

WI-595
Samuel F. M. Adkins House
Salisbury
Private

c. 1930

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In 1926, Nannie R. Jackson, widow of Elihu E. Jackson, sold the family estate to "The Oaks Development Company," which subdivided the property and created house lots along new winding roads. An early spurt of construction activity included three houses, but the 1929 stock market crash and ensuing Depression slowed building in the neighborhood. By testimony of the Sanborn Insurance map, the story-and-a-half English cottage vernacular house was built by the time the 1931 map was published and in the same year Samuel F. M. Adkins and Juanita Adkins purchased the property for \$6,000. Samuel F. M. Adkins, the youngest son of Elijah Stanton

and Henrietta Tilghman Adkins, worked with the company like his older brothers and served as president between 1954 and 1963.

Maryland Historical Trust

Maryland Inventory of Historic Properties Form

Inventory No. WI-595

1. Name of Property (indicate preferred name)

historic Samuel F. M. Adkins House
 other Bebee House

2. Location

street and number 107 Oakdale Road not for publication
 city, town Salisbury vicinity
 county Wicomico

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

name Reverend Arthur F. Bebee
 street and number 107 Oakdale Road telephone
 city, town Salisbury state MD zip code 21801

4. Location of Legal Description

courthouse, registry of deeds, etc. Wicomico County Clerk of Court liber 680 folio 274
 city, town Salisbury tax map 104 tax parcel 914 tax ID number 9-039996

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	2
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<input type="checkbox"/> object		<input type="checkbox"/> education	
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		<input type="checkbox"/> government	
		<input type="checkbox"/> health care	
		<input type="checkbox"/> industry	
		<input type="checkbox"/> landscape	
		<input type="checkbox"/> recreation/culture	
		<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:	
			Number of Contributing Resources previously listed in the Inventory

7. Description

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Condition

excellent deteriorated
 good ruins
 fair altered

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

The Samuel F. M. Adkins house is located at 107 Oakdale Road in a residential section known as "The Oaks," in Salisbury, Wicomico County, Maryland. The story-and-a-half brick and frame house faces south with the principal gable roof oriented on a north/south axis.

Built around 1930, the story-and-a-half frame house is supported on a partially excavated brick foundation, and the exterior is clad with a plain weatherboards. The steeply pitched roofs are covered with wood shingles aside from a mid twentieth century rear wing that is covered with asphalt shingles. Standing behind the house is a contemporaneous single-story garage.

The south (main) façade is an asymmetrical elevation with a gable front façade dominated by an exterior brick chimney stack. A shorter, single-story gable roof extends forward of the main block and houses the front entrance. Half the wall surface of the entrance gable as well as the chimney is laid in a rustic "clinker" brick fashion. The entrance gable is pierced by a round arched opening fitted with the original door hung on long strap hinges. A nine-pane round window pierces the door. The gable front elevation of the main block is dominated by the brick chimney, which is flanked by a narrow casement window on the left (west) and six-over-six sash windows to the right (east). The gable front wall is extended further east by a wall surface covered with weatherboards and pierced by a round arched opening fitted with a distinctive gate hung on strap hinges.

The east side of the main block is an asymmetrical wall surface defined by six-over-six sash windows and a partially glazed side door. A long shed dormer stretches across the roof and is pierced by six-over-six sash windows as well. A smaller second dormer, fixed atop the shed dormer, is lighted by six-over-six sash also.

The west side of the main block is extended by a single-story, jerkinhead roofed wing lighted by casement windows. A small two-over-two sash window pierces the end of the jerkinhead roof. The jerkinhead roof intersects a shed roofed dormer pierced by six-over-six sash windows.

The north (rear) wall is largely covered by a single-story, mid-twentieth century wing covered with a low pitched gable roof. The wing has a large multi-pane picture window on the west side.

The interior was not seen.

The single-story, gable-front garage is covered with plain weatherboard siding, and the gable roof is covered with asphalt shingles. The south (main) elevation is pierced by two garage doors and a narrow window in the gable end. Six-over-six sash windows light the first floor.

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"/> communications	<input type="checkbox"/> exploration/ settlement	<input type="checkbox"/> literature	<input type="checkbox"/> social history
	<input type="checkbox"/> community planning		<input type="checkbox"/> maritime history	<input type="checkbox"/> transportation
	<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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In 1926 Nannie R. Jackson, widow of Elihu E. Jackson, sold the family estate to "The Oaks Development Company," which subdivided the property and created house lots along new winding roads.¹ An early spurt of construction activity included three houses, but the 1929 stock market crash and ensuing Depression slowed building in the neighborhood. By testimony of the Sanborn Insurance map, the story-and-a-half English cottage vernacular house was built by the time the 1931 map was published² and when Samuel F. M. Adkins and Juanita Adkins acquired the property the same year.³ Samuel F. M. Adkins, the youngest son of Elijah Stanton and Henrietta Tilghman Adkins, worked with the company like his brothers and was president between 1954 and 1963.⁴

Samuel and Juanita Adkins held title to the house and lot until 1952 when they sold the property to John K. Schwab, who retained ownership for two years.⁵ Alan and Patricia Guerrieri occupied the house during the late 1950s and early 1960s and were responsible for the single-story rear addition. Reverend Arthur F. Bebee and his late wife Myrtle have been long-term owners of the property since the late 1960s.

¹ Wicomico County Land Record, JCK 144/483, 28 July 1926.

² Sanborn Insurance Map, 1931, Microfilm at the Nabb Research Center of Delmarva History and Culture, Salisbury State University.

³ Wicomico County Land Record, IDT 172/11, 14 November 1931.

⁴ Mary U. Corddry, "100 Years of Looking Ahead," p. 28.

⁵ Wicomico County Land Record, JWTS 342/20, 12 June 1952, and JWTS 25 October 1954.

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Samuel F. M. Adkins House
107 Oakdale Road
Salisbury, Wicomico County, Maryland
Chain of title

Map 104, Parcel 914

680/274

Potere, Inc

to

9/30/1968

Arthur F. Bebee
Myrtle K. Bebee

Whereas Dwight C. Rowell, Jr. and Helene M. Rowell have
heretofore given to Weaver Brothers, Inc. a mortgage dated 10/18/1965,
JWTS 613/497

Lot No. 5, easterly half of Lot No. 6 and eleven feet of Lot No. 4,
"South Section, The Oaks" prepared by the Oaks Development Company,
in September 1926, JCK 146/9

JWTS 674/398

Dwight C. Rowell, Jr.
Helene M. Rowell

to

5/30/1968

Potere, Inc.

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JWTS 619/59

Alan Guerrieri
Patricia Guerrieri

to

10/18/1965

Dwight C. Rowell, Jr.
Helen M. Rowell

JWTS 413/43

DeWitt A. Tucker
Mary M. Tucker

to

10/25/1954

Alan Guerrieri
Patricia Guerrieri

JWTS 367/289

John K. Schwab
Catherine A. Schwab

to

10/25/1954

DeWitt A. Tucker
Mary Mitchell Tucker

JWTS 342/20

Samuel F. M. Adkins
Juanita H. Adkins

to

6/12/1952

John K. Schwab

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JWTS 270/428

Samuel F. M. Adkins

to

5/25/1945

Juanita H. Adkins
Plat JCK 146/1

IDT 172/11

Larmar Corporation

to

11/14/1931

Samuel F. M. Adkins
the grantee hereinafter named to pay a mortgage debt owing by Larmar Corporation to Richard N. Jackson for the sum of \$6,000 secured by a mortgage dated 12/6/1930, IDT 165/335

IDT 166/192

The Oaks Development Company

to

12/6/1930

Larmar Corporation

JCK 144/483

Nannie R. Jackson, widow

to

7/28/1926

The Oaks Development Company

9. Major Bibliographical References

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Mary U. Corddy, "100 Years of Looking Ahead," published by the E. S. Adkins Company.
Wicomico County Land Records, various volumes, Wicomico County Courthouse.

10. Geographical Data

Acreage of surveyed property 12,408 square feet
Acreage of historical setting 12,408 square feet
Quadrangle name Salisbury, Maryland Quadrangle scale: 1:24,000

Verbal boundary description and justification

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

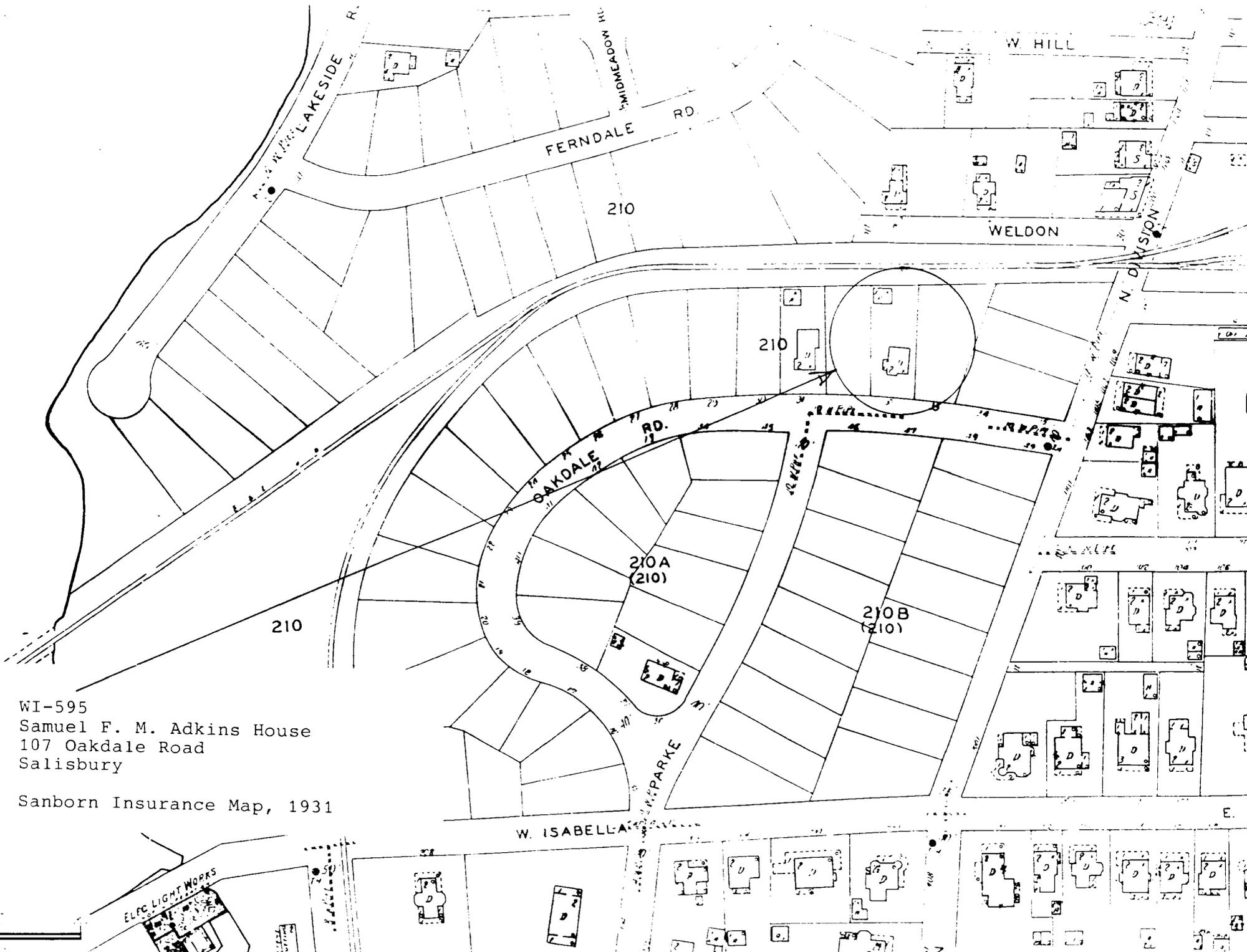
11. Form Prepared by

name/title	Paul B. Touart		
organization	Private Consultant	date	5/28/2001
street & number	P. O. Box 5	telephone	410-651-1094
city or town	Westover	state	Maryland 21871

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The survey and inventory are being prepared for information and record purposes only and do not constitute any infringement of individual property rights.

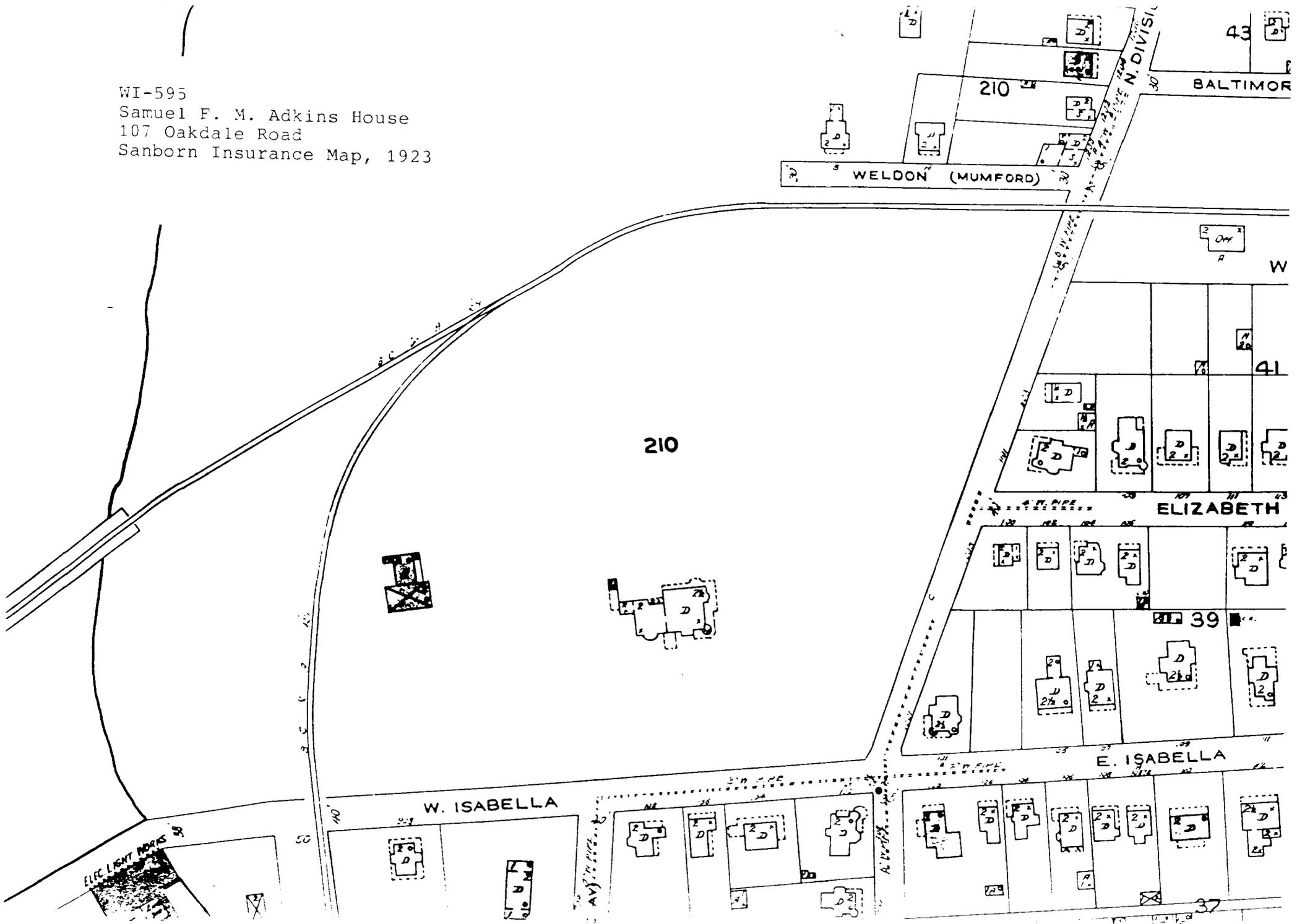
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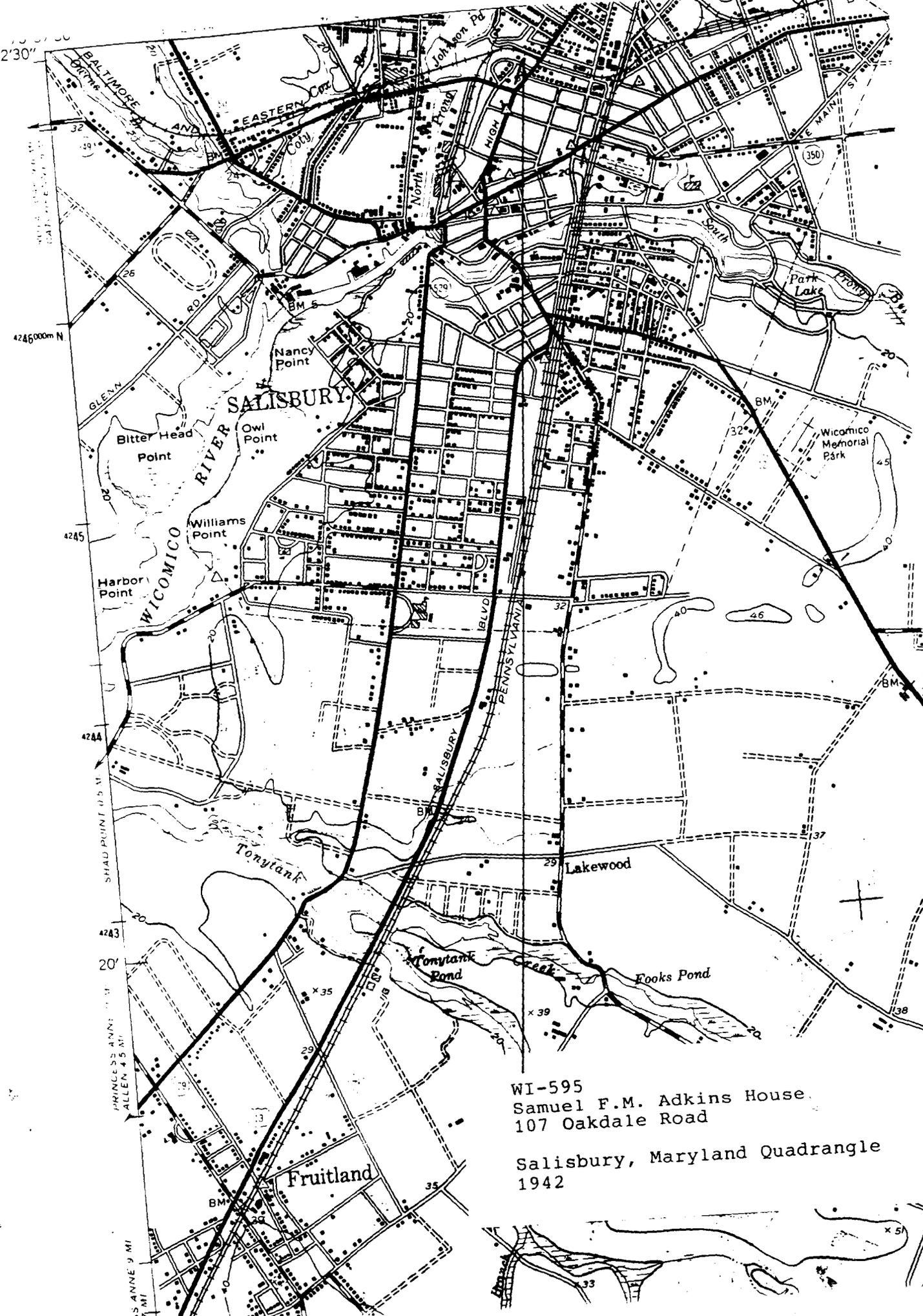
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Sanborn Insurance Map, 1931

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Sanborn Insurance Map, 1923



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SAMUEL F. DE ADKINS HOUSE

SALISBURY, WICOMINGO CO., MD.

SOUTH ELEVATION

5701, PAUL TOWNSEND, PHOTOGRAPHER

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Samuel F. de. Adams House
Salisbury, Worcester Co., Mass.

South elevation

5/01, Paul Touart, photographer

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