

WI-434
John Wesley Church Parsonage
Salisbury
Private

c. 1890

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MARYLAND HISTORIC PRESERVATION PLAN INFORMATION

RESOURCE NAME: John Wesley Church Parsonage

MHT INVENTORY NUMBER: WI-434

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): Parsonage

MARYLAND INVENTORY OF
HISTORIC PROPERTIES

Maryland Historical Trust
State Historic Sites Inventory Form

1. Name (indicate preferred name)

historic John Wesley Church Parsonage

and/or common

2. Location

street & number 321 Broad Street not for publication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 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 checked="" type="checkbox"/> private residence
<input type="checkbox"/> site	Public Acquisition	Accessible	<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 Thomas Robinson, et al.

street & number P. O. Box 442 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, P. 1864
liber 1428

street & number Wicomico County Courthouse folio 530

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

Survey No. WI-434

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 John Wesley Methodist Church parsonage stands at 323 Broad Street next to the John Wesley Methodist Church (WI-141), also known as the Charles H. Chipman Cultural Center in Salisbury, Wicomico County, Maryland. The two-and-a-half story, three-bay center hall frame house faces southeast with the gable roof oriented on a northeast/southwest axis.

Built around 1890-1900, the two-and-a-half story, center hall frame dwelling rests on an infilled brick pier foundation, and the exterior is clad in vinyl siding. The steeply pitched roof is covered with asphalt shingles. Attached to the back of the main block is a two-story, one-room plan kitchen wing.

The southeast (main) facade is a symmetrical three-bay elevation with a center entrance and flanking two-over-two sash windows. The first floor is sheltered by a turned post hip roofed porch. The entrance retains a partially glazed front door. The second floor is lighted by three evenly spaced two-over-two sash windows, and a center cross gable is marked by a small two-over-two attic light. The edge of the roof is finished with an extended eave. Decorated rafter ends are exposed, and small spindle brackets are located at the principal corners of the roof. Piercing the roofline is a pair of stuccoed brick chimneys that flank the center staircase.

The northeast gable end is defined by a single two-over-two sash window on each floor, and a small two-over-two sash window lights the attic. The edge of the roof is finished with an extended eave and open soffit. The southwest gable end is finished in the same fashion.

Attached to the rear wall of the main block is a two-story, one-room plan kitchen wing served by an interior end brick stove chimney. The wing is extended on its west side by a two-story shed roofed addition that includes a single bay turned post side porch.

The interior was not seen.

8. Significance

Survey No. WI-434

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 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	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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¹ Wicomico County Land Record, TF, Jr. 3/308, 31 March 1873.

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323 Broad Street
Salisbury, Wicomico County, Maryland
Chain of title

Map 107 Parcel 1864

1428/530

The Chipman Foundation, Inc.

to

10/11/1994

City of Salisbury

Item No. 2

TF, Jr. 3/308

Samuel A. Graham

to

3/31/1873

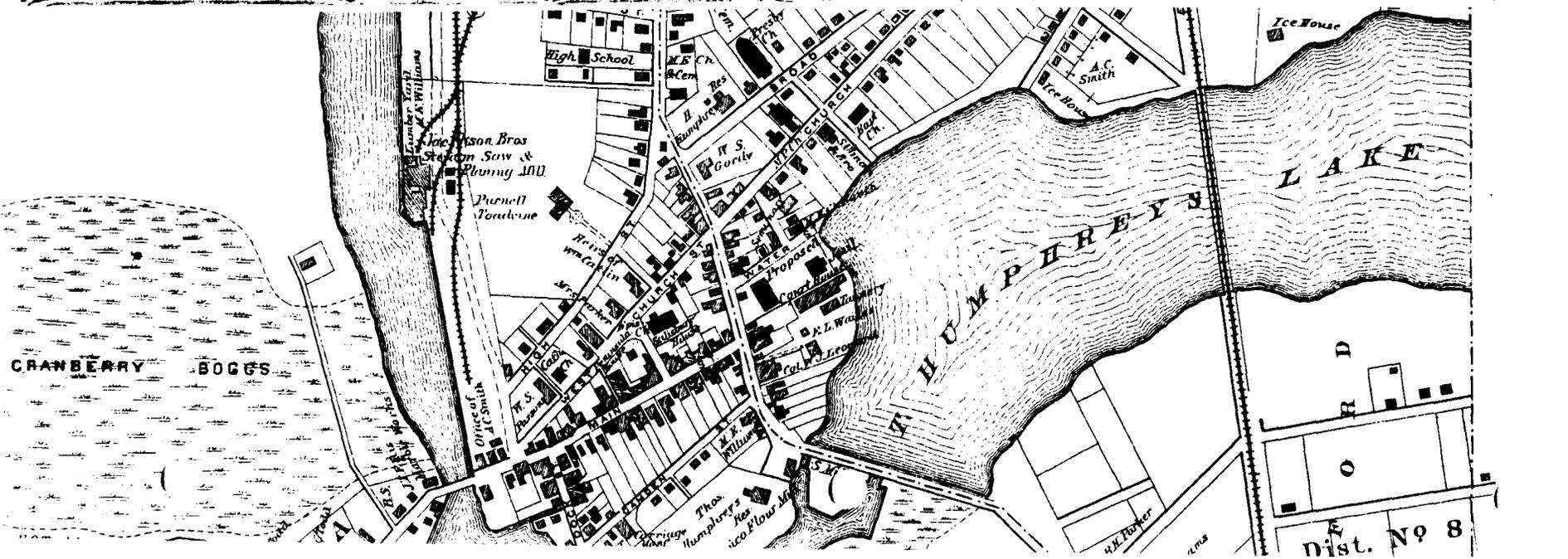
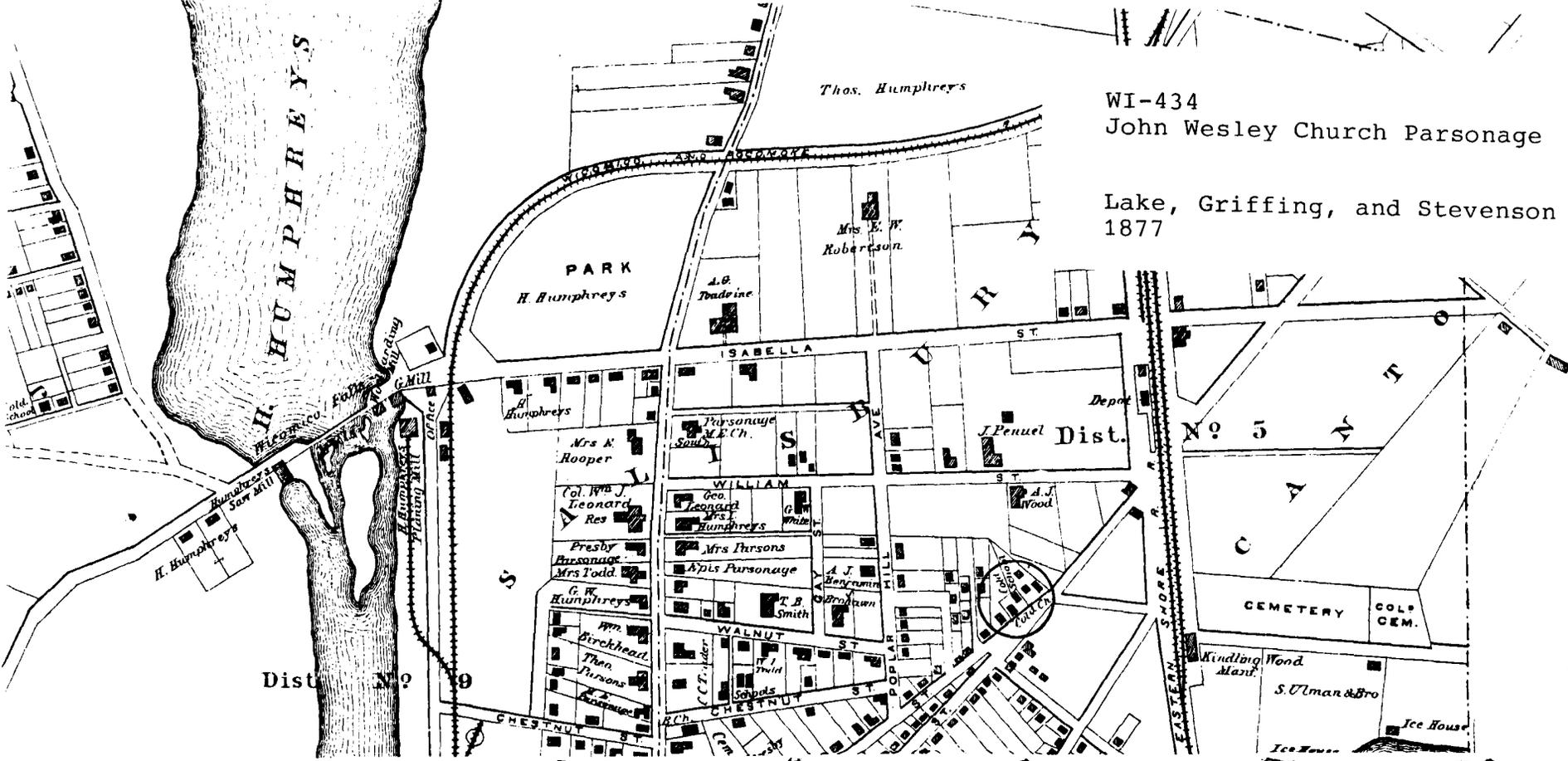
Adeline Peters alias Roxborough

All that lot or parcel of ground lying and being in the town of Salisbury on the north side of Church Street and bounding on the same adjoining the lot upon which is situated the Methodist Episcopal Church for the Colored People

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Lake, Griffing, and Stevenson Atlas
1877



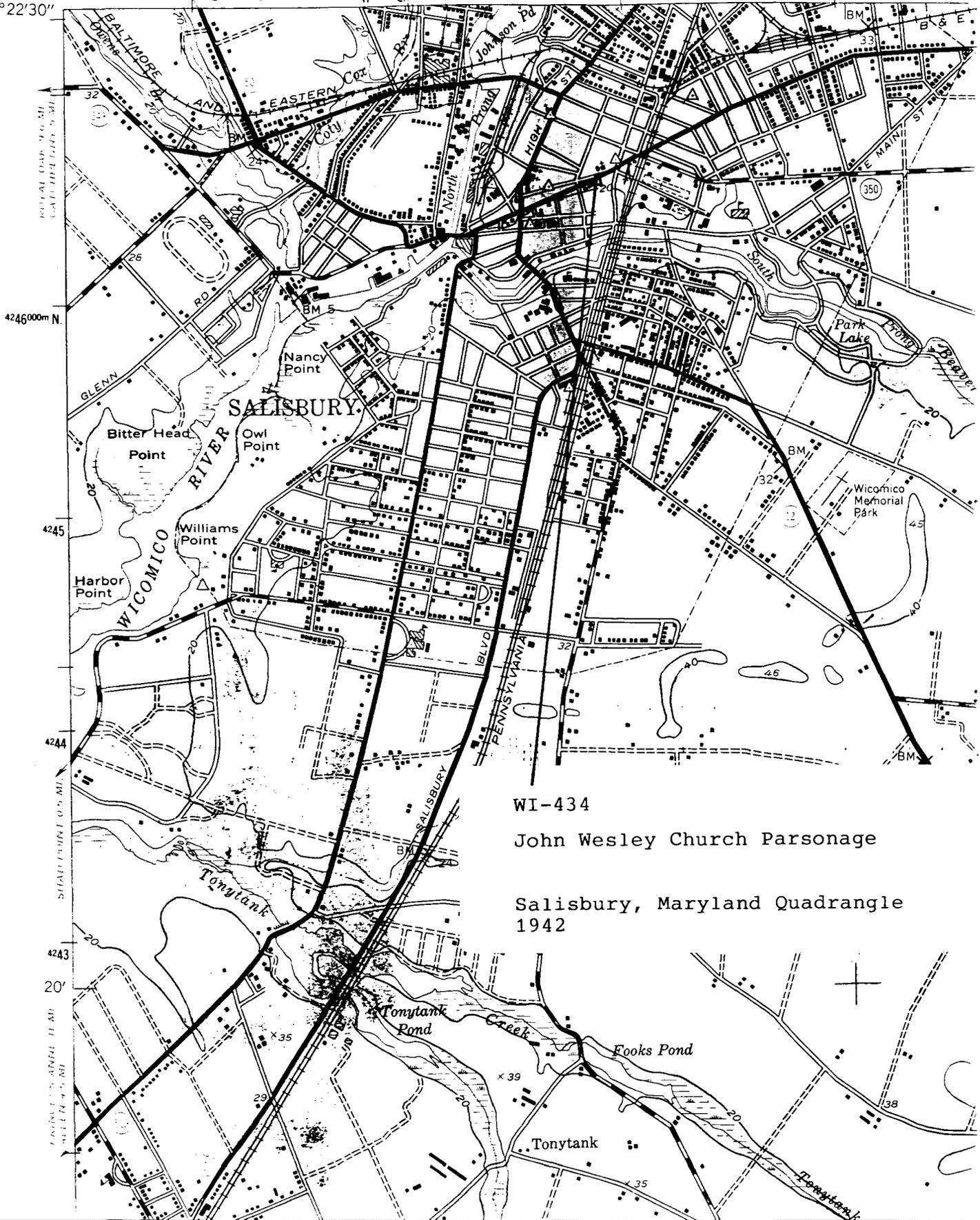
UNITED STATES
DEPARTMENT OF THE INTERIOR
GEOLOGICAL SURVEY

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(HEBRON)

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38°22'30"

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John Wesley Church Parsonage

Salisbury, Maryland Quadrangle
1942





