

WI-637  
Frank M. Mitchell House  
Salisbury  
Private

1905

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# Maryland Historical Trust Maryland Inventory of Historic Properties Form

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

historic Frank M. Mitchell House  
 other Mitchell-Langeler House

## 2. Location

street and number 112 East Isabella Street \_\_\_ not for publication  
 city, town Salisbury vicinity  
 county Wicomico

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

name D. Ernest and Dorothy H. Matthews  
 street and number 112 East Isabella Street 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 696 folio 227  
 city, town Salisbury tax map 107 tax parcel \_\_\_\_\_ tax ID number 5-014727

## 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>2</u> buildings
<input type="checkbox"/> site		<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> domestic	___ sites
<input type="checkbox"/> object		<input type="checkbox"/> education	___ structures
		<input type="checkbox"/> funerary	___ objects
		<input type="checkbox"/> government	<u>2</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:	
			<b>Number of Contributing Resources previously listed in the Inventory</b>
			_____

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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 Frank M. Mitchell house, also known as the Mitchell-Langeler house, is a two-and-a-half story, three-bay brick dwelling located at 112 East Isabella Street in the Newtown Historic District of Salisbury, Wicomico County, Maryland. The house faces north with the principal roof orientation oriented on an east/west axis. Supported on a slightly raised foundation with an excavated cellar, the brick dwelling is covered by a steeply pitched hip roof with a flattened top that most likely carried a rooftop balustrade which no longer survives. Joining the house on the lot is a single-story, hip roofed brick garage.

The north (main) façade is a symmetrical three-bay, stretcher bond elevation in yellowish-gray brick with four pilasters defined the wall. The pilasters rise to the top of the second story and are finished with an egg-and-dart capital molding. The symmetrical fenestration is defined by a center entrance and paired nine-over-one sash windows to each side. The window openings are spanned by brick jack arches. The partially glazed front door is framed by leaded glass sidelights and a divided leaded glass transom. The first floor is sheltered by a single-story Tuscan columned porch enriched with a modillion block cornice. Atypically, the outside corners of the porch are rounded. The second story is defined by a center window of Palladian design with a round arched center window and flanking six-over-one sash windows. A round brick arch tops the center panel, and Tuscan colonettes are located to each side. Stretching across the base of the hip roof is a modillion block cornice. Centered above the Palladian style window is a rooftop cross gable pierced by a lunette window fitted with radiating muntins. To each side are gable roofed dormers with pediment fronts and fifteen-over-one sash windows. The sides of each dormer are covered with slate.

The east side of the house is defined by two bays with nine-over-one sash windows on each floor. The windows are topped by jack arches. Attached to the southeast corner is a single-story sun-room that is marked by large glass panes above a brick foundation. Rising through the edge of the hip roof is an interior brick stack. The west side elevation, on the other hand, is a three-bay asymmetrical façade defined by nine-over-one sash windows as well as smaller openings. Two brick stacks rise through the west slope of the hip roof.

The south (rear) wall is largely covered by a two-story enclosed porch. Fixed atop the roof are three gable roofed dormers filled with fifteen-over-one sash windows.

## 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
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<input type="checkbox"/> 1800-1899	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> architecture	<input type="checkbox"/> engineering	<input type="checkbox"/> invention	<input type="checkbox"/> politics/government
<input checked="" 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 1905

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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<sup>2</sup> Wicomico County Land Record, EAT 68/25, 19 November 1909.

<sup>3</sup> Wicomico County Land Record, IDT 196/218, 29 May 1936.

<sup>4</sup> Wicomico County Land Record, 696/227, 18 June 1969.

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Frank H. Mitchell House  
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Salisbury, Wicomico County, Maryland

Map 107, Parcel

696/227 Johan Langelier and Virginia T. Langelier

to

6/18/1969 D. Ernest Matthews and Dorothy H. Matthews

IDT 196/218 Charles Edward Williams

to

5/29/1936 Johan Langelier  
"Long Alley" southern boundary...being land of which the said Charles  
E. Williams, late of Wicomico County, died testate, Item 2(a) of will devised  
property to Charles Edward Williams, 12/10/1927, MNN 1/480

EAT 68/25 Francis M. Mitchell and Ella L. Mitchell

to

11/19/1909 Charles E. Williams  
the grantee assumed the payments of a mortgage from said grantors to  
Daniel J. Whealton for \$3,500, dated 6/1/1906, EAT 51/108

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JTT 27/500

Charles F. Holland

to

2/26/1900

Francis M. Mitchell  
\$800

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## 9. Major Bibliographical References

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*The Wicomico News*, 23 May 1905.

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

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## 10. Geographical Data

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Acreage of surveyed property 13,031 square feet  
Acreage of historical setting 13,031 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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name/title	Paul B. Touart, Architectural Historian		
organization	Private Consultant	date	10/25/2001
street & number	P. O. Box 5	telephone	410-651-1094
city or town	Westover	state	Maryland 21871

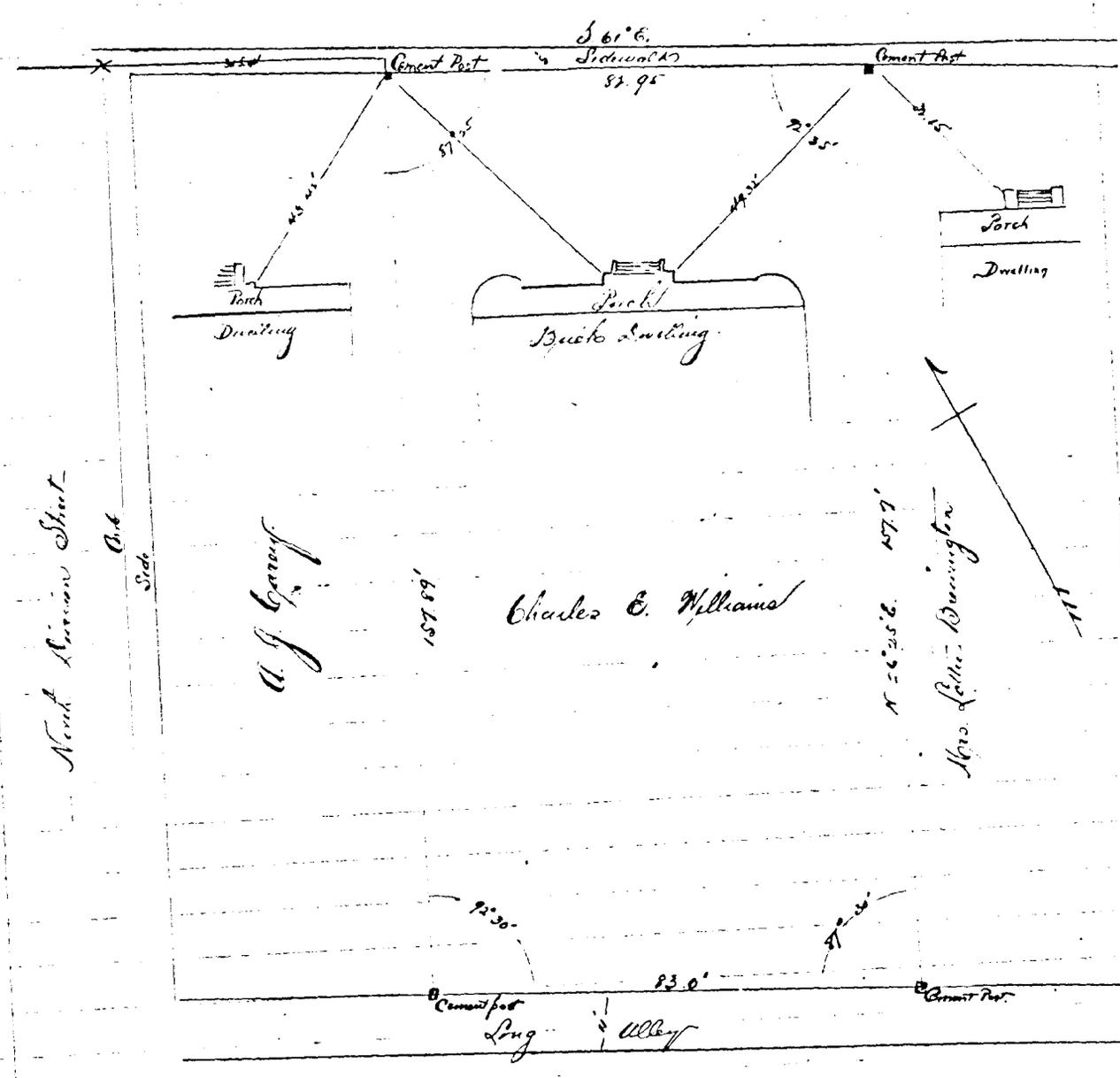
The Maryland Inventory of Historic Properties was officially created by an Act of the Maryland Legislature to be found in the Annotated Code of Maryland, Article 41, Section 181 KA, 1974 supplement.

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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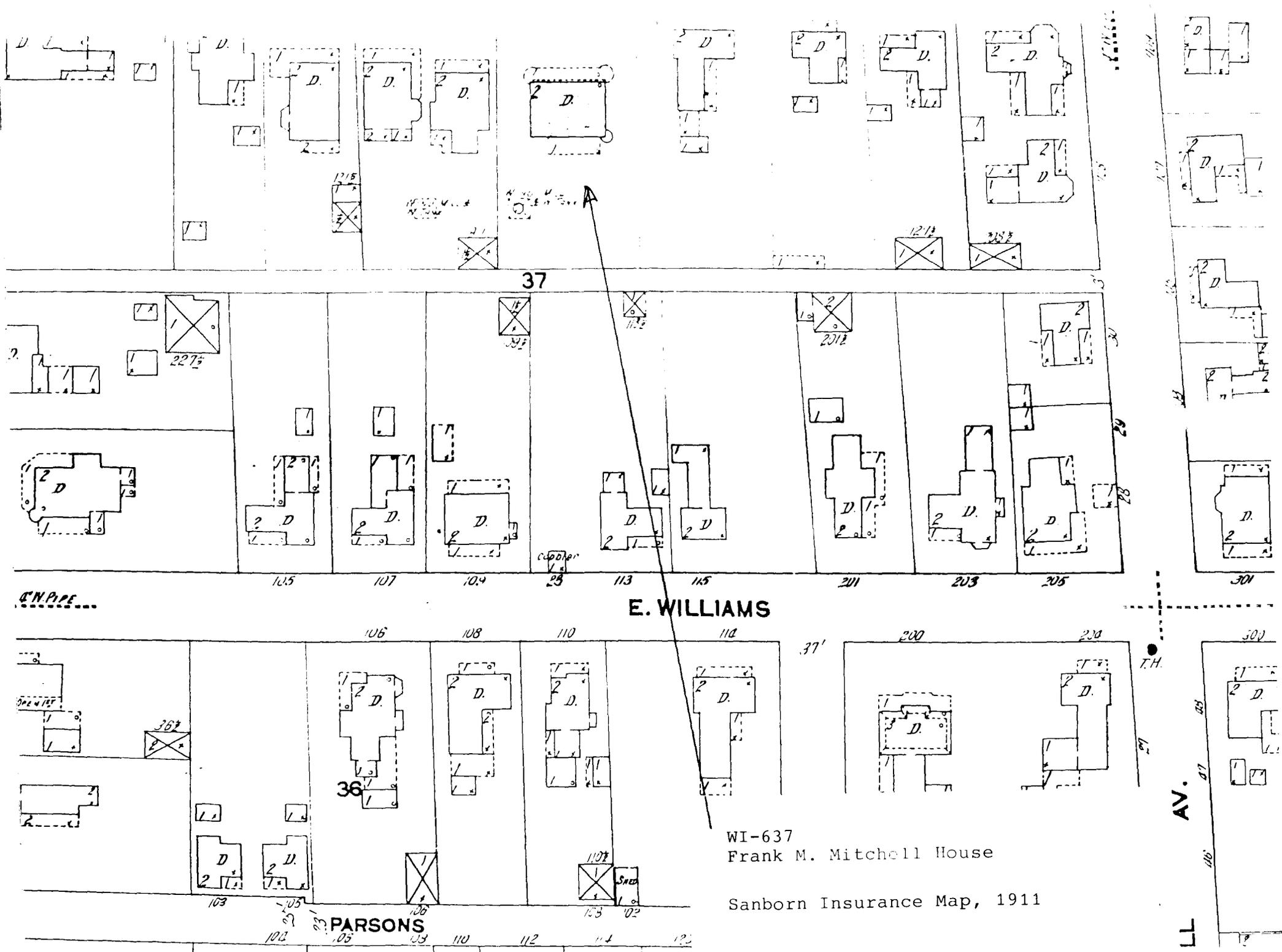
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P. S. Shockley, S.W.C.

November 4, 1909

Scale 1 in. = 20 ft.



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E. WILLIAMS

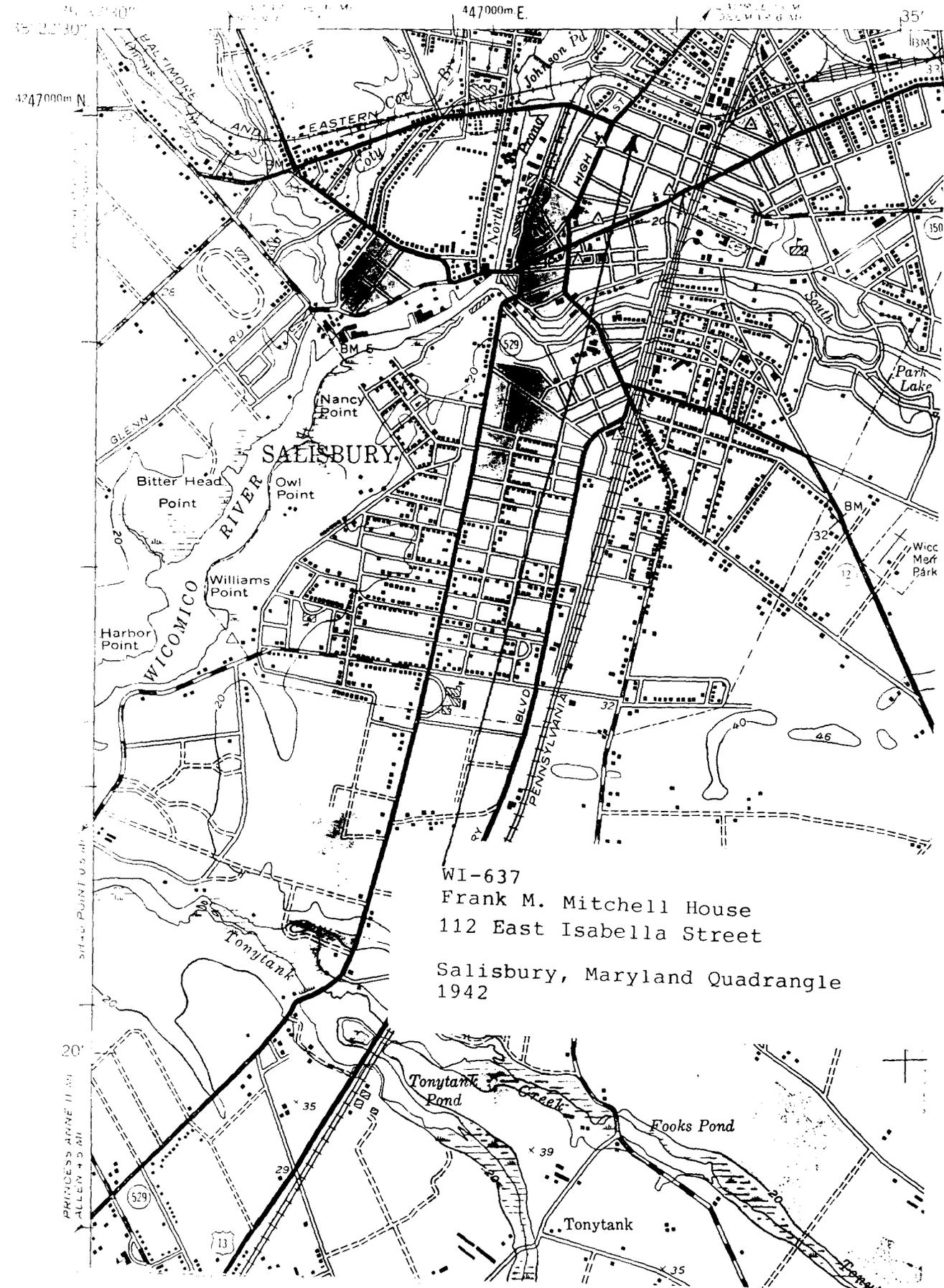
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Sanborn Insurance Map, 1911

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Salisbury, Maryland Quadrangle  
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SALISBURY, WICOMICO Co., MD.

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