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Leroy W. Wimbrow House

Architectural Survey File

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Leroy W. Wimbrow House
Salisbury
Private

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In 1922 the Wimbrows took out a mortgage on the property with the Exchange & Savings Bank of Berlin. Five years later, in February 1927, the property was taken by the bank and transferred a few months later to Minnie B. and Frances P. Hopkins, tenants in common. The property remained in the name of Frances P. Hopkins until 1989.

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Maryland Inventory of
Historic Properties Form

Inventory No. WI-568

1. Name of Property (indicate preferred name)

historic: Leroy W. Wimbrow House

other:

2. Location

street and number: 715 North Division Street __ not for publication

city, town: Salisbury vicinity

county: Wicomico

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

name: Jeffrey M. and Lisa A. Lang

street and number: 715 North Division 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: 1182 folio: 771

city, town: Salisbury tax map: 104 tax parcel: 588 tax ID number: 05-011213

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
__ district
x building(s)
__ structure
__ site
__ object

Ownership
__ public
x private
__ both

Current Function
__ agriculture
__ commerce/trade
__ defense
x domestic
__ education
__ funerary
__ government
__ health care
__ industry
__ landscape
__ recreation/culture
__ religion
__ social
__ transportation
__ work in progress
__ unknown
__ vacant/not in use
__ other:

Resource Count

Contributing	Noncontributing	
1	____	buildings
____	____	sites
_____	_____	structures
_____	_____	objects
1	____	Total

Number of Contributing Resources previously listed in the Inventory

_____

7. Description

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Condition

___ excellent	___ deteriorated
x 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 Leroy W. Wimbrow house, also known historically as the Wimbrow-Hopkins house, stands at 715 North Division Street in Salisbury, Wicomico County, Maryland. The two-and-a-half story, Queen Anne frame dwelling is located on the southeast corner of the intersection of North Division Street and Philadelphia Avenue, and the house faces west.

Built in 1905, the two-and-a-half story, irregular plan frame dwelling is supported on a raised brick foundation of brownish pressed brick, and the exterior is clad with dark tan vinyl siding. The steeply pitched hip roof is extended with a round tower off the southwest corner and gable roofed wings in other directions. The various roof slopes are covered with asphalt shingles.

The west (main) façade is an asymmetrical elevation with a center entrance and flanking single-pane sash windows. The paneled front door is topped by a colored glass transom. The first floor is sheltered by a Tuscan columned wraparound porch. The porch columns are half sized lengths resting on a raised brick porch knee wall. Distinctive to the ground level of the foundation are a series of small round arched openings. The southeast corner tower is circular in shape with single-pane sash windows on each floor. The tower is topped by a bell-shaped roof. Centered over the entrance bay is a cross gable sheathed with fishscale shingles.

The north elevation is dominated by a gable-front pavilion marked by single-pane sash windows on each floor. An interior end brick stack pierces the roofline and is finished with a corbelled cap. The wraparound porch partially shelters the north side of the main block and protects a partially glazed side door.

Attached to the back of the main block is a two-story, one-bay by one-bay service wing. The service wing is lighted by single-pane sash windows.

The south side of the house is finished in a similar manner to the rest of the structure with a gable-front elevation extending from the main hip roof. The wraparound porch encircles the round tower.

The interior was not seen.

8. Significance

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Period	Areas of Significance	Check and justify below		
__ 1600-1699	__ agriculture	__ economics	__ health/medicine	__ performing arts
__ 1700-1799	__ archeology	__ education	__ industry	__ philosophy
__ 1800-1899	x architecture	__ engineering	__ invention	__ politics/government
x 1900-1999	__ art	__ entertainment/ recreation	__ landscape architecture	__ religion
__ 2000-	__ commerce		__ law	__ science
	__ communications	__ ethnic heritage	__ literature	__ social history
	__ community planning	__ exploration/ settlement	__ maritime history	__ transportation
	__ conservation		__ military	__ other:

Specific dates **Architect/Builder**

Construction dates 1905

Evaluation for:

_____ National Register _____Maryland Register ____x____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.)

The stretch of North Division Street between the railroad tracks and Parsons Cemetery was thinly developed by the time the Lake, Griffing and Stevenson atlas was published in 1877, but as Salisbury's population grew during the late nineteenth century the Newtown neighborhood was pushed north. One of the most prominent residents to live north of the tracks was Elijah Stanton Adkins, who acquired the lot on the northeast side of North Division and Philadelphia streets in 1892.[1] (See WI-567) He improved the property the following year with an elaborate Victorian dwelling. Across Philadelphia Street from the Adkins house was an empty lot until the early twentieth century when an ambitious Queen Anne frame dwelling was erected by Leroy W. and Rachel Louise Wimbrow, in whose name the property was acquired in 1904.[2] Leroy and his wife Rachel Wimbrow, originally from Whaleyville, relocated to Salisbury around 1905.[3] A short notice in the Salisbury Advertiser announced that "Mr. L. W. Wimbrow is erecting is erecting a residence" north of the railroad.[4]

In 1922 the Wimbrows took out a mortgage on the property with the Exchange & Savings Bank of Berlin.[5] Five years later, in February 1927, the property was taken by the bank and transferred a few months later sold to Minnie B. and Frances P. Hopkins, tenants in common.[6] The property remained in the name of Frances P. Hopkins until 1989.[7]

[1] Wicomico County Land Record, FMS 8/376, 7 March 1892.
[2] Wicomico County Land Record, EAT 39/377, 11 March 1904.
[3] *Salisbury Advertiser*, 26 March 1904, "Mr. and Mrs. Leroy Wimbrow and daughter of Whaleyville, were guests of Mrs. S. A. Murrell, Friday."
[4] *Salisbury Advertiser*, 11 May 1905.
[5] Wicomico County Land Record, JCK 125/399, 28 January 1922.
[6] Wicomico County Land Record, JCK 148/539, 28 May 1927.
[7] Wicomico County Land Record, 1182/771, 8 June 1989.

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715 North Division Street
Salisbury, Wicomico County, Maryland

Map 104, Parcel 588

1182/771	Henrietta H. Hardesty, Personal Representative of the Estate of Francis P. Hopkins
	to
6/8/1989	Jeffrey M. Lang Lisa A. Lang Lots No. 6 and 7 as laid down on a plat made by P. S. Shockley, 9/26/1899, JTT 29/159
IDT 180/210	John T. Hopkins Minnie B. Hopkins
	to
9/11/1933	Francis P.Hopkins $6,500
JCK 148/539	Exchange and Savings Bank of Berlin, Maryland
	to
5/28/1927	Minnie B. Hopkins Francis P. Hopkins, tenants in common

148/24	L. Atwood Bennett, attorney
	to
2/9/1927	Exchange and Savings Bank Mortgage from Rachel Louise Wimbrow and Leroy W. Wimbrow to the Exchange and Savings Bank, 1/28/1922, JCK 125/399
EAT 39/377	Thomas H. Mitchell Sallie M. Mitchell
	to
3/11/1904	Rachel Louise Wimbrow $250 fronts on Division Street, 88 feet 8 inches

9. Major Bibliographical References

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Salisbury Advertiser, various issues, microfilm at the Wicomico County Free Library.

Sanborn Insurance Maps, 1904 and 1911, microfilm at the Nabb Research Center for Delmarva History & Culture.

Salisbury City Directory, 1907, transcribed and printed by Family Tree Bookshop, 1998.

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

10. Geographical Data

Acreage of surveyed property	¼ acre		
Acreage of historical setting	¼ acre		
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.

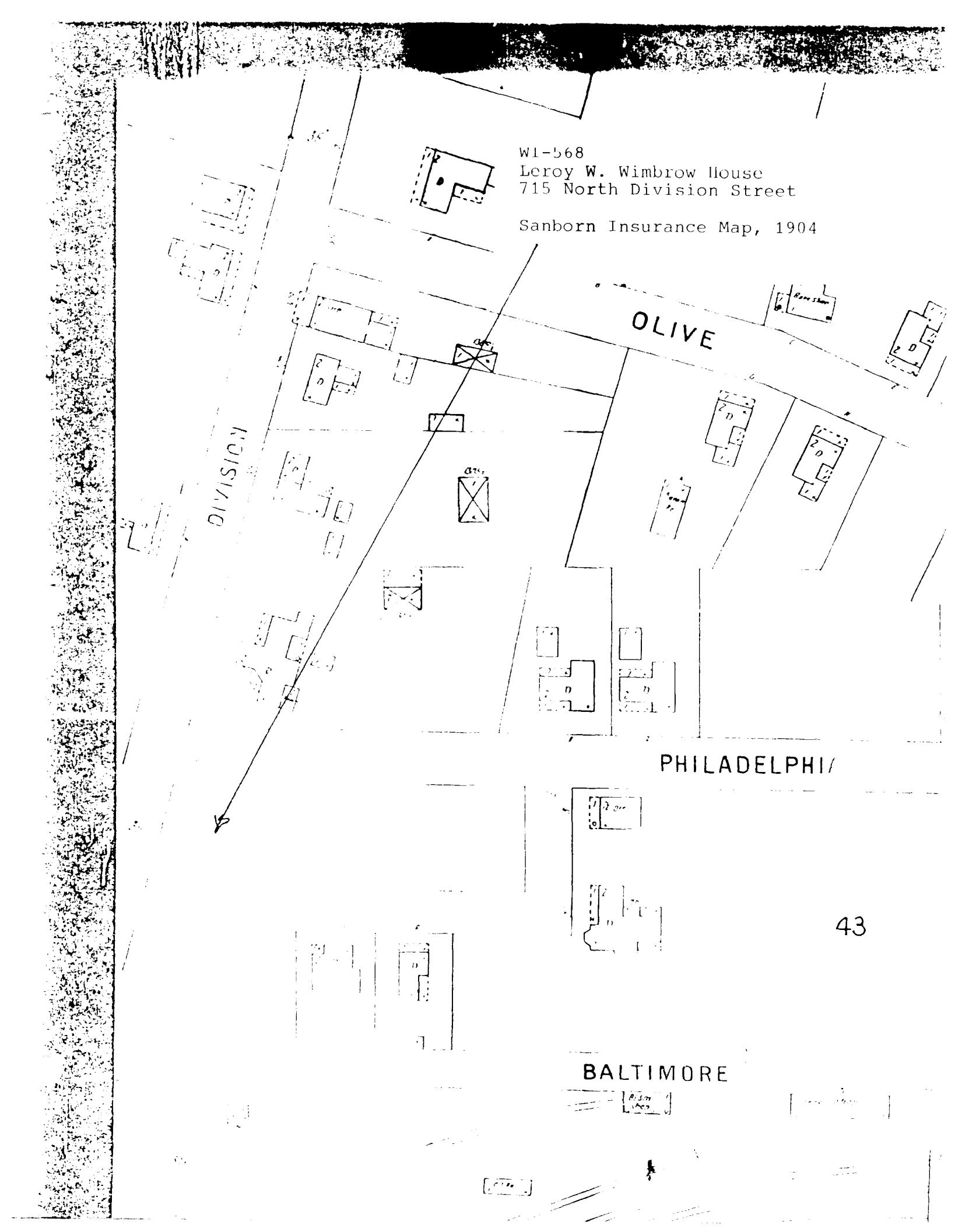
11. Form Prepared by

name/title	Paul B. Touart, Architectural Historian		
organization	Private Consultant	date	10/30/2001
street & number	P. O. Box 5	telephone	410-651-1094
city or town	Westover	state	Maryland 21871

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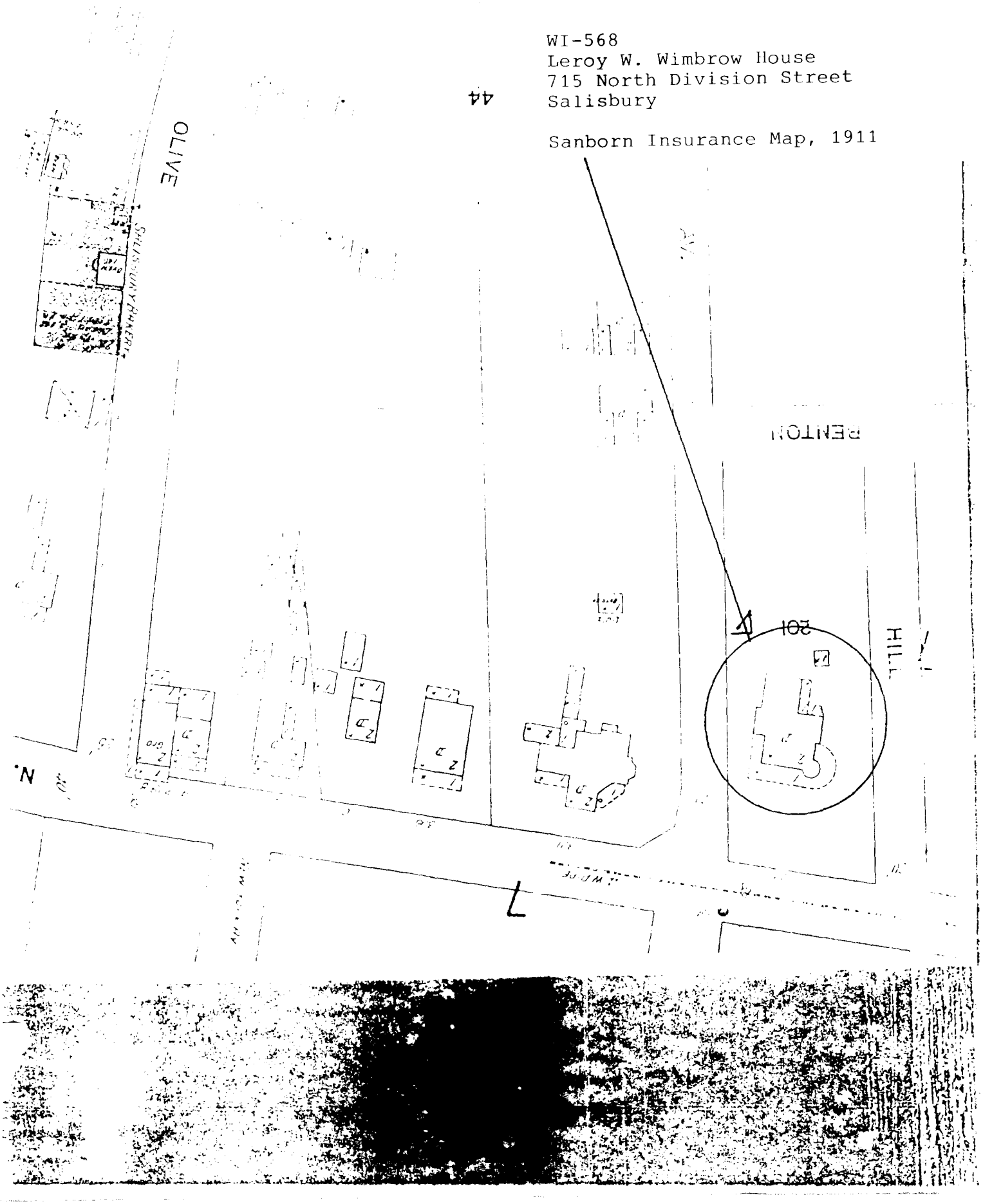
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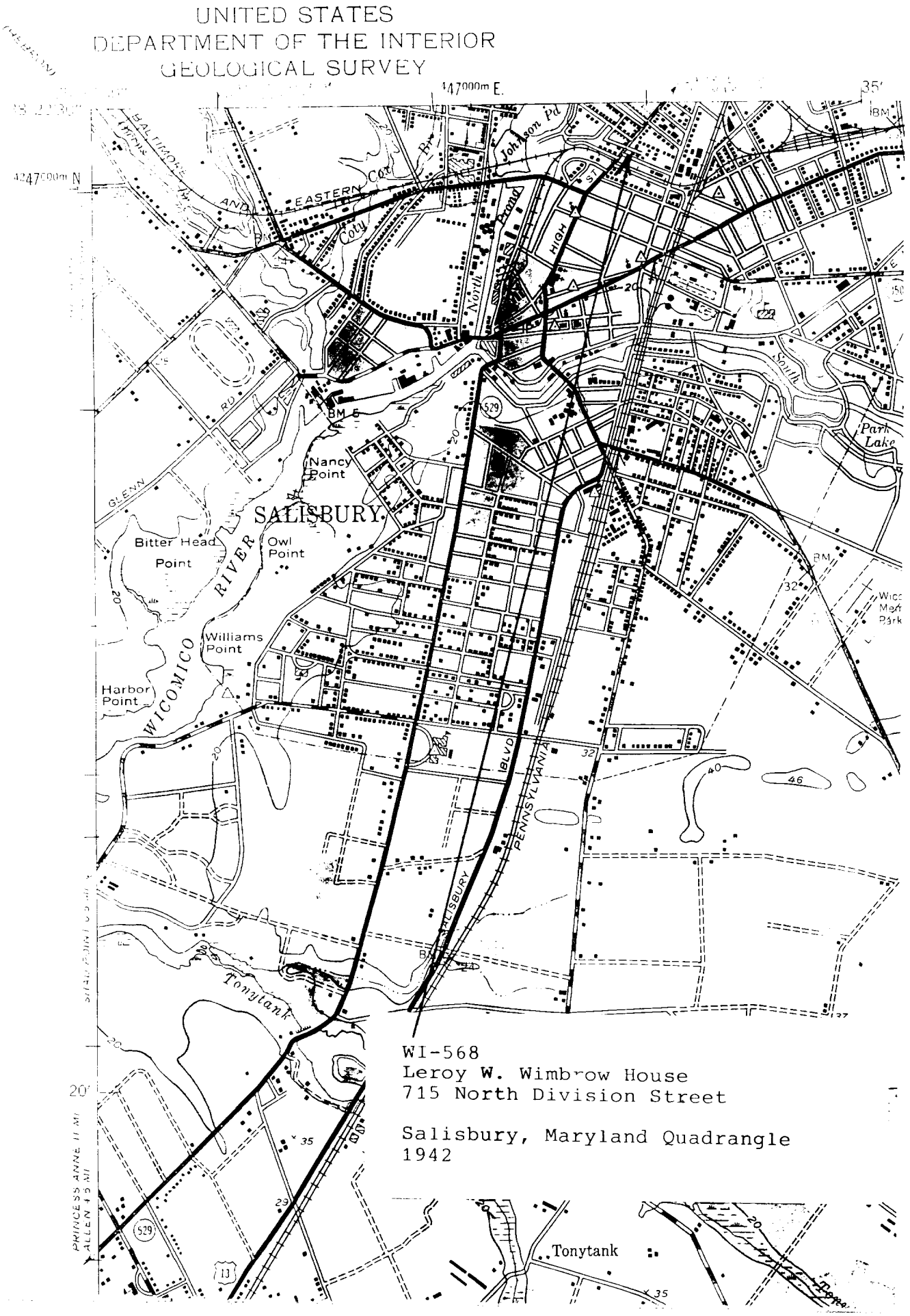
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Sanborn Insurance Map, 1904
OLIVE
DIVISION
PHILADELPHI
BALTIMORE

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Leroy W. Wimbrow House
715 North Division Street
Salisbury

Sanborn Insurance Map, 1911





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Salisbury, Maryland Quadrangle
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LEROY W. WINBROW HOUSE

SALISBURY, WICOMICO CO., MD.

NORTHWEST ELEVATION

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