

WI-621
James Causey Farm
Salisbury vicinity
Private

c. 1840, c. 1875

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This Snow Hill Road property, identified as including parts of tracts known as Security and Messick's Conclusion in the land and probate records, has remained in the same family over the course of two centuries. During the second quarter of the nineteenth century the property was part of the land holdings of Patrick Causey, a farmer as well as a coroner according to the Worcester County land records. He was issued his last commission as coroner in 1841. After his death in 1845, the farm passed to his son James Causey (1808-1877). The extant nineteenth-century structures largely date from his ownership, or his grandson George W. Causey's period of occupancy between 1877 and 1934. In the third item of his 1874 will, James Causey directed that

I give and bequeath unto my grandson George Washington Causey all the Land on the East end of my farm and House and Improvements thereon lately built and containing from sixty to seventy acres of Land more or less, part of Messick's Conclusion and a part of Security up to the crop fence mentioned in the Item, the Second, and I give to my grandson George Washington Causey one half of my personal estate to have and to hold forever at the death of my wife Harriet W. Causey ...

In 1934, the farm passed from George Washington Causey to his son George Maurice Causey, in whose control the property remained until the mid 1970s. The farm remains in family hands.

Maryland Historical Trust Maryland Inventory of Historic Properties Form

Inventory No. WI-621

1. Name of Property (indicate preferred name)

historic James Causey Farm
 other Messicks' Conclusion and Security

2. Location

street and number Snow Hill Road not for publication
 city, town Salisbury vicinity
 county Wicomico

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

name Barbara Lee Evans
 street and number 4601 Snow Hill Road telephone
 city, town Salisbury state Maryland zip code 21804

4. Location of Legal Description

courthouse, registry of deeds, etc. Wicomico County Clerk of Court liber 958 folio 797
 city, town Salisbury tax map 59 tax parcel 26 tax ID number 8-011605

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	<u>5</u> buildings
<input type="checkbox"/> site		<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> domestic	<input type="checkbox"/> sites
<input type="checkbox"/> object		<input type="checkbox"/> education	<input type="checkbox"/> structures
		<input type="checkbox"/> funerary	<input type="checkbox"/> objects
		<input type="checkbox"/> government	<u>5</u> Total
		<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 Resource
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 James Causey farm is the historic name associated with this property on the south side of Snow Hill Road, southeast of Salisbury, Wicomico County, Maryland. The two-and-half story, three-bay, single-pile frame farmhouse faces northeast with the principal gable roof oriented on a northwest/southeast axis. The house is joined on the property by several outbuildings, which include a detached section of the rear service wing, a small barn, garage, corn crib, and privy.

Built in two distinct stages, the two-and-a-half story, three-bay frame main block was built around 1890, and the story-and-a-half rear service wing dates around 1840 as does the section of the service wing that was separated and turned into an outbuilding. The main block is supported on a low, infilled brick foundation, and the exterior is clad with aluminum siding. The first and second floors are lighted by two-and-two sash windows. Centered on the roof is a cross gable that is pierced by a single-pane sash window.

The side elevations are defined by two-over-two sash windows to each side of an interior end brick stack. The attic is lighted by two-pane gable end windows. The edge of the roof is finished with an extended eave with returns and the base.

The story-and-a-half rear wing has been reworked, and a large gable roofed dormer has been attached to the north slope. A rebuilt stack rises through the gable end. The kitchen was enlarged with a shed roofed addition to the south side.

The single-story, one-room plan section of the kitchen wing is covered with plain weatherboards and is trimmed with a boxed cornice. The single-room section is lighted by two-over-two sash windows. The interior is distinguished by exposed floor joists and an enclosed winder stair. A board and batten door open into the stair closet, which is partitioned with vertical beaded boards. The interior of the staircase was formerly plastered, but the plaster has been removed. The detached kitchen is extended to the north by a single-story hyphen that joins a small gable roofed wing.

West of the former kitchen wing is a single-story board-and-batten frame barn which rests on brick piers and is covered by a tin roof. The gable front structure is extended with shed additions. Standing behind the barn is a shed roofed, board-and-batten privy.

West of the barn is a single-story frame corn crib extended with shed additions. South of the barn is a single-story single bay frame garage.

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"/> 1900-1999	<input type="checkbox"/> art	<input type="checkbox"/> entertainment/ recreation	<input type="checkbox"/> landscape architecture	<input type="checkbox"/> religion
<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
	<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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*I give and bequeath unto my grandson George Washington Causey all the Land on the East end of my farm and House and Improvements thereon lately built and containing from sixty to seventy acres of Land more or less, part of Messick's Conclusion and a part of Security up to the crop fence mentioned in the Item, the Second, and I give to my grandson George Washington Causey one half of my personal estate to have and to hold forever at the death of my wife Harriet W. Causey...*²

In 1934, the farm passed from George Washington Causey to his son George Maurice Causey, in whose control the property remained until the mid 1970s. The farm remains in family hands.

¹ Worcester County Land Record, GMH 4/169, 11 March 1841.

² Wicomico County Will Book, WB 177, written 24 May 1874, proved 19 April 1877.

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James Causey Farm
Salisbury vicinity, Wicomico County, Maryland
Chain of title

Map 59, Parcel 26

958/797

Mae P. Richardson

to

5/19/1981

Barbara Lee Evans
68 acres

JWTS 794/130

Mae P. Richardson
Personal Representative of the Estate of
George Maurice Causey

to

6/15/1973

Mae P. Richardson
68 acres

JWTS 447/355

Carroll E. Bounds
Irene S. Bounds

to

4/24/1958

George Maurice Causey
Gladys E. Causey

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George Maurice Causey
Gladys E. Causey

to

4/24/1958

Carroll E. Bounds

Will Book
MNN 1533

Last Will and Testament of George W. Causey

to

Written
5/24/1934
Proved
7/3/1934

George Maurice Causey
First Item to daughter Bertha May Causey Toadvine, \$1200
Second Item, all the rest and residue of all property of every
kind and description, including real estate

Will Book
WB 177

Last Will and Testament of James C. Causey

Written
1/8/1874
Proved
4/19/1877

Item One

to wife Harriet W. Causey....all of my property both personal and
real during her lifetime or widowhood and she shall no have any
wright (sic) to sell or convey said real estate to any one.

Item 2nd

I give and bequeath unto my grandson Elisha C. Parsons one
half of my person estate at the death of my wife and my home farm
residence where I now live a part of Security and Golden Quarter
containing from sixty to eighty acres more or less all on the west end
of my farm up to the crop fence near Levin Causey's Store house on the

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opposite (sic) side of the road called the county road to Snow Hill to have and to hold forever

Item 3rd

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TFJR 1/358

George W. Mezick

to

4/3/1869

James Causey
\$175 17 acres Mezick Conclusionadjoining the land of
James Causey

Worcester County
Will Book

Last Will and Testament of Patrick Causey

to, son

Written
12/15/1842
Proved
12/16/1845

James Causey

Part of a tract of land called Golden Quarter like wise part of a tract security being in Worcester county lying on the south side of the county road leading from Salisbury to Snow Hill containing one hundred and seventy six acres

GMH 4/169

Patrick Causey

3/11/1841

Recorded commission as coroner

9. Major Bibliographical References

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Graham, John L. ed. *The 1877 Atlases and Other Early Maps of the Eastern Shore of Maryland*. Wicomico County Bicentennial Committee, 1976.

Personal Conversation with Barbara Lee Evans, 3 October 2001.

Seventh Census of the United States, transcribed by Ruth T. Dryden.

Worcester and Wicomico County Land Records, various volumes, Worcester and Wicomico County Courthouses.

Wicomico County Probate Records, various volumes, Wicomico County Courthouse.

10. Geographical Data

Acreage of surveyed property 68 acres
Acreage of historical setting 68 acres
Quadrangle name _____

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, Architectural Historian		
organization	Private Consultant	date	10/3/2001
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city or town	Westover	state	Maryland 21871

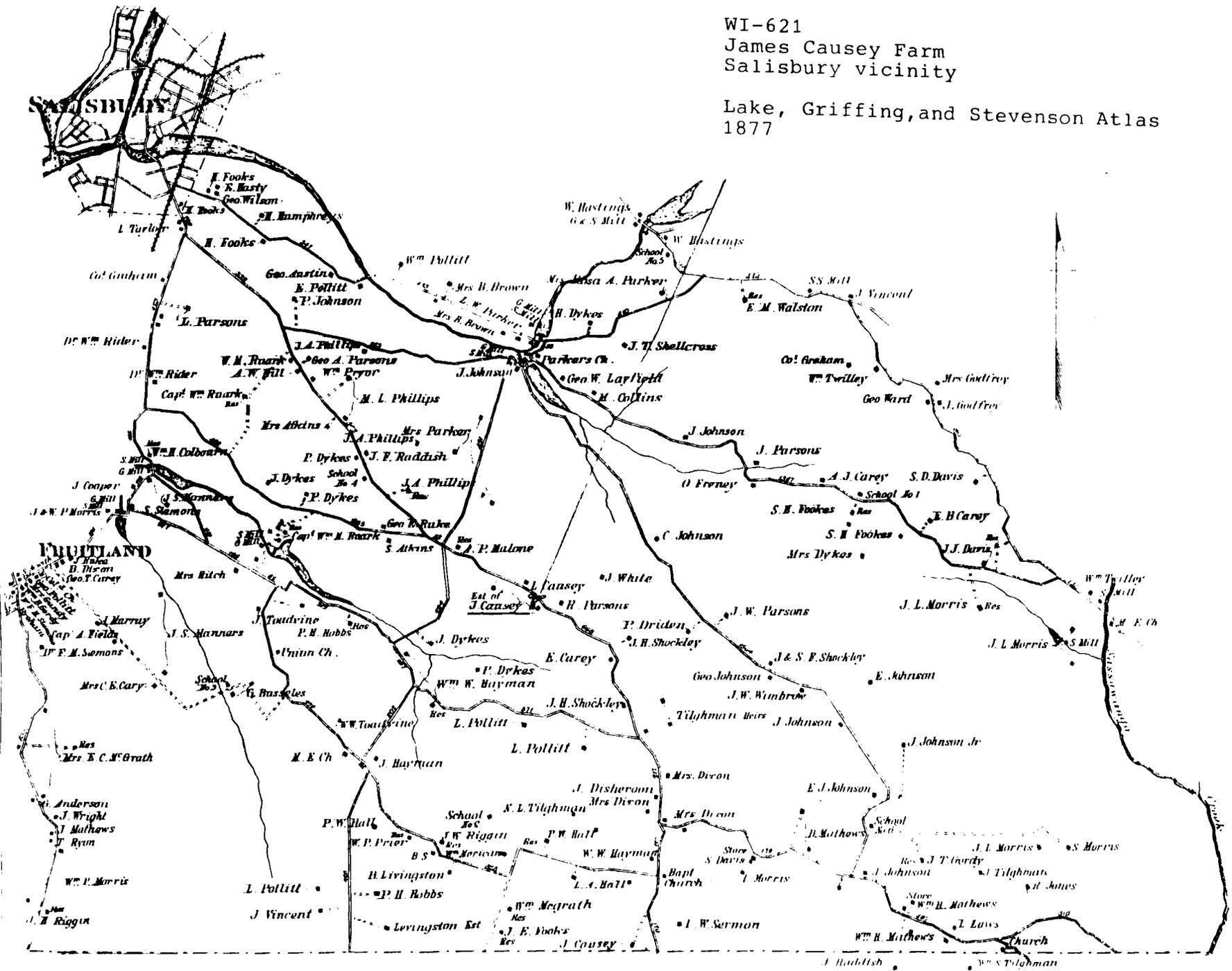
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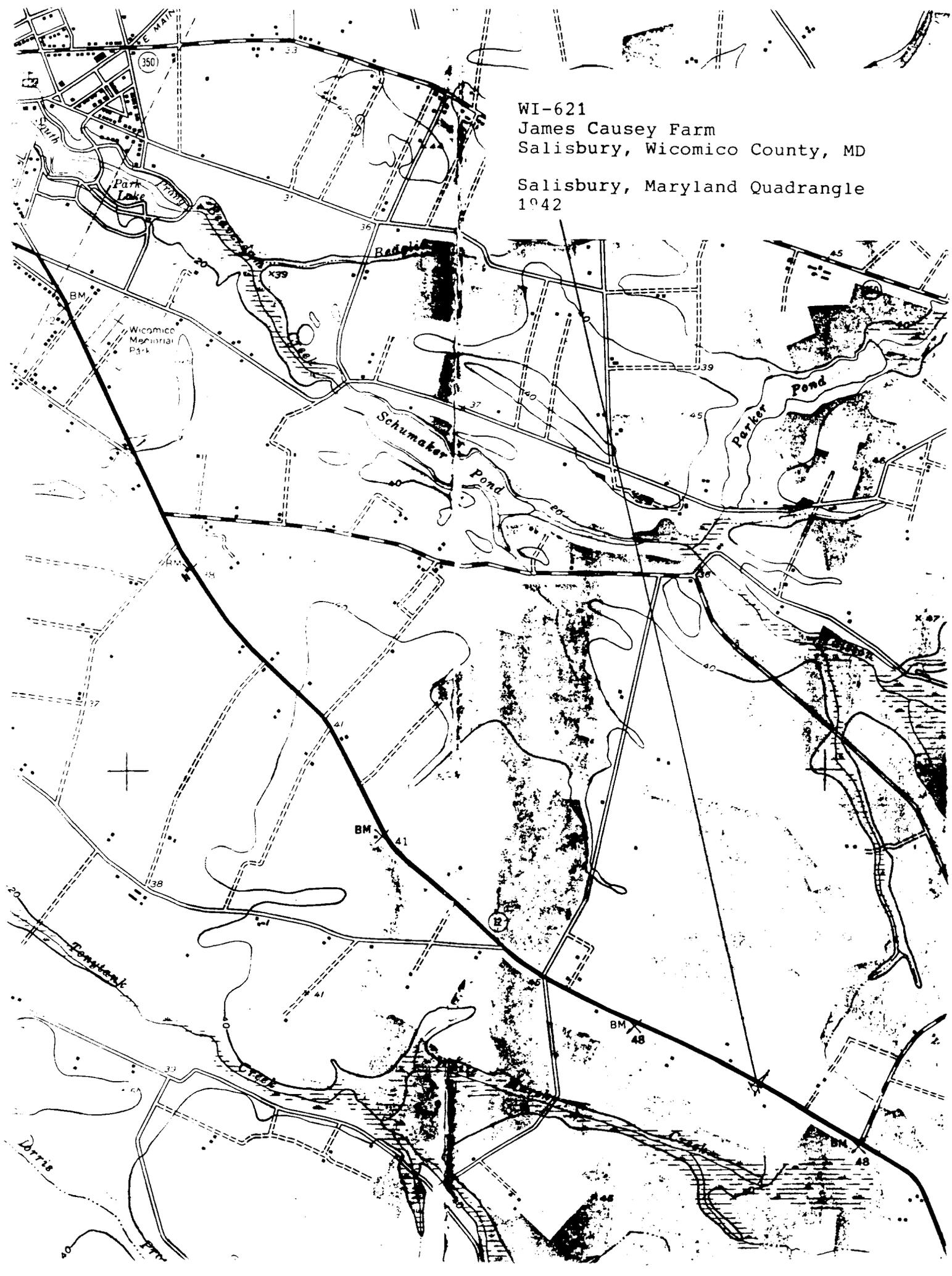
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Lake, Griffing, and Stevenson Atlas
1877



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James Causey Farm
Salisbury, Wicomico County, MD

Salisbury, Maryland Quadrangle
1942





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JAMES CAUSEY FORD

SALISBURY VIC., WISCONSIN CO., MD.

NORTHWEST ELEVATION

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James Consey Farm

Salisbury, Wicomico Co., MD.

SOUTHWEST ELEVATION

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JAMES CAUSEY FARM

SALISBURY VI, WISCONSIN Co., MD.

FORMER ILLICITEN MOVES AWAY FROM HSE

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JAMES CAUSEY FARM
SALISBURY VIC., WISCONSIN CO., WIS.

NORTHEAST ELEV. OF BARN

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JAMES CAUSEY FARM

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JAMES CAUSEY LARON

SALISBURY VII, WILMONT CO., MD.

NORTHEAST ELEV OF GARAGE

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