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Brewington Building  
Salisbury  
Private

c. 1905-10

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MARYLAND HISTORIC PRESERVATION PLAN INFORMATION

RESOURCE NAME: BREWINGTON BUILDING

MHT INVENTORY NUMBER: WI-258 149

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):             Storefront

# Maryland Historical Trust State Historic Sites Inventory Form

MARYLAND INVENTORY OF  
HISTORIC PROPERTIES

Survey No. WI-258 149

Magi No.

DOE  yes  no

## 1. Name (indicate preferred name)

historic Brewington Building

and/or common Goodman Department Store

## 2. Location

street & number 229 West Main Street  not for publication

city, town Salisbury  vicinity of congressional district First

state Maryland county Wicomico

## 3. Classification

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

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

name Herman E Perdue

street & number 212 East Main Street telephone no.:

city, town Salisbury state and zip code Maryland 21801 Map 107, P 1021

## 5. Location of Legal Description

courthouse, registry of deeds, etc. Wicomico County Clerk of Court liber 970

street & number Wicomico County Courthouse folio 62

city, town Salisbury state MD 21801

## 6. Representation in Existing Historical Surveys

title

date  federal  state  county  local

pository for survey records

city, town state

# 7. Description

<b>Condition</b>		<b>Check one</b>	<b>Check one</b>	
<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.

Historically identified as the Brewington building, the Goodman Department Store, and currently, the Plaza Building, this three-story brick commercial block is located at 229 West Main Street in the central business district of Salisbury, Wicomico County, Maryland. The rectangular storefront stretches back to West Church Street and is flanked on the west by a late nineteenth century brick commercial block and on the east by a landscaped lot.

Estimated to date around 1905-08, this three-story tan-colored brick commercial block has a stretcher bond facade and a stuccoed east wall. The south (main) elevation is dominated by a large arched window opening that spans two floors above the first floor. The first floor front has been reworked during the past ten years in a compatible manner to the balance of the exterior appearance. A tripartite second floor window is topped by a large round arched window opening that lights the third floor. Radiating muntins divide the third floor window in the manner of a large fanlight. A border of rounded edge brick frames the entire window opening that spans both floors. The arched window opening, fitted with a keystone at the top, is further enhanced by a subtle recess in the surrounding brickwork that creates an outside frame. The top of the West Main Street elevation is finished with a galvanized metal cornice.

The east side elevation is divided into six bays by slightly projecting pilasters. The entire wall is stuccoed, and a single flue stove chimney rises through the northeast corner. The side wall is stepped slightly from front to back.

The north (rear) wall of the commercial building is divided into three floors with a center entrance and flanking six-over-six sash windows. Segmental brick arches distinguish each of the window and door openings, and modern shutters have been attached to the sides of each window. The center bays of the second and third floors are marked by door openings, and an iron crane is fixed to the side of the third floor doorway.

The interior has been remodeled with modern materials.

# 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 type="checkbox"/> 1800-1899	<input type="checkbox"/> commerce	<input type="checkbox"/> exploration/settlement	<input type="checkbox"/> philosophy	<input type="checkbox"/> transportation
<input checked="" 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	Builder/Architect
check: Applicable Criteria: <input type="checkbox"/> A <input type="checkbox"/> B <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> C <input type="checkbox"/> D and/or	
Applicable Exception: <input type="checkbox"/> A <input type="checkbox"/> B <input type="checkbox"/> C <input type="checkbox"/> D <input type="checkbox"/> E <input type="checkbox"/> F <input type="checkbox"/> G	
Level of Significance: <input type="checkbox"/> national <input type="checkbox"/> state <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> local	

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

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The Brewington building is sufficiently distinctive to warrant listing in *Category A*, which identifies buildings that must be retained since it is a structure that retains many good architectural details and it contributes significantly to the historic district.

### History and Support

The Brewington building was erected during the first decade of the twentieth century under the ownership of Edwina C. Brewington, who purchased this lot on Main Street in August 1892 from John White. The deed specifically grants permission to the new owner to use the adjacent White building as a party wall.(1) Despite the transfer in the early 1890s, the building was not erected until the first decade of the twentieth century. In 1908, Edwina C. and her husband Henry S. Brewington leased the property to Moses Fine and Henry D. Kurtz.(2) During the mid twentieth century the building housed the Goodman Department Store.



### 8.1 SIGNIFICANCE

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229 West Main Street  
Salisbury, Wicomico County, Maryland

### Footnotes

- 1 Wicomico County Land Record, JTT 9/223, 29 August 1892 (Wicomico County Courthouse)
- 2 Wicomico County Land Record, EAT 58/299, 1 July 1908 (Wicomico County Courthouse)

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Chain of title

970/62 Morton J. Owrutsky

to

12/30/1981 Herman E. Perdue

JWTS 684/570 The Goodman Department Store Co.

to

12/27/1968 Herman E. Perdue  
Morton J. Owrutsky

JWTS 367/358 Willie B. Hinkel, et al. (Louis E. Hinkel, Alexine Nock  
Miller and Roy C. Miller)

to

10/29/1954 Goodman Department Store Company

JWS 236/314 Geneva E. Davis, Surviving Trustee under the will of  
Henry S. Brewington (MNN 1/175, 7/8/1924)

to

11/24/1941 Willie B. Hinkel  
Alexine Nock Miller  
Whereas Henry S. Brewington and Edwina C.

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Chain of title continued

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Brewington executed a lease on the hereinafter  
described property to Moses Fine and Henry D.  
Kurtz dated 7/1/1908 EAT 58/299 \$300.00

\$5,000.00

JTT 9/223

John White

to

8/29/1892

Edwina C. Brewington

\$1,000.00 Lot 26' frontage on Main Street  
28' frontage on Church Street  
76" long

Deed grants permission to use wall of adjacent  
building of White property as a party wall

Sanborn-Perris Insurance Map of 1904 indicates that the building had not been erected  
at the time.

# 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 form 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 appropriate 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: Nock Brothers Building

Address of property Street: 229 West Main Street

City Salisbury County Wicomico State Maryland Zip Code 21801

Name of historic district in which property is located Salisbury Downtown District

2. DESCRIPTION OF PHYSICAL APPEARANCE: 3 Story Federal Brick Front (Sunburst) see pictures and plans with paneling and cornice at roof level. Paneling below above 3 large pane windows. The back of the building, 228 W. Church St. is distinctive in that two of the floors have door openings, above the 1st floor with an iron arm that was used for block and tackle to lift merchandise to 2nd & 3rd floors. See drawings.

3. STATEMENT OF SIGNIFICANCE: sign of Somers & Van Fossen. A6.

(use reverse side if necessary) This building was built between 1898 & 1911. The back and front, except for the 1st floor store windows lowered entrance to the 1st floor has not been altered. Rebuilding will be to have the same appearance as original. The front is variously described as cathedral, sunburst & federal. Nock Bros. had a store on this site at a time when Main St. had an oyster shell surface. It was one of the older stores in the area & was in  
Date of construction (if known) 1898-1911  Original site  Moved Date of alterations (if known): \_\_\_\_\_  
\*the heart of the old business district.

4. NAME AND MAILING ADDRESS OF OWNER:

Name Herman E. Perdue

Street 212 East Main Street

City Salisbury, State Maryland Zip Code 21801

Telephone Number (during day) Area Code (301) 749-2211

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 Herman E. Perdue Date 8/9/82

#### 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 60.6) and  will likely  will not be nominated to the National Register in accord with the Department of the Interior procedures (36 CFR 60).

The structure is located in a district which  appears  does not appear to meet National Register Criteria for Evaluation (36 CFR 60.6),  will likely  will not be nominated to the National Register in accord with Department of the Interior procedures (36 CFR 60), and  appears  does not appear to contribute to the character of the district.

Signature \_\_\_\_\_ Date \_\_\_\_\_  
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 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

4.

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SUBJECT PROPERTY

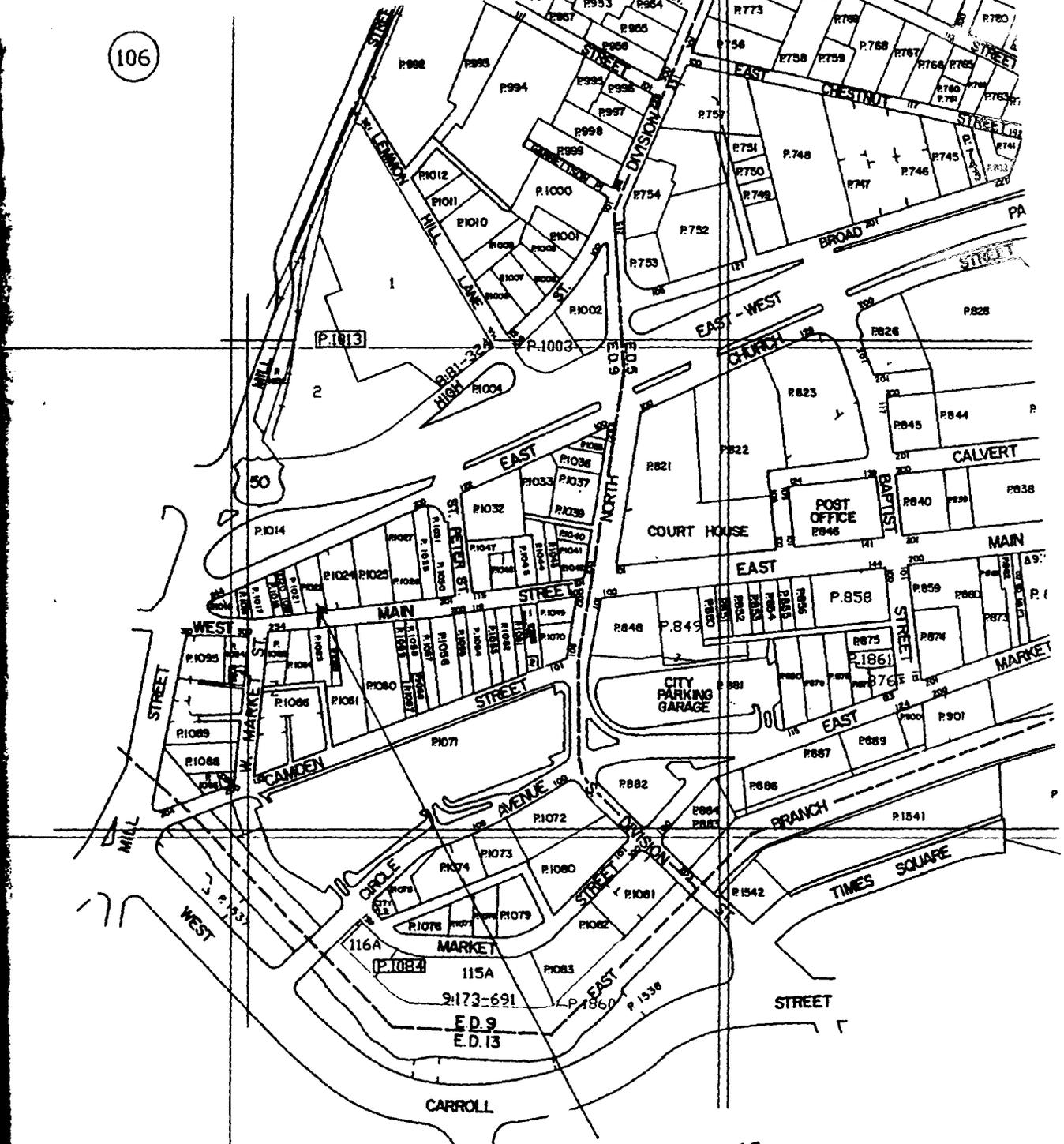
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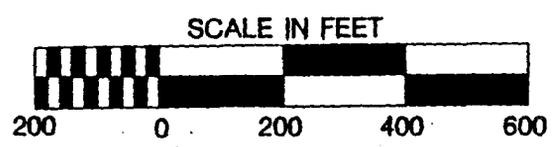
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Wicomico County Tax Map 107  
 Parcel 1021

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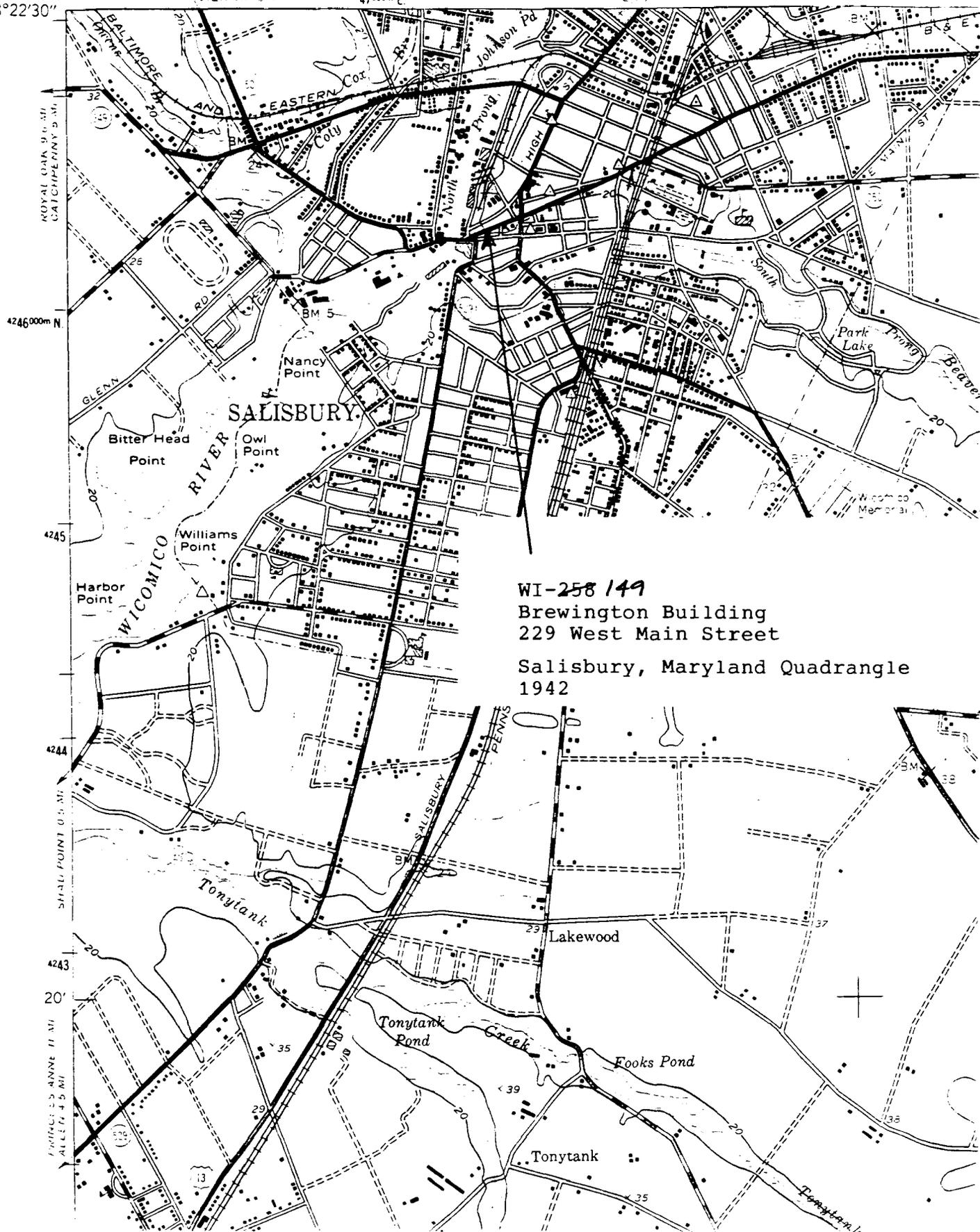
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