

WI-584  
Richardson Building  
Salisbury  
Private

c. 1921

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Lloyd A. Richardson financed construction of this commercial block around 1921 after acquiring the lot from William J. Downing. By testimony of the 1923 Sanborn Insurance map the building housed initially an automobile showroom on the first floor and a dance hall above. During the second quarter of the twentieth century, the newly developed lots at the east end of Main Street were devoted largely to automobile showrooms, tire sales, garages, as well as service stations.

# Maryland Historical Trust Maryland Inventory of Historic Properties Form

Inventory No. WI-584

## 1. Name of Property (indicate preferred name)

historic Richardson Building

other

## 2. Location

street and number 130 East Main Street not for publication

city, town Salisbury vicinity

county Wicomico

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

name Schooner LLC

street and number Vinyard & Spain PA 130 East Main Street telephone 410-543-2131

city, town Salisbury state Maryland zip code 21801

## 4. Location of Legal Description

courthouse, registry of deeds, etc. Wicomico County Courthouse liber 1740 folio 102

city, town Salisbury tax map 107 tax parcel 855 tax ID number 5-018609

## 5. Primary Location of Additional Data

- Contributing Resource in National Register District
- 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
<input type="checkbox"/> district	<input type="checkbox"/> public	<input type="checkbox"/> agriculture	Contributing
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> building(s)	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> private	<input type="checkbox"/> commerce/trade	Noncontributing
<input type="checkbox"/> structure	<input type="checkbox"/> both	<input type="checkbox"/> defense	1
<input type="checkbox"/> site		<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> domestic	
<input type="checkbox"/> object		<input type="checkbox"/> education	
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		<input type="checkbox"/> religion	
		<input type="checkbox"/> social	
		<input type="checkbox"/> transportation	
		<input type="checkbox"/> work in progress	
		<input type="checkbox"/> unknown	
		<input type="checkbox"/> vacant/not in use	
		<input type="checkbox"/> other:	
			<b>Number of Contributing Resources previously listed in the Inventory</b>

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sites  
structures  
objects  
Total

Number of Contributing Resources  
previously listed in the Inventory

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## 7. Description

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### Condition

excellent       deteriorated  
 good             ruins  
 fair               altered

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

The Richardson building is located at 130 East Main Street in the center of Salisbury, Wicomico County, Maryland. The three-story rectangular commercial block faces north and is sandwiched between two other commercial properties. Built around 1921, the three-story, three commercial block is distinguished by a white enameled brick façade that is keyed into common bond brick side walls. The three-story front and side walls are finished with parapets that disguise a flat or low pitched shed roof.

The north (main) façade is three stories tall with large glass opening on each floor. The front has been recently reworked with the installation of new glass panels, and the first floor projects outward to include a separate entrance. A secondary doorway in the northwest corner is an original opening, which is enhanced with an enameled cornice enriched with a dentiled bed molding. Trimming the outer corners of the enameled façade is enameled rope molding that rises to the top of the third floor. The second and third floors are defined by large glass window openings framed by the white enameled cornices. Stretching across the wall surface above the third floor window is an enameled cornice enriched with large dentils. A shallow pediment caps the front parapet wall.

The south and west walls are pierced by window openings, most of which have double rowlock segmental arches. A tall furnace flue rises on the southwest corner of the building.

The interiors have been reworked to provide professional office space.

# 8. Significance

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Period	Areas of Significance	Check and justify below		
<input type="checkbox"/> 1600-1699	<input type="checkbox"/> agriculture	<input type="checkbox"/> economics	<input type="checkbox"/> health/medicine	<input type="checkbox"/> performing arts
<input type="checkbox"/> 1700-1799	<input type="checkbox"/> archeology	<input type="checkbox"/> education	<input type="checkbox"/> industry	<input type="checkbox"/> philosophy
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<input type="checkbox"/> 2000-	<input type="checkbox"/> commerce	<input type="checkbox"/> ethnic heritage	<input type="checkbox"/> law	<input type="checkbox"/> science
	<input type="checkbox"/> communications	<input type="checkbox"/> exploration/ settlement	<input type="checkbox"/> literature	<input type="checkbox"/> social history
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	<input type="checkbox"/> conservation		<input type="checkbox"/> military	<input type="checkbox"/> other:

Specific dates

Architect/Builder

Construction dates

Evaluation for:

National Register

Maryland Register

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 projects, complete evaluation on a DOE Form – see manual.)

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Richardson Building  
130 East Main Street  
Salisbury, Maryland  
Chain of title

Map 107, Parcel 855

1740/102

Don E. Richardson

to

4/5/2000

Schooner, LLC

to grantor by two deeds;

1. from Walter C. Anderson, undivided ½ interest dated  
January 28, 1983, AJS 984/477

2. from Walter C. Anderson, undivided ½ interest, January 2,  
1996, 1472/448

AJS 984/477

Walter C. Anderson

to

1/28/1983

Don E. Richardson

½ interest, \$50,000

AJS 984/474

Vaughn E. Richardson, Inc.

to

1/28/1983

Walter C. Anderson

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JWTS 560/355

Vaughn E. Richardson  
Mary Jane Richardson

to

4/16/1963

Vaughn E. Richardson, Inc.

JWTS 373/8

Lloyd A. Richardson

to

12/22/1954

Vaughn E. Richardson

JCK 123/496

William J. Downing  
Annie E. Downing

to

5/19/1921

Lloyd A. Richardson

JCK 102/415

Downing Concrete Company

to

9/9/1916

William J. Downing

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## 9. Major Bibliographical References

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*Sweet's Indexed Catalogue of Building Construction*, The Architectural Record Company, New York and Chicago, 1906.  
Wicomico County Land Records, various volumes, Wicomico County Courthouse.

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## 10. Geographical Data

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Acreage of surveyed property 3,300 square feet  
Acreage of historical setting 3,300 square feet  
Quadrangle name Salisbury, Maryland Quadrangle scale: 1:24,000

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### Verbal boundary description and justification

The metes and bounds of this property are coincidental with the current boundary of the lot.

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## 11. Form Prepared by

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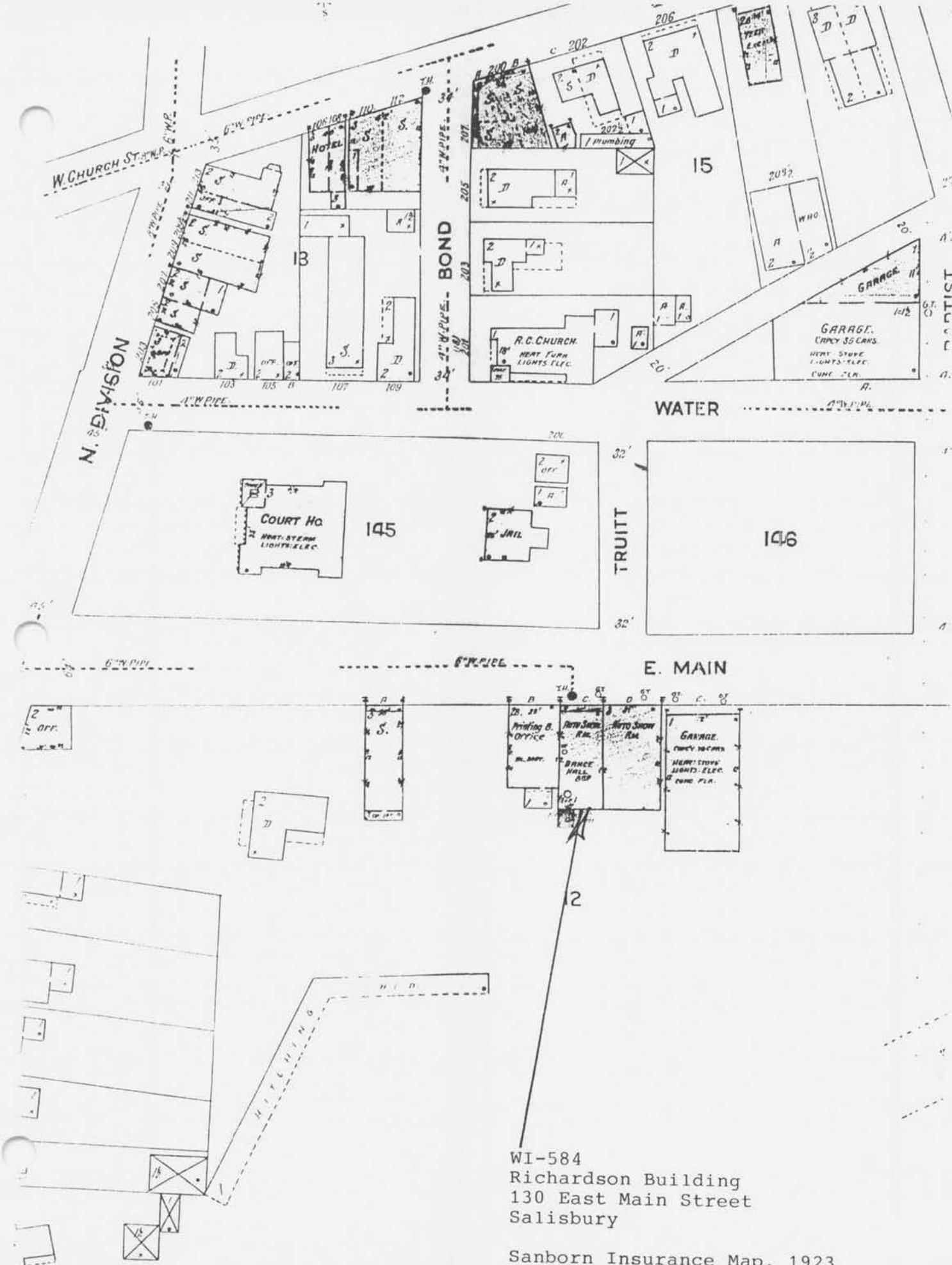
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organization	Private Consultant	date	3/29/2001
street & number	P. O. Box 5	telephone	410-651-1094
city or town	Westover	state	Maryland 21871

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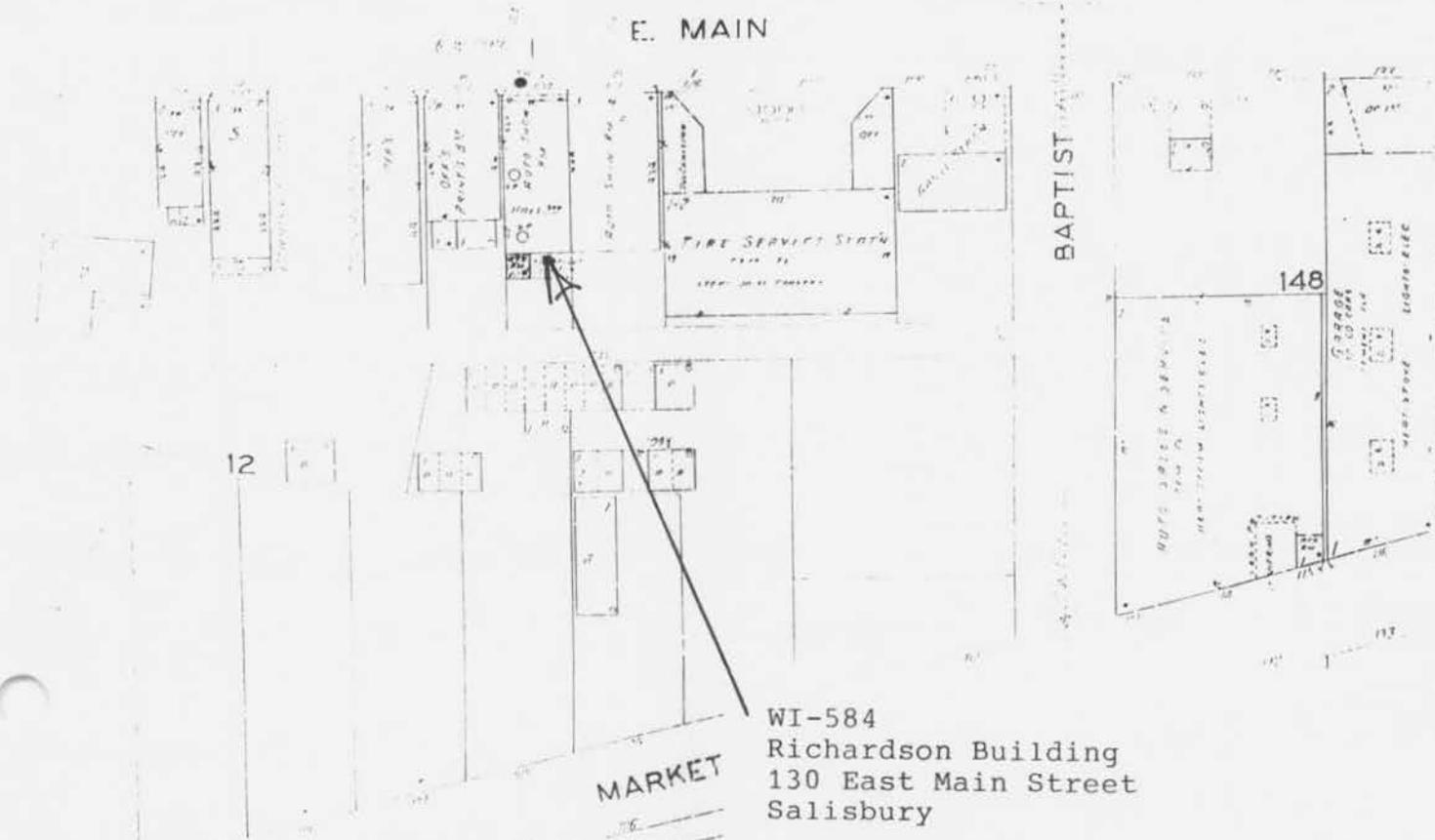
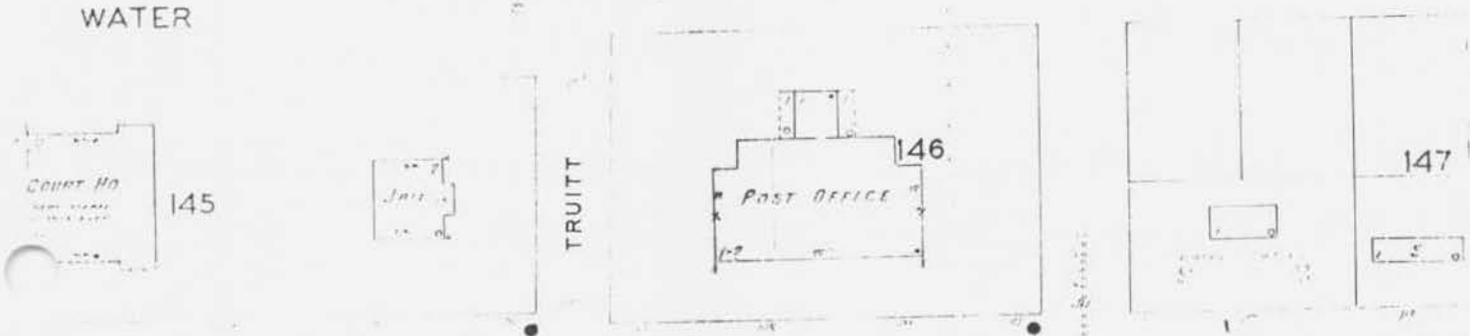
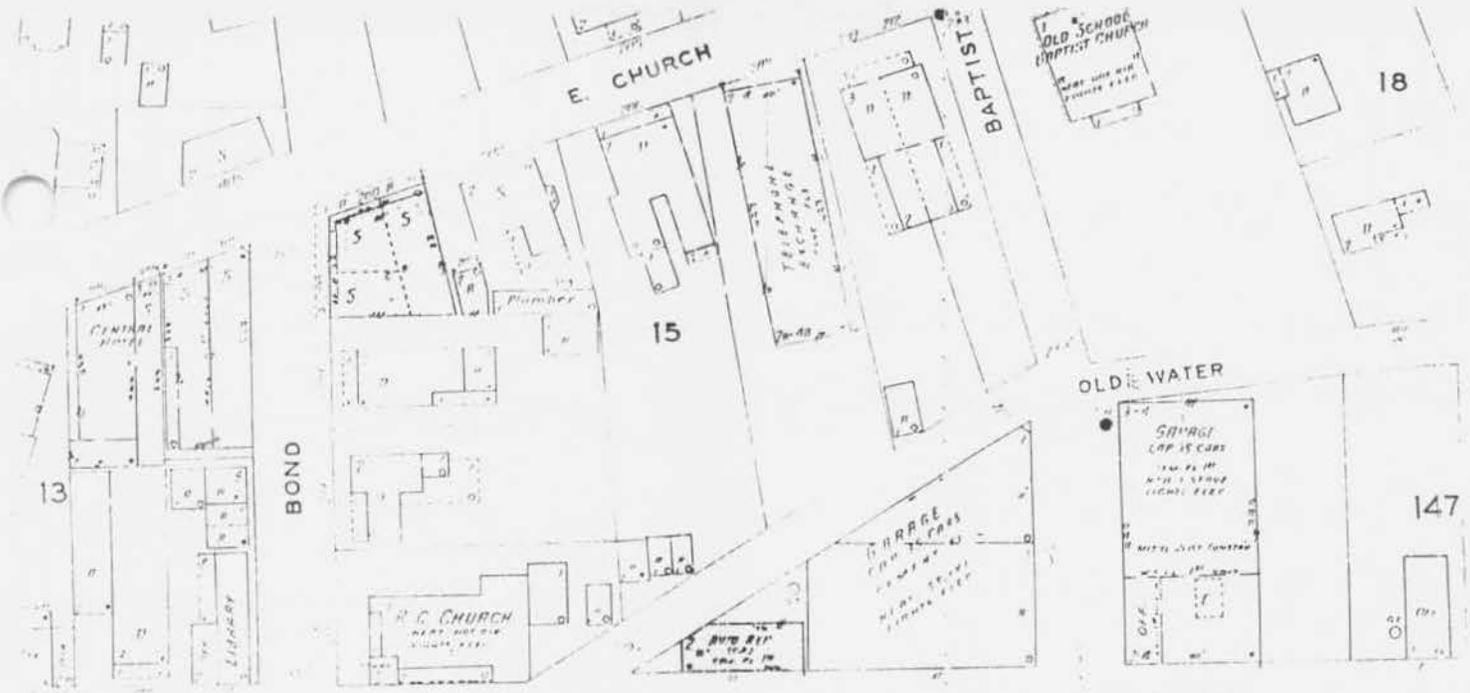
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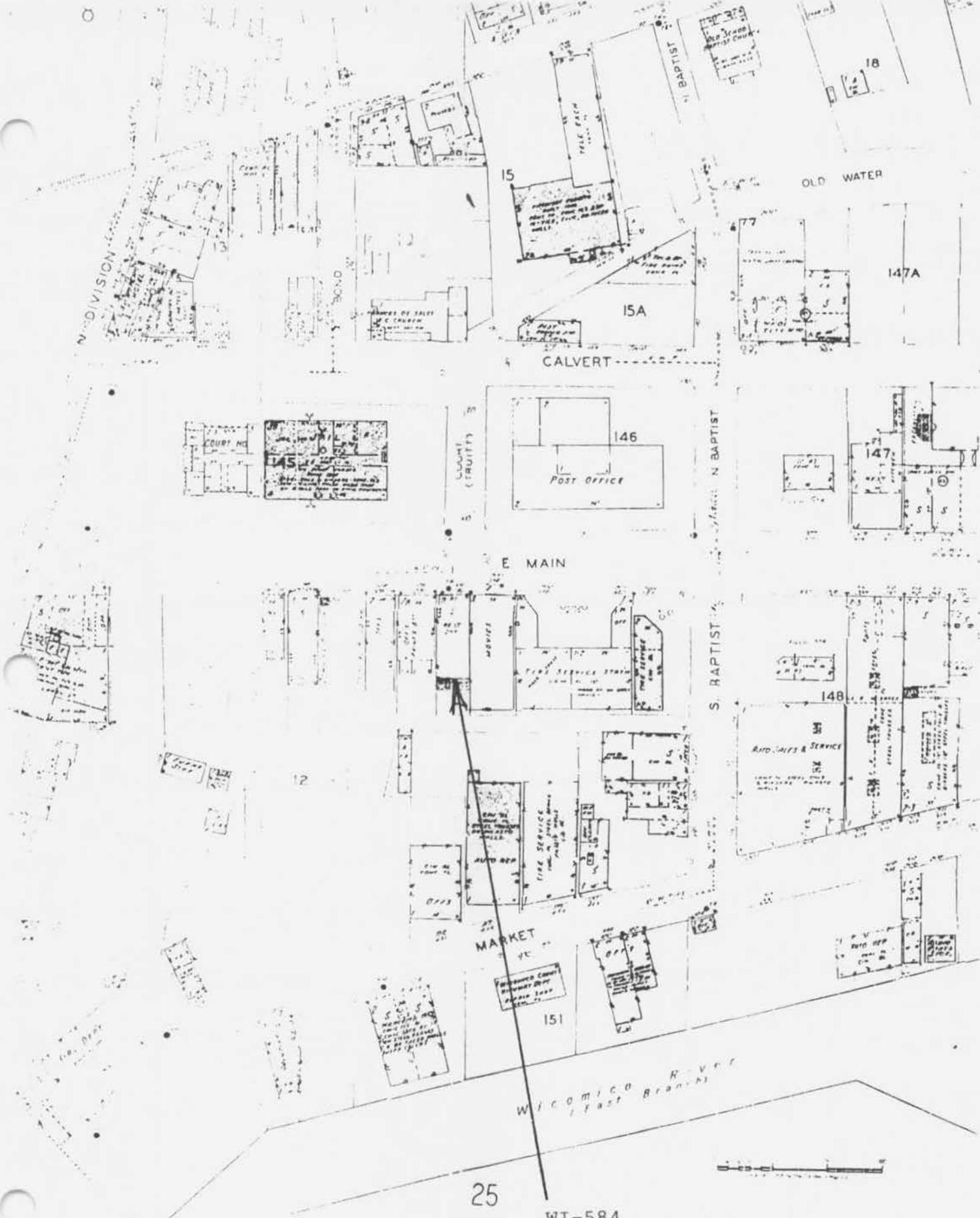
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Sanborn Insurance Map, 1923

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 Sanborn Insurance Map, 1931



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Sanborn Insurance Map, 1953

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RICHMONSON BUILDING

SALISBURY, WICOMICO Co., MD.

SOUTH ELEVATION

3/01, PAUL TOURAY, PHOTOGRAPHER

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