

M: 12-42-33
Mary Smith Log House
Peachtree Road Community
Private

1880-1900

This one and a half story log house contains one room down and two up. Its walls are of pine and the corners are secured by V notches, the type common to Montgomery County log houses.

INVENTORY FORM FOR STATE HISTORIC SITES SURVEY

1 NAME

HISTORIC Mary Smith Log House

AND/OR COMMON

2 LOCATION

STREET & NUMBER South side of White's Store Rd.

CITY, TOWN

Barnesville

___ VICINITY OF

CONGRESSIONAL DISTRICT

8

STATE

Md.

COUNTY

Montgomery

3 CLASSIFICATION

CATEGORY	OWNERSHIP	STATUS	PRESENT USE
<input type="checkbox"/> DISTRICT	<input type="checkbox"/> PUBLIC	<input type="checkbox"/> OCCUPIED	<input type="checkbox"/> AGRICULTURE <input type="checkbox"/> MUSEUM
<input type="checkbox"/> BUILDING(S)	<input type="checkbox"/> PRIVATE	<input type="checkbox"/> UNOCCUPIED	<input type="checkbox"/> COMMERCIAL <input type="checkbox"/> PARK
<input type="checkbox"/> STRUCTURE	<input type="checkbox"/> BOTH	<input type="checkbox"/> WORK IN PROGRESS	<input type="checkbox"/> EDUCATIONAL <input type="checkbox"/> PRIVATE RESIDENCE
<input type="checkbox"/> SITE	PUBLIC ACQUISITION	ACCESSIBLE	<input type="checkbox"/> ENTERTAINMENT <input type="checkbox"/> RELIGIOUS
<input type="checkbox"/> OBJECT	<input type="checkbox"/> IN PROCESS	<input type="checkbox"/> YES: RESTRICTED	<input type="checkbox"/> GOVERNMENT <input type="checkbox"/> SCIENTIFIC
	<input type="checkbox"/> BEING CONSIDERED	<input type="checkbox"/> YES: UNRESTRICTED	<input type="checkbox"/> INDUSTRIAL <input type="checkbox"/> TRANSPORTATION
		<input type="checkbox"/> NO	<input type="checkbox"/> MILITARY <input type="checkbox"/> OTHER

4 OWNER OF PROPERTY

NAME Mary Smith

Telephone #: not listed

STREET & NUMBER

White's Store Rd.

CITY, TOWN

Barnesville

___ VICINITY OF

STATE, zip code

5 LOCATION OF LEGAL DESCRIPTION

COURTHOUSE, REGISTRY OF DEEDS, ETC. Register of Wills

Liber #: Wills: HGC 17

Folio #: 257

STREET & NUMBER

Unibank Building

CITY, TOWN

Rockville,

STATE

Md.

6 REPRESENTATION IN EXISTING SURVEYS

TITLE

None

DATE

___ FEDERAL ___ STATE ___ COUNTY ___ LOCAL

DEPOSITORY FOR SURVEY RECORDS

CITY, TOWN

STATE

7 DESCRIPTION

CONDITION		CHECK ONE	CHECK ONE
<input type="checkbox"/> EXCELLENT	<input type="checkbox"/> DETERIORATED	<input type="checkbox"/> UNALTERED	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> ORIGINAL SITE
<input type="checkbox"/> GOOD	<input type="checkbox"/> RUINS	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> ALTERED	<input type="checkbox"/> MOVED DATE _____
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> FAIR	<input type="checkbox"/> UNEXPOSED		

 DESCRIBE THE PRESENT AND ORIGINAL (IF KNOWN) PHYSICAL APPEARANCE

This log house stands on the south side of White's Store Road in the southeast corner of its junction with Barnesville Road. The front of the house faces north.

Due to a recent fire which gutted the east side of the house, the house is now abandoned. Though the grounds around it are no longer attended, the plantings of flowers and shrubs show that they were once well cared for when the house was occupied.

The house stands one and a half stories high. Its facade consists of three bays, a front door centrally located flanked by two windows. The windows have double hung sashes with 6 x 6 panes. The facade is sheltered with a shed porch that is a rather recent addition. The logs, which had once been exposed and whitewashed like the walls of most log houses, had been covered with asphalt siding for insulation and for an improved appearance since the siding was manufactured in the color and form of tan bricks.

The gable roof is covered with tin today, but it was originally covered with wood shingles. Neither gable end have windows. Along the exterior of the eastern gable end ascends a cinder block stove flue.

It is that end that was burned, and the logs in the walls are revealed underneath the asphalt siding. They are pine, hewn only on the lateral sides, and are V-notched at the corners. The V-notch is a common type in this area, having also been found on the Louis Brown and Fred Hamilton houses in the Big Woods community nearby. The spaces between the logs are filled with carefully aligned, narrow stones and strips of wood. There was no evidence of the logs being pegged together, nor were they supported by upright posts as log houses of Black families commonly were in southern Maryland.

In plan, the house contained one room down and two up. There was a narrow boxed stairway that led to the upstairs in the northwest corner of the downstairs room. The interior of the downstairs was probably white-washed originally. Due to the dangerous condition of the house, the interior was not investigated thoroughly.

To the northeast of the house was the old well, which has been covered over.

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8 SIGNIFICANCE

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PERIOD		AREAS OF SIGNIFICANCE -- CHECK AND JUSTIFY BELOW				
PREHISTORIC	<input type="checkbox"/> ARCHEOLOGY-PREHISTORIC	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> COMMUNITY PLANNING	<input type="checkbox"/> LANDSCAPE ARCHITECTURE	<input type="checkbox"/> RELIGION		
1400-1499	<input type="checkbox"/> ARCHEOLOGY-HISTORIC	<input type="checkbox"/> CONSERVATION	<input type="checkbox"/> LAW	<input type="checkbox"/> SCIENCE		
1500-1599	<input type="checkbox"/> AGRICULTURE	<input type="checkbox"/> ECONOMICS	<input type="checkbox"/> LITERATURE	<input type="checkbox"/> SCULPTURE		
1600-1699	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> ARCHITECTURE	<input type="checkbox"/> EDUCATION	<input type="checkbox"/> MILITARY	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> SOCIAL/HUMANITARIAN		
1700-1799	<input type="checkbox"/> ART	<input type="checkbox"/> ENGINEERING	<input type="checkbox"/> MUSIC	<input type="checkbox"/> THEATER		
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> 1800-1899	<input type="checkbox"/> COMMERCE	<input type="checkbox"/> EXPLORATION/SETTLEMENT	<input type="checkbox"/> PHILOSOPHY	<input type="checkbox"/> TRANSPORTATION		
1900-	<input type="checkbox"/> COMMUNICATIONS	<input type="checkbox"/> INDUSTRY	<input type="checkbox"/> POLITICS/GOVERNMENT	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> OTHER (SPECIFY)		
		<input type="checkbox"/> INVENTION				

Black History

SPECIFIC DATES

1880-1900

BUILDER/ARCHITECT

STATEMENT OF SIGNIFICANCE

This log house cannot be specifically dated because the interior could not be carefully examined for datable, structural evidence, nor do written records provide sufficient evidence for the purpose. There is no deed for the land. Instead, the property was willed to Mary Smith by William White in 1937 (Will, HGC 17/257), and that will is the document of certifying ownership. The will states that White conveyed the land to Mary Smith in recognition of "her splendid service". She had been a servant of White, and this land represented a token of payment and esteem. It is most likely that she had been living in this house prior to his leaving it to her. Since it had probably been a tenant house, land records will not furnish a date. From the design of the house and structural details -- such as the presence of the stove flue instead of a fireplace and chimney and double hung sash windows with 6 x 6 panes -- it is most likely that the house was built after the Civil War, probably in the last two decades of the 19th century, contemporary to the other log houses being constructed by landowning Black families in communities nearby.

The house is a fine example of a traditional log house of the postbellum era. Since we do not know the original occupants -- whether landowners or tenants, white or black -- we cannot conclude as to the living conditions of a specific group that his house represents.

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9 MAJOR BIBLIOGRAPHICAL REFERENCES

Land Records, Montgomery County Courthouse : Wills; HGC 17/257
 Oral interviews with Florence Hallman (not taped), Big Woods Community, ,
 July-September, 1978, by George McDaniel.

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10 GEOGRAPHICAL DATA

ACREAGE OF NOMINATED PROPERTY _____

VERBAL BOUNDARY DESCRIPTION

LIST ALL STATES AND COUNTIES FOR PROPERTIES OVERLAPPING STATE OR COUNTY BOUNDARIES

STATE	COUNTY

11 FORM PREPARED BY

NAME / TITLE

George W. McDaniel

ORGANIZATION

Sugarloaf Regional Trails

DATE

2/79

STREET & NUMBER

Box 87

TELEPHONE

926-4510

CITY OR TOWN

Dickerson

STATE

Maryland

The Maryland Historic Sites Inventory 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.

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 Annapolis, Maryland 21401
 (301) 267-1438~~

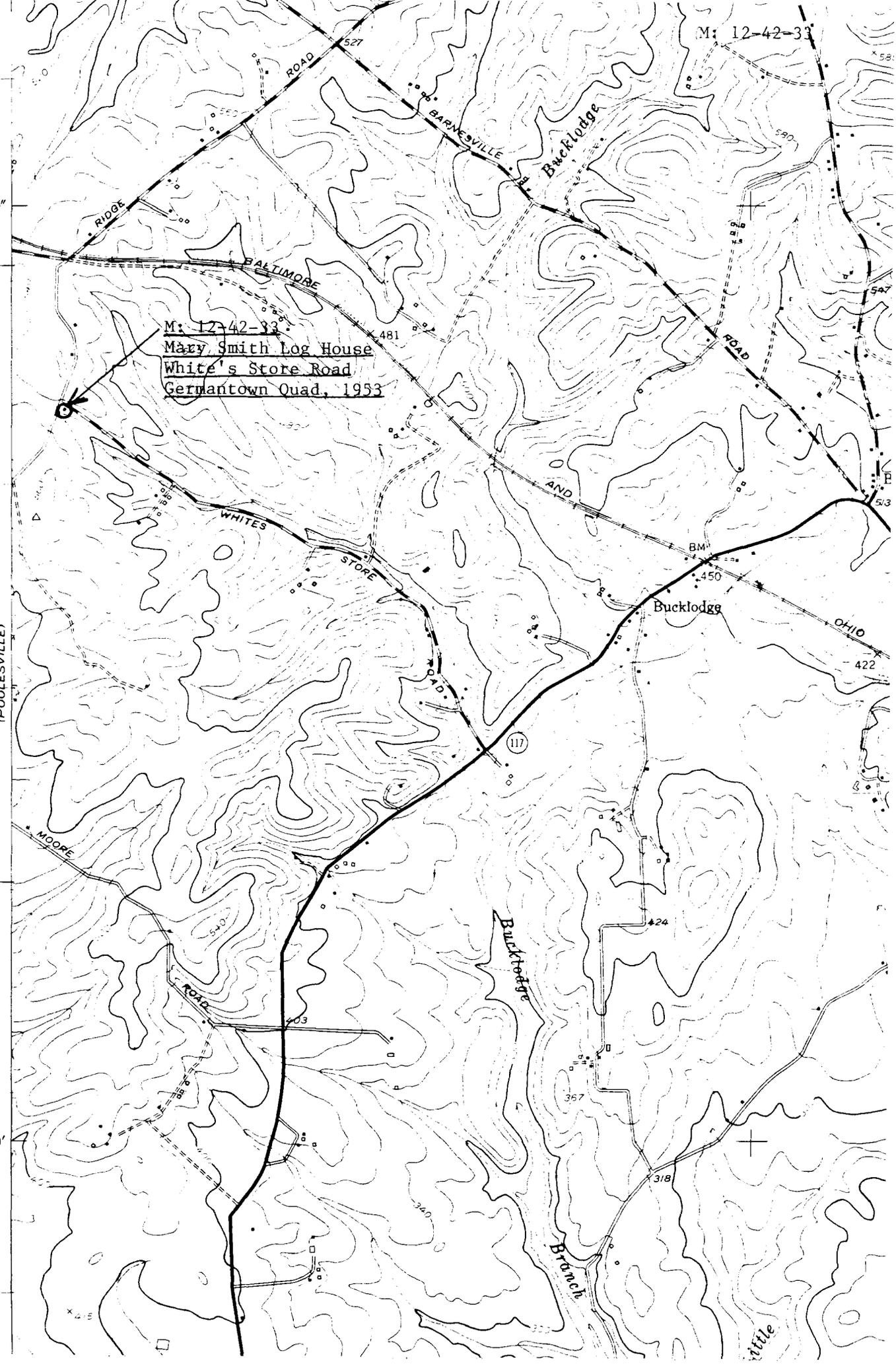
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 Dickerson, Md. 20753
 (301) 926-4510

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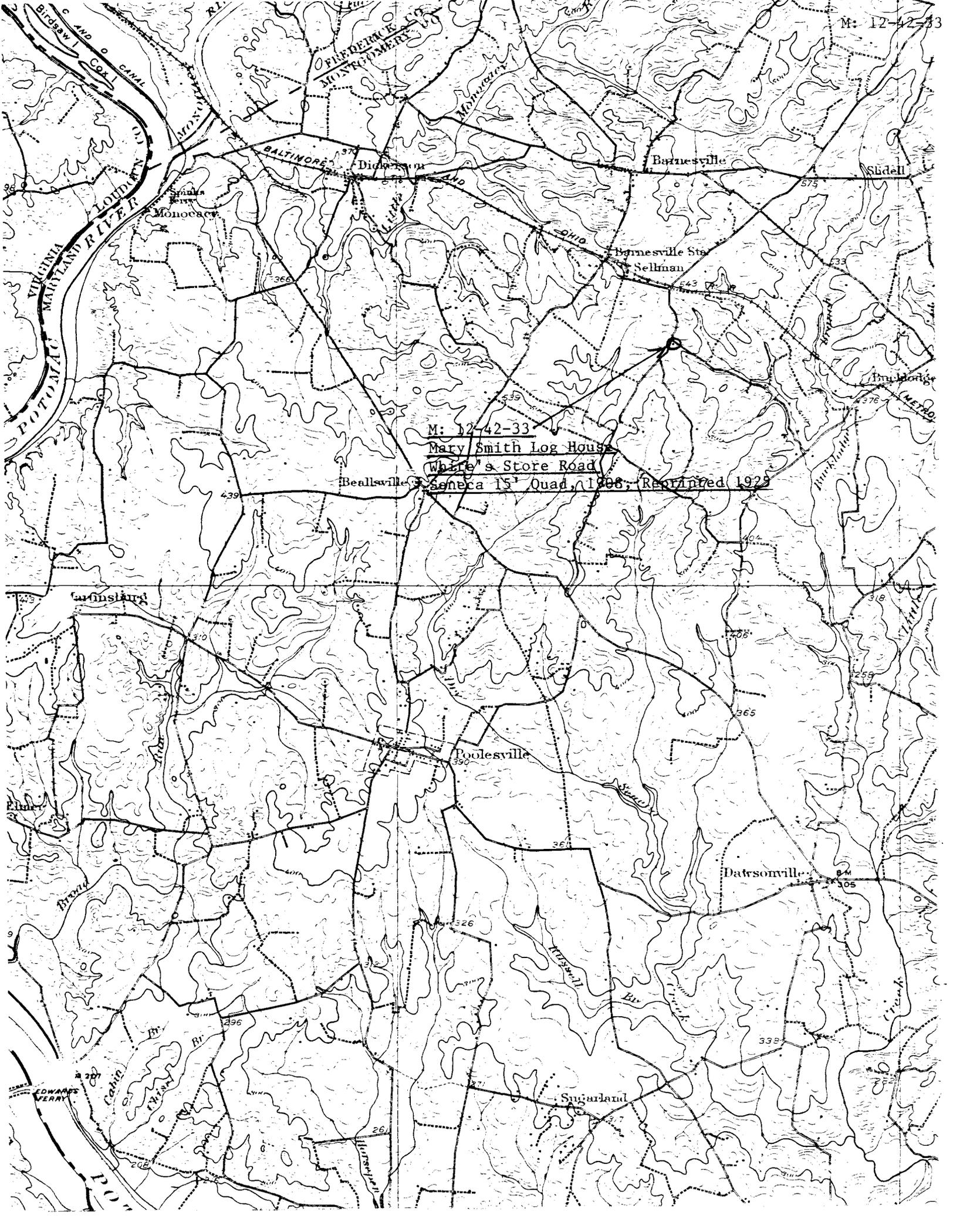
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SON 6 MI.
VILLE 2.6 MI.



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 Mary Smith Log House
 White's Store Road
 Germantown Quad, 1953



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 Mary Smith Log House
 White's Store Road
 Seneca 15' Quad, 1906, Reprinted 1929



May Mary Smith House

N. W. elevation

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Barnesville vicinity

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Mary Smith House

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~~West~~ East gable end

~~Big Woods~~

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