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John Adams House (Site)
Coolestville Vicinity
Private

c.1884
c.1890-95

This two story, frame house replaced an earlier, one story log house and was representative of the larger frame houses built by Black landowners in Montgomery County near the turn of the century.

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MARYLAND HISTORICAL TRUST

INVENTORY FORM FOR STATE HISTORIC SITES SURVEY

1 NAME

HISTORIC John Adams House (Site)
AND/OR COMMON

2 LOCATION

STREET & NUMBER West side of Sugarland Lane

CITY, TOWN (Sugarland) Poolesville VICINITY OF 3
STATE Maryland COUNTY Montgomery

3 CLASSIFICATION

Table with 4 columns: CATEGORY, OWNERSHIP, STATUS, PRESENT USE. Includes options like DISTRICT, BUILDING(S), STRUCTURE, SITE, OBJECT, PUBLIC, PRIVATE, OCCUPIED, UNOCCUPIED, WORK IN PROGRESS, ACCESSIBLE, AGRICULTURE, MUSEUM, PARK, PRIVATE RESIDENCE, RELIGIOUS, SCIENTIFIC, TRANSPORTATION, OTHER.

4 OWNER OF PROPERTY

NAME James and Myrtle Sykes Telephone #: 972-8606

STREET & NUMBER 14400 Sugarland Lane

CITY, TOWN Poolesville VICINITY OF STATE, zip code Maryland

5 LOCATION OF LEGAL DESCRIPTION

COURTHOUSE, REGISTRY OF DEEDS, ETC. Courthouse; land records

Liber #: 3978
Folio #: 398

STREET & NUMBER

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

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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 type="checkbox"/> FAIR	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> UNEXPOSED		

 DESCRIBE THE PRESENT AND ORIGINAL (IF KNOWN) PHYSICAL APPEARANCE

Tilghman Lee says that this house was located on the north side of Sugarland Lane at the end of a farm lane that led from the road. It was frame, had two rooms down and two up. Its facade faced the west and had a door and a window. On the north gable end was another door that led to the outside and the outbuildings beyond the house. In the back length (east) there were two windows, one for each room. There was no opening in the south gable end. The two rooms were used as the living room and kitchen downstairs, as was typical, and the upstairs had two bedrooms. A brick stove flue for wood stoves ascended through the middle of the house and served the stoves in each room downstairs.

Lee adds that this frame house may have been built after an earlier log house, that would have been built when Adams purchased the property in 1884.

He also described John Adams as perhaps having been born during slavery, but he did not grow up under slavery like his father, Samuel Lee, Joe Curtis, William Taylor and others.

Note: Interview with Tilghman Lee

Sugarland Lane
 Poolesville Vicinity
 301-972-8454
 July, 1978
 By George McDaniel

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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 type="checkbox"/> COMMUNITY PLANNING	<input type="checkbox"/> LANDSCAPE ARCHITECTURE	<input type="checkbox"/> RELIGION
<input type="checkbox"/> 1400-1499	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> ARCHEOLOGY-HISTORIC	<input type="checkbox"/> CONSERVATION	<input type="checkbox"/> LAW	<input type="checkbox"/> SCIENCE
<input type="checkbox"/> 1500-1599	<input type="checkbox"/> AGRICULTURE	<input type="checkbox"/> ECONOMICS	<input type="checkbox"/> LITERATURE	<input type="checkbox"/> SCULPTURE
<input type="checkbox"/> 1600-1699	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> ARCHITECTURE	<input type="checkbox"/> EDUCATION	<input type="checkbox"/> MILITARY	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> SOCIAL/HUMANITARIAN
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<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> 1800-1899	<input type="checkbox"/> COMMERCE	<input type="checkbox"/> EXPLORATION/SETTLEMENT	<input type="checkbox"/> PHILOSOPHY	<input type="checkbox"/> TRANSPORTATION
<input type="checkbox"/> 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

BUILDER/ARCHITECT

c. 1884, c. 1890-1895

STATEMENT OF SIGNIFICANCE

This two story, frame house that Adam s built after the earlier log house was representative of those built by Black landowners in Montgomery County near the turn of the century. The transition in housing that Tilghman Lee describes for this site exemplies the changes in that period after the Civil War as Blacks acquired land.

The U.S. Census of 1880 for Montgomery County lists John Adams (age 36, therefore born in 1844) with wife Julia (born in 1845). Their children are:

Basil (age 15), (work on farm, occupation).
 John Quincy, 8
 Florence, 4
 William, 2
 } at home

dams' occupation is given as "work on farm". His birthplace was Kentucky, and his wife Julia was from Maryland. Tilgham Lee confirms that Adams' first wife was named Julia, and he adds that he had a second wife named Annie.

According to deed JA 36/395, John Adams purchased this tract from Augustus Webb in 1884. The tract consisted of 18 acres, and the present tract owned by the Sykes (the current owners) is only 2.46 acres of that larger farm owned by Adams. His holding was one of the largest of the Black landowners in Sugarland.

9 MAJOR BIBLIOGRAPHICAL REFERENCES

1880 U.S. Census
 Land Records of Montgomery County, Md., JA 36/395; 3978/398.

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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 _____

STATE _____ COUNTY _____

11 FORM PREPARED BY

NAME / TITLE

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Sugarloaf Regional Trails

DATE

July, 1978

STREET & NUMBER

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CITY OR TOWN

Dickerson

STATE

Maryland

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SUGARLOAF REGIONAL TRAILS
 Box 87, Stronghold
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 (301) 926-4510

NAME: John Adams

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AGE/D.O.B.:

WIFE:

CHILDREN:

OCCUPATION:

1880 512
36

AGE/D.O.B.

36 1844

WIFE: Julia 35 1st wife -
2nd: ANNIE

CHILDREN: son - Basil 15 - work on farm

son - John Quincy 8 } at home

daughter - Alice 4

son - Willious 2

Tilghman
etc
recognizes
them

OCCUPATION: work on farm

he is from Kentucky
she is from Md.

NAME: John Adams

ENSUS: 1900 Montgomery County

PAGE: 6 B

AGE/D.O.B.: May 1842

OCCUPATION: Farmer

WIFE: Julia - Jan. 1850

CHILDREN:

(grandson) Benjamin Pinkins - Oct. 1887

(mother) - May 1828 - *Millie Jackson*

PLACE OF BIRTH:

John - Kentucky

All others - Maryland

Webb

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SITE: P. 512 : JOHN ADAMS HOUSE

LOCATION:

OWNER'S NAME: James and Myrtle Sykes

ADDRESS:

TELEPHONE NUMBER:

PROPERTY MAP: CR43

ACREAGE: 2.46

L/F: 3978 / 398

HISTORY:

1) GRANTOR: Ernest H. Pearson

GRANTEE: James W^m and Myrtle May Sykes

DATE: June 23, 1970 ACREAGE: 2.46

recorded: July 9, 1970

MISC.:

Same tract of land from Augustus Webb to John Adams from 18 acres, 2 rods and 37 sq. perches of land L/F JA 36/395

2) GRANTOR: Webbs L Anniel and Sillers

GRANTEE: John Adams

DATE: Nov. 1, 1884 ACREAGE: 18 acs.

MISC.:

Note: This small parcel of the Sykes is 2.46 acres of the larger tract of 18 acres sold to John Adams by Augustus

3) GRANTOR: Webb in JA 36/395 in 1884.

GRANTEE:

DATE:

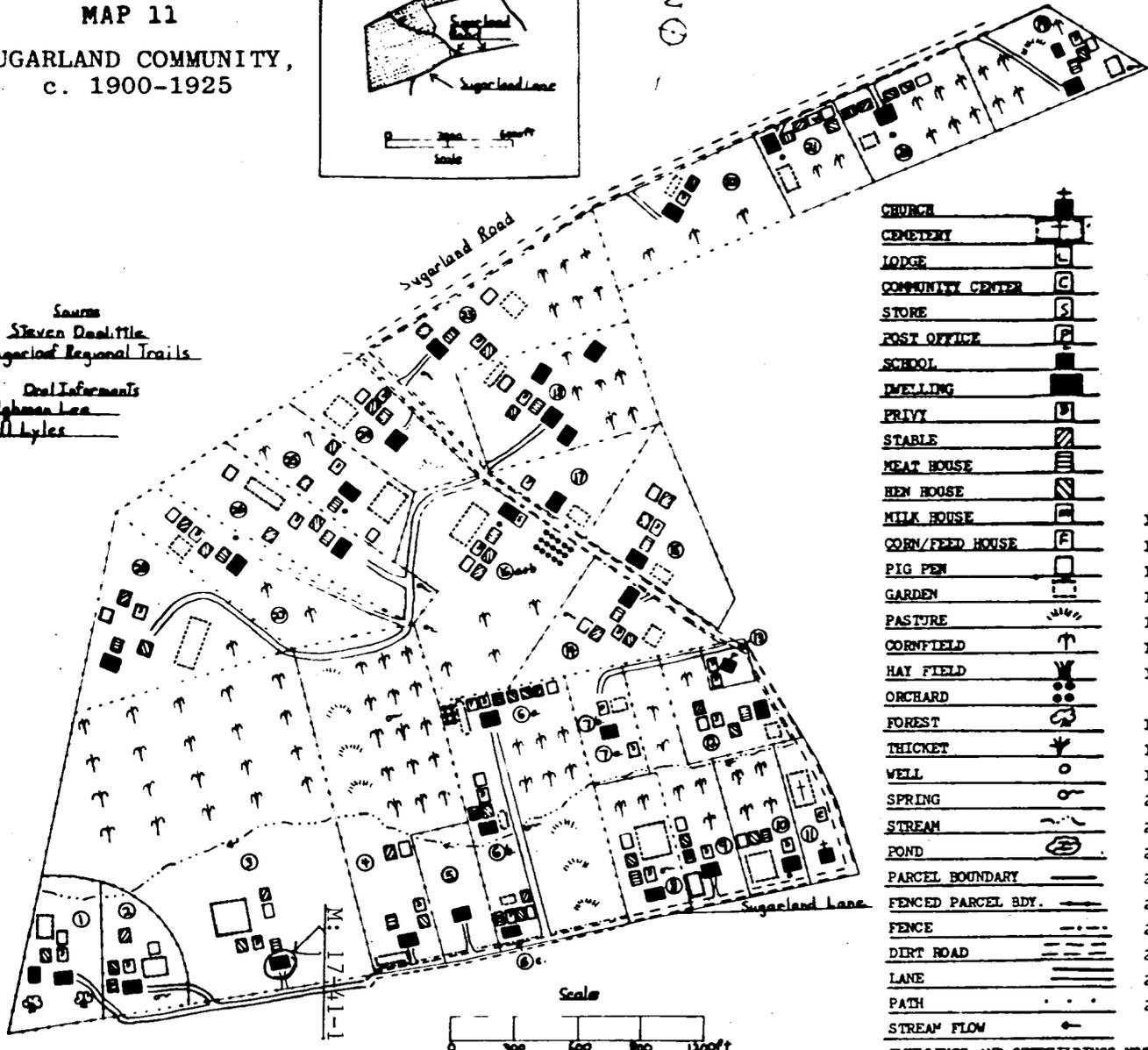
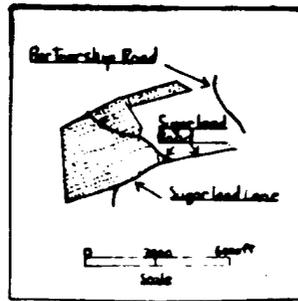
ACREAGE:

MISC.:

MAP 11
SUGARLAND COMMUNITY,
c. 1900-1925

Source
Steven Deal, M.A.
Sugarland Regional Trails

Oral Informants
Tilghman Lee
Bill Lyles



Key

CHURCH	[Symbol]
CEMETERY	[Symbol]
LODGE	[Symbol]
COMMUNITY CENTER	[Symbol]
STORE	[Symbol]
POST OFFICE	[Symbol]
SCHOOL	[Symbol]
DWELLING	[Symbol]
PRIORY	[Symbol]
STABLE	[Symbol]
MEAT HOUSE	[Symbol]
HEN HOUSE	[Symbol]
MILK HOUSE	[Symbol]
CORN/FEED HOUSE	[Symbol]
PIG PEN	[Symbol]
GARDEN	[Symbol]
PASTURE	[Symbol]
CORNFIELD	[Symbol]
HAY FIELD	[Symbol]
ORCHARD	[Symbol]
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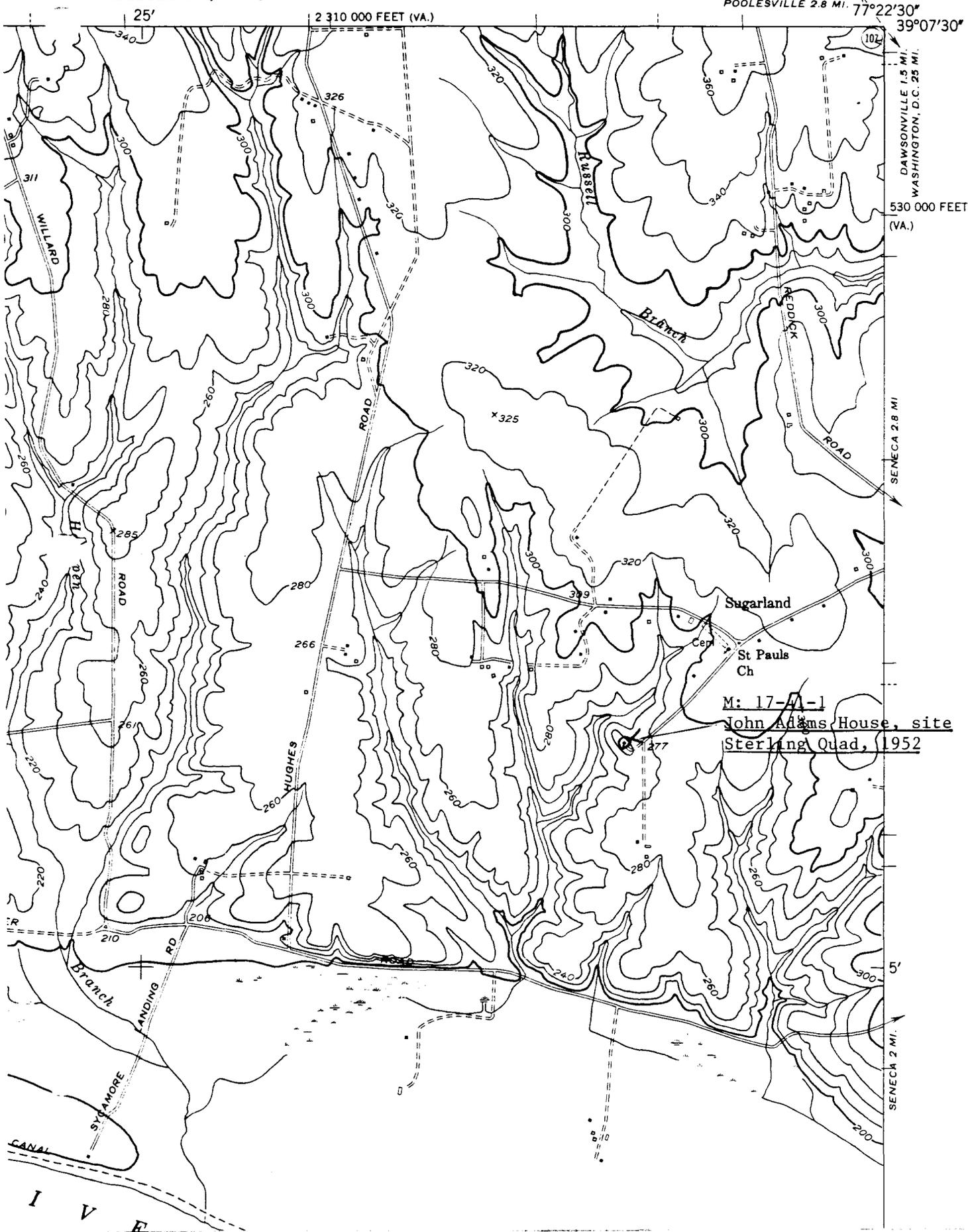
1. JAMES BECKWITH HSTD.	3.00 AC.
2. TILGHMAN BECKWITH HSTD.	4.00 AC.
3. JOHN ADAMS HSTD.	18.00 AC.
4. LEWIS GARNETT HSTD.	14.00 AC.
5. PETER JACKSON HSTD.	3.00 AC.
6a. PATRICK HERRON HSTD.	17.00 AC.
b. LUKE HERRON HSTD.	
c. ROBERT HERRON HSTD.	
7a. NATHAN JOHNSON HSTD.	3.00 AC.
b. POST OFFICE	
8. JOHN BIGGINS HSTD.	4.00 AC.
9. JOE CURTIS HSTD.	6.00 AC.
10. EASIL DORSEY HSTD.	4.00 AC.
11. ST. PAUL'S M.E. CHURCH	1.00 AC.
12. HORACE JACKSON HSTD.	2.00 AC.
13. SUGARLAND SCHOOL	1.00 AC.
14. SAM BEANDER HSTD.	5.00 AC.
15. THOMAS NICHOLS HSTD.	10.00 AC.
16a. BENJAMIN SPARROUGH HSTD.	14.75 AC.
b. SUGARLAND STORE	
17. CHARLES JACKSON HSTD.	4.50 AC.
18. LUKE LYNCH & FAMILY HSTD.	10.00 AC.
19. WILLIAM TAYLOR HSTD.	3.00 AC.
20. LLOYD COATES HSTD.	4.00 AC.
21. SAMUEL JOHNSON HSTD.	4.00 AC.
22. JOHN DIGGS HSTD.	4.00 AC.
23. JOHN BRANLSON HSTD.	11.00 AC.
24. RAF BRANLSON HSTD.	6.00 AC.
25. PHILLIP JOHNSON HSTD.	6.00 AC.
26. ISAAC BELL HSTD.	10.00 AC.
27. SAMUEL LEE HSTD.	5.00 AC.
28. LEVI HALL HSTD.	10.00 AC.

DWELLINGS AND OUTBUILDINGS NOT DRAWN TO SCALE
HSTD. = HOMESTEAD PROP. = PROPERTY

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STERLING QUADRANGLE
VIRGINIA-MARYLAND
7.5 MINUTE SERIES (TOPOGRAPHIC)
SW/4 SENECA 15' QUADRANGLE
POOLESVILLE 2.8 MI. 77°22'30"
39°07'30"

(GERMANTOWN)

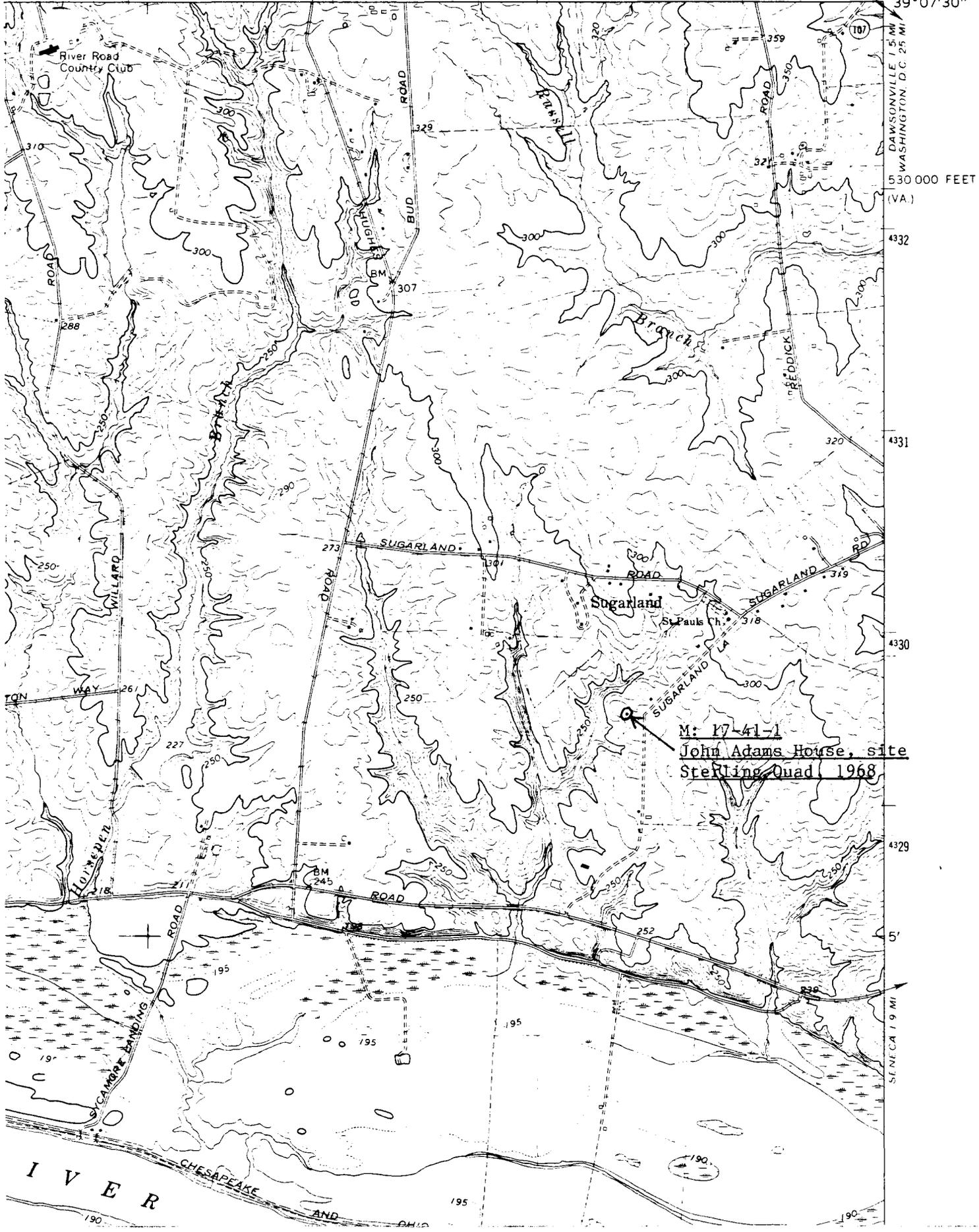


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John Adams House, site
Sterling Quad, 1952

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7.5 MINUTE SERIES (TOPOGRAPHIC)
SW/4 SENECA 15' QUADRANGLE

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5562 III NE
(GERMANTOWN)

291 25' 2 310 000 FEET (VA.) 292 293 POOLESVILLE 3 MI. 77° 22' 30" 39° 07' 30"



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John Adams House, site
Sterling Quad, 1968