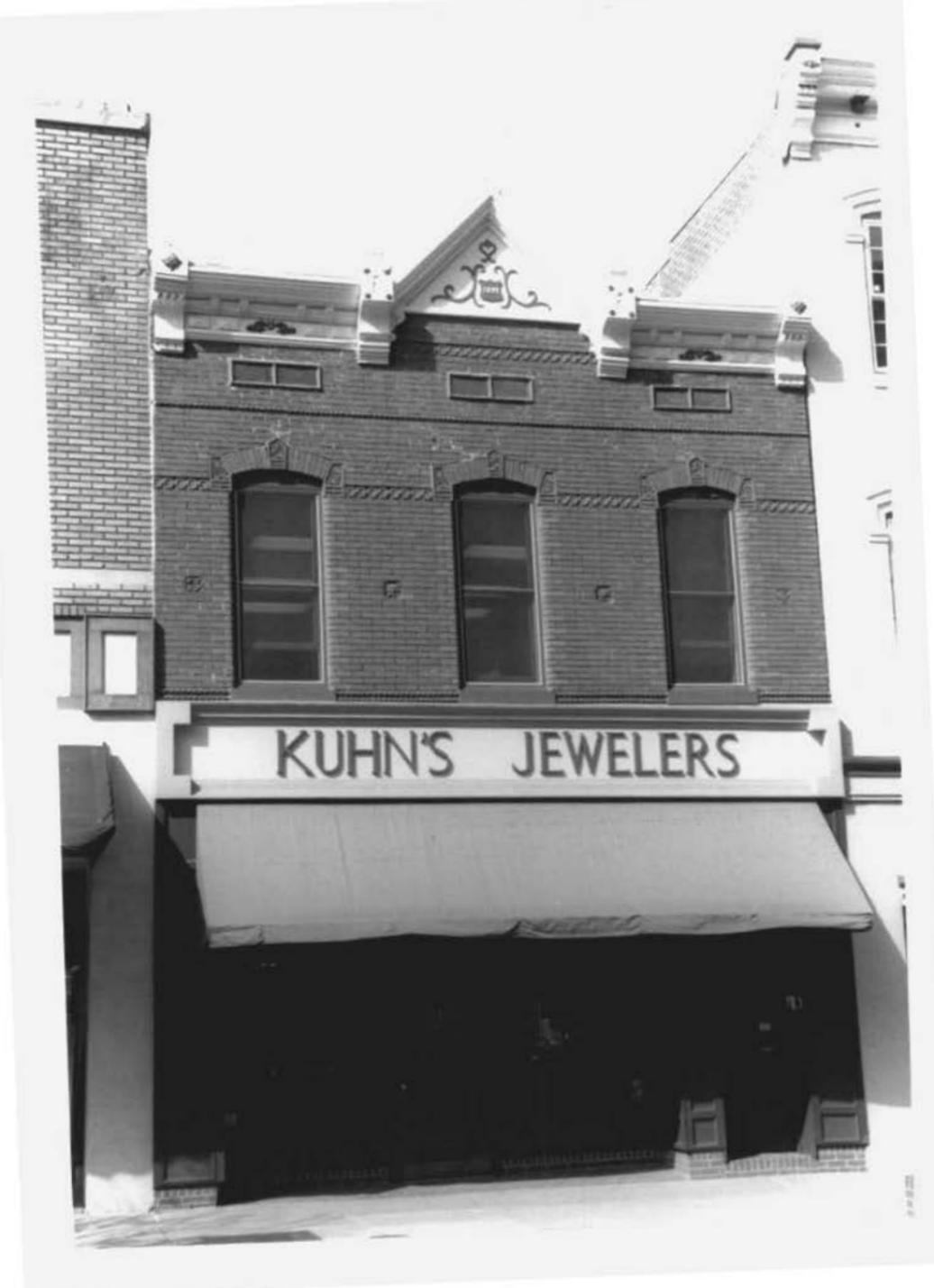
4244

4243

20'

CRISTATE 25 AVENUE 11 MI
ACULTA 4.5 MI

35



KUHN'S JEWELERS

Edythes

KUHNS JEWELERS





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ALFRED C. DUNN'S BUSINESS
(KATHY DUNN)

107 WEST MAIN STREET

SANSBURY, WINDHAM CO., VT.

WORTH ELEVATION

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