

WI-425  
F. C. Todd House  
Salisbury  
Private

1902

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MARYLAND HISTORIC PRESERVATION PLAN INFORMATION

RESOURCE NAME: F. C. Todd House

MHT INVENTORY NUMBER: WI-425

MARYLAND COMPREHENSIVE PLAN DATA

1. Historic Period Theme(s): Architecture
  
2. Geographic Orientation: Eastern Shore
  
3. Chronological/Development Period(s): Industrial/Urban Dominance  
1870-1930
  
4. Resource Type(s): Dwelling

Maryland Historical Trust State Historic Sites Inventory Form

Magi No.

DOE yes no

1. Name (indicate preferred name)

historic F. C. Todd House

and/or common Bethesda Church House

2. Location

street & number 107 West William Street not for publication

city, town Salisbury vicinity of congressional district First

state Maryland county Wicomico

3. Classification

Table with 4 columns: Category, Ownership, Status, Present Use. Includes options like building(s), private, occupied, agriculture, museum, etc.

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

name Trustees of Bethesda United Methodist Church

street & number 406 North Division Street 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 liber

street & number Wicomico County Courthouse folio

city, town Salisbury state MD 21801

6. Representation in Existing Historical Surveys

title

state federal state county local

depository for survey records

city, town state

# 7. Description

Survey No. WI-425

## Condition

excellent  
 good  
 fair

deteriorated  
 ruins  
 unexposed

## Check one

unaltered  
 altered

## Check one

original site  
 moved      date of move \_\_\_\_\_

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

The F. C. Todd house, also known as the Bethesda Church house, is located at 107 West William Street in the Newtown Historic District, Salisbury, Wicomico County, Maryland. The two-and-a-half story brick house faces south with the orientation of the modified hip roof oriented on an east/west axis.

Erected in 1902, the two-and-a-half story center hall/double-pile brick dwelling is supported on a raised brick foundation with an excavated cellar. Fifteen-course common bond walls rise on four sides to a modified hip roof sheathed with slate.

The south (main) elevation is a three-bay facade with a center entrance flanked by three-light sidelights. The doorway fills a brick opening spanned by a segmental arch of double rowlocks. The door lintel under the arch is incised with a scrolled decoration. The front door is a replacement. Flanking the entrance are double width windows filled with fifteen-over-two sash windows inserted within segmental arched openings and flanked by double width louvered shutters. The window lintel has a incised scroll decoration under the double rowlock arch. Sheltering the first floor and wrapping around to the east side is a tapered column front porch. The second floor is pierced by paired nine-over-two sash windows also filling segmental arched openings with incised header decoration and flanked by double width shutters. Stretching across the base of the roof is a wooden cornice trimmed with machine-made brackets. The slate roof is defined by a pair of large hip roofed dormers filled with paired nine-over-one sash windows. The sides of the dormers are sheathed with slate like the roof. The four sides of the roof rise to a flattened top missing its balustrade railing.

The east side is three bays across with the porch partially enclosed. A slender turned Tuscan column supports the roof on the northeast corner. Fifteen-over-two sash windows light the first floor and nine-over-two sash windows light the second. Each opening is topped by a segmental arch infilled with an incised header. The bracketed cornice finishes the base of the roof. Centered on the hip roof is a cross gable sheathed with slate and pierced by paired nine-over-one sash windows. The edge of the cross gable roof is trimmed with the same cornice brackets. Piercing the ridge of the cross gable is a interior end brick stove chimney.

The west side is similarly detailed with the addition of a single story, three-sided brick bay window defining the northwest corner bay. The bay window features leaded glass windows in the upper sash. Centered on the roof is another cross gable sheathed with slate and trimmed with a bracketed eave. The ridge of the cross gable is pierced by an interior end brick stove chimney.

The rear (north) wall follows along similar finishes, and the interior has been remodeled as a church office.

# 8. Significance

Survey No. WI-425

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
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<input type="checkbox"/> 1500-1599	<input type="checkbox"/> agriculture	<input type="checkbox"/> economics	<input type="checkbox"/> literature
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**Specific dates** 1902 **Builder/Architect**

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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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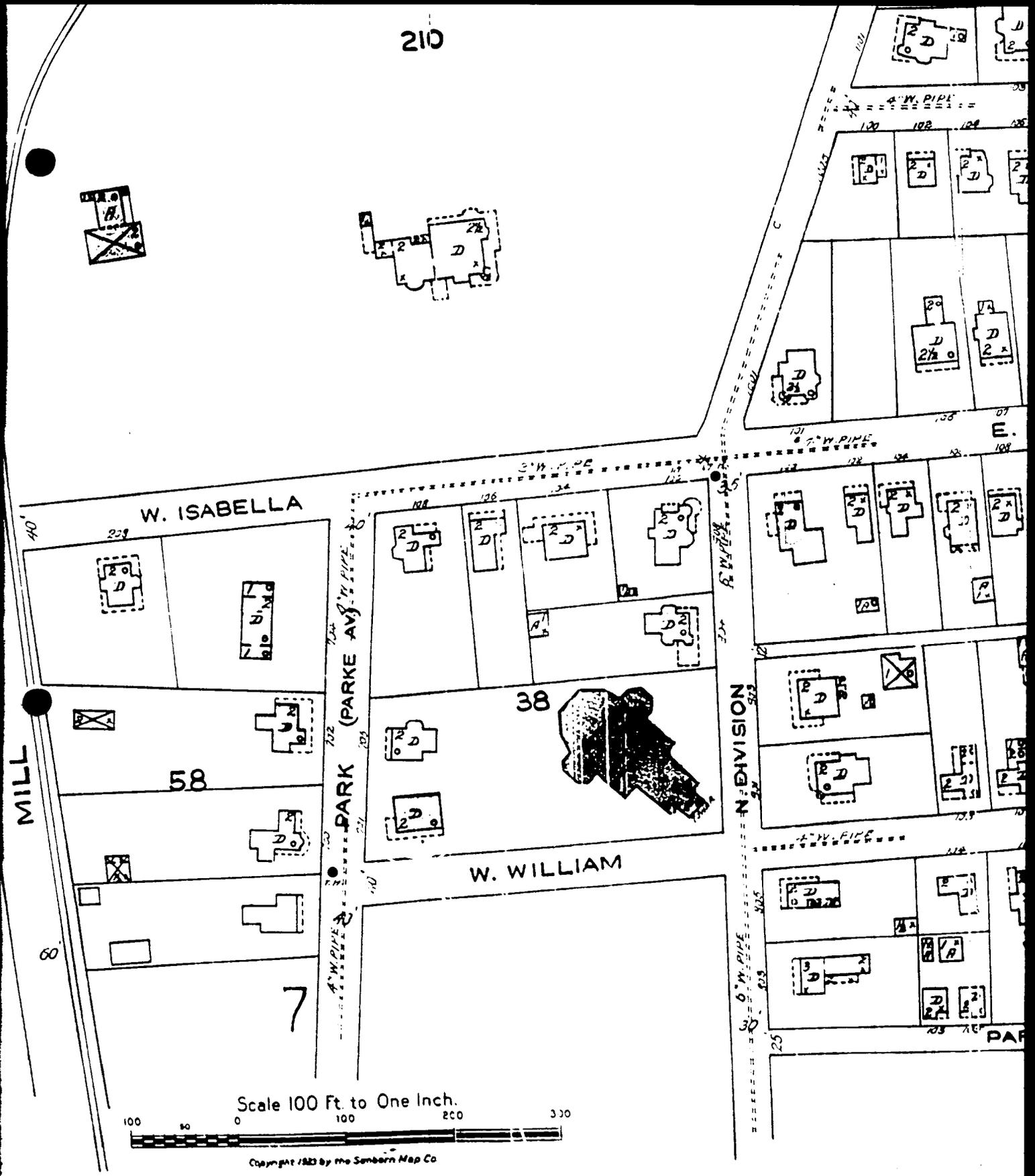


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*Salisbury Advertiser*, March 22, 1902

Mayor Charles R. Disharoon has moved with his family into his handsome new home, corner of Division and Isabella streets. This is a very attractive modern residence and adds another residence to the many desirable homes in Salisbury.



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 107 West William Street

Sanborn Insurance Map  
 1923

(Northeast corner of W. William and  
 Park Avenue

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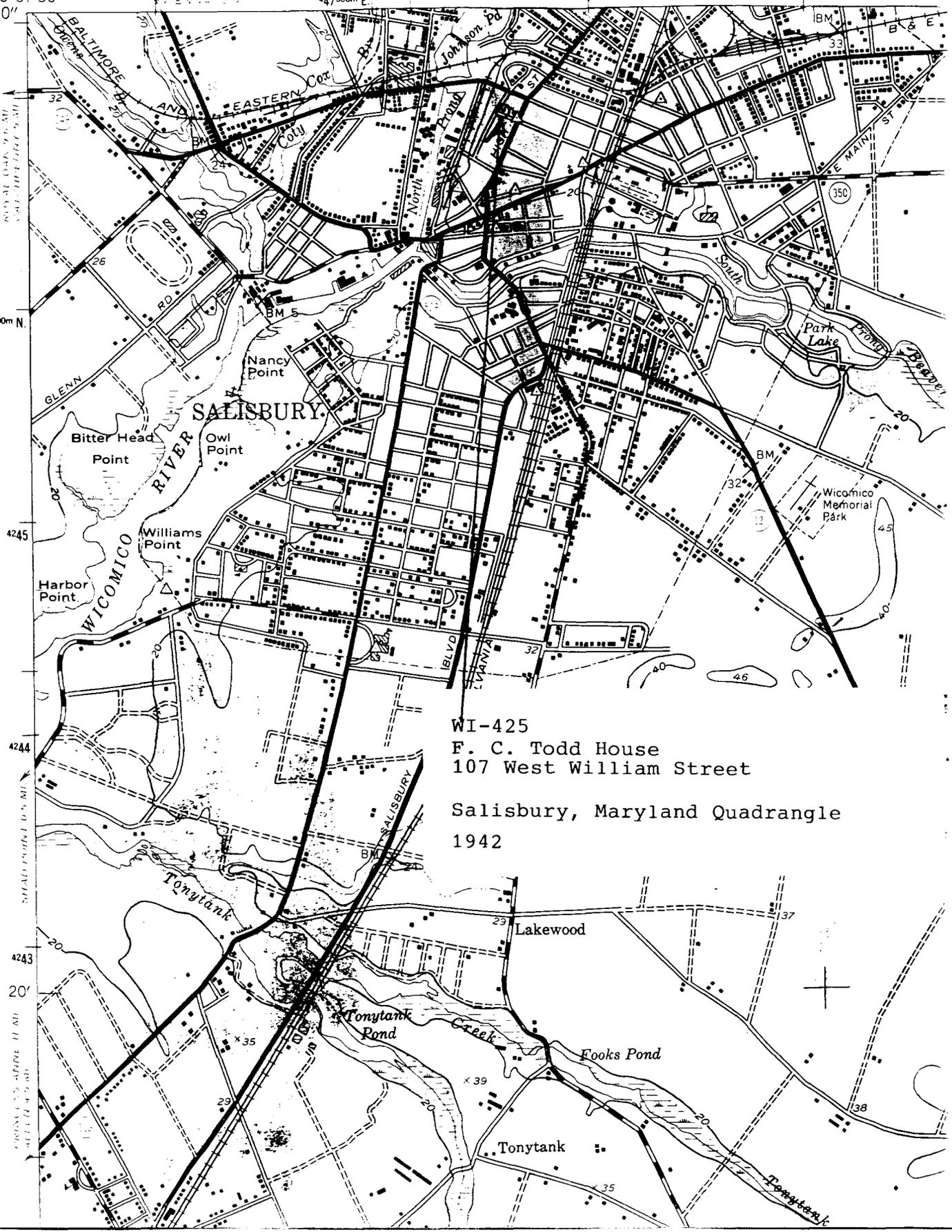
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GEOLOGICAL SURVEY

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WI-425  
F. C. Todd House  
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